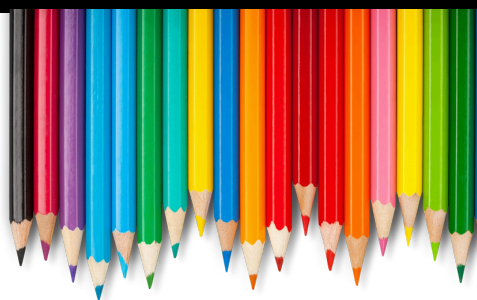


# THE FALCON FORUM



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- DID YOU KNOW SECTION
- POETRY, ANIMAL OF THE MONTH, AND MORE!



## BEN LIPPEN MIDDLE SCHOOL: NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

**WRITTEN BY: ELLA CLAIRE SMIGIEL  
AND ABIGAIL TAYLOR (5TH)**

We are so excited to start working on *The Falcon Forum* this year and sharing wonderful information with you all! We hope you enjoy chapel and learning about God! Some of the yummy options in our cafeteria are fried chicken patties, white rice, and vegetables. There are so many delicious choices to choose from! We know cafeteria options are really important! This year in our newspaper, we hope to inform people about our middle school. From sports to Bible passages, we have got you covered! All the information you need is right here, and we hope you have an amazing school year! Most importantly, learn our school verse with us:

*"Since we have such a hope,  
we are very BOLD..."*  
2 Corinthians 3:12

### Staff:

- Abigail Taylor
- Arrow Hartman
- Aliyah Benton
- Anna-Kate Mather
- Bennett Brownlee
- Brooklyn Craft
- Boston Hedgpeth
- Caroline Taylor
- Elise Satcher
- Ella Claire Smigiel
- Faith Faris
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- Madison Clark McLawhorn
- Madelyn Baughman
- Matt Cole
- May Kelley
- Weston Phillips
- Spencer Barno
- Violet Keeter



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# OCTOBER

BY: MADDIE POLLOCK (7TH)

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27	28	29	30	HALLOWEEN 	MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL! 01	MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL! 02

# UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

WRITTEN BY: FAITH FARIS (7TH)

## THE LOCH NESS MONSTER

The Loch Ness Monster is an old Scottish tale about a mysterious sea creature. Over 1,000 people have claimed to have seen it and taken pictures.

One couple claims that they were driving along a road in Loch Ness, and they saw a monster-like creature cross the road. Scottish physician Robert Kenneth Wilson allegedly photographed the infamous monster in 1934, capturing an image that is famous throughout the world today. In available images, the Loch Ness monster appears to be a large, multi-humped sea creature.

However, we have no real evidence that the Loch Ness monster is real. These supposed sightings have taken place in Loch Ness, Scotland, but they could have been rocks or maybe even fish. The true identity of the mysterious creature is still unknown.

Resources: Visit Inverness Loch Ness





# UPCOMING OCTOBER HOLIDAYS!



CREATED BY: ELLA CLAIRE SMIGIEL  
AND ABIGAIL TAYLOR (5TH)

- ✘ -National Fire Pup Day October 1st
- ✘ -National World Smile Day October 7th
- ✘ -National Take Your Parent to Lunch Day October 10th
- ✘ -National Dessert Day October 14th
- ✘ -National World Food Day October 16th
- ✘ -National New Friends Day October 19th
- ✘ -National Pumpkin Day October 26th
- ✘ -National Cat day October 29th
- ✘ -Halloween! October 31st





# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

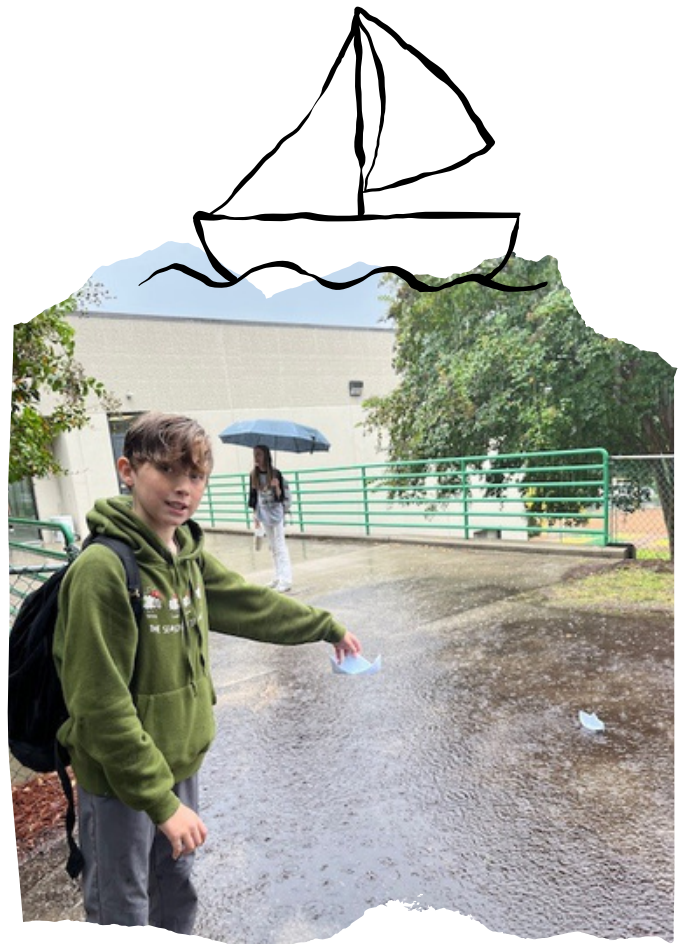
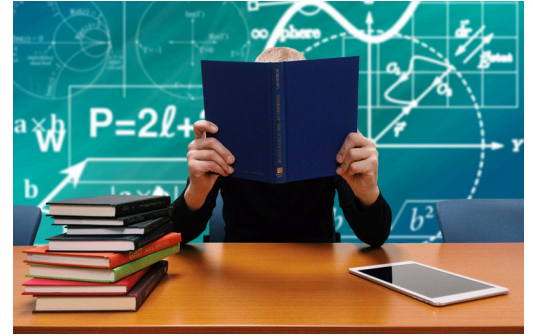
## 6th Grade

**WRITTEN BY:  
ANNA-KATE MATHER (6TH)**

It's the beginning of a new school year, and with that comes a lot of new teachers, friends and learning!

The sixth graders are off to a great start, and we are already working hard in all of our classes. In Bible class, we are studying the plagues and recently finished a project about them. In science, we are learning about the scientific method. Also, in history we just completed our unit about the Stone Age.

The biggest change so far this year is that we are no longer the youngest class in the middle school. Now we get to be an example for the new fifth graders! We are looking forward to all that this year will hold.



**6th Grader, Michael Eckert,  
making boats in the  
Middle School Pond!**



# Poetry

**WRITTEN BY:  
MADISON CLARK MCLAWHORN (7TH)**

## *"Concrete Streets"*

Oh narrow streets.  
Shall we cross?  
Feel the concrete  
Of love and loss.  
The silence will fade.  
Just can you look,  
Look at the mess that I've made?  
Something so bitter, but oh so sweet,  
Feeling the joy that carries my feet.  
Is this victory?  
Finding my own way through the pain?  
Or maybe there is something I can gain.  
A love for life, a purpose to live.  
But who can be so patient,  
who can forgive?  
This was all told to me.  
Oh how blind I was.  
So for eternity,  
The Lord is my father.  
Oh how kind.  
He has forgiven me,  
The thought hangs in my mind.



# falcon sports column

**WRITTEN BY:  
HOLDEN MUTH (6TH)**



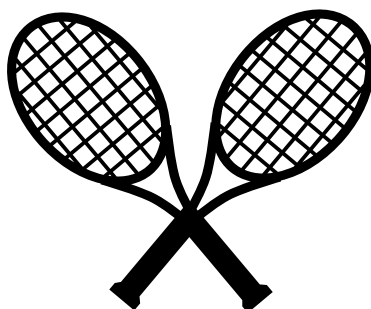
Hello everybody, this has been an amazing start to the school year and to Ben Lippen athletics. So far this year we've had football and cross country as well as volleyball and tennis. But today I'm going to talk about tennis. This school year has brought a big change to Ben Lippen athletics including a brand new Varsity tennis coach for Ben Lippen.

This year, we have Coach Katie Mason for Varsity tennis. Coach Mason has always loved tennis since she was very young and even was put on the state rankings. When she wasn't practicing though, she was teaching it to other people.

The beginning of the year has been a great start. On August 29th the JV Lady Falcons beat Laurence Manning 9-0. The Lady Falcons dominated that match. The Varsity and JV ladies also played Cardinal Newman on September 10th and the Varsity faced Irmo High School on the 12th. If you want the full schedule and all the scores click the links below.

<https://benlippensports.com/teams/4439699/girls/tennis/varsity>

<https://benlippensports.com/teams/4439730/girls/tennis/jv>





# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

CREATED BY:  
**BENNETT BROWNLEE (6TH)**



## 7-Layer Chip Dip

This is an amazing 7-layer chip dip for tailgating at any sport or game! It is easy to make and it tastes great!

### Ingredients:

- 1 can of refried beans
- 1 package of taco seasoning mix
- 1 container of sour cream
- 1 package of cream cheese, softened
- 1 jar of salsa
- 1 large tomato, chopped
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 bunch of green onions
- 1 small shredded iceberg lettuce
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 can sliced black olives, drained



### Directions:

1. Set out all of your ingredients.
2. Mix beans and taco seasoning in a glass platter and spread on the bottom.
3. Mix the cream cheese and sour cream and spread over the beans.
4. Put all your vegetables and salsa on top of the sour cream and cream cheese.
5. Put the cheese on the top with the black olives.
6. Serve with tortilla chips and enjoy!

# ANIMAL *Of the* MONTH

## Horses

WRITTEN BY ELISE SATCHER (7TH)

- They have amazing memory!
- They sleep standing up!
- They are social animals!
- Almost have a 360 degree of field view!
- Most horses are really strong swimmers!
- And they have excellent hearing!



*"Ask me to show you poetry in motion  
and I will show you a horse."*

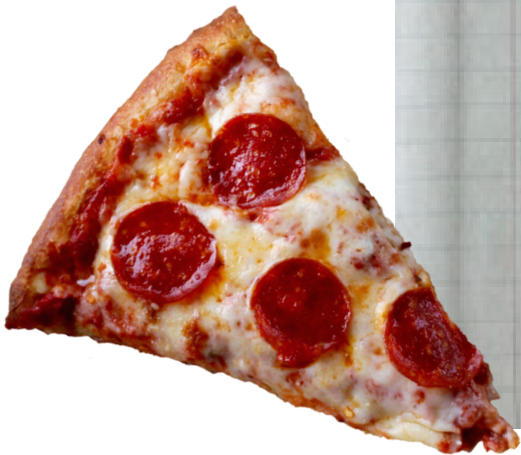
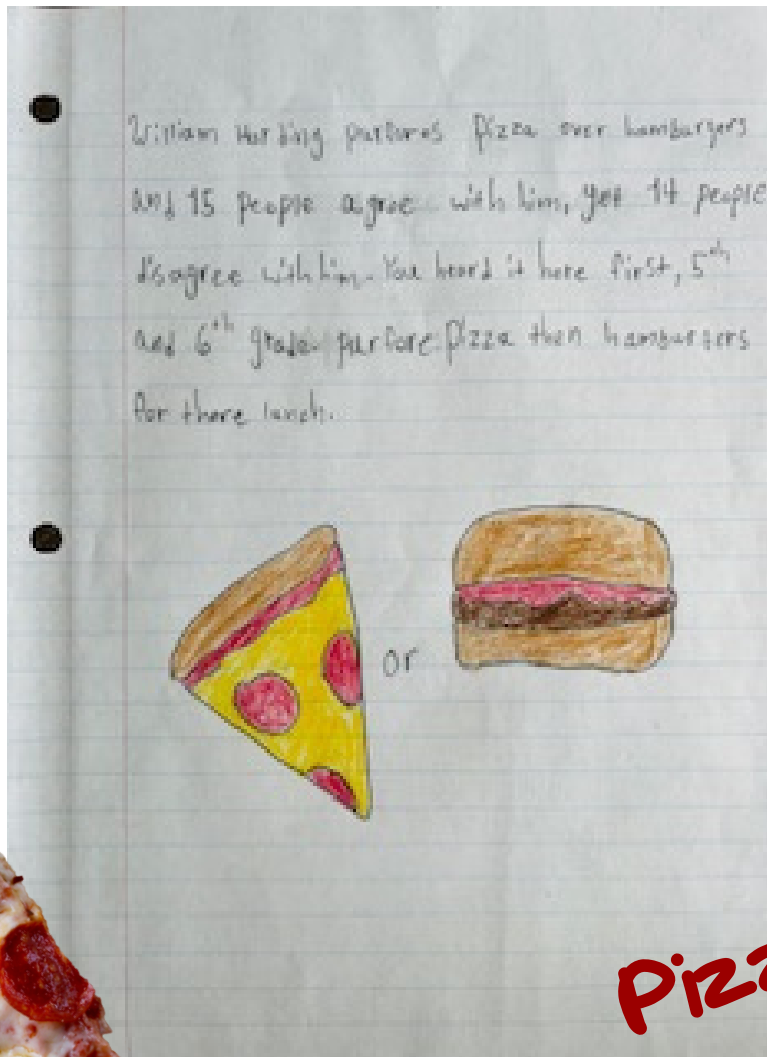
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# TRENDS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

CREATED BY BROOKLYN CRAFT (5TH)



**Pizza for  
the WIN!**

# Teacher OF THE Month

**INTERVIEWED AND WRITTEN BY:  
ARROW HARTMAN (5TH)**

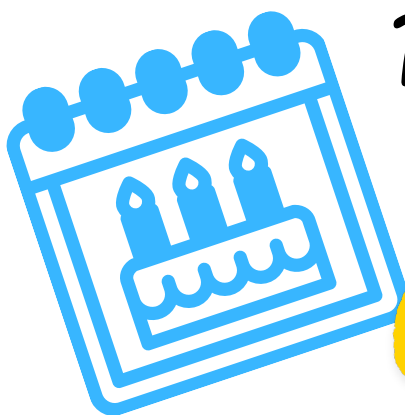
**The Teacher of the Month for  
September is a student favorite.**

**She teaches fifth grade and is kind and  
sweet. She has a dog, her favorite color  
is blue, and her favorite football team  
is the Detroit Lions. Her birthday is  
October 4th, so be sure to give her a  
“Happy Birthday!” high five. A Ben  
Lippen teacher for five years now,  
she is beloved by all.**



*Ms. Tori Thompson  
5th Grade ELA*

**The Teacher of the Month is ...  
Ms. Thompson!**



**Birthday Month  
is Coming Up!**

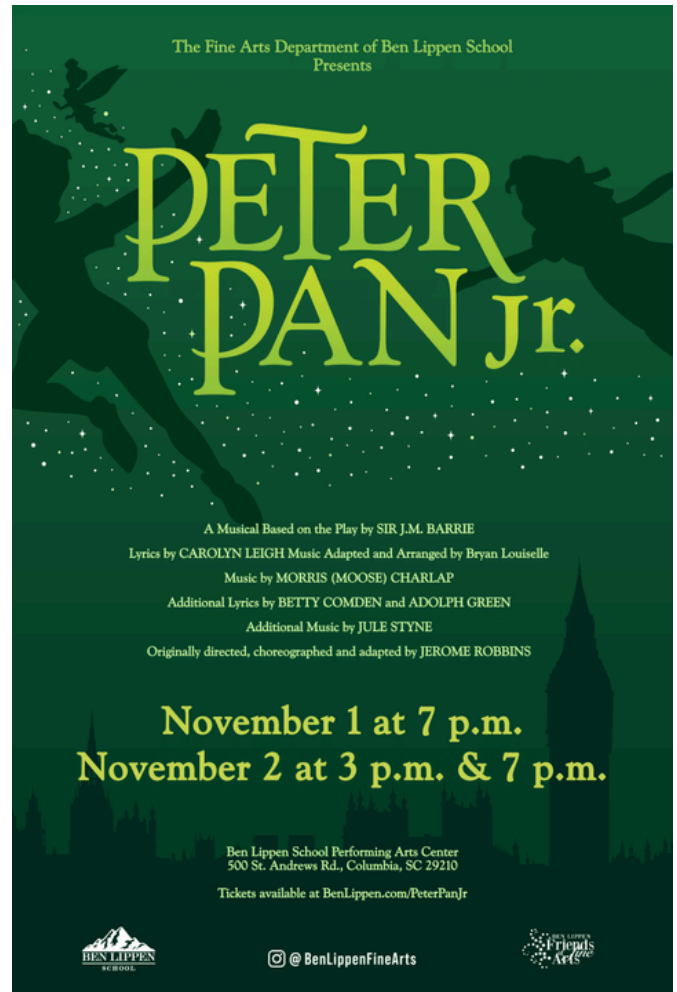
**OCTOBER 4TH!**

# ARTS *Fine*

## BREAKING NEWS!

**WRITTEN BY:  
CECE SAINT-JOUR(6TH)**

The play, *Peter Pan*, is up and running. The cast is working really hard to make this a play that the audience will enjoy. They're doing a classical play that is for everyone. They have picked people to work on this play, and help them accomplish their goals. To show God, to show others, and to have fun. That is what they represent in that order too.



## **PETER PAN JR. November 1-2 at 7:00 PM**

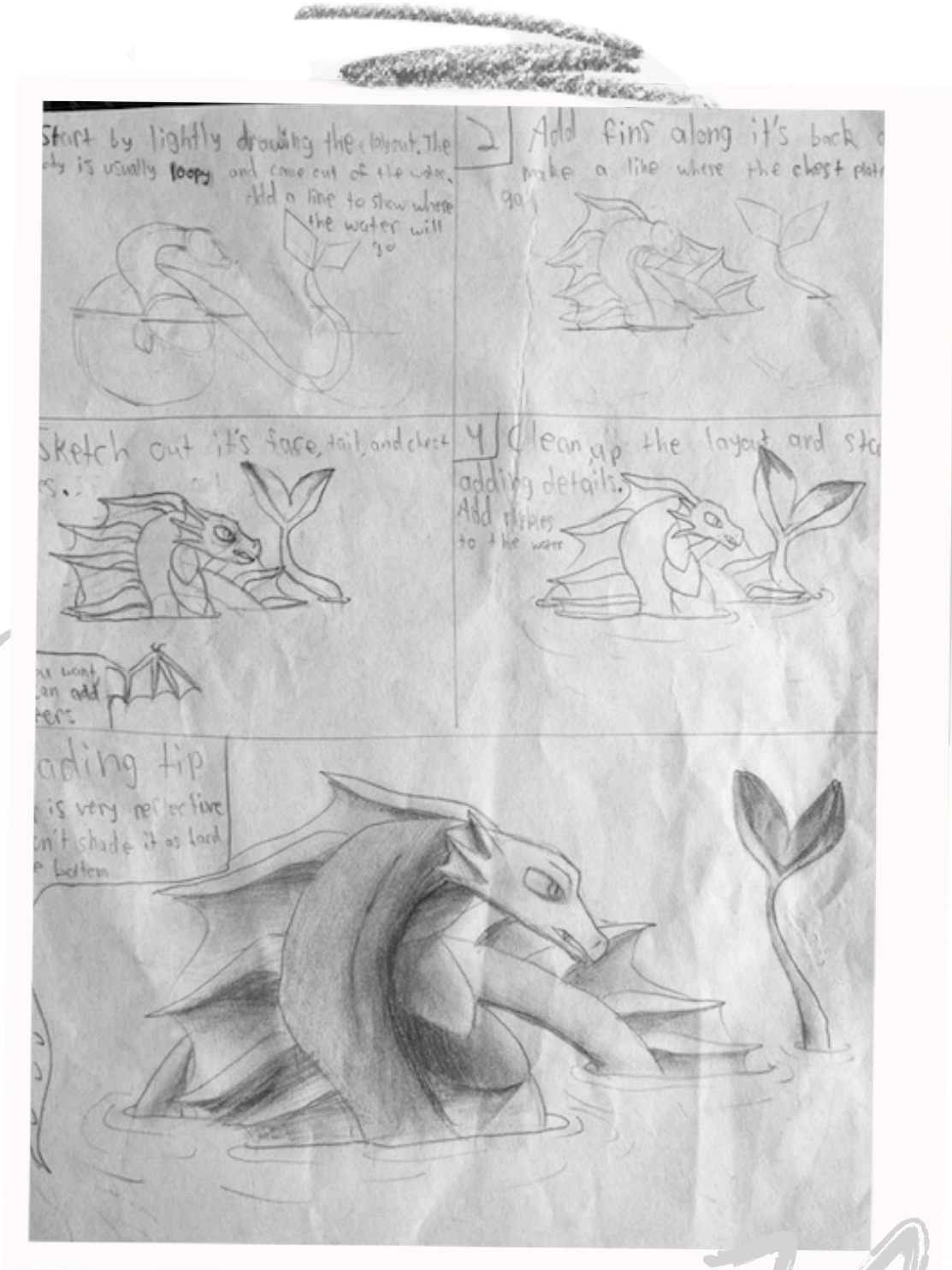
**Tickets go on sale to the community on  
Wednesday, October 23, at 9:00 a.m.  
at [BenLippen.com/PeterPan](http://BenLippen.com/PeterPan).**

# HOW TO...



CREATED BY:  
ALIYAH BENTON (7TH)

# Draw!





# Did You Know... Why Football was Created?

**WRITTEN BY:  
JUDE MCLAWHORN (6TH)**

**Why was football created?** Football was created for exercise and for fun!

**Who made football?** Football was created in the United States by Walter Camp in 1876.

**Where was the first ever football game?** The first ever football game was November 6, 1869, in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

**What team won the first ever football game?** The Rutgers won the first football game. They were playing New Jersey (now known as Princeton). The score was 6-4.

**What team has won the most games in college and NFL?** Michigan has won the most college football games with 1,004 wins! The Green Bay Packers have won the most NFL games with 799 wins!



**What was the biggest win in the NFL?** The biggest win in the NFL was the Chicago Bears vs. Washington Redskins game in 1940. The score was 73 to 0 with the Chicago Bears winning against the Washington Redskins.

**What was the biggest win in college football?** The biggest win in college football was Cumberland vs. Georgia Tech with Georgia Tech coming out victorious. The score was 222 to nothing!

**QUESTION: Who do you think will win the Super Bowl this year?**



# "WORD OF GOD SPEAK"

WRITTEN BY: MAY KELLEY  
AND  
KATIE REID STRATTON (5TH)



## MAY KELLEY AKA MARGRET AND KATIE REID STRATTON AKA BETSY PRESENT...A DEVOTIONAL!!!

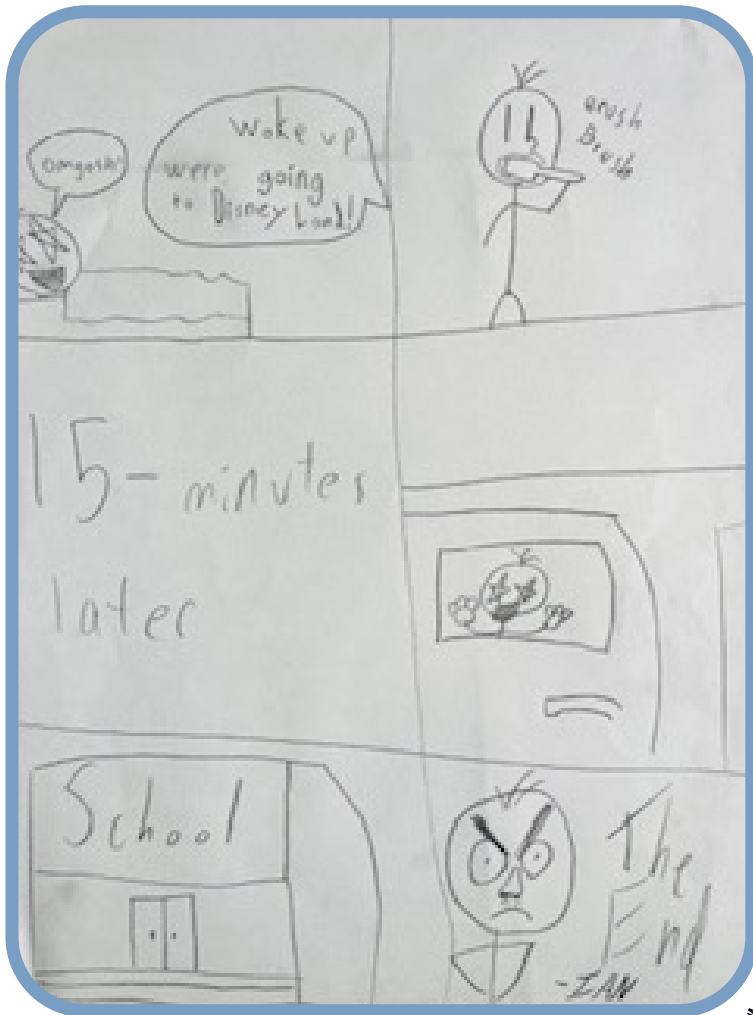
This year's verse: "THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE SUCH A HOPE, WE ARE VERY BOLD!" Found in: 2 Corinthians 3:12 . Which means we have a hope in GOD, and we can be bold and confident in our faith. So when you feel like there is no more hope left or you are hopeless, pray. GOD will be with you every step of the way. And with GOD you can be confident, courageous, and BOLD! You can show boldness by: raising your hand in class, talking to someone new, picking up trash after one another. These are just a few examples of being BOLD. Boldness is all around, you just have to embrace it !

We hope you liked our little devotion!

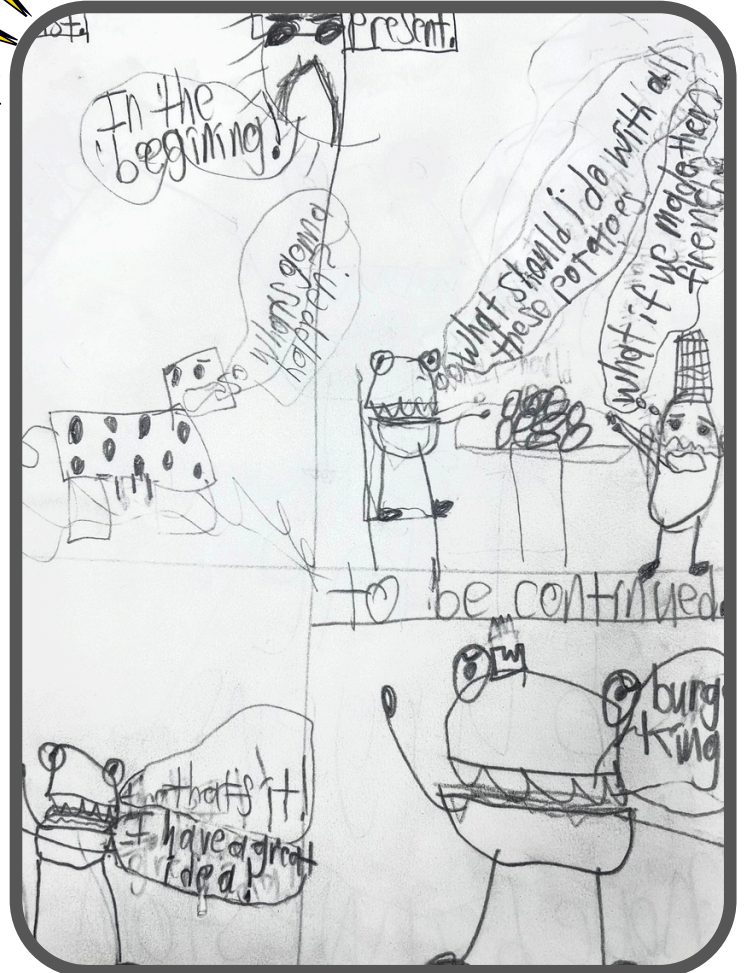
# COMICS!



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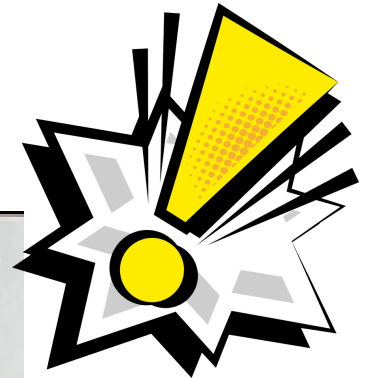


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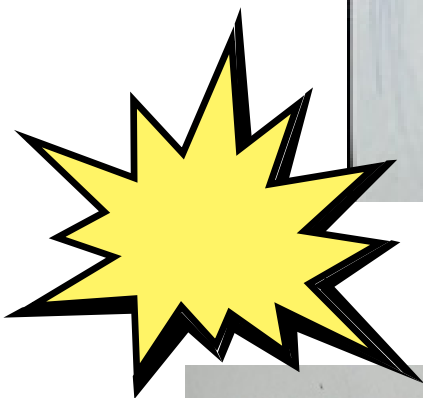


# COMICS!

CREATED BY:  
JUDE GRANGER (6TH)



CREATED BY:  
JULIET SPRING (5TH)



# RANDOM FACTS, FOR FALCONS!

CREATED BY:  
ISAAC GAY (6TH)

**South Carolina  
population:  
5 million**

Platypuses  
sweat  
milk.

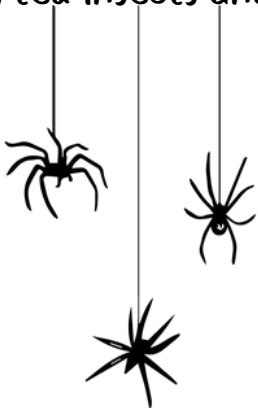


Bananas glow blue  
under black lights.

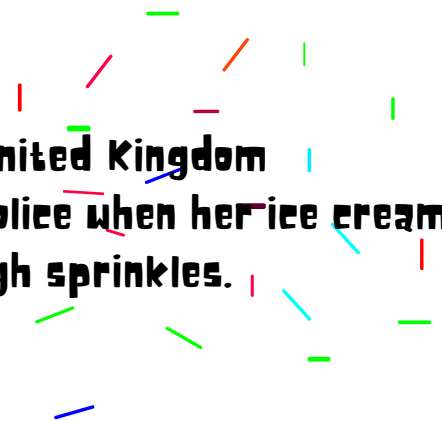


If you sneeze too hard,  
you could fracture a rib.

In the course of an average lifetime,  
while sleeping you might eat around  
70 assorted insects and 10 spiders or more



A woman in the United Kingdom  
once called the police when her ice cream  
didn't have enough sprinkles.



Wearing headphones for just an hour  
could increase the bacteria in  
your ear by 700 times!



Russia has 11 time zones.



# Advice Column

**WRITTEN BY: KATY NOONAN (7TH)**

For some of us, starting a new school year can be hard. You're a grade older, you have a bit more homework, and friend groups will change. That's ok! If you feel like no one loves you, remember that God loves you. And in the midst of this, it can be hard to get all your assignments done because you haven't had to turn in anything for a few months!

So remember to write in your agenda, look at Renweb, or any other method you have to help yourself remember homework. Also, don't procrastinate or else you will get very stressed! Have a schedule of what homework you're going to do when.

And most importantly, pray and ask God to help you! The Bible tells us, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).



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