

Talking Trash About Trash

By Maggie Lynch

When you look outside in the spring, you probably see green grass, chirping birds, and towering trees. It looks really beautiful. Now, look a little closer. You can probably see litter like a plastic bag or a soda can somewhere. It is sad how common these things are.

What can we do about this, you ask? We can stop consuming so much. You have definitely heard "Save the Turtles!" or "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle." The thing is, if we don't stop and listen to the people who say these things, **we can trash our future.**

So, stop and think before you throw out trash. Just by recycling, you can save our climate!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

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Spring Words
By Grace Shymansky

Spring Poetry By Gracie Cook

The spring will come along
All bright and sweet and strong
And laugh and sing a tender song
The spring will come along



The winter will retreat
Escape on quickened feet
As people wish for love and heat
The winter will retreat

The joy will gladly show
Seeing the melting snow
When spring arrives an
The joy will gladly show



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Z O S Y G I V C N R Z X X A P H I W A
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L A S R Z W K E F J E N M E D G Y C W
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S R E W O L F B H E W Y D P A T B S B
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H E K A B X R H V X D B C B U N N Y B
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April
Snow
Flowers
Bunny

May
Melt
Rain
March
Sun

Easter
Baby Animals
Spring
Rainbow



By Kennedy Boss & Alex Buffum

2025's Super Bowl took place on February 9th in New Orleans, at 6:30 P.M. when the Philadelphia Eagles took on the Kansas City Chiefs. The Chiefs tried to be the first team to ever win three Super Bowls in a row, but they terribly failed. The Eagles destroyed the Chiefs, 40-22. Jalen Hurts won Super Bowl MVP because he had many incredible passes that scored touchdowns, and he had 72 rushing yards. Also, the Eagles defense was playing outstanding with a total of 6 sacks. The outcome of the super bowl was not as expected: 40-22 does not indicate that the game was close. For those who watched the game, you know that the Eagles had control all game from start to finish. Patrick Mahomes played a pretty big part in the Chiefs loss for once.

Unscramble
the words

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Book Banning: Is it Fair? By Serena Bostwick

Book banning has become more common in the U.S. in recent years. Schools and states have banned books for various reasons, including the books having content deemed inappropriate or too sensitive for younger readers. This has spawned a lot of controversy, as some people argue that kids will be exposed to these things anyway and suppressing ideas is not the answer. I interviewed Mrs. Scott, our school librarian, about book banning in general.

When asked about her thoughts on restricting access to books in school libraries, Ms. Scott replied that restricting access to books negatively affects kids curiosity and love for reading. "Middle schoolers can't drive to libraries like high schoolers, and their parents might not be able to take them, so often school libraries are children's main source of reading," she said. The librarian added that banning books because of ideas in them is not fair to kids, and that it does not reflect well on us as a society.

Our media center has a Collection Development Policy, which essentially means we buy popular books that are age appropriate. However, banning books has become much easier recent years, and more books are being challenged today than ever before by parents concerned about their children.

So what do you think? Should counties and parents be able to remove books from school libraries?



Who do you think? JJ or Rafe?

By Adrianna De Sa

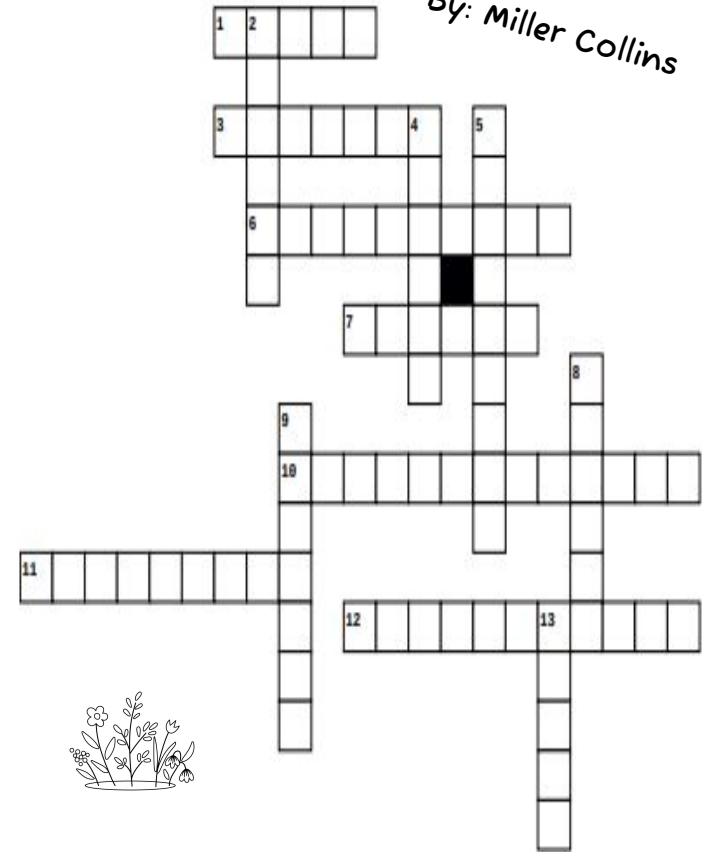
Have you ever watched *Outer Banks*? Then you know both JJ and Rafe. Well, people have been starting to argue who you think is "finer": Rafe, the baddie, or JJ, the sweetheart? Rafe has betrayed the group multiple times, while JJ would do anything for them. In a different perspective, JJ is impulsive, while Rafe is smarter with his moves and you know what he is going to do next.

So, who do you think is finer, JJ or Rafe?



Spring Crossword

By: Miller Collins



Across

- _____ showers bring May flowers
- These blossom during spring
- You may hunt for these on Easter
- The day of the week Easter is on each year
- April 1st (hahaha!)
- An insect that goes through metamorphosis
- You are off school for a week during this time

Down

- A common trigger for allergies
- The season of the "rebirth of nature"
- The birds fly back north
- Christian holiday that is observed in spring
- A winged animal with spots (usually red)
- Easter _____ (Magical animal)

