

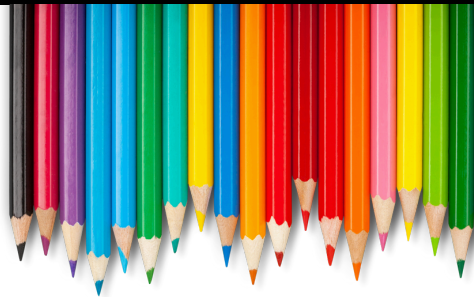
# THE FALCON FORUM

Editor: Maddie Pollock



## IN THIS MONTHS ISSUE WE HAVE...

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



## MARCH NARRATIVE

WRITTEN BY: MADISON CLARK MCLAWHORN  
(7TH) & JUDE MCLAWHORN (6TH)

Hello and welcome to *The Falcon Forum*! This issue is going to be a great one. I am excited to say that the Falcons have worked hard to complete their parts in *The Falcon Forum*.

While going into March, and into quarter four of the school year, everything intensifies, like the pressure. But with Spring Break fast approaching, many of us have fun plans!

This issue is going to feature some new ideas and some new pages. On behalf of the whole newspaper team, we hope you enjoy this issue of *The Falcon Forum*!



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# APRIL CALENDAR

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APRIL

YEAR: 2025

BY MADDIE POLLOCK (7TH)



April showers  
bring May  
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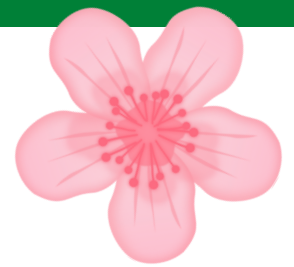
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# UPCOMING NATIONAL APRIL HOLIDAYS!

CREATED BY: ABIGAIL TAYLOR (5TH)

✖ April Fool's Day - April 1

✖ National Ferret Day - April 2



★ APRIL ★  
Fools

✖ National Find a Rainbow Day - April 3

✖ National Vitamin C Day - April 4



✖ National Raisin And Spice Day - April 5



✖ National Student-Athlete Day - April 6



✖ National Coffee Cake Day - April 7

✖ National Zoo Lovers Day - April 8

✖ National Winston Churchill Day - April 9



✖ National Cinnamon Crescent Day - April 10

✖ National Pet Day - April 11

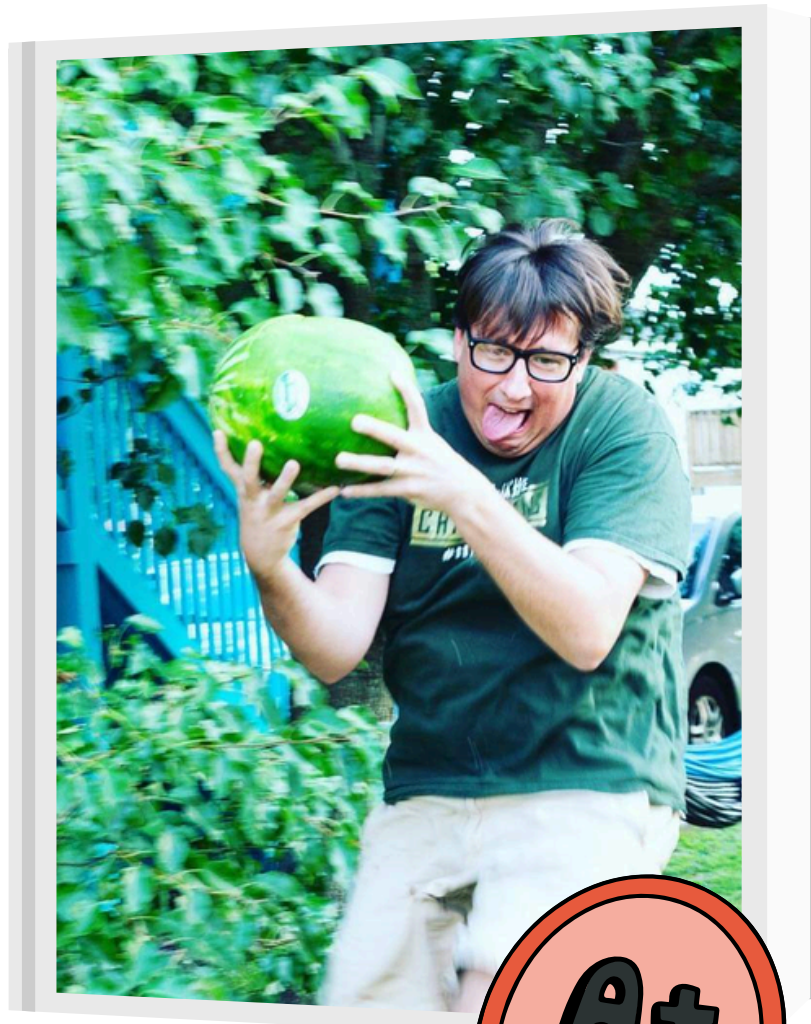
✖ EASTER! - April 20



# TEACHER of the MONTH!

BY ARROW HARTMAN (6TH) AND MADISON CLARK MCLAWHORN (7TH)

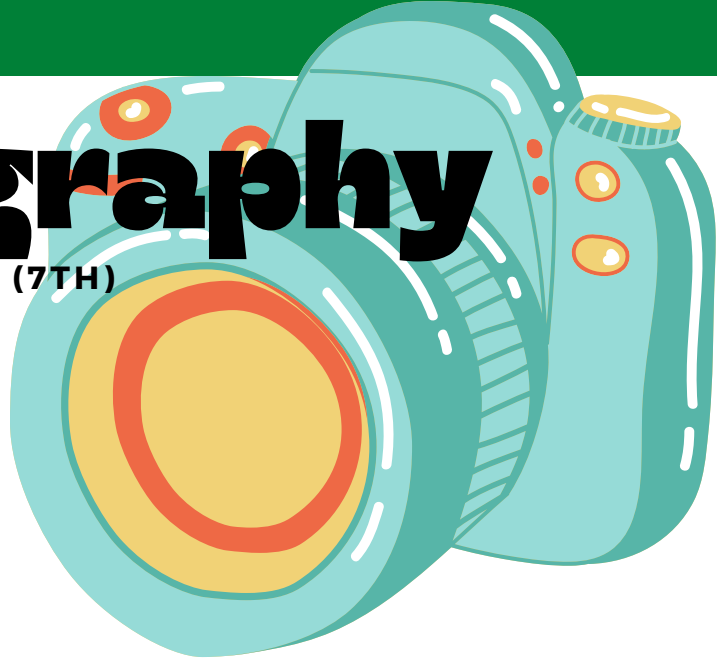
MR. PLUNKETT IS A  
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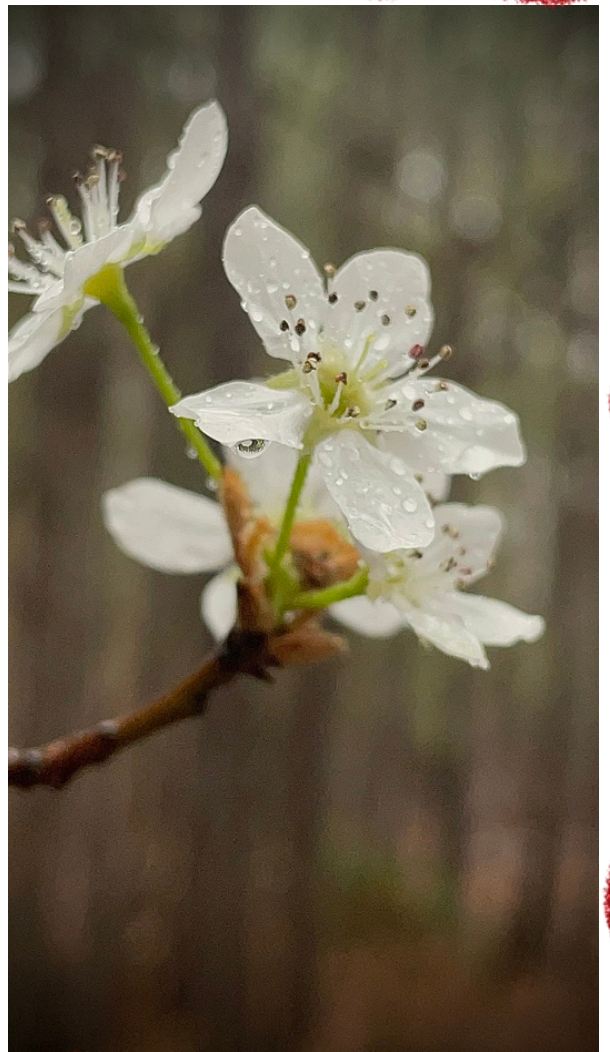


# Photography

BY TRAVIS PRICE (7TH)



**"PURPLE ORCHID"**



**"CHERRY BLOSSOM"**



**"IRIS"**

# BLS TRENDS

CREATED BY: FAITH FARIS (7TH)

## BLS MS Trends



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# Poetry

WRITTEN BY:  
MADISON CLARK MCLAWHORN (7TH)

"Deliver Me"

Gems of heaven, glory unfolding.  
Shall one be listening to pain?  
We resort to crying, most are molding.  
Might I? A girl? Dance in the rain.  
Deliver me as you did in Israel.  
Bring me from the void of darkness.  
I, me, have been fowl and uncruel.  
I, a girl drowning in selfishness.  
God take me from this terrible jail.  
Don't you see me falling down?  
My heart is starving. I'm pale.  
Ripped my pride from me with no sound.  
Didn't you set the Titanic to sail?  
You came to earth not as a king.  
But you delivered Moses from hurt.  
So please deliver me.  
All of my courage is down, but still I'll exert.  
Deliver me as you did to Paul.  
I shall always wait for you.  
To take me to heaven, I still call.  
Your grace flows endlessly.





# Fine Arts Spotlight

**WRITTEN BY:  
ELLA CLAIRE SMIEGEL (5TH)**

On March 13th, the 5th and 6th grade choir performed at the SCISA Choral Competition held at USC's School of Music. After practicing our songs for months, all of our hard work paid off and we earned a "Superior!"

A big thank you to Mrs. Demor! We couldn't have done it without her helping and guiding us along the way! We performed "Where Can I Go" and "Exultate Justi In Domino." The second song means "Rejoice, O Righteous Ones, in the Lord", a Latin song about praising the Lord. The first song "Where Can I Go" asks, "Where can I go from your spirit, O Lord?" Both songs are about praising and seeking God.

Everyone gave it their all, and it was an amazing experience!



Photograph by Travis Price (7th)



# SPORTS COLUMN

**WRITTEN BY:  
ISAAC GAY (6TH) AND HOLDEN MUTH (6TH)**

It is warming up, and spring is in the air. The year is coming to an end as the 4th quarter has started. We are counting on you to do well and finish the year strong!

We also have golf going on with an amazing team this year. A middle schooler, EJ, joined this year and made JV, so let's give him and the rest of the golf team our support.

Boys Varsity Track has a home meet coming up soon. They are so fun to be around, so try to hang out with them and give them your support. So many people are doing sports this season. Let's give them a big hand! GO FALCONS!





# PET



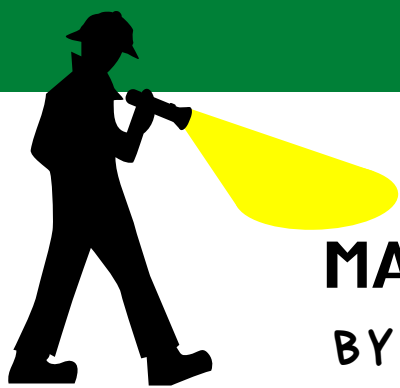
# of the Month!

Something new to the Middle School Newspaper we will be adding is a "Pet of the Month" page. If you would like to, send an email to me with a picture of your pet and a couple of interesting things about them (type, name, favorite foods, etc.). Then, the Newspaper Staff will vote for what we think is the best pet for that month. We will then put it into the newspaper.

My e-mail is [faithfaris@benlippen.me](mailto:faithfaris@benlippen.me)

Can't wait to see all your pets!





# UNSOLVED MYSTERIES: MALAYASIA AIRLINES FLIGHT 370

BY MADISON CLARK MCLAWHORN (7TH)  
AND JUDE MCLAWHORN (6TH)

Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 was an aircraft operated by Malaysia Airlines that vanished from all radars on March 8, 2014, while departing from to its desired destination, Beijing Capital International Airport in China. The reason for its disappearance has not been discovered. It is vastly known as the craziest unsolved disappearance in flight history, and it continues to be the **SINGLE** worst case of a vanished aircraft.

What happened? Well as usual, I can lay out some boring numbers and come up with some theories.

## Route:

The flight initially stayed on the South China Sea and Andaman Sea, but a satellite confirmed it flew over the Indian Ocean. So the course changed. A crazy thing for the aircraft to do.

## Time stamp:

The last communication from the aircraft was automated at 1:06 AM. After that, silence consumed the radar.

## Theory:

The flight could have encountered a storm, throwing their signal and wi-fi off course. Then, it could have caused their plane to crash, leaving passengers wounded/dead.





# RECIPES

## APPLE CINNAMON CHIMICHANGAS

CREATED BY PHOEBE AYLESTOCK (6TH)

### Ingredients:

- 1 (21 ounce) can apple pie filling
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cinnamon sugar
- 15 (6 inch) flour tortillas
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups oil for frying
- 15 toothpicks

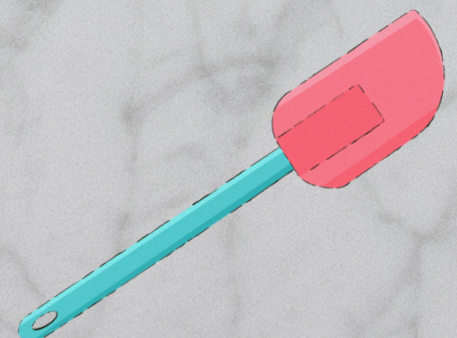


### Instructions:

- 1- Heat the apple pie filling in a small pot over medium-low heat until warmed through, about 5 minutes.
- 2- Place cinnamon sugar in a shallow dish.
- 3- Spoon  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoons filling into the center of each tortilla. Fold the sides in and over filling, then roll up like a burrito. Use a toothpick to secure it.
- 4 -Heat oil in a large, deep saucepan over medium heat.
- 5- Working in batches, fry tortillas, seam-side down, in hot oil until browned and crispy, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Blot on paper towels. Remove toothpicks and roll chimichangas in cinnamon sugar to coat.



Time  
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BAKE





# RECIPES

## StrAWBerrY PiE

CREATED BY BENNETT BROWNLEE (6TH)

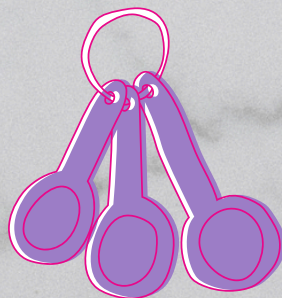
### Ingredients:

1 quart of strawberries  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup water  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
3 tablespoons cornstarch  
3 tablespoons strawberry  
Jell-O



### Instructions:

1. Wash and hull the strawberries; halve berries.
2. Heat sugar, water, cornstarch and lemon juice until clear.
3. Cool mixture.
4. Add Jell-O.
5. Pour over berries that have been placed in a baked pie shell. Chilled.
6. Serve with whipped cream.





# Student OF THE Month

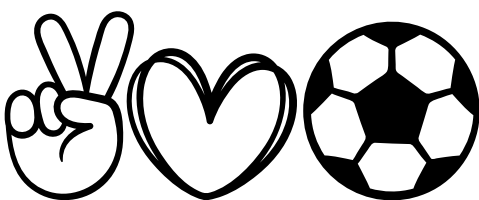
CREATED BY ELISE SATCHER (7TH)



Each month, we will select a "Student of the Month" from one of the middle school grades. Stay tuned for next month's issue .... we'll feature someone from another grade!

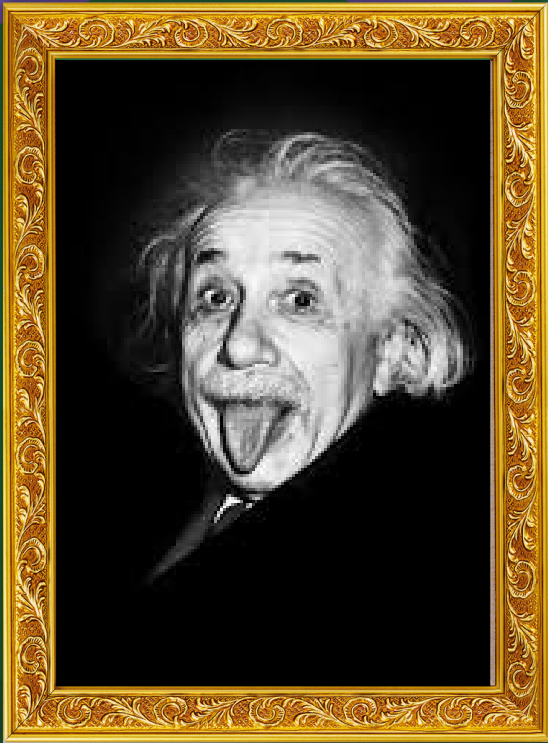
March's Student of the Month is .... Sally Turner!!!

- Her birthday is December 28
- She plays soccer, viola, and volleyball
- She has 2 older brothers
- She loves to go to the lake



# INVENTOR OF THE MONTH

BY CALEB ORNER (7TH)



ALBERT  
EINSTEIN



$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$E = m \cdot c^2$$

ALBERT EINSTEIN IS ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC SCIENTISTS IN HISTORY. BORN ON MARCH 14, 1879, IN ULM, GERMANY, TO HERMANN AND PAULINE EINSTEIN, HE WAS INTERESTED IN MATH, SCIENCE, AND MUSIC EVEN AS A KID.

HIS PARENTS WORRIED ABOUT HIS POOR SPEECH AT FIRST, BUT SOON THEY COULDN'T DENY THAT HE WAS A GENIUS.

HE LEFT SCHOOL IN 1894 BUT STILL ACHIEVED SUCCESS. YEARS LATER, IN 1919, HE BECAME FAMOUS FOR HIS CORRECT PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE BENDING OF STARLIGHT DURING A SOLAR ECLIPSE. THIS HISTORIC MOMENT PROVED HIS THEORY OF RELATIVITY, EARNING HIS PLACE IN SCIENTIFIC HISTORY.

TODAY, EINSTEIN IS BEST REMEMBERED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHYSICS THAT FOREVER CHANGED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNIVERSE.



# Did You Know... About Ireland?

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



**1. What year was Ireland established, and what is its capital city?** Ireland was established on December 29, 1937, and its capital is Dublin.

**2. Why did Ireland select the unicorn as its national animal?** They selected this animal because the unicorn symbolizes purity, innocence, and power.

**3. What is the population of Ireland?** The population of Ireland is 5.28 million people.

**4. Who is the leader of Ireland?** The leader of Ireland is Michael D. Higgins.

**5. What are the most popular foods and drinks in Ireland?** Foods and drinks popular in Ireland include Irish coffee, scones, tea, bread pudding, smoked salmon, boxty, colcannon, bacon and cabbage, and black pudding.

**6. Where did Ireland get the idea for Halloween?** They created it from the Celtic festival known as Samhain.

**7. What language do people in Ireland speak?** They speak Irish, Scots, Munster, English, Shelta, Connacht Irish, Hiberno-English, Ulster Scots, and Antrim.

**8. What is Ireland famous for?** It is mostly famous for its castles because of how many there are in Ireland. There are 30,000 castles in Ireland. It's also famous for its landscapes.

**9. What's Ireland's nickname?** Ireland is nicknamed the Emerald Isle due to its lush green rolling hills, which resemble an emerald.

**10. What is Ireland's national symbol?** Although many may think its symbol is a shamrock, it is actually a harp, which is regarded as a sign of pride and heritage.



# "WORD OF GOD SPEAK"

WRITTEN BY: MAY KELLEY & KATIE REID STRATTON (5TH)



*May Kelley and Katie Reid Stratton*

*Aka*

*Margaret and Betsy  
Present a devotional!!!*



This month's verse is, "If my people, who are called by name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). We recommend this because it tells us that GOD loves us and wants us to pray to him and seek him in our lives. You can do this by just praying to GOD on the way to school or before you eat at lunch!

You can seek GOD by doing everything to honor him; like... being kind to someone you don't like because you know that's what GOD wants you to do. Thanks for listening to our devotional! Have a great day!!

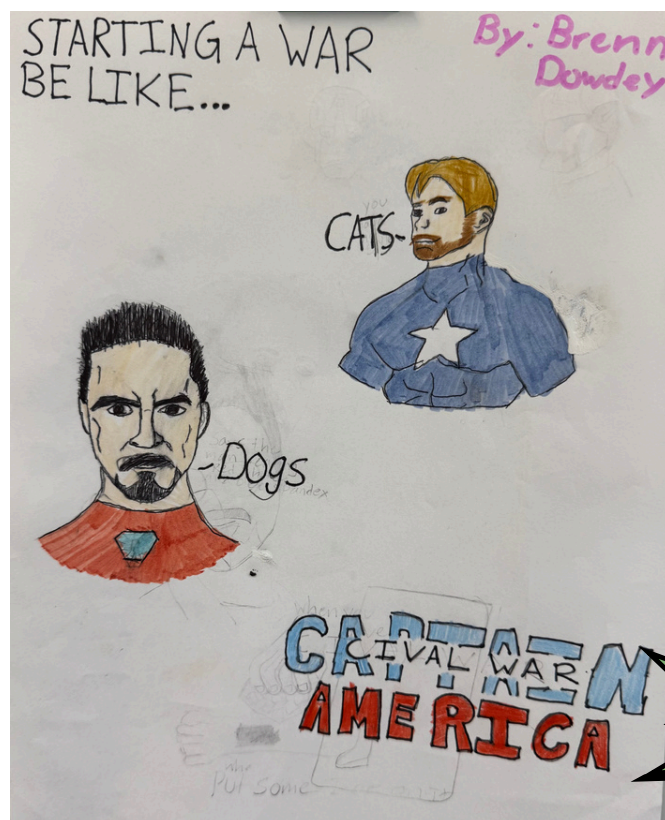
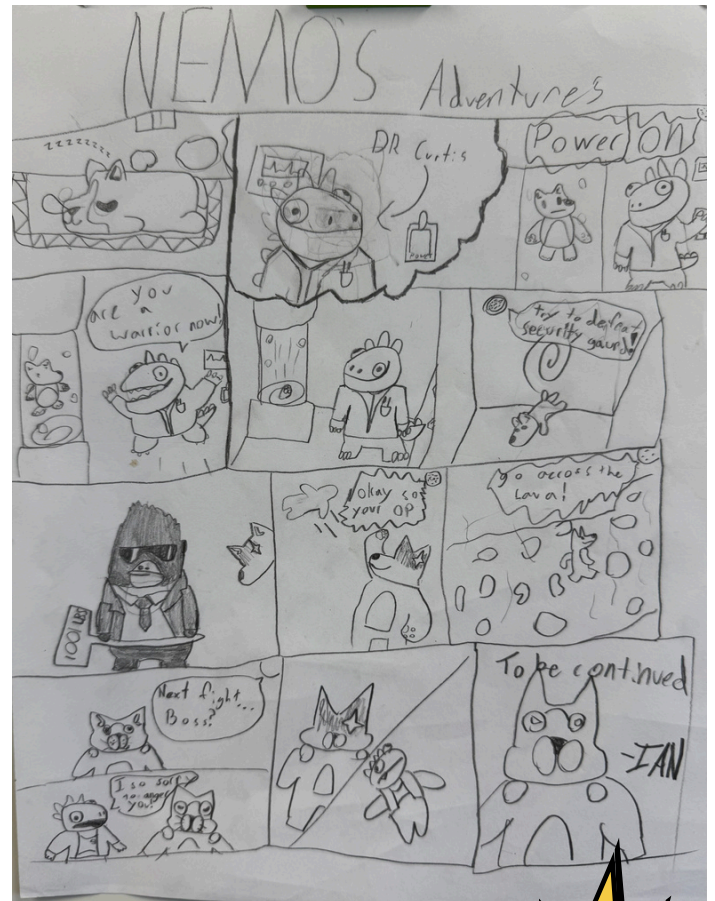
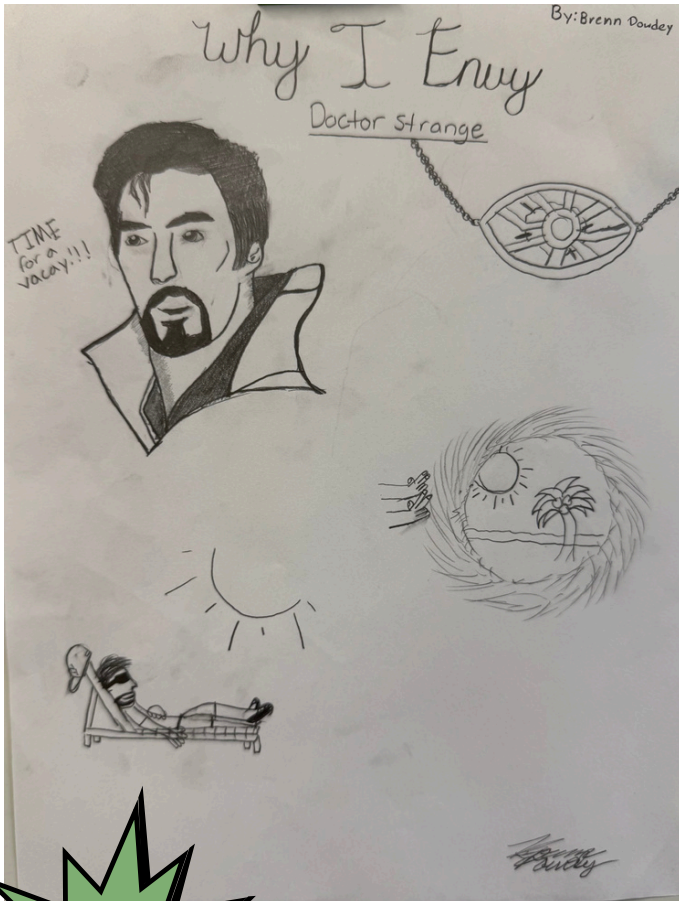


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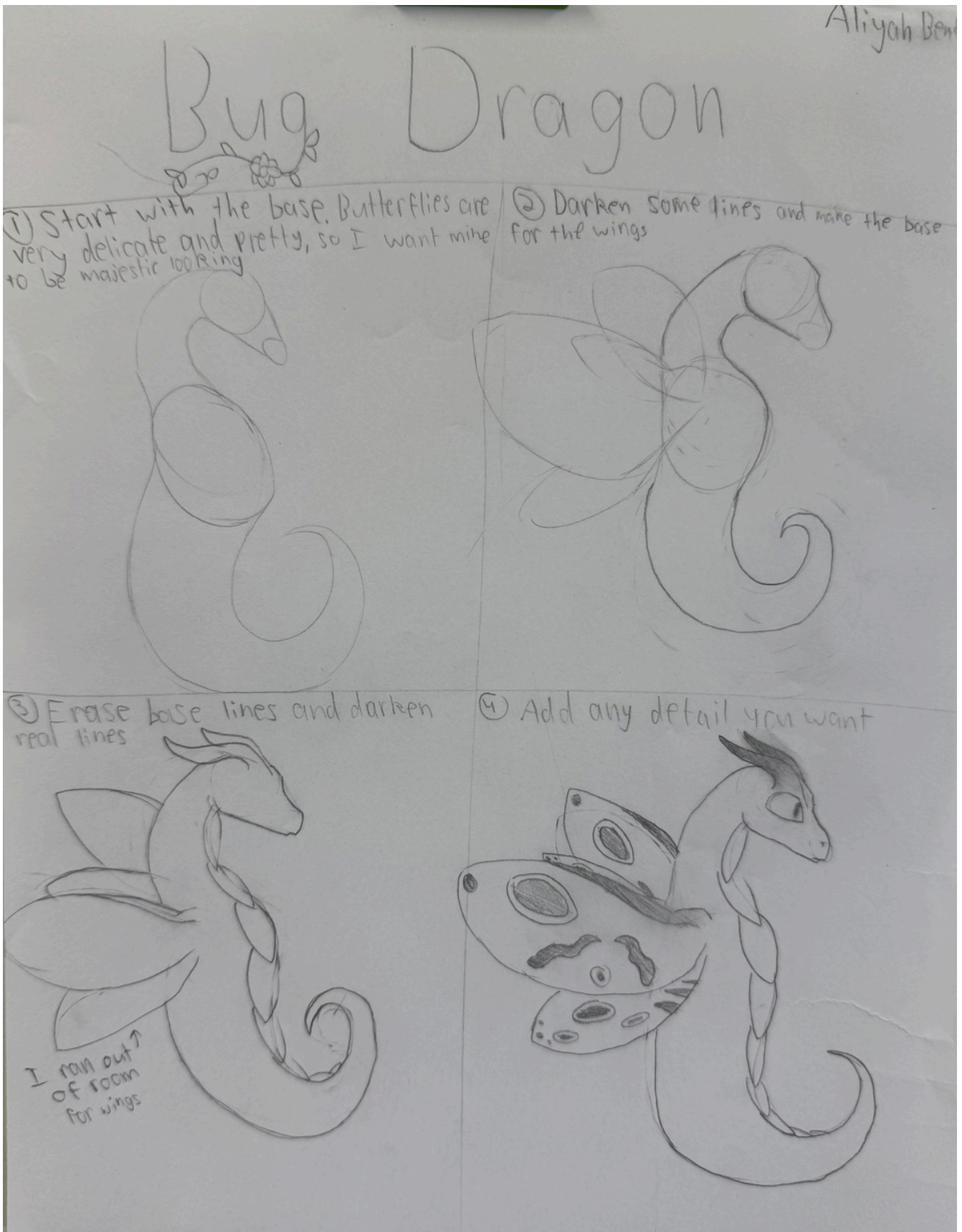
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# How to Draw



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# RANDOM FACTS, for FALCONS!

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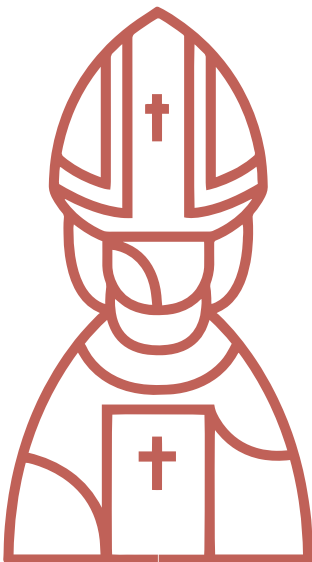
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THE MOST  
UNPRODUCTIVE MONTH  
IN THE US DUE TO NBA  
BASKETBALL.**



**SAINT PATRICK WAS  
KIDNAPPED BY  
PIRATES AS A KID.**



**NO NUMBER  
BEFORE 1,000  
CONTAINS THE  
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**THE POPE CAN'T BE AN  
ORGAN DONOR.**



**A SNEEZE  
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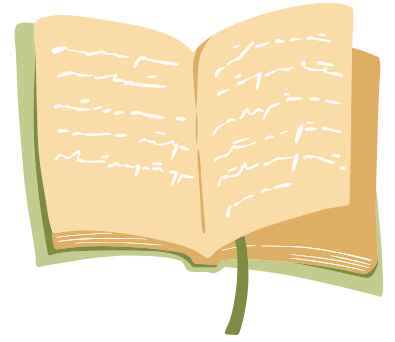


**APRIL WAS THE  
SECOND MONTH IN  
AN EARLY ROMAN  
CALENDAR, BUT  
BECAME THE  
FOURTH WHEN THE  
ANCIENT ROMANS  
STARTED USING  
JANUARY AS THE  
FIRST MONTH.**



# Advice Column

**WRITTEN BY: KATY NOONAN (7TH)  
AND MADISON CLARK MCLAWHORN (7TH)**



## HOW TO KEEP PRAYER A PART OF YOUR LIFE

Prayer is an important part of your battle against sin. No matter how little, or how insignificant it may feel, God loves when you spend time praying to him. Like how you can't have a relationship with a person you don't talk to, you can't be close to God without prayer. Prayer doesn't have to happen a certain way; it doesn't have to even be out loud. It could be just in your head speaking to Jesus. Here are some times of the day when we like to pray:

- Before bed
- Writing in my journal
- Before/after school
- Before meals (Even if just to myself!)
- While doing schoolwork
- While doing hobbies



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