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Start with Hello Week
By Alexa Leek

“Start with Hello” week is all about saying hello to someone new. Each day you wear something different. This year, it ran from September 16th to September 20th.

On Monday, students and staff were asked to wear a superhero shirt to show you are ready to take action! Tuesday, we wore neon to stand up to bullying. Lots of people were wearing neon.

Wednesday’s challenge was to wear green which symbolizes the Sandy Hook promise or orange which represents gun violence prevention. Thursday, you could spread kindness by wearing mismatched clothes with a friend. Last but not least was Friday – the theme was to be a team player day by wearing EI apparel or school colors.

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Hello



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Start with Hello Week

9/16/24 – 9/20/24

Wear Superhero Gear

**WEAR NEON TO STAND OUT
AGAINST BULLYING!**

Wear Green or Orange

Wear school colors

Photos by Mrs. M. Smith and Mrs. Avella



Sandy Hook
PROMISE



Interview with Our New Principal By Geovanni Valenti and Colin Belrose

East Islip Middle School has a new principal this year and his name is Mr. Montemarano. He has made a lot of new rules and what comes with new rules are questions. We put together a list of questions we wanted answers to. Here are the results of our interview.

1. Do you have a particular vision or goal for this school year?

Mr. M. - My vision for this school year is to foster a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential. I want to emphasize collaboration, creativity, and resilience as we navigate academic challenges together.

2. How do you approach curriculum development and assessment to ensure student success?

Mr. M. - I believe in a balanced approach to curriculum development that integrates academic rigor and real-world relevance, emphasizing character. Administrators and teachers collaborate to ensure that the curriculum meets the diverse needs of our students. Regular formative and summative assessments help us track progress and adjust our strategies to support each student's learning journey.

3. How can students share their concerns or feedback with you directly?

Mr. M. - I encourage an open-door policy, where students can feel comfortable coming to me with their concerns or feedback. I also promote student leadership opportunities to ensure their voices are heard in our school community through avenues such as the School Newspaper and Student Government.



4. What are your thoughts on the use of technology in the classrooms?

Mr. M. - Technology is a vital tool in today's educational landscape. I support its integration in classrooms to enhance learning experiences, foster collaboration, and prepare students for the future. We're committed to ensuring that both students and teachers have access to the necessary resources and training to use technology effectively, so they can feel supported and prepared for the digital age.

5. How do you plan on supporting students and teachers in achieving academic success?

Mr. M. - Supporting our students and teachers is a top priority. We provide conference days for teachers' professional development to enhance their instructional practices, and we offer different levels of programs and resources for students who need extra help. We are focused on building a strong community where parents, teachers, and students work together to create an environment that promotes academic success.

Unity Day By Genevieve Griffin

Unity Day is a day to promote anti-bullying and support kindness. Each year, Unity Day is held on October 16th and is celebrated all over the world. Students and staff were encouraged to show support by wearing orange. Students who wore orange on Unity Day were entered into a raffle during lunch periods to win a prize. Student Government sold small Halloween themed rubber ducks and orange bracelets at lunch for \$1.00.

Unity Day is the time to stop bullying and be a friend. This doesn't just apply to the real world. Many kids are victims of cyberbullying. If you are being cyberbullied, make sure you tell an adult.

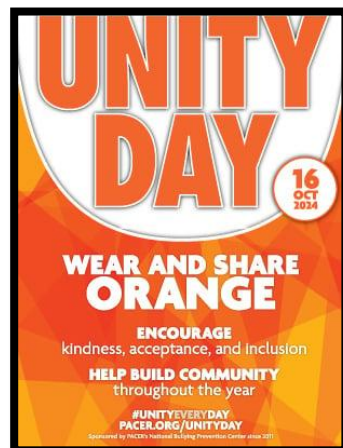
To promote the first Unity Day in 2011, talk show host Ellen DeGeneres discussed the topic online and, on her show, while wearing an orange sweater. Why wear orange? Because orange is a warm and inviting color. The color is also associated with visibility.

Is there an official shirt? Yes! You can buy a shirt online at Pacer National Bullying Prevention Center. Visit their website for more information:

<https://www.pacer.org/bullying/>



Photos by Mrs. Avella



Unity Day Raffle Winners (\$10 Gift Card)

- 4th Period Lunch - Sophia Badala
- 5th Period Lunch - Maddie Torres
- 6th Period Lunch - Norah Buchholz
- 7th Period Lunch- Connor Dineen

Congratulations!

Spirit Week By Ailish Cosgrove

Spirit Week at East Islip MS was held the week of September 23rd, the week before the homecoming game at the HS. It was a great time to get involved in school activities. Spirit week participation was photographed by our amazing Yearbook Club.

On Monday, we had jersey day where everyone got to wear their jersey, either for a school team or someone's favorite sports team. They looked great!

Tuesday was opposite day where students were encouraged to dress as an opposite to their friends. Wednesday was concert t-shirt day where everyone wore their favorite band's merchandise.

The best day of all was pajama day on Thursday. I think everyone would agree that pajama day is their favorite! Many students participate year-round in pajama day. Everyone looked very comfortable.

Last but not least was EI pride day where you wear your school colors. You can buy East Islip merchandise at the school store.

I hope you all had a great spirit week!

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Homecoming Spirit Week
9/23/24-9/17/24

JERSEY DAY

CONCERT T-SHIRT DAY

PAJAMA DAY

EAST ISLIP PRIDE DAY

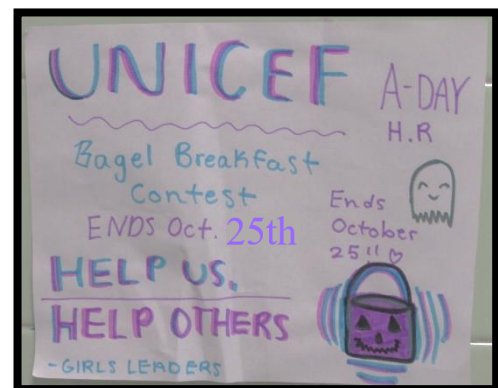


UNICEF Collection – Update from Mrs. O'Donnell

Congratulations to Ms. DiGiorgio's A-Day Homeroom, the winners of this year's UNICEF Bagel Breakfast Contest!

A shout out to Mrs. Danz's class for coming in 2nd place and Mrs. Avella's class for finishing a respectable 3rd place!

Thank you to all A-Day homerooms for participating in this year's contest and raising money for UNICEF to provide humanitarian and developmental aid to children worldwide.



Fantasy Football Matthew Rosand

This fantasy football season has been nothing that we have expected. So far, most of the best picks have been majorly upsetting.

Christian McCaffrey has been injured. Breece Hall has busted 2 games so far and is ranked 13th. Bijian Robinson has busted 1 game and is the 16th ranked running back in the league. Tyreek Hill has had 4 games under 15 points and is ranked wide receiver 25 in fantasy. CeeDee Lamb is ranked 12th and has already busted once.

Jamar Chase is ranked number 1, but he has busted two games. Amon-Ra St. Brown has busted one game and is ranked 21st. Jonathan Taylor hasn't busted yet but, because of a missed game he is ranked 11th. A.J. Brown, even though he had a great start to the season, hasn't played since week one.

The one exception to these unexpected first round players is Justin Jefferson. Jefferson is the 3rd ranked wide receiver and has put up amazing numbers. His average points per game is 19.4. We can expect him to be good.

On a different note, the Cowboys kicker Brandon Aubrey outscored Breece Hall, Tony Pollard, DK Metcalf, Calvin Ridley, Jake Ferguson, The Jets Defense, Christian Kirk, Sam LaPorta, Isiah Pacheco, Jaylen Waddle, Zamir White and Caleb Williams in week one.



The Teal Pumpkin Project By Geovanni Valenti



The Teal Pumpkin Project is a worldwide movement of people who, in addition to handing out candy on Halloween, hand out small toys or trinkets from a separate bowl. They do this to raise food allergy awareness and make Halloween safer and more inclusive for everyone. The houses that participate have a teal pumpkin out front to let people know that they have non-food items available.

The teal pumpkin project was started by an organization called Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE). Trick or treaters can inform people of a food allergy by carrying a teal bucket. Many traditional Halloween treats aren't safe for children with life threatening food allergies which can make Halloween a tricky time for them. This is the main reason the teal pumpkin project was created. This project was inspired by a local awareness activity run by Food Allergy Community of East Tennessee (FACET).

If you'd like to participate in this movement but don't have the time to paint a teal pumpkin, you can print out a free sign for your door from this website:

<https://www.foodallergy.org/resources/get-your-teal-pumpkin-project-printables>



Photo by Mrs. Avella

Voice Actor Strike

By Jaylin James

Many voice actors are enraged about the AI (artificial intelligence) invasion. These popular voice actors are worried about gaming studios using AI to reproduce their voices and appearance without fair compensation. Many actors who work with large gaming companies are on strike in hopes to improve the conditions of their job and voice their opinions on the use of AI in video games.

SAG-AFTRA (Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists) has voiced concerns to these big companies with no success in their negotiations. On July 26, 2024, the voice actors went on strike against this new era of AI after almost 18 months of negotiations. Several companies ended up just leaving the dialogue silent in their games in replacement of voices from actors.

Fran Drescher, president of SAG-AFTRA, said in a statement, “We’re not going to consent to a contract that allows companies to abuse AI to the detriment of our members. Enough is enough.” On October 15, 2024, it was announced that SAG-AFTRA officials would be meeting with video game companies for in-person negotiations.

Voice actors are seeking to have producers require them to have their consent if they want to replicate their voices with AI. Many are left with lingering questions. Will the gaming companies respond? What will be the plan for SAG-AFTRA?

Is AI truly the future for society?

Image from: <https://www.latimes.com/>



SAG-AFTRA.



Earth's Second Moon?

By Geovanni Valenti

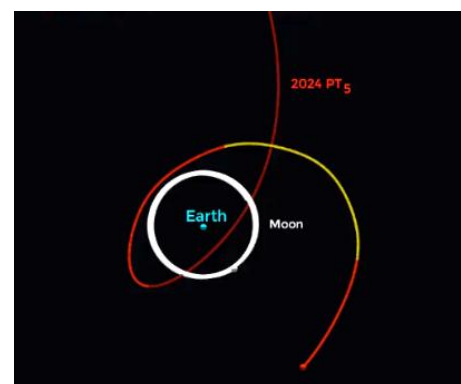
NASA scientists calculated that Earth’s gravitational pull should have captured a “second moon” on September 29, 2024. The recorded “mini moon”, known as 2024 PT5 is a tiny asteroid which usually orbits the sun with a small asteroid belt that follows the Earth.

Earth’s first moon has been orbiting the earth for around 4 billion years while this “mini moon” or asteroid will only last until November 25th. The asteroid that will be serving as our second moon is a part of the Arjuna asteroid belt, a secondary belt made of space rocks that has a similar orbit to Earth’s.

Even though the thought of Earth getting a second moon sounds extraordinary, gravitational capture events such as this are very common. After the brief stay in Earth's gravitational field, the “mini moon” will continue to orbit the sun.

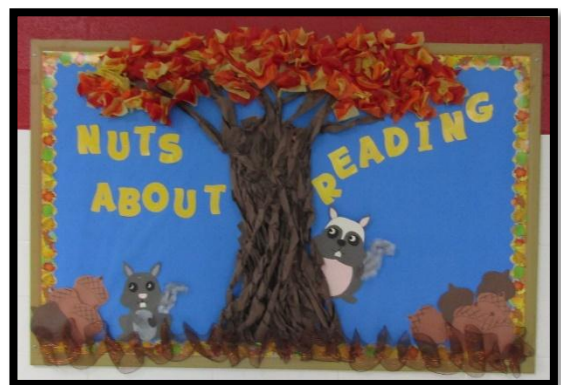
This isn't the first time an asteroid has been captured by Earth's gravity. Scientists have documented 4 prior occurrences like this, two of those being “short capture events” only lasting about a week while the other 2 were rarer “long capture” events. Sadly, this “second moon” won't be visible to the average sky watcher.

Image from <https://earthsky.org/>



Seen in our Library and Hallways

Photos by: Alexa Leek, Anthony Mormile, Zoey St John



Stanley or Owala? The Water Bottle Battle

By Eleanor McRedmond

Times have changed, and it seems like there's a new water bottle in town, but is the Stanley still appreciated? We gave some 6th graders a few scenarios to see what they think!

-Which one would you rather bring while traveling?

17 out of 18 people voted for Owala! Julia Caviedes said "I would choose Owala, because Stanleys have these things that make them leak, so it's not that good for traveling. The Owala is leak proof and easy to pack, plus it keeps ice cubes cold! And everyone just carries around their Stanleys instead of putting it in a backpack."

-Imagine you're at a sports game that you yourself are participating in. Before the game starts you need a quick sip of water. Which one would you rather use?

12 out of 17 people say the Owala is better. Kara Petti who chose Stanley said "I would use the Stanley because it's easier to take a quick sip than to unlock the Owala."

-Which one would you rather use when you're going out?

13 out of 18 say the Owala is better. Tori Williams said "I would choose the Owala because it's easier to carry around than a heavy Stanley!"

-When going to a concert, which one would you pack in your backpack?

11 out of 18 say the Owala is better. But Antonella Bisulca said, "I would just buy water at the venue instead of bringing a water bottle."

-Which one would you pack for a sleepover?

This one was a close call! But the Stanley got it -10 out of 18 people say the Stanley is better for sleepovers. Julia Caviedes said "I wouldn't want to wake anybody up with the sound of the cap unlocking."

Which one would you rather bring to a theme park?

14 out of 18 people say the Owala is better! But Madison Torres said "I wouldn't bring either because I wouldn't want it to get stolen."

-Which one would you rather bring to the mall or when you go shopping?

15 out of 18 say the Owala is better.

Now the final question you've been waiting for:

-Which one is better overall?

The Owala won with 17 votes! The Owala won but Stanley still has some appreciation. Now this is just an opinion. You don't have to stop using your Stanleys. But it was fun to see what people think. And if you were curious, the Owala is \$27.99 (24 oz) and the Stanley is \$35.00 (30 oz).

If you were interviewed, which one would you pick?



Sibling Rivalry

By Sehla Luqman and Katherine Li

You're doing your homework until you hear the most agitating screech since the big bang. If you ever experience this, you might have something called "younger siblings." The symptoms are very severe, such as never having a peaceful day of your life. In all seriousness, we researched sibling rivalry and got different points of views from older, younger and middle siblings.

From a theoretical perspective, one reason that siblings might not get along is birth order. One theory by John Bowlby explains that older siblings might serve as "second parents." In effect, younger siblings will often have a deeper attachment to them than to their parents. Another factor that plays a part is gender.



Girls with sisters will usually be closer whether positive or negative. However, when boys come into the equation, it can vary. Most younger boys with a longer age gap between siblings will be very annoying (of course) because they usually are pretty young with lots of questions and screaming. Older boys will usually be more distant and aloof, once they hit a certain age. These are some theories or reasons why siblings might not get along.

Sibling life has its ups and downs. As you've probably heard (or experienced), siblings are annoying most of the time. Older siblings can appear bossy or strict. Younger siblings can be disobedient or in-your-face. However older siblings are sometimes referred to as "second parents". It is common for a younger child to look up to their older siblings or even go to them for help. On the other hand, younger siblings can help you in a variety of ways. If your little sibling listens to you, you can ask them to do things for you, such as get you a glass of water or a pencil. Baby siblings can help prepare you for a future in which you have to care for your own children.

Most people have siblings. In fact, about 80% of people in the USA have siblings including us (the authors of this article). In this section we're going to talk about different perspectives of sibling rivalry. Both Sehla and Katherine are middle children with a sister and a brother. Also, we both don't get along with our siblings most of the time.

Let's hear what they say: "My siblings are all annoying," says Salma Luqman, a youngest child at the age of nine. She says that her 14-year-old sister is bossy and annoying. Upon being asked about her 11-year-old sister she gives the same answer, bossy and annoying. When Salma was questioned about her 16-year-old brother she replied, "He eats all the snacks." She refers to him as lazy. Salma says that if she could get rid of one of her siblings, she would get rid of her brother! If Salma could keep one sibling, she would keep her 11-year-old sister.

Ethan Li, a youngest child at the age of four, says he likes his 14-year-old sister more than his 11-year-old sister.

Joanna Li, the oldest child and 14 years of age, would keep her 11-year-old sister. However, she wants to get rid of her since "Ethan is younger". She keeps an "alright relationship" with her siblings due to the fact that she ignores everyone in her household.

Manha Usman, an 11-year-old middle child, describes her 14-year-old brother as tall, smart, annoying and someone with anger issues. She says her 6-year-old sister is "annoying, two-faced, creative and lacking in common sense."

In conclusion, people can have many types of relationships with their siblings. However, if you do find your siblings incredibly pestering, just know the feelings are probably mutual. Whether you like or dislike them, siblings will forever remain your siblings. You cannot use witchcraft to get rid of them. Also, one more thing I forgot to add "Mom, tell Savannah to get out of my room!"

Source: Theoretical Perspectives on Sibling Relationships - PM



PEP Rally

October 25, 2024

Olivia Mullins sang the National Anthem. Bravo!

7th Grade came in 1st Place for points scored overall. Congratulations!

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EIMS Pep Rally
October 25, 2024
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Congratulations to the 2024-25 Student Government Officers

President: Quinlan Maher

Vice President: Will Nawrath

Secretary: Derek Jensen

Treasurer: Jivin Chawla

6th Grade Representatives:

Grace Maher

Hadley Maher



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ANSWERS to the Halloween crossword on page 14:

Across:	Down:
[3] Pumpkin	[1] Vampire
[4] Skeleton	[2] Haunted
[6] BOO	[5] October
[7] Trick	[6] Bats
[8] Wolves	[9] Witch
[10] Spider	
[11] Jack	

EIMS Administration

Principal: Mr. Montemarano

Asst. Principal: Mr. Spiegler

Staff List



- Olivia Allen
- Elena Aurrecochea
- Colin Belrose
- Ailish Cosgrove
- Jacob Gonzalez
- Genevieve Griffin
- Jakob Hansen
- Aaliyah Hardy
- Jaylin James
- Christnaela Jean Baptiste
- Jake Kiernan
- Alexa Leek
- Katherine Li
- Sehla Luqman
- Eleanor McRedmond
- Kaiso Mercado
- Anthony Mormile
- Katherine Munoz
- Hernandez
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- Darian Primiano
- Matthew Rosand
- Savanahstar Samuel
- Zoey St John
- Geovanni Valenti

ADVISOR:
Mrs. Avella

Halloween Crossword



Across

- [3] Orange gourd we carve
- [4] _____ is made of bones
- [6] Something a ghost says
- [7] _____ or Treat
- [8] They like to howl at the moon
- [10] The itsy bitsy _____
- [11] _____ O'Lantern

Down

- [1] He drinks blood
- [2] A kind of spooky house
- [5] Halloween Month
- [6] Night Flying Mammals
- [9] _____ rides on a broom

Answers on previous page

