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# RANDOM RAMBLER



*Locker Decorating by the Class of 2018*



Maybe **CHRISTMAS**,  
**he thought.**  
*doesn't come*  
**FROM A STORE.**  
Maybe **CHRISTMAS**,  
*perhaps,* **means**  
**A LITTLE BIT MORE.**  
— **The Grinch** —







# SPORTS



Varsity Basketball

Current Record: 0-7

JV Basketball

Current Record: 3-4

Varsity Volleyball

Current Record: 6-1

JV Volleyball

Current Record: 1-6



Modified Basketball Begins

Monday, January 4th

After School



## THE VISIT

Looking for a scary movie to watch? I suggest *The Visit*. *The Visit* is a suspensefully creepy movie directed by M. Night Shyamalan. The main plot of the film is about Tyler (Ed Oxenbould) and Becca (Olivia DeJonge) who visit their grandparents for a week for the first time hoping to get to know them better. But when things start getting weird, they worry that something is wrong and when they confront their mother about it, they soon find out the horrible secret their grandparents have been hiding the whole time. In desperate need to escape their grandparents, they must be very clever and outsmart them. *The Visit* will keep you on the edge of your seat while also making you laugh throughout the whole movie. -Amanda Bolos

## HOLIDAY CONCERT

The 2015 Holiday Concert was held on Wednesday, December 16th at Remsen Jr/Sr High School and featured both the Elementary and High School ensembles. The students performed incredibly well with a packed gym to familiar Christmas tunes such as "Hark The Herald Angels Sing," "Gettin' Nuttin For Christmas," "Carol of the Bells," and of course "Sleigh Ride." - Mr. Malowski

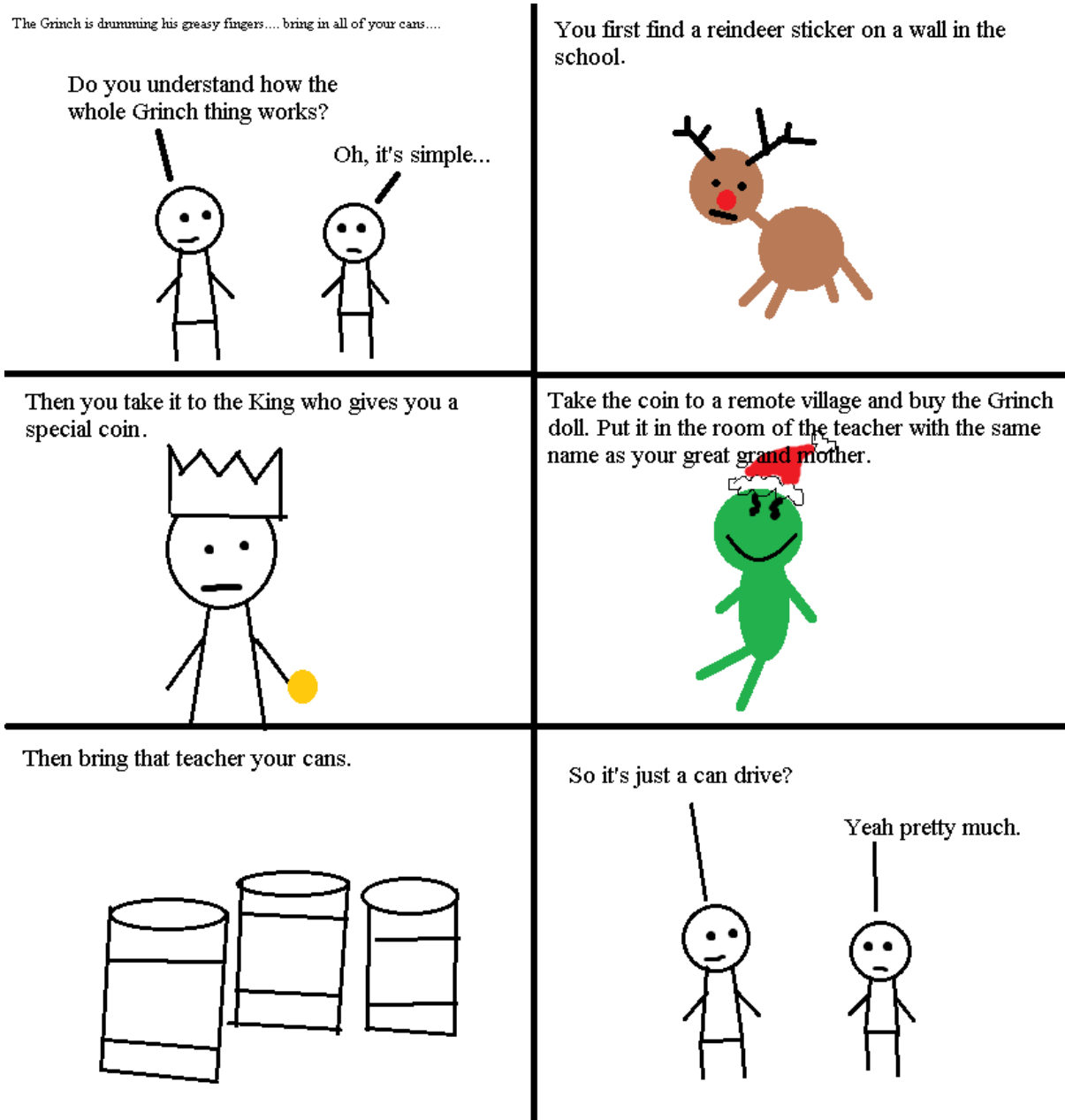


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# COMICS



## SPANISH IV STUDENTS CREATE CULTURAL VIDEOS

How do we help students retain language? By starting to teach them at an earlier age, of course! The Spanish IV students, with the help of the Video English students, have started making Spanish language and culture videos for our elementary students. The videos are short (under 5 minutes long) and can be shown at any appropriate grade level.

The students started making the videos per Dr. Crankshaw's request of traveling to the elementary school and teaching the students. As a compromise, the videos can be shown at any time during the elementary teacher's day, not just when the Spanish IV students are available. The videos allow for more flexibility.

The first video, "Greetings," took about six weeks to make from start to finish. The Spanish students made their own puppets (a puppeteer came in as a guest speaker to chat with students about making puppets, doing puppet voices, etc.) whom the students call Paco and Taco.

The students write their own dialogues, draw their own backgrounds and with the help of the students in Video English class and the teacher, Mr. Haynes, record and edit the video, insert subtitles, backgrounds and sound effects... and still keep the videos short, fun, interactive and informational. It is no easy task! The students also formulate vocabulary sheets and short activity sheets to match the videos.

By Christmas vacation, the Spanish IV class will have published three videos and visited the elementary school twice (once for El Dia de los Muertos and once for La Navidad). It is a great experience for all involved.  
- Ms. Izzo





# SPANISH FIELD TRIP

Recently the Spanish II, III and level IV classes had the opportunity to experience a day of genuine and true Latin culture, lunch at an authentic Mexican restaurant with Mrs. Izzo. The name of the restaurant is Pedro's Kitchen and it is located on Commercial Drive in New Hartford. The owners of the restaurant are husband and wife. Pedro, the husband and the native speaker, was able to take some time from his busy schedule to chat with a few of our students in Spanish. The students received free pens and also a free authentic dessert from Pedro and his wife.

After this delicious and genuine experience, the students were transported to the Marquee Cinema to watch the movie called *The 33*, a true life story about a mine in Chile that collapsed in 2010 trapping 33 miners miles below the surface of the earth for several weeks with only a limited food and water supply.

It was a remarkable experience for all of our students which would not have been possible without the support of our administration, the Board of Education, the transportation staff, the teaching staff and the parents of the students. We received several compliments about how wonderfully our students behaved. - Ms. Izzo



# BUILDING WORLDS & DEFYING DEATH

The Minecraft Club at the Elementary school consists of 80 children in total. Students have fun building fantastical worlds, casting spells and defying death on a weekly basis. Students meet with Mrs. Reilly, 40 at a time, every Tuesday afternoon.





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# FROM THE KITCHEN OF MRS. OBERNESSER

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## Cinnamon Chip Pumpkin Bread

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 10 min. Cook: 35 min.  
MAKES: 15 servings

### Ingredients

- 1 2/3 cups white whole wheat flour
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup cinnamon chips



### Directions

In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking soda, salt, baking powder and pumpkin pie spice. In a small bowl, whisk the eggs, pumpkin, oil, and water then stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in cinnamon chips. Pour into 4 greased mini loaf pan. Bake at 350° for 30 -40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack. Yield: serves 15

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## Cherry Kiss Cookies

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 20 min. Bake: 10 min./batch + cooling  
MAKES: 54 servings

### Ingredients

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons maraschino cherry juice
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 6 drops red food coloring, optional
- 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup chopped maraschino cherries
- 54 milk chocolate kisses, unwrapped



### Nutritional Facts

1 cookie equals 85 calories, 5 g fat (3 g saturated fat), 10 mg cholesterol, 51 mg sodium, 10 g carbohydrate, trace fiber, 1 g protein.

### Directions

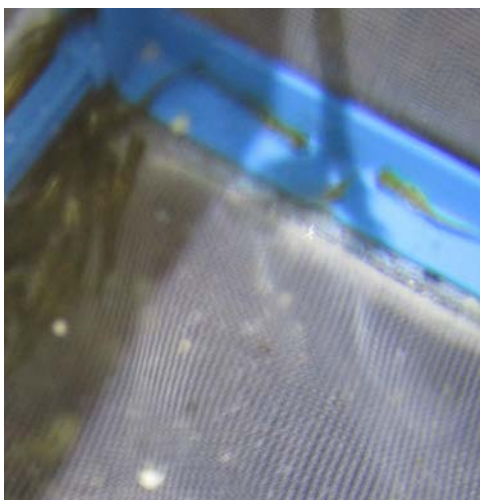
Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, beat butter, confectioners' sugar and salt until blended. Beat in cherry juice, extract and, if desired, food coloring. Gradually beat in flour. Stir in cherries. Shape dough into 1-in. balls. Place 1 in. apart on greased baking sheets. Bake 8-10 minutes or until bottoms are light brown. Immediately press a chocolate kiss into center of each cookie (cookie will crack around edges). Cool on pans 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool. Yield: 4-1/2 dozen.

# FISH EGGS AT ELEMENTARY



Students and staff at Remsen Elementary school annually raise around 400 brook trout eggs for local release in the spring.

Photos to the left show the fish eggs upon arrival and then three weeks later, as hatched fish. The fish are around two inches long upon release.



Fully grown trout

# STUDENT TRAVELS TO ITALY

Have you ever wondered what it's like to travel to a foreign country? I have always wanted to and this past summer I had the opportunity to go to Italy for two weeks! My family and I went to visit our friend, Andrea, and his family. Andrea was a foreign exchange student at Remsen two years ago and he lived with our family for six months.

Our trip started off in Andrea's home town of Cremona. Cremona is famous for the Stradivarius violins. We toured the violin museum and climbed the tallest bell tower in Italy, which has 502 steps.

One of our most enjoyable aspects of the trip was that we

were able to really immerse ourselves in the Italian culture by spending time with Andrea's friends and family.

The next stop on our trip was Venice. Venice was very unique. The architecture and style was different from anything I've ever seen. We walked to San Marco's square. The architecture was incredible!

After Venice we traveled to Milan. One of the churches we visited in Milan was the most intricately detailed church I had ever seen. Then Andrea took us to Tuscany. We also visited Pisa and Florence while we were there. Pisa was a small town with mostly just the leaning tower to see. Yes the tower is leaning, and yes, it is very cool!

In Florence, we saw the famous bridge, the leather shops, and the rest of the beautiful city!

We also stayed in a town called Forte Dei Marmi. It was a beautiful little beach town. Then we traveled to Rome with Andrea for our four remaining days. When in Rome, we saw the coliseum and the Vatican. The coliseum was amazing! The Vatican was also amazing because we were able to see St. Peter's Basilica and Michelangelo's painting in the Sistine chapel. Both of those were awesome!

If you ever get the chance to travel to Europe, I suggest Italy! I really enjoyed the food and cultural experiences! I hope I can go back soon! - Amanda Bolos

Remsen Drama Club presents  
*Alice in Wonderland*  
March 11th & 12th 7:00 p.m.