

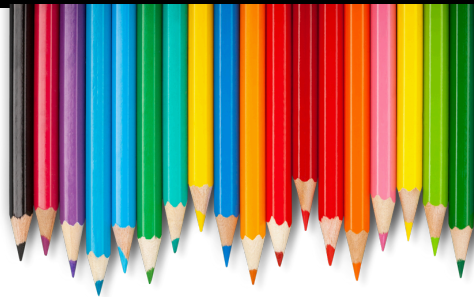
THE FALCON FORUM

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



OCTOBER NARRATIVE

WRITTEN BY: ABIGAIL TAYLOR (5TH)

Fall is here and the leaves are changing to red, yellow, and orange! We are so excited to hop into our second quarter. Let's share a few things that are coming up!

But first, there was an enormous hurricane called Helene that wiped out so many houses. We even had to stop school for a few days because the hurricane was so big and bad. We continue to pray for everyone impacted by the storm.

Everyone had a blast on Fall Break! Many of us traveled to go on a vacation and enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner.

Families will soon be gathered for

Thanksgiving to celebrate and eat mostly turkey and pumpkin pie with decorations all over the place. While you are eating you might be inspired to watch the Macy's Day Parade on TV.

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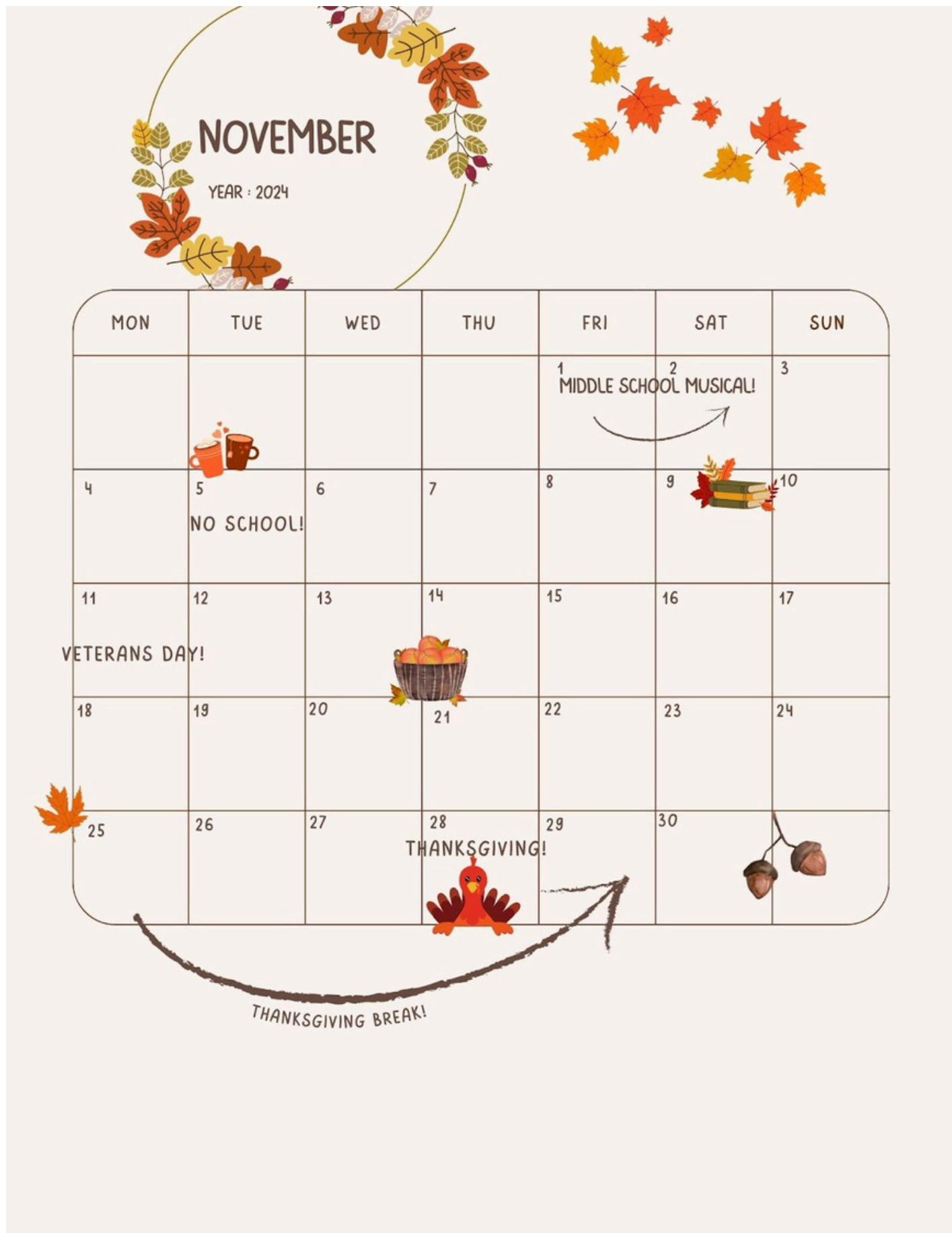
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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

CREATED BY: MADDIE POLLOCK (7TH)



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1 MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL!	2 MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL!	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL!	6	7	8	9	10
11 VETERANS DAY!	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING!	29	30	

THANKSGIVING BREAK!

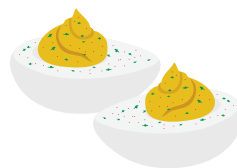
UPCOMING NATIONAL NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS!

CREATED BY: ABIGAIL TAYLOR (5TH)

✘ National Cinnamon Day - November 1st



✘ Deviled Egg Day - November 2nd



✘ Daylight Savings - November 3rd



✘ Candy Day - November 4th

✘ Election Day - (Donut Day) November 5th



✘ Nachos Day - November 6th

✘ World Adoption Day - November 9th

✘ National Vanilla CupCake Day - November 10th



✘ Veterans Day - November 11th

✘ Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day - November 15th

✘ Thanksgiving - November 28th



UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

WRITTEN BY: FAITH FARIS (7TH)



Everybody has heard of the typical Halloween ghost stories. Like the ones where you turn off the lights and sit in a circle with a flashlight under your face to scare each other. But there is one ghost story that takes place here, in South Carolina! If you have ever been to the South Carolina State Museum, you might have heard the story of “Bubba the Ghost.” Bubba is said to have looked like an ethereal figure dressed in overalls and a black-and-white checkered shirt. He is said to have wandered around the Columbia Mills Co. building where a tragedy struck in 1895.

A young, 14-year-old boy named William Wallace was a sweeper at the mill. It was said that he and another boy were peering into an elevator shaft and looking at the elevators. As Wallace and the other boy looked at the elevators, a 1,000-pound weight came crashing down. Some people have said that when the elevator opens on the fourth floor, a figure like the boy can sometimes be spotted. This figure is “Bubba the Ghost.”

Pam Borawski, a volunteer coordinator who would give ghost tours, has encountered the ghost many times. When she began giving ghost tours, Pam had her first encounter with Bubba. She was sitting alone in her office, she heard a knock on her desk, but when she looked... she saw nothing. Apparently, she wasn't the only one having these weird encounters with Bubba the Ghost. Security guards, visitors, and children have claimed to feel brushes across their skin, and unusual blobs and figures in pictures.

Though these stories are very strange and speculative, it is most important to remember that God is still with you, and you need to remember that if you are ever afraid.



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

5th Grade

WRITTEN BY:

ELLA CLAIRE SMGIEL AND MEAGAN JASMINE JONES (5TH)

Live, from **Meagan Jasmine Jones!** In fifth grade ...

We have been working on a simulation in History. We are on the Oregon Trail... and a lot, I mean A LOT, of people are dying. I can't believe all these tragedies.

In ELA, we had this awesome book buffet where everyone brought food, books, and all the fun they could bring! It was really fun.

I recommend getting Sour Dudes from the snack cart at break. They are the first candy that is actually sour ... I'm looking at you, "Sour" Patch Kids.

Mrs. Young officially has a new grandchild! Her name is Marigold Praise, and I can almost imagine that cute baby face!

Oh you wanna hear MORE? Well I can't tell you more, but I can tell you that my friend has more to say! Now passing the mic to my friend and well known anchor ... **Ella Claire Smigiel!!!**

5th grade news, live from Ella Claire Smigiel!

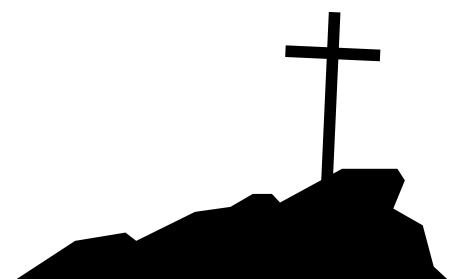
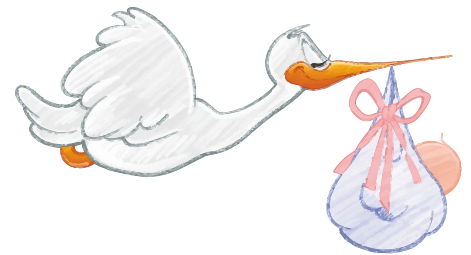
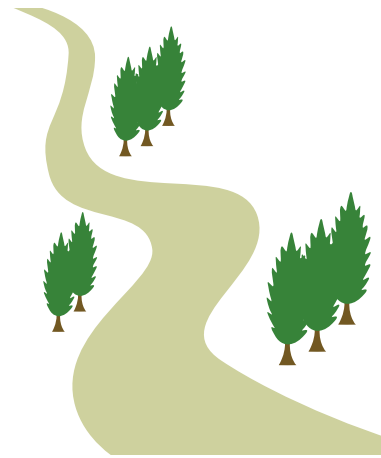
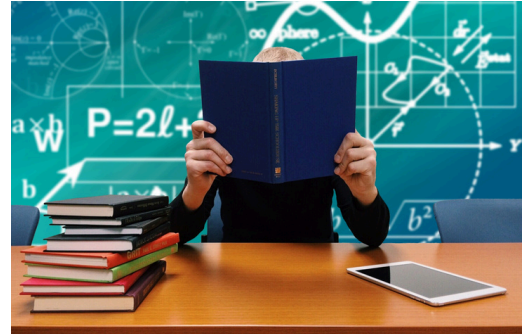
Study Hall is the most relaxing part of the day, and it is a very good time to do some work that you haven't finished working on in class or just regular homework.

And lunch ... guys, let's be real. *We get better lunches than our parents.* So make sure you thank those amazing lunch ladies! They are really sweet and SUPER nice to be cooking and making these gourmet lunches for us!

Don't you just love chapel? I really love chapel because we get to worship God and learn Bible verses!

Well, that's a rap, folks. We hope you enjoyed 5th grade news live from...

Ella Claire Smgiel and Meagan Jasmine Jones!



GRADE LEVEL

NEWS



Poetry

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

"Pumpkin Spice"

Pumpkin, acorns, sugar, and spice.
The autumn weather feels so nice.
Finally released from summer's stare,
The warm and cozy feeling in the air.
The pretty sights are all around;
All the leaves are on the ground.
Shall I describe such a fond taste,
Something too grand to simply replace?
Somewhere I wish to stay,
Please my dearest autumn don't go away.

6th Grade

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

We have just completed the first nine weeks of 6th grade! Here's what we are working on in our classes for the new quarter:

First, in History we are learning about ancient Israel. In Math we are learning how to divide and multiply fractions. We are studying the earth's layers and tectonic plates in Science. Lastly, in ELA we are working on making TAG's for books and combining it with a summary of the book. In a TAG, the "T" stands for the title, the "A" stands for the author, and the "G" stands for the genre of a book. There are a lot of exciting new projects and assignments happening in the 6th grade!



falcon sports column

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

Hello, everybody! The second quarter has just started and sports are revving up.



Ben Lippen Cross Country has been on fire, finishing second in the Pelion Invitational Meet for the boys. If you go into the Ben Lippen gym and look at the posters for state championships, one sport stands out: Cross Country. Ben Lippen Cross Country had a long streak of championship wins years ago, and now the team is on the rise again! The team is a great source of pride for our school.

This year, cross country has a new coach, Coach Courtney Tipping. This year has started well. On October 15, we had the regional championship event and came out on top. We won the regional event by a margin of 20 points. That means we are officially state championship competitors! For more information on all of the exciting cross country wins, click the link below.

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





RECIPE OF THE MONTH



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

Pumpkin Bread

This pumpkin bread recipe tastes amazing! It will warm you up no matter what. There's nothing I love more on a crisp fall day, and so will you!

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoons baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cloves
- ⅛ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 3 large eggs
- 1 15-ounce can pumpkin puree



Directions:

- 1) Go ahead and preheat your oven to 350° and get out 2 bread loaf pans and spray nonstick spray on them.
- 2) Put the flour, sugar, baking soda, salt, baking powder, and spices into a large bowl. Whisk them together until all the ingredients are combined.
- 3) In a different bowl whisk the pumpkin puree, oil, and eggs together. Whisk until all the ingredients are combined. Add the wet ingredients to the flour mixture and fold together.
- 4) Divide batter evenly among the 2 loaf pans. Place in the oven and bake for 45-55 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean when inserted in the middle of the loaf.
- 5) Let cool for 10 minutes, put the loaf on a plate or platter and enjoy!

ANIMAL *Of the* MONTH



Bats

WRITTEN BY ELISE SATCHER (7TH)

- Bats have five fingers!
- Not all bats hibernate!
- The oldest bat known lived to be 41!
- Bats hang upside down because they can't take off from the ground!
- Like cats, bats clean themselves!



*"The baby bat screamed out in fright,
'Turn on the dark, I'm afraid of the light.'"*

- Shel Silverstein

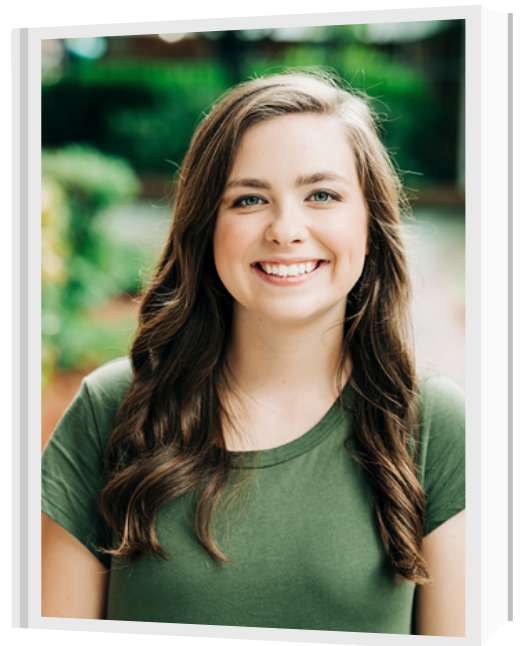
Teacher OF THE Month

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

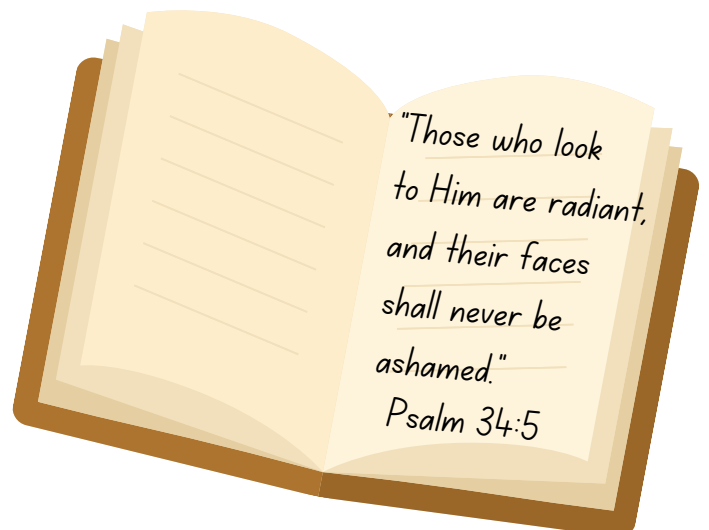
This month's teacher is great! Her students enjoy her class every day. Drum roll, please ...

It's Mrs. Horne! Mrs. Horne does a wonderful job teaching Bible. Here are a few fun facts about her: Her favorite color is lavender. Her favorite football team is the Flying Fleets. She loves to bake!

We are all blessed to have Mrs. Horne at Ben Lippen School.



*Mrs. Mary Horne
6th Grade Bible*



TRENDS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

CREATED BY FAITH FARIS (7TH), PHOEBE AYLESTOCK (6TH), REAGAN YAUCOBIAN (7TH), PARKER BONESTEEL (7TH), ELISE SATCHER (7TH), AND CAROLINE TAYLOR (7TH)

Ben Lippen
Middle School
Trends

Nails

Pumpkin Spice

Starbucks

Hoka

Kendra Scott

Stanley and Owala

Uggs

Sol de Janeiro

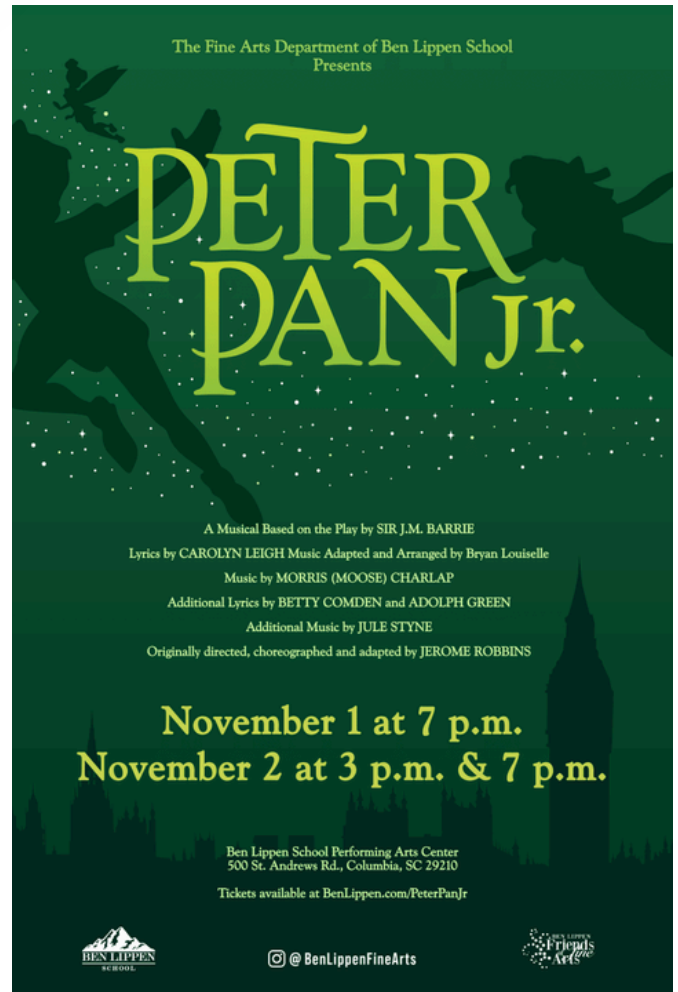
The image is a collage of various items representing middle school trends. At the top, the text 'Ben Lippen Middle School Trends' is centered. Below this, there are several images: a hand with long, light pink manicured nails; an orange mug with 'pumpkin spice' written on it; four Starbucks drinks in different colors (brown, green, pink, brown); a white Hoka sneaker with yellow and blue accents; a gold chain necklace with a small pendant; a tan Owala water bottle and a purple Stanley water bottle; a brown Ugg boot; and two bottles of Sol de Janeiro perfume, one blue and one pink.

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

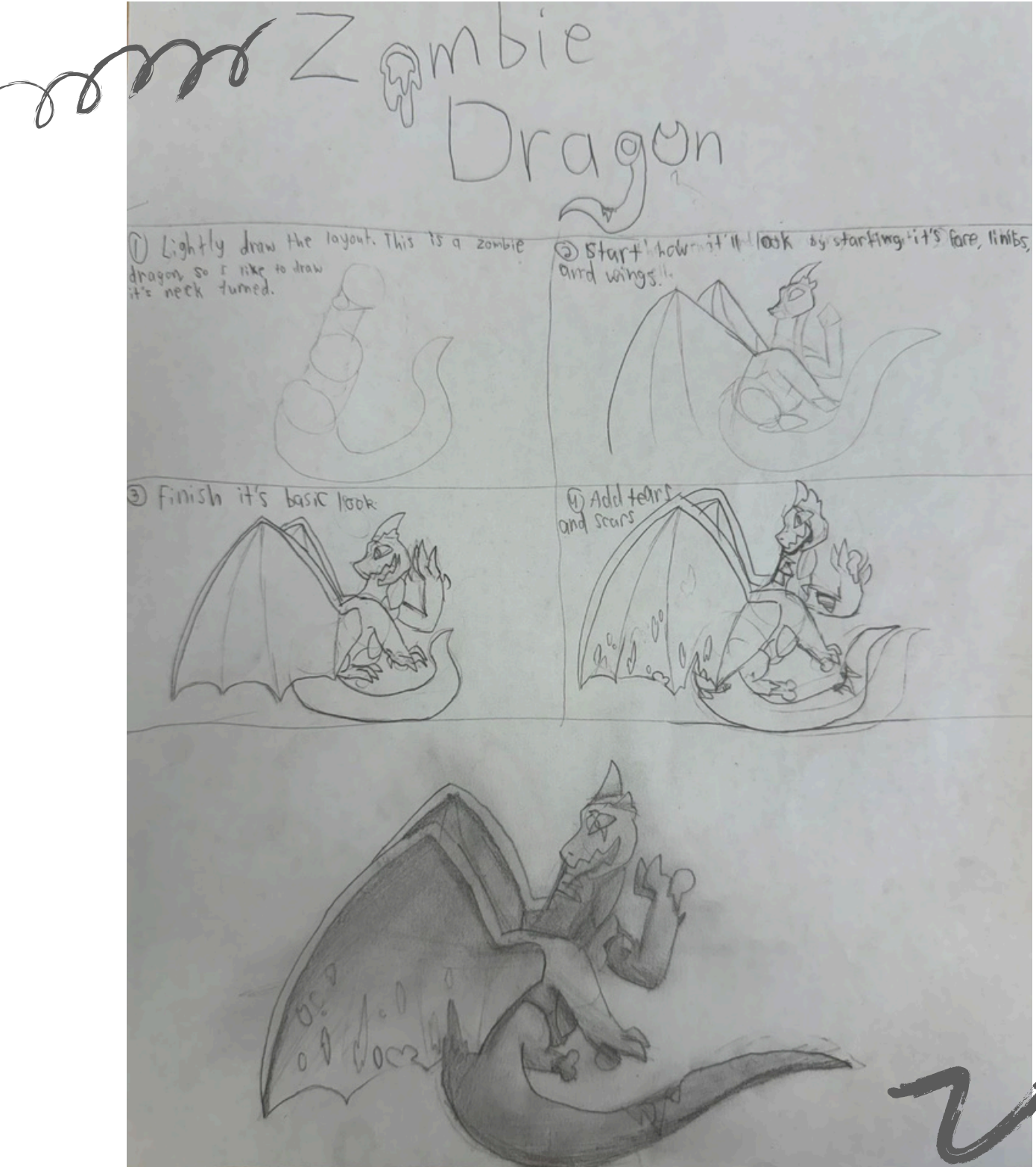
**Tickets go on sale to the community on
Wednesday, October 23, at 9:00 a.m.
at BenLippen.com/PeterPan.**

HOW TO...



CREATED BY:
ALIYAH BENTON (7TH)

Draw!



Did You Know... about Halloween

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

How did Halloween begin? *Halloween began when the Celtics of Samhain would have a celebration where they would make bonfires and put on costumes to scare off ghosts.*

Was there ever a city named Halloween?

Horry County located in Conway made it so that during the month of October, their city would be named "City of Halloween."

How many people don't celebrate Halloween?

It is said 1 out of every 5 adults pretend they are not home during Halloween. That is 20% of all people.

Why is Halloween associated with the colors black and orange?

Halloween traces back to the Celtic festival. During this festival, the colors black and orange were used for when Summer ends and when Winter begins. Black represents the death at the end of summer, and the orange represents new life and harvest at the beginning of Winter.



What's the most enjoyed Halloween candy?

Reese's Cups!

How long has trick-or-treating been around?

People have been trick-or-treating since Medieval times.

What was the fastest ever pumpkin carving? *The fastest ever pumpkin carving took 16.47 seconds. That's pretty fast! You try carving a pumpkin this fast!*

How many pumpkins has anyone ever displayed? *This record is held by Kenne from New Hampshire who had 30,581 pumpkins on display! Wow, that's a lot of pumpkins.*

FUN FACT: Candy Corn used to be called chicken feed.



DIY by Doodle

**WRITTEN BY:
HARPER ROBINSON (5TH)**

Hi, my name is Harper! I love DIY crafts and would love to share some with you. The reason I refer to myself as "Doodle" is because my parents call me that. Since it's spooky season, I decided to show you how to make an Everything-Me Trick-or-Treat Bucket.

Supplies Needed:

- Plastic trick-or-treat bucket of any color
- white paint
- paint brush
- your favorite color paint
- your favorite stickers/foam stickers

Steps:

1. Get the trick-or-treat bucket and coat it in white paint with your paint brush (do 2 coats if needed).
2. Put a coat of your favorite color paint over it (again, another coat if needed).
3. Put the stickers on.
4. Paint your name in the white.



That is how you make an Everything-Me treat bucket. I will be doing another DIY project next month. Happy Halloween!

"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!!!

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" is found in Philippians 4:13. We recommend this verse that teaches us that we can do hard things, because God is always with us!

God makes us feel strong and confident, so we can do hard things. God will help you even when you feel helpless.

This is also a great verse because it says that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us ... But what does that mean? It means that doing things in his power pleases him.

Ask yourself: Am I acting in Christ's power? Does this make God happy? Am I glorifying God while doing this? God will help you and work through you if you want him to! Jesus gives us the power to pick the right path!

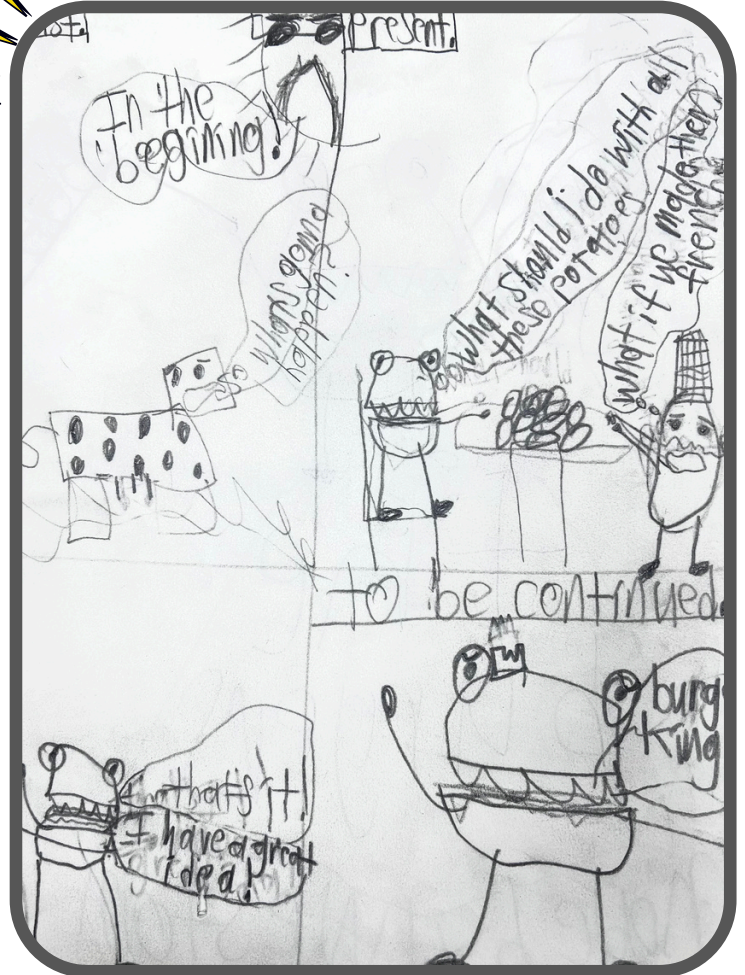
COMICS!



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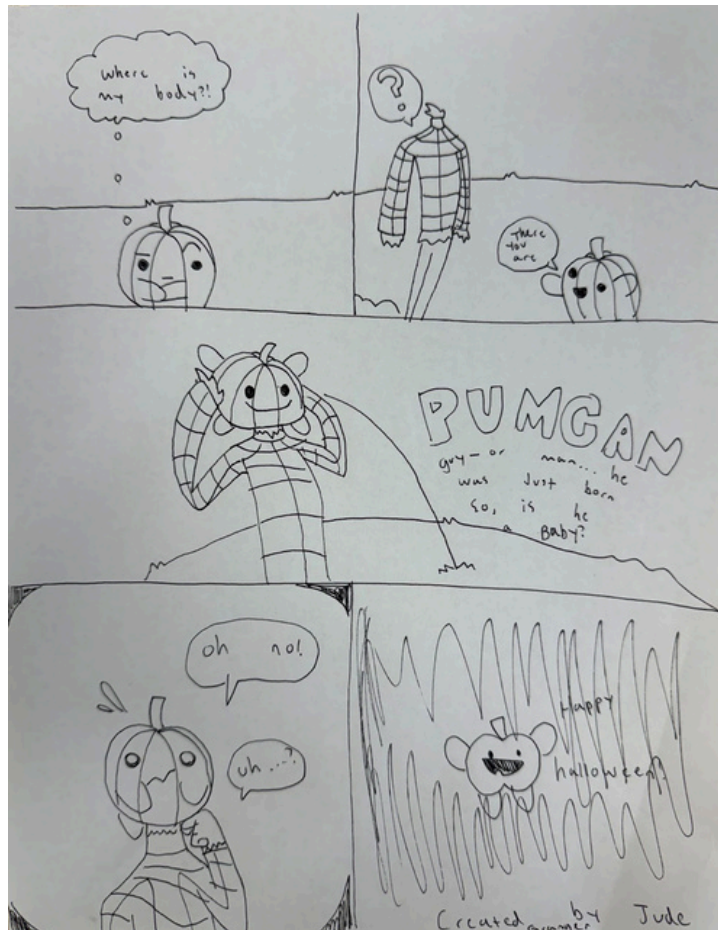
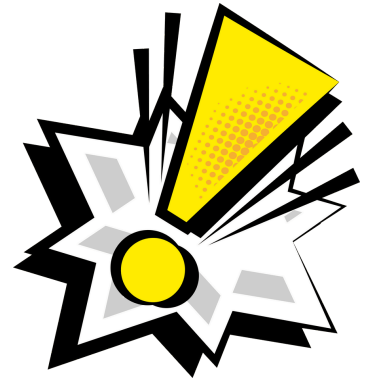


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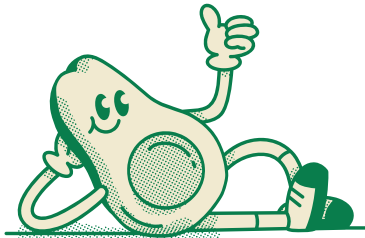
RANDOM FACTS, FOR FALCONS!

CREATED BY:
ISAAC GAY (6TH)



McDonald's once made
bubblegum-flavored
broccoli.

Finland has more
saunas than cars.

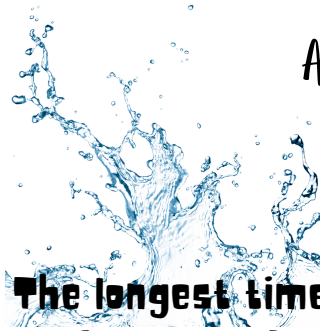


Avocados are actually fruits,
not vegetables.



It is impossible for most people
to lick their own elbow.

A shrimp's heart is in its head.



The longest time someone has spent
holding their breath underwater is 24
minutes and 37 seconds.

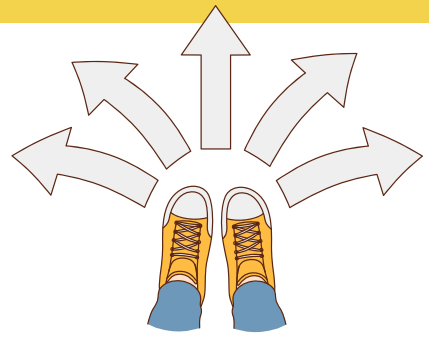
It's illegal to only own one
guinea pig in Switzerland.



A crocodile cannot stick
its tongue out.

Advice Column

WRITTEN BY: KATY NOONAN (7TH)



After students settle into the routine of school, they tend to start feeling comfortable with making poor choices. They might pressure you to do the same ... but you don't have to give in! There are a number of things you can do instead.

One of them is prayer. Whenever you are in trouble, you can ask God to help you because he is omnipotent and he can do anything.

Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Another thing you can do is tell them "no." If

someone is pressuring you to do something, you can just say "no." Then you can walk away. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore,

if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is

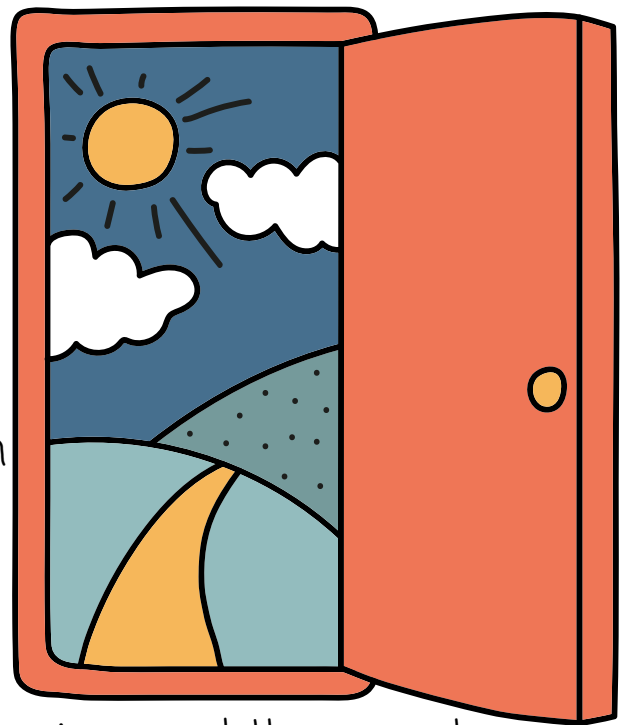
here!" You will never find your identity horizontally. We get our identity

vertically. I am not something because of what I do. I am something because

I am in Christ. You can also meditate on Bible verses like Matthew 7:7-11 - "Ask,

and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be

opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."



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