

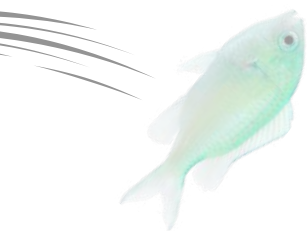
The BULLDOG BARK



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Your Middle School News Unleashed!

Spring 2025



Our High School Musical

Zoey Fried
Team 8 Barker

Get the inside scoop behind one of Northern Lehigh's newest shows to the Little Theatre!

On March 13th to March 16th, the NLHS Little Theatre presented its 2025 musical production of *Big Fish*. This musical features many aspects of theater, including dance, vocals, and even tap. *Big Fish* is mainly about a man (Edward Bloom) who tells stories about his life. When he does this, his son (Will) is the one who seeks the truth and facts. It is up to him to figure out which parts of his father's tales are true and which are fantasy. This musical takes you through many of Edward Bloom's wildest adventures, such as seeing his fate, meeting a giant, experiencing the wonders of the Calloway Circus, and much more.

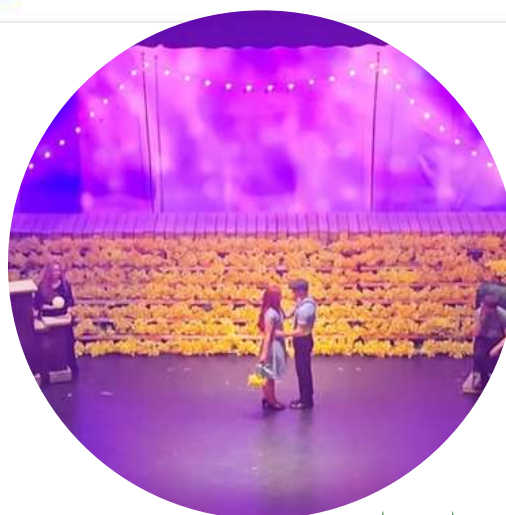
As many of you may not know, most of the theatre's cast graduated last year (2024). After an astonishing number of newcomers and rookies joined, it was their time to shine in their first Little Theatre production on stage. All of your support and attendance definitely put at least one smile on a cast or crew member's face. Thank you for coming to our performances! Let's hope for a good outcome for the 2025 Freddy Awards which is Thursday, May 22nd!



Northern Lehigh High School: Big Fish: School Edition

2025 FREDDY Awards participating high school | Watch the Freddy Awards
Thursday, May 22nd LIVE from the State Theatre in Easton, PA
WFMZ-TV, WFMZ.com and WFMZ+.

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Reagan Bellesfield
Team 7 Barker



Everyone is talking about Jellycats, but why? It could be the fact that it's a stuffed animal with a cute face, but they were actually made for a sense of security and peace without even realizing it, and it's also an emotional balancer for people with anxiety.

Jellycats are plush toys that have risen in popularity in recent years thanks to their oh- so-soft fabric and whimsical product lines, from holiday-themed stuffed animals to sports-related ones.

Many people collect Jellycats due to their cute aesthetic and luxurious feel, which is the exact reason why so many people love them. They're so soft that they beg to be snuggled, and they offer a comforting sensory experience.

The craze began during the pandemic, as Generation Z sought happiness and comfort in the plushies during global upheaval. Jellycat, a British toy company, has enjoyed a rise in popularity as enthusiasts became addicted to collecting the plushies.

Jellycats are made for anyone, any age because it's a great sensory and comfort toy for children, but at the same time bring adults back to their childhood.

Jelly cats are turning into the new squishmallows. Remember the squishmallow craze during the pandemic? Jelly cats were there, too. Everyone was so focused on the squishmallows, that jelly cats started going downhill. During the end of 2024/ beginning of 2025, Jelly Cats made their comeback!

Jellycat toys aren't like typical stuffed animals—they're creative, innovative, and full of personality, which has made them a hit with kids and adults.

Jellycats are considered expensive primarily due to their high-quality materials, meticulous design process, unique characterful designs, and reputation for exceptional softness, which is seen as an investment in a long-lasting, hugable plush toy, rather than just a standard stuffed animal; essentially, you're paying for the quality and craftsmanship behind each Jellycat.

Jelly cat soft toys are made from premium materials, usually ensuring great durability. The appeal of Jelly Cat is its versatility, providing soft toy companions for children and thoughtful gifts for adults too.



New Assistant Principal Interview

Reagan Bellesfield

Team 7 Barker

I interviewed the new assistant principal, Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams is the current assistant principal for both Northern Lehigh Middle School and Northern Lehigh High School. Before the interview starts, I just want to say: although we miss Mr. Strohl, we are still extremely happy to have Mr. Williams at our school!



Q: What inspired you to do this job?

A: "I wanted to get into education first because I always wanted to work with kids and loved teaching. I felt like I had a big impact on the students I taught. Through the course of my career, I knew I wanted to take on leadership roles and have a positive impact on students in a different way, and that led me to become an administrator."

Q: How do you feel about the new students you have?

A: "I love our students here. Our students are kind, respectful, and I've seen them really be willing to work hard. Even when I'm dealing with negative situations, our students have been receptive to asking for advice and moving forward. It's been a great experience getting to know our students here at Northern Lehigh."

Q: How long have you been working in the school setting?

A: "This is my 18th year in education. My first 11 years I taught high school Bio and Chem in the Lehighton School District. My first job as a principal was in the Stroudsburg School District, and now I'm very happy to continue my role at Northern Lehigh!"



MH370

THE FLIGHT THAT DISAPPEARED

By *Sylis Rivera*

Viewer discretion is advised.

Honorary Team "6" Barker

On March 8th, 2014, 12:41 a.m, Malaysian Airlines flight MH370 took off from Kuala Lumpur, and was on route to Beijing, China. But a little after 1:00, is when things take a turn. At about 1:20 in the morning, the plane disappeared from radar and vanished into the night. A little after last contact, this information went out into the public. This disappearance shocked not just Beijing, China, but the entire world. This plane has not been found for over a decade, with 300 people mysteriously vanishing off the face of the Earth with this Boeing 777. Many theories speculate the pilot committed mass murder suicide, aliens abducting the plane, or a terrorist attack. But these theories are still being asked, this mystery has not been solved, such as the route of where the plane actually went. This is one of the greatest unsolved mysteries in aviation history. The plane was a Boeing 777, and Boeing, the aviation company, has had many failures with their planes in the past. But a plane can't just crash 40 minutes after their departure, and it can't vanish out of thin air. Some people said that the plane had mechanical failures, and losing tracking with Malaysian Airlines could be one of the first things that could happen before crashing. But there is a catch. This plane disappeared at 1:20 on the dot, and was about to be handed on to the next set of air-traffic controllers in Vietnam. But right as they were on the edge of doing that, it went missing.

The last words on the flight were from the pilot, Zaharie Ahmed Shah, which said: "Uh, Goodnight Malaysian Airlines 370.". Over a minute later, the plane would lose contact. This led to people making speculations, and people were losing their minds because they have lost their loved ones, and yet in the most tragic way possible. And one thing, almost 300 people cannot go missing and/or die on the basis of mathematics alone. Parts of Beijing, China started a riot on Malaysia, and Malaysian Airlines as well. It soon ended, but with people pointing towards the pilot, Zaharie Ahmed Shah, and he was the main pilot on MH370, and after the police raided his property to find any possible evidence, all they found was this flight machine, that law enforcement could figure out the route of the plane on this suspicious machine. This machine was featured in a YouTube video that the pilot created, but even after looking at the machine, police never found anything about the plane's route. But Zaharie's family said that he didn't show any signs of suicidal thoughts, but one person who was in charge of the flight saw Zaharie a little depressed before the flight. But either way, with as much evidence, the flight's appearance is still a mystery to this day.

AI: Harmful or Helpful?

By: Lauren Gad
Honorary Team 6 Barker

Harmful

While AI is a useful and powerful resource, it has its downsides. First off, it can write essays, create art pieces, solve equations, etc. This can be seen as helpful, but students can abuse this feature and use it to do assignments without doing any actual work. Next, it can spread misinformation. It can create fake videos to lead to rumors. The effects of these falsehoods can have effects ranging from minor to major. Finally, AI is rapidly taking over people's jobs, and increasing unemployment rates. For example, some companies that require graphic designers are replacing their artists with AI since it can do the job faster and they don't need to be paid to do it. This can cause laziness, since AI gets things from online in a flash. Moreover, the ethical implications of AI's decision-making processes can lead to biased outcomes if not carefully managed.

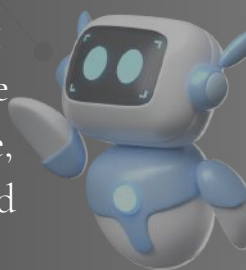


Helpful

AI can also have a better use. First of all, it can create inspiration for things such as science projects. This helps with creativity, endurance, and smarts. Next, it can have good uses; such as a monster in a horror game's path, or the movement code for the game itself. AI sources such as Copilot or ChatGPT can help with all sorts of coding for programmers. The effects of these kinds can be very assistive with game creators. Additionally, AI can enhance educational experiences by providing personalized learning paths and adapting to the individual needs of each student.



In summary, while AI has some problems, like being used incorrectly and causing job loss, it also brings lots of exciting possibilities. By using AI wisely, we can take advantage of its benefits while avoiding its downsides. It's important for everyone, from teachers to tech experts, to work together to make sure AI helps us learn and create, rather than just taking over tasks.



The GRAMMYS Controversy Between Billie and Beyoncé ✨

By: Syllis Rivera

Honorary Team 6 Barker



The 2025 Grammy's just took place, and the internet is furious. As a woman announces that Cowboy Carter by Beyoncé has officially won a Grammy, they switched the camera to Billie Eilish, and we can see her crying, with her teeth over her tucked in bottom lip, and social media went crazy after hearing about this. People were sad, mad, and overall devastated about this. Maybe the woman who announced it said the wrong name, or Billie just wasn't good enough for this.

But when the camera pointed to Beyoncé, she looked confused, as to why in the world she got a Grammy over Billie Eilish. But people have been saying that she wasn't crying over losing all her nominations, she was crying about the fact that the firefighters that came to the grammys, and talked about the subject of the California wildfires. There also is a rumor around social media that Beyoncé bought the Grammy, or maybe her husband bought it. Jay-Z, a popular artist nowadays, said in an award show that Beyoncé deserved a Grammy, since she also had an album, like Billie, was nominated for, and she lost all of her nominations. Billie hasn't said anything about her losing a Grammy, and people can tell she is sad. HMHAS (HIT ME HARD AND SOFT) is a really good album in my opinion, but the fact that she didn't win a Grammy is kind of sad. She even said this was one of her best albums in her career, taking her over a year to make, and it hit sales fast. It fully reached 6.1 billion streams (as of March 3rd, 2024) on Spotify, while Cowboy Carter got just about 1 billion, making it unfair to people. People have been calling the Grammy's a nickname, the "SCAMMYS", because of how mad Billie's fans are. But, there is a catch. Apple Music saw this, and decided to give her Artist of the Year on Apple Music. This made people a little more happy, since Apple understands pain like Billie's. I honestly feel really sad for Billie. People have been going into Beyonce's comments on Tiktok and say stuff like "love you Billie" or "congrats Billie" to bother Beyoncé and make sure that Billie fans will stand up for her no matter what.

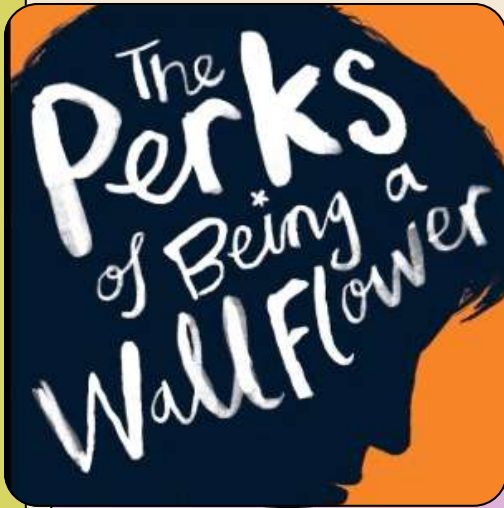


This Edition's Book Recommendation

Casey Farkas
Team 8 Barker

The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Stephen Chbosky



Nowadays, not many people are interested in reading outside of school. Some of the problem is the increase in electronics. Other people might not have enough time. But, one of the main reasons a lot of people don't read is because they have never read an actually good book before, so they just stereotype all books as bad. As an avid reader, I have read many books in my life. So, I thought I'd recommend one of my personal favorite books.



"The Perks of Being a Wallflower" is possibly one of the best books I have ever read. Some people may not be fond of the way it is set up, but I enjoy it quite a lot. The book is set up in diary entry segments. Especially for people who find it hard to stay concentrated for long periods of time, this could be helpful. Maybe reading one or two entries a day could feel accomplishing and not overwhelming in the slightest for people getting into reading. This book has a lot of mental health related themes and goes through some aspects of what it is like to be a teenager from Charlie's (the main character) perspective."

Coming of Age. Young Adult

"The Perks of Being a Wallflower" falls into many categories. It is coming of age, realistic fiction, and a young adult novel. The book has a very emotional storyline and even a tad bit of plot twists. The story always has something interesting going on in Charlie's life and never doubted to make me enjoy it. The book is even very comforting in some sort of ways and is hands down one of the best pieces of literature I have ever read. And even better, the book was turned into a movie in 2012. Once you are done reading, you can watch and compare the book to the movie! Overall the story was 5 stars in my book! I hope you decide to read this or even get into reading in general!

Sally's Sightings

**A story about a point of view from the sea herself.
But she encounters the events of the Titanic.
What will happen next?**

By: Syllis Rivera

Honorary Team 6 Barker

April, 1911

**one year, 2 days
before the incident**

Dear Diary,

I had to feed the fish today, but then I realized I was late to Issac the iceberg's party. I quickly traveled down to the north, just to see how the party went. As I went up to Isaac and wished him a happy birthday, I realized he was 4 years old. I can't believe he's getting that big at four weeks old. He's got a long way to go before he reaches my age (over 3333 septillion). I told him happy birthday, and we ate seaweed cake, and I did my daily plumbing check. What is my daily plumbing check you ask? Well, there has been some misery in this world, so people have thrown out their trash in my armpits. So I go ahead and clean myself up, and I head to bed. That's what I am doing right now. Goodnight Diary.

June, 1911

**One year before the
incident**

Dear Diary,

I have been feeling a weird feeling lately. So I went to my friend, Carter the Crocodile. He is a fortune teller, and he said that nothing would happen, but next year something would. And I couldn't sleep that night. But luckily, there was not much trash to clean. but still, I felt my skin crawl. I really hope I can plan for the future, so that way nothing bad happens to my seas. I think I will focus more on the sea than writing in my diary. I can see my dad, Poseidon, think I'm onto something. I really hope nothing bad happens to my seas. I went to go tell Isaac, and I think he said he feels that way too. At least that's what the translator said. I live underwater, so I can't really understand what people are saying out of water. Goodnight Diary.

August, 1911

**Less than a year
before the incident**

Dear Diary,

My waters have been getting pretty cold since it's starting to be that time of year again, and humans have been using beaches less, according to my calculations. I am definitely getting colder, and the fish are more safe at night since the sharks are on vacay. (AKA Hibernation.) Issac is getting more comfortable in this weather, and now I don't have to feed the fish anymore, since they are also preparing for the winter. One thing about the winter is the water gets almost below freezing, and that's my least favorite part about the season. Speaking of, I have to go visit Andrew the Anglerfish down in the Hadal zone, because he needs help finding his food.

It's been 3 HOURS, and I am super tired. We found his food, and he said that "good things will come my way"? I don't know what he means by that, but I'm guessing it means good luck or something. It's starting to get really cold in the ocean, so I'm going to water my way to the south. I heard it was warmer there. Goodnight Diary.

(Continued)**Sally's Sightings**

October, 1911
About 6 or more
months before the
incident

Dear Diary,

It's getting windy here in the north. Issac is covered in leaves! Same with me, I am also covered in leaves as well. Everyone is going out of their home to go fish or feed! I decorated everyone's coral overnight, and in the morning, I was super tired. The fishes set an alliance with the sharks, and they both set up a way to repay me for decorating the ENTIRE ocean for them. First, the sharks set me up to get me a fan wash. A fan wash is when I head to Lake Huron, and the sharks scare the factory workers, and they turn the fan on, which makes the whole lake warm. This makes me feel great, but it's only for cleaning purposes. It's only on for five minutes though, so that way it doesn't harm the fish, or the lake itself. Next, the fishes didn't need feeding today, since they ate all their seaweed and residue. All of the ocean was happy. Dad was happy, and most importantly, I was happy. We all had a great time, and then we all settled down, and said our goodbyes. Goodnight Diary.

Last moments of
December, 1911
Less than 5 months
before the incident

Dear Diary,

It is the final moments of December, and then we enter another wonderful year here on earth! Me and my dad are both here with all the fish looking at times square here in New York. It's going to drop in.. about an hour? I can't see, but my dad can.

He says it is an hour. Okay. I now have plenty of time to think about what I'm going to do for the new year.

So it's been about 30 minutes, and I thought about some things. Maybe having a more positive mindset, making sure waves are more low tide, I don't know, just as long as I have a good year, and we need to make sure that is the way it goes every ball drop. Oh, it's about to start, I have to see!

5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Happy New Year diary! I can't wait for what's to come my way this year! Everyone is going home to celebrate and eat nice foods as well. Better be on my way to my Dad's dinner!

I have just arrived at dad's coral, and holy mother of pearl were the rumors right. I went inside his doors, and saw every fish welcoming me inside. My dad sat me down and gave me seaminyon (premium seaweed), my favorite food! After I was done eating, I gave my plate to Gabe the Goldfish, since he has a job in cleaning. We all raised for Dad's wonderful lecture, and we all headed home one by one, and I was last. He then had something to say, and it went along the lines of, "I love you" and, "New year, new us". Overall, I had a great year with my waters. Let us see what this year can become. Goodnight Diary.

February, 1912
3 months until the
incident

Dear Diary,

I have now started off the new year with me swimming 10 laps around the Bermuda, since I told my dad one thing about me getting in fit, and more brave. So I have to make a triangular whirlpool around Bermuda every week. Besides that, I have been eating healthier, and also have been doing my plumbing check more often. Anyways, Issac the Icebergs party is in a couple months, and I want to see if we can set something up for him. My dad says we should talk to Terrance the Tattoo Artist so he can get a tattoo. That sounded super cool, so I said yes. And besides, what can go wrong? Anyways, I went to the USA to see what was going on, since my waters were getting a little rumbley. As soon as I got to the USA, I saw a piece of trash go in my armpit. But then I feel, paper? Ah, it's the New York times. What are they writing about today- The Titanic? It's been in construction since 1909? That's a long time.. I can't believe it's setting sail after all these years! I then told the ocean to look out for voyaging boats, and they were all good. Fishes were homeschooled, Dad went to his coral, we were all good. I just can't wait to see it!



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Sally's Sightings

April, 1912 5 HOURS Before the incident

Dear Diary,

It's Issac the Icebergs party today! (And note, I was not late) We all had an awesome time, and like I was saying earlier in my diary, Terrance the Tattoo Artist gave him a sick tattoo that says "2 cold 4 u". It's pretty funny, but also really cool. Personally, I love it. It's cool for Issac to get something cool like that, and he thanked me for the idea. You know, he's such a cool guy. Living Sea Life. I honestly think he's such a cool guy. I told him that many times at his birthday party and he said he really wants to thank me. So I made a toast for him, and we all had an awesome time. I bet this year is going to be the best year with Issac! Goodnight Diary. For now.

Hey Diary, Issac felt weird, and so I called a medic, and it said he would melt in a couple months from now. It's really sad, but we can still enjoy the time we have with him. I was really devastated, but then we all went home, sad. I told him to hang in there, and left. I went home super sad. Goodnight Diary.

April 14-15, 1912 The Incident in Description

Dear Diary,

I just encountered the worst moment of my life. And let me tell you, it was horrifying. I had to encounter a boat sinking, and it cost me so many lives, it's not even funny. So here's how it went. I woke up in the middle of the night, with someone murmuring. It sounded like it was in the north, so I traveled down there and saw Issac screaming in pain! His hand was crushed! I tried to help him as much as I could and then I looked to my left and saw... THE TITANIC ITSELF. I knew something was gonna happen! So my first thought was to call dad so he could help Issac while I try to put up the ship. I tried the best I could, but then it split in two! I was so ghosted, and it was so heavy! But then I thought I saw everyone on lifeboats and by everyone I mean everyone on the ship. I then let go, and it sank down, fast. But then I saw WAY MORE people on the ship then the people on the lifeboats. After it settled, all of the fish came to see it, and then saw all of the bodies, then ATE them. I told them to let their bodies go, but scientist Sam said that the bodies would dissolve overtime, same with the skeletons. After that horrifying event that occurred in front of me, I went to go check on Isaac, and his hand was broken! I was so devastated! First he is going to melt in a few weeks, and now his hand is broken? Oh goodness, such stuff is happening lately! I will be back in my diary again!

April 15, 1912 6 hours after the incident

Dear Diary,

I am so sad about what happened last night. That was one of the most tragic events I have seen, and I will never forget it. I went to go check on Isaac, and I apologized to him as much as I could, and he understood. I really hope he does okay after that terrible event. It was right in front of him, and I felt so bad. He is such a nice guy, he doesn't deserve anything like that. His hand should be okay, at least that's what the medic said. But he still will be melting soon. It's very sad news, and he didn't deserve it. I really am going to miss him. I went home, sad, again. As I swam my way down to my dad's coral, I saw a fish eating a skeleton. I then look up to see the Titanic wreck itself. Standing there, split in two. One thing about this "Titanic" is that I will never forgive it for what it did to Issac, or any other sea life. It reeks where the boat is, so I left and went to my dad's coral. He said that he would have to go out of the sea for a bit. I asked him why, but he said it was for me to not ask. So, I didn't, and I went home. Goodnight Diary.

THE END.

MEET OUR DOGS!

Casey Farkas
Team 8 Barker

Almost no one can resist the adorable features of dogs. Many people everywhere own dogs for companionship, safety, help, and much more.

Dogs are cute, funny, and man's best friend. In this section of the *Bulldog Bark*, I would like to introduce some of our community's own pups!

Owner: Zoey Fried
Dog name: Moose
Age: 5 years old
Breed: Golden Lab
Gender: Male



Owner: Ms. Dunham
Dog name(s): Sansa (top), Arya (bottom)
Age: about 6 months
Breed: Tri-color Pembroke Corgis
Gender: Both female and they're littermates!



Owner: Casey Farkas
Dog name: Chloe
Age: 5 years
Breed: Black lab and pitbull mix
Gender: Female



MEET OUR DOGS, CONTINUED!

Owner: Mr. Ohland

Dog Name: Jet

Age: 13 (recently passed)

Breed: German Shepherd

Gender: Male



Owner: Mrs. Bailey

Dog Name: Scout

Age: 7 years old

Breed: Mixed Breed

Gender: Male



Owner: Mrs. Bariana

Dog Name: Bella

Age: 9 years old

Breed: Bull Terrier and Beagle Mix

Gender: Female



Owner: Autumn Ash

Dog Name(s): Star (right), Toffee (left)

Age(s): 10 months (Star), 5 months (Toffee)

Breed: Both different mixed breeds

Gender: Both female



The Impact of Words

By: **Kristiana Callaby**

Team 7 Barker

People all the time will say how to think twice about what you want to say, from kindergarten to even adulthood in certain instances. I fully believe that this is something that, no matter how old, you should follow.

When I say this, I don't mean just to your friends or classmates, but to everyone you know and have a relationship with. Depending on who you are, it could be your parent, sibling, child, friends, or even strangers who you'll most likely never see again. One small word can dictate somebody's whole day or even week alone, and many people seem to forget this.

That waitress at the restaurant you told has pretty hair, good makeup, or some other compliment could've been in the worst mood possible, but that single sentence could make her feel so much better about herself. Maybe if you're a guy and expressing admiration for other men is considered weird so you tell your gym bro that he did a great job, and through the universal language of guys he understands what you mean could make him feel less like he was more behind than usual on his routine.

On the subject of family, this goes especially to certain parents out there, not to target anyone, but as a child myself, there are times where saying certain things to your children that, while to you, seem harmless, could truly upset and even frustrate them. Good intent or not, it is vital that you communicate well with your child, and understand each other to the best you possibly can. A way to prevent this would be enforcing for your child, or even yourself, to perhaps clarify what such a statement sounded like to you.

Siblings, I completely understand as the older of both my little brother and little sister, and I'm sure anyone else with little add-ons from their parents can relate to this. You get into fights, words are thrown around because they won't get out of your room, or keep hogging the tv remote whenever you leave somewhere, but there are points when things can go too far. I can admit that I deeply regret how I used to be as an older sister, and I wished I was more friendly and nicer to my brother when it heavily mattered, but I wasn't. My situation is a bit different, but I try to not make my siblings feel like I hate them or don't like them, because that is far from the truth.

To really sum it up, what I'm truly trying to say here is be kind, as much as you can be, even in small acts of it, going out of your way to not make someone's day worse is honestly a feeling I believe to be euphoric. I've never truly managed to comprehend those who are so negative and dissatisfied with almost everything, and whether that's me being small-minded or something else, I'm not sure I want to understand, given it isn't exactly right.

Depending on the people you're around, whether at work, school, home, or elsewhere, being at least a decently nice person is something we should all try to act like, no matter who you are in society.



KINDNESS

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Virtual Reality: A Lifetime Experience

By Sylis Rivera

Honorary Team 6 Barker

Virtual Reality is really a privilege, and it is worth the money to have an experience of a lifetime, and really the only thing that matters when your in the perspective of Virtual Reality, is having fun.

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There are many things that you can expect in VR, and one of these things are the games. These games are how you can navigate throughout VR to have fun. They can either be free or they can cost money. Most of the games that are free can have in-game purchases where you can buy a digital item(s) for real money.

Spend it wisely!

There are many games to explore, so, have fun!

Another thing to expect in VR is toxicity. Toxicity is any mean comment, such as profanity, or shaming. Games try to manage this toxicity and so they make a Code of Conduct or Rules that people follow. But don't worry about them. Be yourself!

VR has also taken the internet by storm, so if you need help on your journey, it's in your hands!

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Remember, you need to be at least 13+ years of age to play.

There are many varieties of VR, and it all goes in the headset.

The prices can be from understandable to outrageous. But the company Meta Quest has the best priced headsets. You can choose from:

- Meta Quest 2 (\$299)
- Meta Quest 3 (\$399)
- Meta Quest 3S (\$299)

The best one to choose in my opinion is the 3S, since it is basically the 3 but the price of a 2.

GET YOURS HERE! ---->
I THINK YOU GOTTA ZOOM IN TO
SEE THE TEXT.



doghouse fiction



By Casey Farkas
Team 8 Barker

Unstuck

Sometimes you can get stuck
Glued to your problems
Hidden away in the dark
Trapped behind the closed doors of your mind
Caged with a monster of self-doubt

You can get stuck a lot,
But, of course, there are times when you are not
Times like when you are singing dumb karaoke songs with
your siblings.
Where your voice cracks and you get half of the lyrics
wrong even though they are on screen.

Or when you dance in freezing cold rain,
But it's ok because your friends are there with you.
Your teeth are chattering, and your skin is covered in
goosebumps, but you are smiling.
You are joking, and laughing, and glad, even though you
feel like you might get hypothermia.

Going to a sleepaway camp, where you go stargazing.
Looking up at the stars like they are the most wonderful
thing you have ever seen.
Staring for so long that the world doesn't feel real anymore.

Laughing until you sound like a broken tea kettle and your
stomach hurts so bad you swear you'll get abs.
You can barely breathe, and it is somehow the best thing
ever.

Sneaking into the kitchen at 2 a.m. with your cousins to get
a snack, but being quiet seems impossible.
All of the things that are normally quiet sound like a
marching band.
And, of course, everything is ten times more funny.

Squealing about middle school boys, although they are
really not that great.

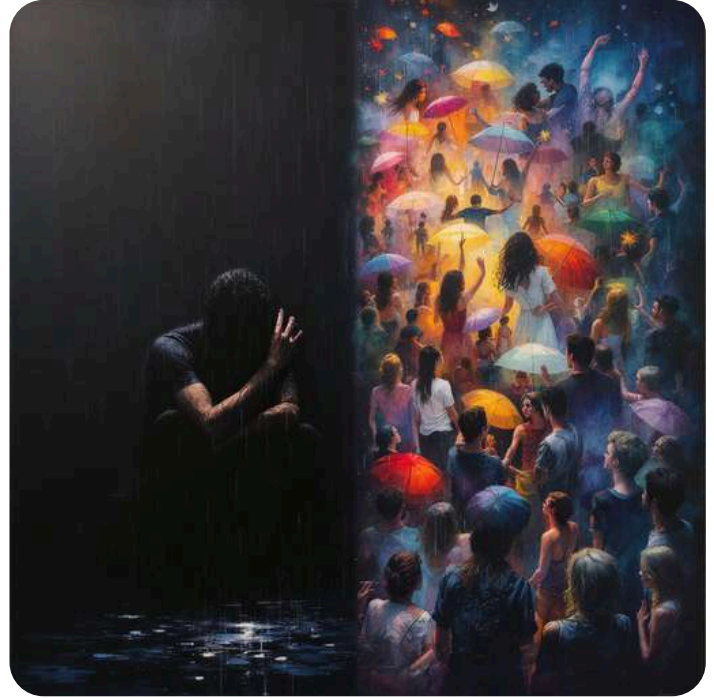
Talking intently about eye contact, hands brushing, and
tiny conversations.

Speaking of this and only this over gummy worms,
Wearing pajamas and face masks

Reading a book that leaves you so speechless, you don't
even know what to do with yourself.

Feeling like a changed person, because of how moving a
story can be.

Hiding Christmas presents for your family members
Knowing how overjoyed they will be.
You being overjoyed, seeing them feel the same.



Dogs climbing all over you and kissing every inch of exposed skin.
Jumping and running and flopping as they tackle you out of love.
As they never leave your side or curl up against you.

Watching your family get drunk around the holidays.
Seeing them sway and almost trip as they try to accomplish simple
tasks.

Noticing them laugh more than they have in a long time.
Over dumb stuff, too.

When you have a crush on someone, and they are all you think
about.

Just thinking about them causes you to smile.
Being near them giving you the utmost joy.

Things that make you genuinely happy.
Moments that make you so extremely grateful to be alive.

Being stuck can make you forget about these times.
It can make you doubt that any of them meant anything at all.

But, being stuck is temporary.
These moments can last you a lifetime.
And while it's hard to get unstuck, it is possible.
You just have to dance in freezing cold rain and scream your favorite
karaoke songs and go stargazing and laugh until your stomach
hurts.

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Letter from the Advisor

Dear Bulldog Bark Readers,

As we embrace the vibrant spring season at Northern Lehigh, I'm filled with pride for our talented team of writers and artists who continue to make each issue of The Bulldog Bark truly special. Their dedication and creativity shine on every page, and I'm grateful for their hard work.

This year, we've embraced Canva for our layout design, allowing each Bulldog Barker to design their own pages. This platform fosters collaboration and adds a fresh, dynamic look to our publication. It's been an exciting opportunity for our team to learn and grow creatively. Please be patient as we continue to master the platform; our next edition will be even larger!

The Bulldog Bark exists to amplify the voices of Northern Lehigh students, and we're always looking to grow our pack! Whether you're interested in writing for just one issue or contributing artwork, we'd love to hear from you. Stop by Room 37 or send me an email at bdunham@nlsd.org with your ideas or talents. Your voice matters here!

Finally, I want to recognize the amazing 2024-2025 Bulldog Bark team:

Reagan Bellesfield, Casey Farkas, Zoey Fried, Lauren Gad, Kristiana Kallaby, Anna Karetsky, Adalyn Knecht, Syllis Rivera, Storm Van Norman, and Kasey Deprill.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The earth laughs in flowers." Let this spring inspire us all to grow and create with renewed energy!

Wishing you all a season full of growth and creativity!

-Ms. Dunham

