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Y2Y Butts Out Smoking With Contest



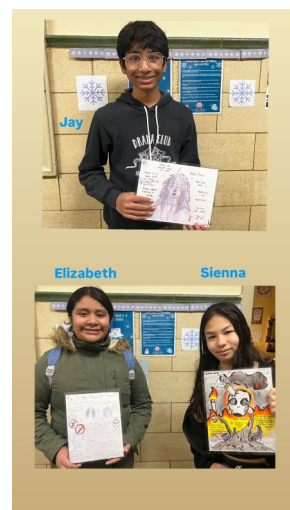
By Giuliana DiMartino
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Ms. Casey and the Y2Y (Youth 2 Youth) Club had an art contest for the Great American Smoke out!

The Great American Smoke Out is held the third Thursday in the month of November. Before Thanksgiving break, Ms. Casey had a table in the cafeteria to learn more about the Great American Smoke Out. The table had a lot of students who were interested. Fun fact: the Great American Smoke out is not a BBQ.

Submissions required students to be creative, engaging, and show knowledge on dangers and risks of vaping and/or smoking. Entries were due to Ms. Casey before the Thanksgiving break. The winners were announced on Thursday December 5th and each received a \$15 dollar gift card to Bobo's here in Somers! Students drew very creative and colorful pictures for the contest.

The winners of the art contest were Jay Saha, Elizabeth Alonzo Javier and Sienna Cheung! Congratulations. Everyone who submitted a picture did amazing. I wonder what's next for Ms. Casey and the Y2Y (Youth 2 Youth) Club.



Fun Facts About Candy Canes!



By Ashley Hobby
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Do you like the peppermint taste of candy canes? It's a very good treat. And it's also very common. But there are also a lot of different flavored candy canes now. Jolly Rancher candy canes are a good example.

There are over 100 different flavors of candy canes. But peppermint candy canes are a classical favorite. And they have a very long history, too.

A traditional candy cane is a hard candy with a peppermint flavor. It's common to see them during the Christmas season. Candy canes are primarily made with white sugar.

Other ingredients include water, corn syrup, extracts for flavoring, and of course, food coloring for the white and red stripes. Peppermint candy canes were originally made 350 years ago.

The first documented use of candy canes was in 1847. In 2011, the world's largest candy cane was made, standing at 63 feet tall. The average size of a candy cane is five inches, weighing roughly half an ounce and only has 50 calories. You can also bake with candy canes! You can crush them on top of brown-

ies. Another example is candy cane fudge.

I hope you enjoyed reading about candy canes. Happy Holidays!!!



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An impressive display of creativity in the first floor hallway around the corner from the Art Classrooms . .

Blue . . . The Poem



By Olivia Pelhank
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If you read my last story, You would know, I used to like pink, But now it's my foe.

Blue is the best color, To ever be made, Forget about yellow, There should be blue lemonade!

There is blue in some flowers, And blue in the sky, Whenever I see it, I go my oh my!

That's why there are blueberries, And not pink berries, Oh, I love blue, And all the beauty it carries!

So please let me know, Your opinion of blue,

But if you don't like it, I don't know you.

'Cuz blue is the best, No matter what you say, Blue is the prettiest sight, To see each day.

'Cuz I love blue, And I can't stress that enough, If I say I don't love blue, That would be a bluff.

If you don't like blue, Then you are very mean, But I think I am starting, To really like... **green!**



The Mysteries of Space And Beyond



By Alice Orzechowski
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Have you ever wondered about how many stars the universe holds? Or have you ever looked up into the starry night sky and wondered, "how did all of these shiny white dots in the sky appear?" Well, in this article, you will learn all about the mysteries of stars, and thye mysteries of space!

How Stars Are Formed

Stars are formed from nebulae, which are big clouds of dust and gas. It takes around a million years for a star to form, because, according to *American Museum of Natural History*, "almost every ion in the gas would need to find an electron to neutralize it before the gas could decouple from the magnetic field and collapse."



The dust and gas will then start to clump together because of gravity. As more of it starts to clump together, gravity gets stronger, and it starts to get hot and become a pro-

to star. As the protostar forms, mass continues to come together until the core becomes hot and dense enough to initiate nuclear fusion.

At this point, it transitions into a main sequence star, which is a star that is currently fusing hydrogen into helium in its core. After, it will start to expand.

To Infinity and Beyond!

What is beyond space? Is there a fence? A gate, keeping us locked in our universe? Well, many scientists believe that space is never ending, like the digit PI! If it really had an end, though, one couldn't even go outside of it, as it would curve back into itself. Our technology is limited, and scientists do not know for sure, so for now, it is up to your imagination!

Fun Facts:

- The color of stars depends on how hot or cold it is, with blue being the hottest, and brown being the coolest
- The biggest stars could swallow Saturn
- Stars shine brighter when they have more energy
- The bigger a star is, the shorter its lifespan is
- The human eye can see around 2,000–2,500 stars at a time
- Our sun is a dwarf star