

# Redmen Reporter

Masthead design by Jaylin James

## Scholastic Book Fair By Geovanni Valenti

On November 12th, 13th, and 14th, East Islip Middle School had a Scholastic book fair hosted by the PTA in room 127. Students were brought to the book fair during their English period.

The book fair had a wide variety of books, posters and school supplies available for purchase. Students had around 20 minutes to browse the books, posters and supplies such as pens, highlighters, erasers and markers.

The PTA reports a profit of \$1,400. The funds will be used for school events for all students.

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## Election 2024

By Jaylin James

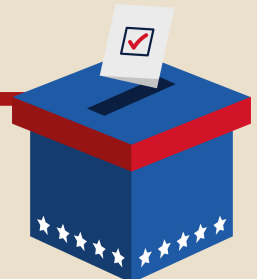
On November 4, 2024 the anticipated election finally arrived. Democratic candidate Kamala Harris and Republican candidate Donald Trump faced off in this thrilling presidential election.

Election results in the US are determined by the electoral college where a group of 538 people called electors vote for a presidential and vice-presidential candidate. Electors for each state are appointed by each political party. In most states, the candidate with the highest amount of popular votes will win the electoral votes for that state. The electoral college system began in 1787 back when the country was new and has remained in place until present day.

Both parties were eager to see who would win. Many people used social media to post about and follow their favorite candidates. The election season began with polls showing both candidates neck and neck.

In presidential elections, a candidate needs at least 270 electoral votes to win. Trump beat Harris at the last minute, winning 312 votes compared to Harris who won 226 votes.

In my personal opinion, this election was the most entertaining thing to watch. That's it for now folks from your local school newspaper.



## Interview with Mr. Lavey

By Eleanor McRedmond, Alexa Leek, and Katherine Li

Mr. Lavey is one of three Physical Education teachers here at East Islip Middle School. Now teaching the sixth grade, we decided to interview him. Here are the things we documented.

- Why did you decide to become a physical education teacher?

“I decided to become a physical education teacher because I love sports and I like teaching. Together they make the perfect combo!”

- Which warmup is your favorite?

“5-minute run” says Mr. Lavey. He further explains he likes seeing kids improve daily.

- What is your favorite sport to teach?

“I like every sport because kids like all different varieties of sports.”

- Are all gym teachers sarcastic?

“I don’t get it?” (He’s being sarcastic.)

- When did you start teaching?

“I started teaching in 2002 at RCK Elementary School. Then I moved to East Islip HS in 2003 and stayed there until 2023 when I came to the middle school.”

- What do you like to do in your free time?

“I like to fish with my three sons.”

- Do you like Stanleys or Owalas better?

“I was a Stanley fan, but ‘Koalas’ (Owalas) are starting to grow on me.”

- What's your favorite sports team

“The East Islip Redmen!” Mr. Lavey exclaimed.

- What do you want for Christmas?

“I want for ‘Chrismo’ (Christmas) a bicycle or fishing gear.”

- Why do you carry around a lacrosse stick?

“Because I coach Lacrosse.”

- What job would you do if you weren't a gym teacher?

“I would have been a professional football player.”

- What instrument did you used to play?

“I played the sax - alto saxophone.”

We learned some cool facts about Mr. Lavey. Maybe you even have some things in common with him. The next time you see him, just remind yourself of all the cool facts you learned! And make sure to check out the Lavey League website. (Wait...is there really a website?)



*Photo by Julia Caviedes*

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## Christmas Time

By Jaylin James

Christmas is coming to town. Decorations and lights seem to appear in almost every house you look at. So, let's talk about some fun facts and events that happened on this magical holiday.

### #1 Name Change?

Before Christmas was established, a German winter solstice festival called Yule was celebrated (originating from a Norse festival). Yule is celebrated on December 21st during the winter solstice. Some traditions of the German people during this time was for the children to haul a special log inside to ignite the flame in their fireplace. One very popular Christmas dessert called the Yule Log Cake came from this holiday. Some people today still try to keep the traditions of Yule by burning a log at night and stay awake to observe the cycle change.

### #2 Jolly Old St. Nick

Did you know Santa's jolly red look was derived from the advertising of a certain soda brand? That's right - Coca Cola helped influence the jolly old dude we see today. In the early 1900's, he didn't really have a standard look and was depicted as more of a stern guy. Illustrator Haddon Sundblom drew him in an ad as a happy, plump old man.

### # 3 Santa's Writing Service

Many letters are sent through the post office every December to one guy...Santa Claus. In Canada, some of the postal workers started to write back to the kids. As the program blew up, they set up a special postal code for jolly old St. Nick.

That's all I have. Have a splendid holiday break.



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## The Truth of the Megalodon

By Darian Primiano

With all of the changes that earth has gone through including ice ages, meteor showers, and mountain range shifts, there are sharks and fish that still roam the great depths of the ocean. Going back in time to about 23 million years ago, the megalodon is considered a myth to a lot of people. Scientists have found fossil evidence to prove that the megalodon was a real living and breathing creature.

Scientists and excavators have found megalodon fossil remains in shallow, tropical, and temperate seas along coastlines all over the world, except Antarctica. Their weight was equal to the weight of around 30 great white sharks. The huge shark roamed the earth for about 23 to 3 million years ago. The *only* animal to outweigh the *massive megalodon* is the blue whale (200 tons), almost doubling the weight of the megalodon.

The megalodon was the top carnivore. Its diet was baleen whales, toothed whales, sirenians, and seals. This is the truth about the deep-sea creature 'The Megalodon'.



# Banana Bread Recipe

## By Zoey St. John

Serves:10

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3 bananas, crushed
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon vanilla (optional)
- Preferred amount of sliced almonds(optional)



### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350° F
2. Mix together butter and sugar.
3. Add eggs and crushed bananas.
4. Combine well.
5. Sift together flour, baking soda and salt.
6. Add to banana mixture.
7. Add vanilla (optional).
8. Mix until fully combined. Do not overmix.
9. Pour into greased loaf pan.
10. Add sliced almonds on top (optional).
11. Bake at 350°F for 55 minutes.
12. Let cool down.



**Photos by Zoey St. John**

### *Review*

Making this was a truly enjoyable experience for my family and I. Such a simple dish can create memories to cherish forever. The banana bread was perfectly moist and absolutely delicious! I recommend adding something extra like walnuts or almonds. I am genuinely grateful for being able to share this recipe to whomever reads this.

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## School Store Winter Makeover

By Eleanor McRedmond and Julia Caviedes

Are you thinking about giving a gift to your friends for the holidays? What about relatives? Is there an uncle or aunt that you know deserves presents? If you do, then today is your day! The Spotlight School Store is back and is looking better than ever. It just got a makeover! The gifts are of great quality to give to special people at spectacular prices.

The store has a bunch of new cute winter items, like cute squishy pens and candy cane pens. If you want small fuzzy snowball plushies, you're in luck. If you want a 3-foot inflatable candy cane for decorating, they are there. If you want cute snowmen, then have those too.

So, break open your piggy banks! Bring some money and stop by the school store during your lunch period or at the end of the day!

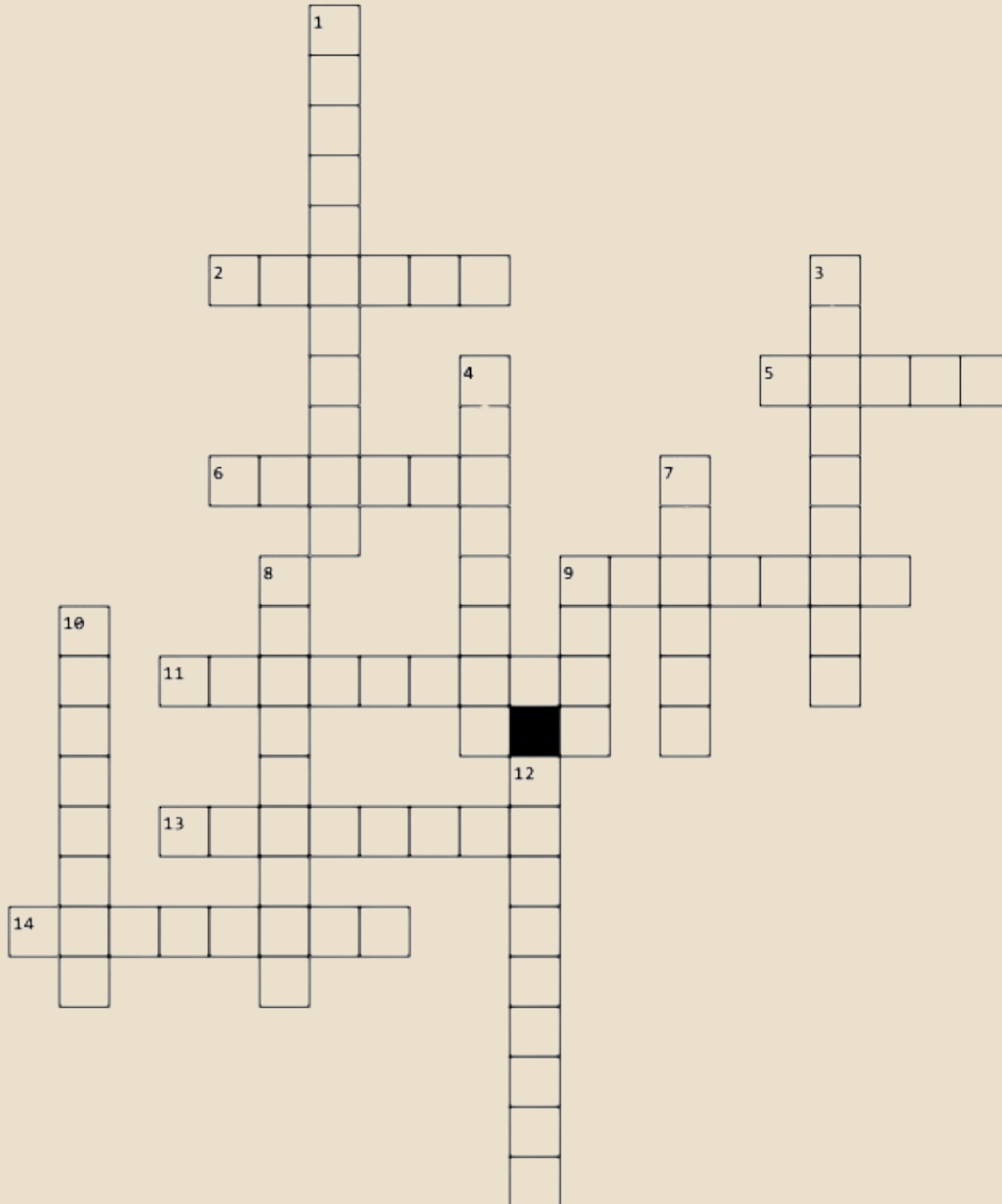
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# Word Search

## By Aaliyah Hardy

Answers are on page 13



### Across

2. coldest season
5. finish the lyrics "tis the season to be \_\_\_\_\_"
6. a good movie to watch during winter
9. you make it in the snow
11. what keeps you warm inside
13. a good drink when its cold
14. a natural disaster during winter

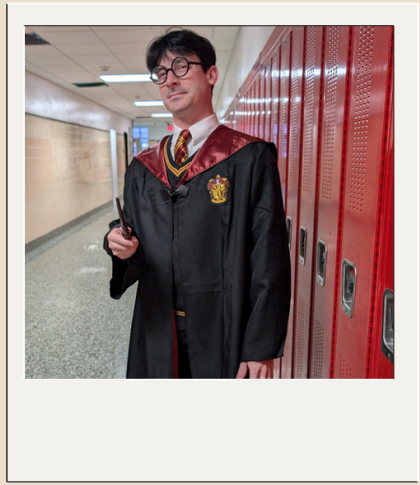
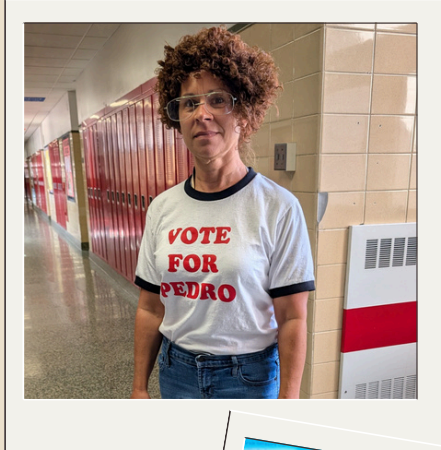
### Down

1. animals do this during winter
3. what falls down when its cold
4. a holiday that lasts 8 nights
7. what you wear to keep your hands warm
8. holiday during winter
9. people use this on hills
10. the thing you use to fight outside in winter
12. peppermint treat for holidays

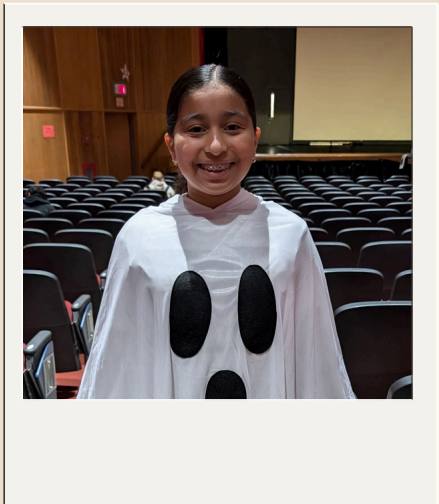
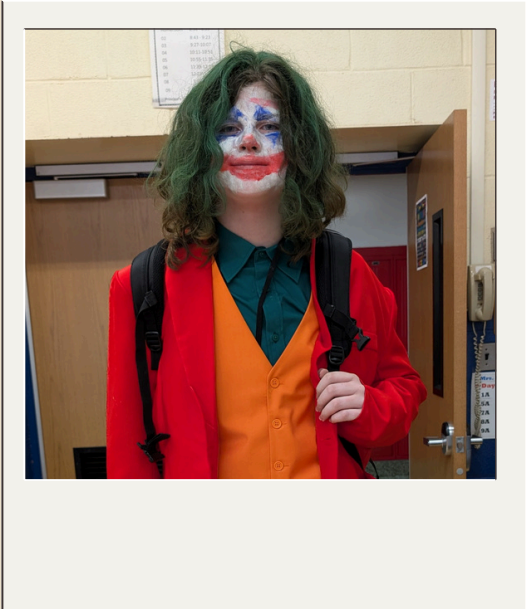
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# Halloween at EIMS

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Mrs. Krawchuk's CORE Class with their holiday cart of goodies  
*Photos by Mrs. Krawchuk*



## DANDY'S WORLD TWISTED GUIDE

By Anthony Mormile and Elena Aurrecoechea

Dandy's World on Roblox has a large number of characters which are known as toons. Every single toon in the game has something called a twisted form. You must progress through the round by completing floors. To do this, you have to extract machines and survive the twisteds. There are 23 playable toons and 5 of them are main characters. These main characters are harder to find, as they are less likely to encounter and are harder to survive.

**1) TWISTED ASTRO** - Twisted Astro is the most common twisted to encounter during a round. When you get Astro, you will hear tiny footsteps. This means you have gotten Twisted Astro on your floor. When you mess up a machine with Twisted Astro on your floor, he will run towards the machine and drink 50% of the Ichor completed inside of the machine. Twisted Astro makes you Tired when he spots you. It makes your stamina regeneration really slow.



**2) TWISTED SPROUT** - Twisted Sprout is another one of the main characters. His twisted is the second most common twisted main. You can hear his footsteps, they sound kind of like when you are stepping on leaves. He makes gagging noises like he's choking on the ichor in his mouth. Ichor is the black stuff that "infects" the toons and turns them into twisteds. When he spots you, he shoots a puddle of ichor on the ground near you and a giant tentacle appears in that puddle. If you try to walk in the puddle, the tentacle will hit you and then you will lose a heart.



**3) TWISTED SHELLY** - Twisted Shelly is a main twisted that is pretty fast. You can hear her footsteps only when she is nearby. She appears a lot less than Twisted Sprout and Twisted Astro. You can hear her growling when she's on your floor. Shelly has a giant dinosaur tail because of her obsession with dinosaurs. You will know when she's on your floor because the word "Confused" will appear above your head. She's a very cool twisted but it's not that easy to survive her unless you're fast.



**4) TWISTED PEBBLE** - Twisted Pebble is the fastest main twisted out of all of them.

You can hear his footsteps when he's nearby. His footsteps sound like giant rocks hitting the ground. Twisted Pebble makes growling noises because he is a dog. His "ears" are actually his legs on his head. When he spots you, he will bark and start chasing you while making loud growling noises. He has a big sight range, which is really good because he can see you from far away. Toons with low stealth and bad speed have very low chances of surviving Twisted Pebble.

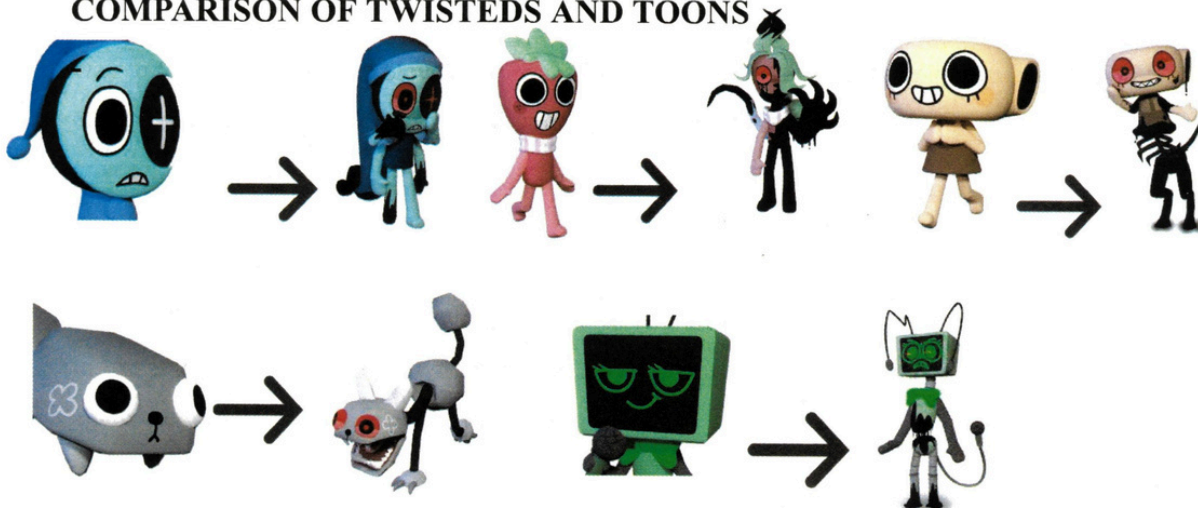


**5) TWISTED VEE** - Twisted Vee is the hardest main to encounter.

She is a TV that has been "infected" by Ichor. You can tell when she's on your floor from many different things. Before the elevator opens, you can hear her robotic footsteps. If you have memorized all the mains footsteps, you can easily tell that Twisted Vee is on your floor. Another way to tell is that once the elevator opens, advertisements pop up on your screen and you have to close them because they cover half of your screen. Sometimes the advertisements pop up while you're extracting a machine, which increases the chance of messing up the machine. No matter how far the machine is from Twisted Vee, she will run to it if you mess it up (this goes for all twisted mains.) When Twisted Vee sees you, she makes you move slower and it's hard to run away from her. The slowness will go away eventually but it appears again the longer Twisted Vee is chasing you.



**COMPARISON OF TWISTEDS AND TOONS**



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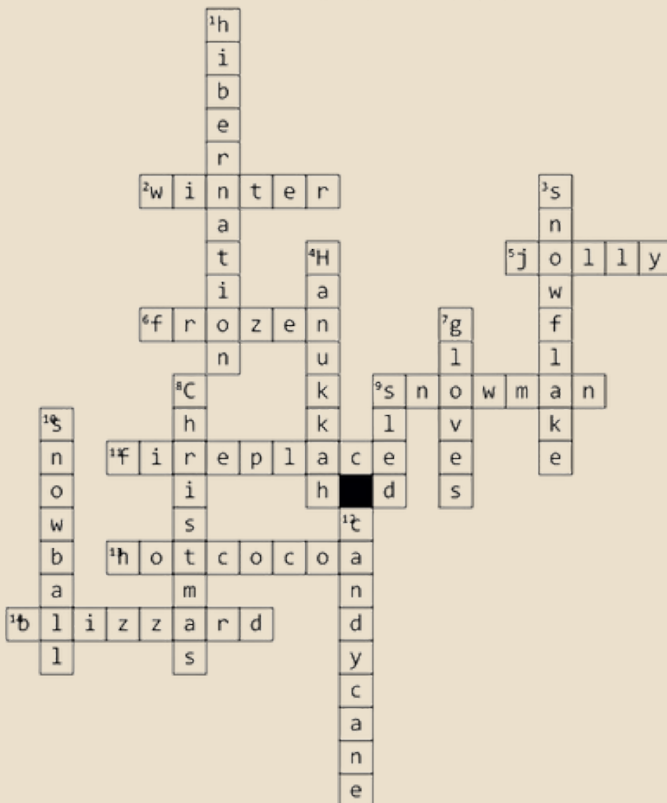
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## Answers to crossword puzzle on page 6

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