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Red Ribbon Week's Message Never Loses Importance



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Red Ribbon Week takes place in the 4th Week in October, from the 23rd to the 31st. Red Ribbon Week was created to raise awareness about overuse of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol.

Red Ribbon Week takes place all over the U.S.A. You may see posters outside Mrs. Casey's office near the library. When you have a chance, stop by and take a glance at the posters that she hung up. For example, **Medicine Takeback Day** takes place on October 26th.

My opinion on Red Ribbon Week is that whoever created Red Ribbon Week is a genius. Red Ribbon Week is a great idea that I think can do a lot of good in the world.

Red Ribbon Week was created by National Family Partnership in 1988. Red Ribbon Week is

the nation's oldest and biggest drug and prevention awareness program. On the mornings from October 23rd to October 31st, at SMS, there were daily announcements about Red Ribbon Week having facts about it.

There were also theme days. Wednesday, October 23, students took the Red Ribbon Week pledge and signed their names on a "Movie ticket" that was entered into a raffle. It was also "neon"

day, where you could wear right colors. On Thursday, October 24, kids observed "Sock It to Drugs day" by wearing crazy and mismatched socks. Today, Friday, October 25, everyone wore red to support Red Ribbon Week.

I hope you know more about how Red Ribbon Week was and why it was created. I also hope this helped you understand just how important Red Ribbon Week is.



The History of Election Day



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October has now come to an end. It is now November which means Election Day is this Tuesday. Election day is the day we vote for president and other politicians.

This year, Kamala Harris and Donald Trump are running for president. Election day is always on the first Tuesday in November. This year Election Day will be on Tuesday November 5th.



But why is Election Day always on Tuesday? And why is it in November? And why is it so important? This is why. The first Election Day was in 1845, a long time after George Washington was president. George Washington was elected January 7th, 1789, but back then there was no election day. They could hold their elections any time within 34 days before the first Wednesday in December.

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What's Going On in the World of Music?



By RJ Hall
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Famous rapper Tyler the Creator has released his most recent album titled "Chromakopia", as well as announcing his exciting tour that will start in February 2025 and end in September 2025. At the time this is published, the album will be four days old



and it already has some heavily mixed reviews.

Some are praising the album, calling it amazing, peak and comparing it to some of his great older albums like "Igor" and "Cherry Bomb", while others are calling it overrated, overhyped, and trash. But in my personal opinion I think the album is some of his best work.

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The Sinking Island



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Have you ever wondered what would happen if your whole neighborhood sank?

Well, that's a very real thought for the people on a small island off the Chesapeake Bay of Virginia.

Meet Tangier Island, a small island destined to be uninhabitable wetlands by 2051. You might be wondering why this island is shrinking. It's two words: Climate Change.

You might also be thinking Climate Change can't sink a whole island. Well, it turns out it can. This is because the increasing heat results in the ice caps melting, which leads to rising sea levels. This all results in small islands being covered in water, forever lost to the ocean. Some challenges Tangier faces are it would cost \$150 million to relo-



cate all the residents on the island, and \$350 million to bulk up the island to prevent it from sinking. This is a problem because the town of Tangier doesn't have \$150 million, let alone \$350 million dollars.

If you were to visit Tangier Island, here are some things you would notice. One thing you would notice is giant puddles in people's front yards. Another thing

you might notice is the boards everywhere just so you can walk to school. One thing about the school is that it's one room.

Some problems for the future people of Tangier Island are that they are running out of time. Experts say Tangier at most has 25 years left before the ocean takes it for its own. To 436 people, Tangier Island is home. They are left wondering what to do and how to save their beloved home, Tangier Island.

Dress Coded Deals With Tough Life Issues



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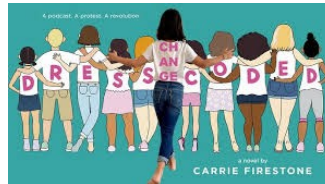
Do you like realistic fiction books? Well, if you do, I think you would love Dress Coded by Carrie Firestone!

Dress Coded has 336 pages, but don't worry, most pages are not completely full of words, and the words aren't even that small!

The main character, Molly, is in 8th grade, and she goes to Fisher Middle School. Her older brother Danny has a very bad habit—he vapes. This affects Molly a lot because he is not very nice to her.

Molly's mom knows about Danny's vaping and she is doing everything she can to try and make him stop. She tries to take the vapes away, so Danny needs to hide them. He knows his mom would check his room, so he hides them in Molly's room.

I know what you're thinking—why would Molly say “yes” to this? Well, Molly was just hoping



that if she did this for Danny, he would be nicer to her. Will she get caught?

On top of that conflict, there's also the school's dress code. The dress code in this cool book is CRAZY! Students get in trouble if even the tiniest bit of your belly shows, if you wear a tank top, if your shorts are shorter than your fingertips when you place them on your leg, and

even when something is “too tight”, like leggings! It is very easy to break the dress code, so the teachers made a rule—if only one person breaks the dress code, then the whole grade can't go on the end of year field trip!

Something very embarrassing happened to one of Molly's best friends, Olivia. She was wearing her sweatshirt and had to take it off. She got in trouble for wearing a tank top (even though it was like 90 degrees where they live) and the teacher said that if she put the sweatshirt back on, she wouldn't get dress coded, but Olivia said NO! Why would Olivia take off her sweatshirt in the first place, and why would she refuse to put it back on? Read the book to find out!



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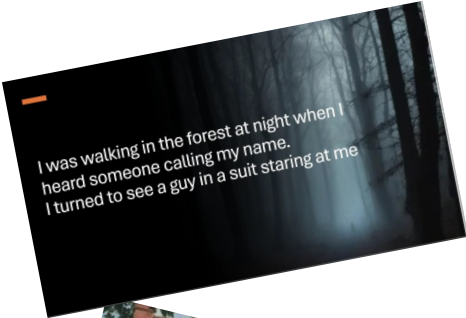


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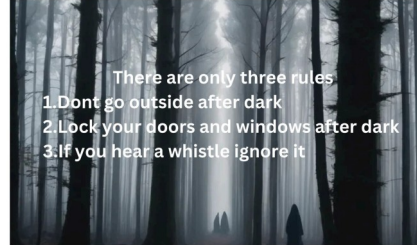
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Halloween May Be Over, But . . .

These two-line stories were just too spooktacular to leave out. Completed under the direction of Library Media Specialist Megan O'Connor, these short stories are bound to send at least some shivers up and down your spine. The authors are Ashleigh Wilson, grade 8, Ava Varbero, grade 8, Cooper Hewitt, grade 8, Annie McArdle, grade 8, Milania McArdle, grade 6, Haley Sander, grade 7, Ryan Giangrande, grade 7, Marco Avila, grade 7, Kari Kellock, grade 7, Paige Keimig, grade 7, Sabrina Ramos, grade 7, Shelley Asencio Velasquez, grade 7



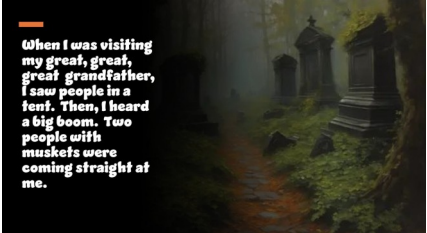
I was walking in the forest at night when I heard someone calling my name. I turned to see a guy in a suit staring at me



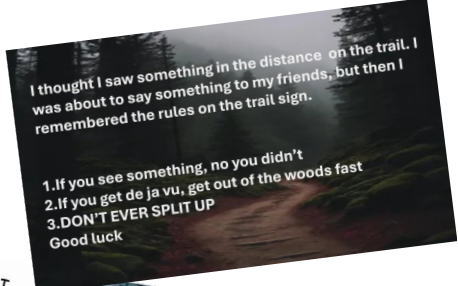
There are only three rules
1. Dont go outside after dark
2. Lock your doors and windows after dark
3. If you hear a whistle ignore it



Everything seemed normal until I heard a plate shatter downstairs. I thought nothing of it, until I realized I was the only one home.

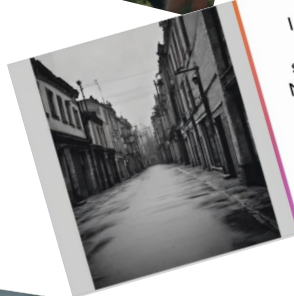


When I was visiting my great, great, great grandfather, I saw people in a tent. Then, I heard a big boom. Two people with muskets were coming straight at me.



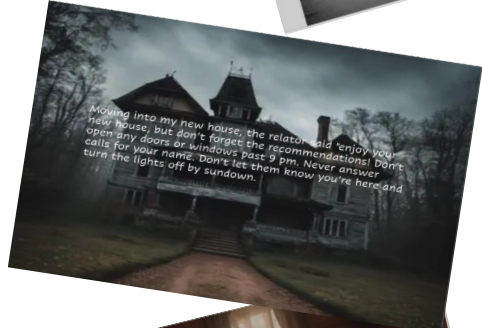
I thought I saw something in the distance on the trail. I was about to say something to my friends, but then I remembered the rules on the trail sign.

1. If you see something, no you didn't
2. If you get de ja vu, get out of the woods fast
3. DON'T EVER SPLIT UP
Good luck

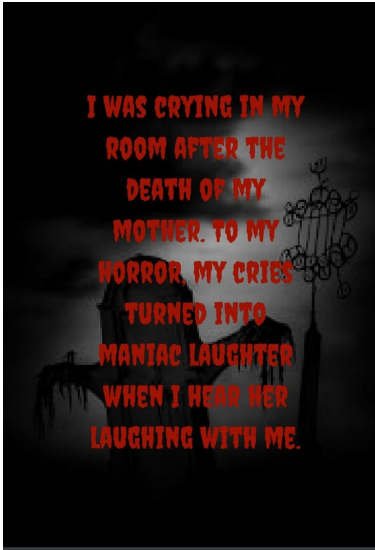


I was walking down the sidewalk alone. No car was there. It was passed 10 p.m. and then I heard a voice in my ear.

As a biologist, I love all of my animals, but I sometimes wonder to myself if any of them still remember that they used to be human...



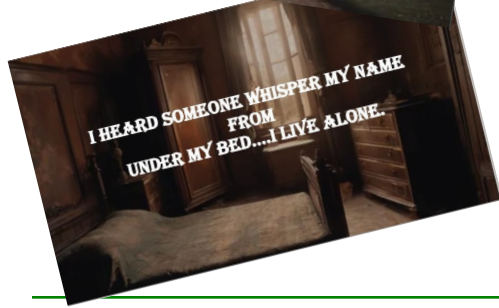
Moving into my new house, the realtor said "enjoy your new house, but don't forget the recommendations! Don't open any doors or windows past 9 pm. Never answer calls for your name. Don't let them know you're here and turn the lights off by sundown."



I WAS CRYING IN MY ROOM AFTER THE DEATH OF MY MOTHER. TO MY HORROR, MY CRIES TURNED INTO MANIAC LAUGHTER WHEN I HEAR HER LAUGHING WITH ME.



My four-year-old said he wished that people didn't have to knock. I told him about doorbells, and he asked me to install one on his window.



I HEARD SOMEONE WHISPER MY NAME FROM UNDER MY BED....I LIVE ALONE.



I looked at myself in the mirror, seeing my sister in the reflection smiling back at me. My

Why Do People Collect Things?



By Lila O'Connor
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We all have collections in our homes, whether they're baseball cards or mini brands. They've given us satisfaction over the years seeing them lined up on a shelf or organized in a binder. But have you ever wondered why collecting things satisfies you? Read more to find out.



One reason people collect things is because it connects them to their childhood and creates nostalgia. Another reason people collect is because they enjoy the social in-

teractions aspect. For an example, when you go to Disney World, you buy and trade pins with other people.

A third reason is that people like it just for the thrill of finding the item they've been looking for. Our last two reasons are some people do it as an investment, like buying an autographed Babe Ruth baseball card and then selling it when it is worth more. The last reason is people do it is for people to recognize their hard work and dedication because who doesn't want people to appreciate their work? These are a few reasons why people collect things.



Election

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But this system had problems. Early voting results could change the opinion of other states that voted later. This meant states that voted later could determine the outcome of the entire election. So, the government created one day for everyone to vote.

But why is it on Tuesday in November? Well in 1845, farm culture was important. If



Election Day was in summer or spring, it could interfere with farmers planting and growing crops. If they did it in late summer or early fall, it would get in the way of the farmers busy harvesting. And winter

wasn't a great idea either because the harsh winter conditions would make it hard to travel.

So, November was the best choice. Election Day is on Tuesday because Wednesdays wouldn't work because farmers would be setting up their markets to sell crops. Saturday and Sunday wouldn't work because everyone had to go to church and markets. Fridays wouldn't work either because the votes were counted right after election day and weekends were full.

So, they decided Tuesday was the right choice. That's all about election day.

Music

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But before you listen to Chromakopia, you should try listening to some of his older albums yourself and then listen to Chromakopia before you make an opinion.

Songs like "Sticky" and "Rah tah tah" are being praised as some of the best songs on the album and I think those are pretty good. The whole album is 53 minutes long and I suggest that the next time you're on a boring three hour car ride that you give the album a try.

I Like My Cheese . . . Moldy?



By RJ Hall
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Famous You Tubers Mr. Beast, KSI, and Logan Paul have attempted to release a competitor to

the famous lunch item "Lunchables". The team has dubbed the "food Lunchly" and have been heavily advertising it on their social media but none of the three could've predicted this.

One of the selling points of Lunchly is that it has all natural cheese compared to the synthetic or fake cheese in Lunchables. But there is a reason why Lunchables uses a fake cheese and that reason is to prevent mold.

As of October 30, there have been numerous reports of mold in Lunchly. One You Tuber named Rosanna Pansino was doing a taste test between Lunchables and Lunchly and found mold in it live on camera!

None of the creators of Lunchly have formally addressed the mold allegations, and I say "formally" because Logan Paul brought it

up on his podcast called IMPAULSIVE where he says, "Uh yeah, like I like my cheese moldy, bro."

In my opinion, this is a very inappropriate way to respond to mold in your food but that's personally just me.

So before you see Lunchly on the shelves and think about buying it, just stick with the cheese that may not drip, but at least it doesn't mold.

