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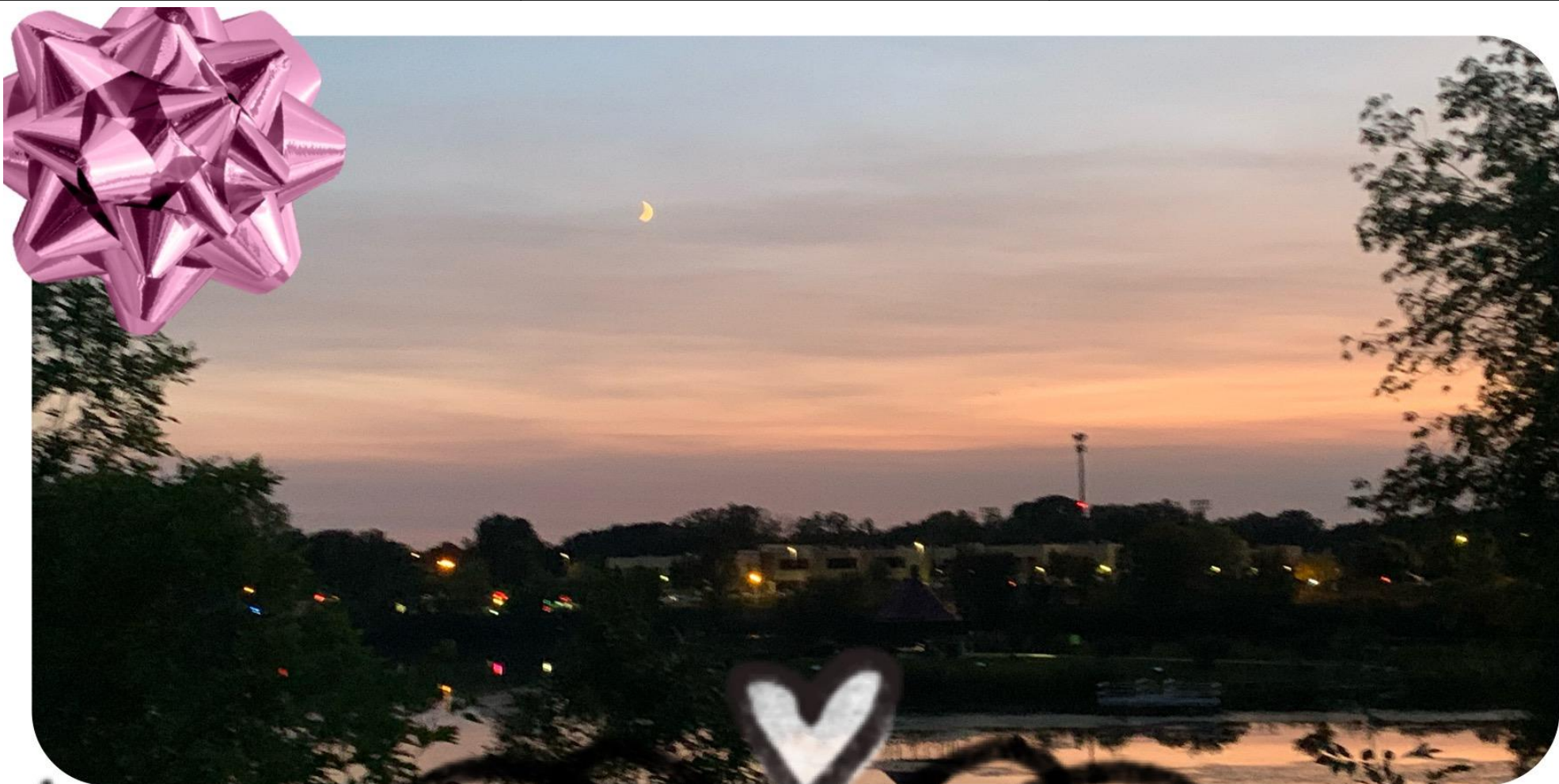
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PERSONALITIES OF DOG BREEDS

by Giana Uebel, grade 6

Is your family interested in adopting a dog, but don't know what breed to get? Here is a guide to different dog breed personalities.

Siberian Husky

Siberian huskies are very energetic and need a lot of exercise. They shed a lot so you would have to deal with clumps of fur everywhere. They are very loving and loyal dogs and love to be petted. Huskies are always alert, but very friendly. Their lifespan ranges from 12 to 15 years. Their height is between 20 and 24 inches.



Golden Retriever

Golden retrievers are very gentle. They like to be around people and are



great family dogs. These dogs are friendly and reliable. They have a soft and shaggy coat. Their lifespan is between 10 and 12 years. Golden retrievers

height is 20 to 24 inches.

Corgi

Corgis are very playful and beautiful with their colorful fur. They are very possessive and protective of certain things. If you can handle bold and crazy dogs, corgis might be right for you. Their height ranges from 10 to 12 inches. Their lifespan is between 12 to 15 years.



Bulldog



Bulldogs are lazy couch potatoes. They are sociable, friendly, and gentle dogs. They aren't the most active dogs, so they adapt well to small spaces. Their average height is between 14 and 15 inches. Their lifespan ranges from 8 to 10 years.

ANIMAL OF THE MONTH

by Juliet Fillmore, grade 6

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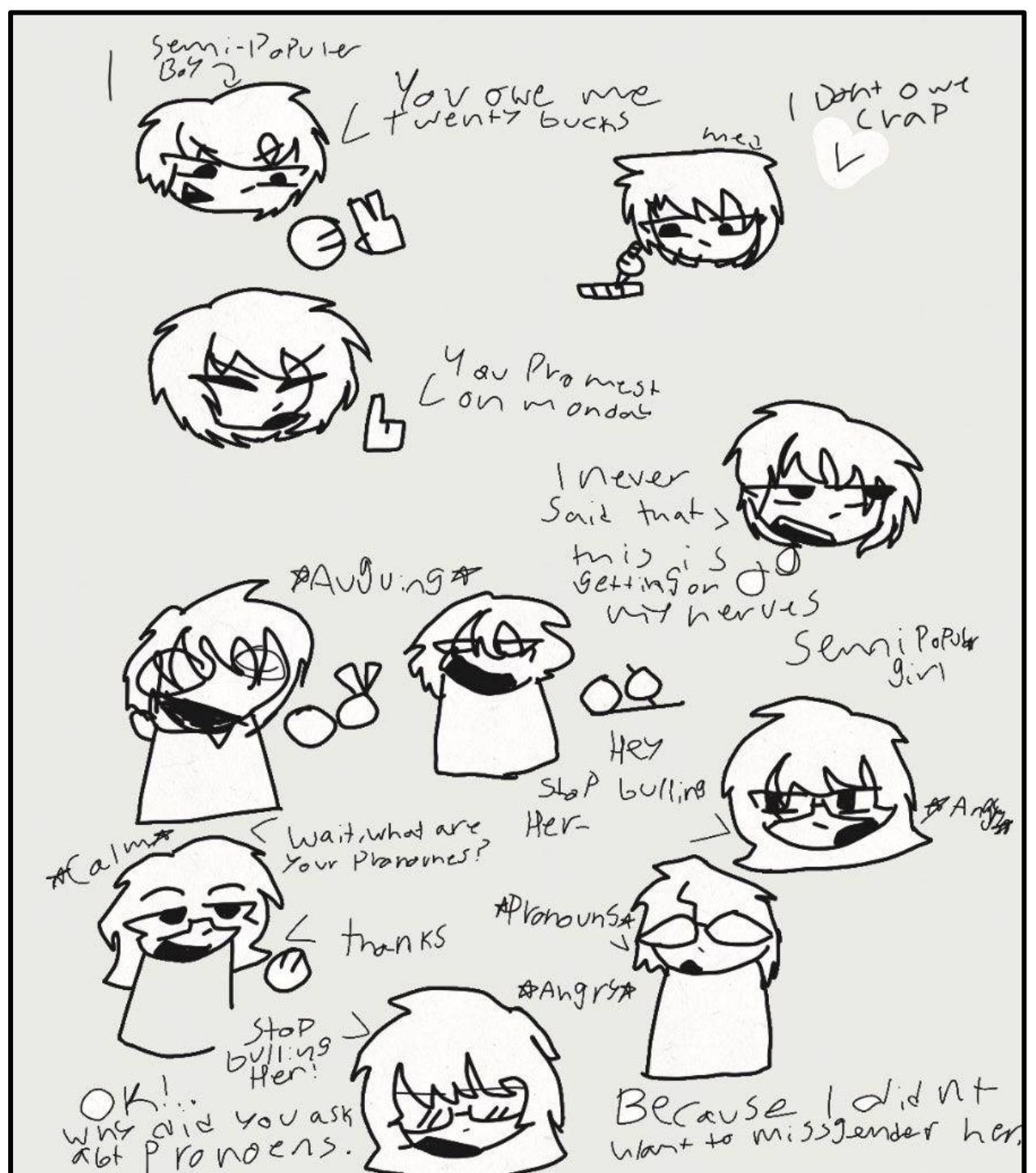


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REAL IN CLASS STORIES

by Nami Decker, grade 7



ANIMAL HALL OF FAME

by Arvin Anderson, Chase Jacobson, Villiana LaMadrid, Jehonna Senko, grade 7



This is Norman, the french bulldog. He is five years old, but turning six soon! His owner is Chase Jacobson.



1. Ducks come back to nest in the same territory every year
2. Ducks only lay 1 egg per day
3. Ducks only leave their nest for 1 hour a day
4. Gerty has been coming back every year since 2017 to Ms. Hamilton's home.



This is Monte and she is seventeen and a half years old. She is Ms. Murphy's cat.



This is Horchata, the axolotl. He is Villiana LaMadrids pet.



This is Buzz. He was thirteen years old and died two years ago. He is a curly hair tarantula. His owner was Chase Jacobson.



This is Papa. He is a french bulldog and is two years old. His owner is Samirah Collins.



This is Birdy. He is a budgerigar and about four years old. His owner is Villian LaMadrid.

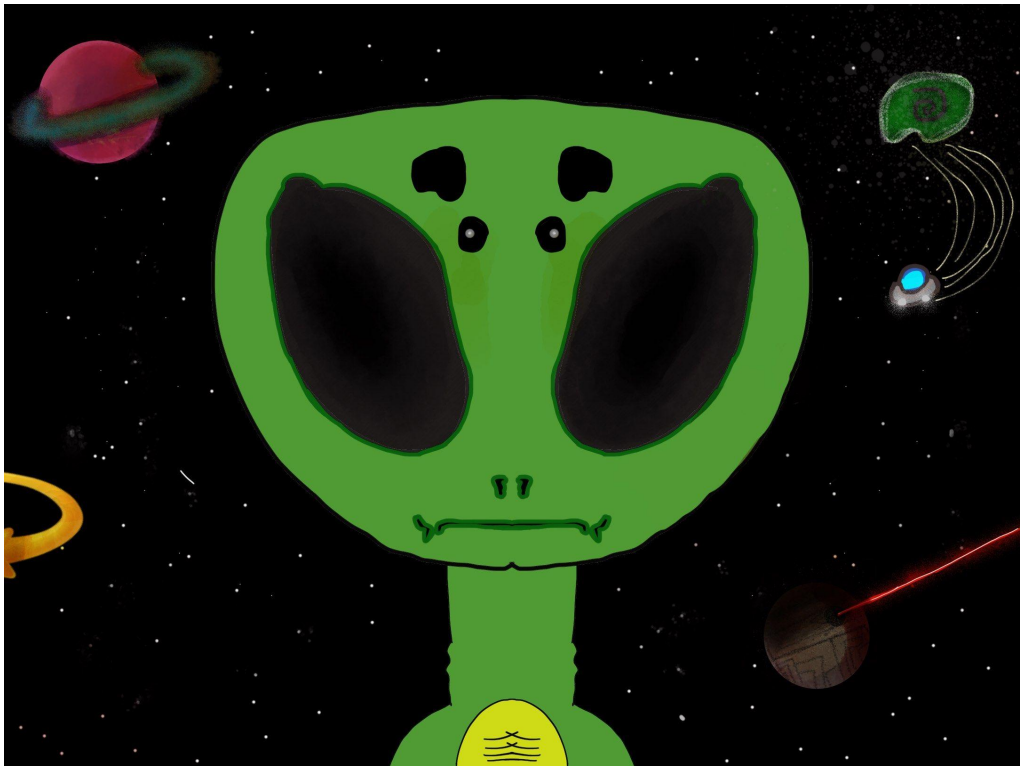


This is Oreo. He is a four year old Shih Tzu - Bichon. Arvin Anderson is his owner.

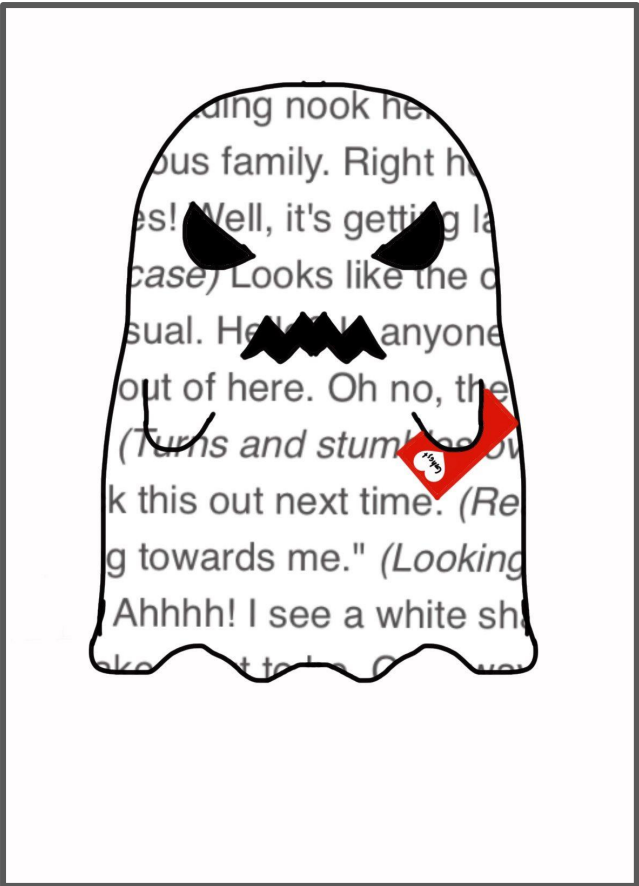


This is Naja. She is a five year old husky. Her owner is Jehonna Senko.

Drawing by Chase Jacobson, grade 7



Drawing by Ali Keran, grade 6



Drawing by Faye Nichols, grade 6

ODE TO WINTER

by Ameesha Ohneswere, grade 6



CHINCHILLAS

by Ameesha Ohneswere, grade 6

Okay, so to start off, a chinchilla is a rodent that sort of resembles a rabbit but is actually related to guinea pigs and porcupines. Personally, I think they're super cute.

Chinchillas have a lot of thick, soft fur. They have fifty to seventy-five hairs growing out of a single hair follicle, while humans have two to three hairs growing out of one hair follicle. Chinchillas can come in different colors like blue-gray, silver, and yellow-gray. No matter what color their fur is, the tips are black. I think this is a big step up from the mottled gray-yellow they had in the wild.



To maintain their healthy coat they take dust baths regularly. If a chinchilla is threatened or under attack, it may do a "fur slip" and release clumps of fur, leaving a potential predator empty-handed. Chinchillas can live up to ten years in the wild and twenty in expert care. They are one of the longest-living rodents. Females may have two or three litters a year. Baby chinchillas are called "kits." They live in large colonies of one hundred individuals.

SQUIRMLES

by Kaycee Bahnemann, grade 6

Squirmles (also known as Snoots, Magic Twisty Worms, Wiggle Worms, or Worm on a String) are small, worm-like toys with googly eyes, a fuzzy body, and a clear thin string used to move around the worm. Squirmles are sometimes used as a magic trick.

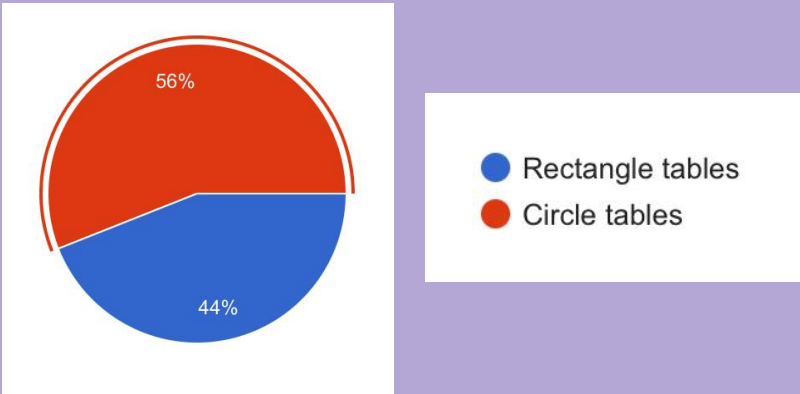
These worms have claimed their spot as one of the greatest toys in history. I myself love these worms for their silly look and how they feel. These worms are great sensory toys with or without the string! These little worms have captured many people's hearts and are commonly used in memes. Many others also use these silly worms for art projects.



CAFETERIA POLL: WHICH TABLE IS BETTER

by Erica Lemke and Mira Oswald, grade 6

A poll was taken of 6th grade students asking the question: which kind of table do you prefer to sit at during lunch. Here are the results:



Circle tables won at 56% while the rectangle tables had only 44%. Circle tables had 12% more votes than the rectangle tables.

6th graders who voted for circle tables said they like the circle tables more because it is easier to talk to your friends at the circle tables. Students also said that most of their friends can fit at the circle tables, making it just you and your friend group. The students who voted for the rectangle tables say they like the rectangle tables better because there's more space, and some people have bigger friend groups. They also said it's easier to have a conversation with people you ate with at the rectangle tables.

Circle tables are what the 6th prefer to sit at during lunch, but rectangle tables aren't too far behind. What tables do you prefer to sit at during lunch? Thank you so all those who filled out the survey.

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Video by Chase Jacobson, Villiana LaMadrid, and Jehonna Senko, grade 7

To watch the above video please scan here:



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MR. XIONG’S BAG TOSS CLUB

by Matthew Robles Pacheco and Adrian Sorenson, grade 7

Have you ever wanted to try something fun and relaxing after school, but physical sports aren’t your thing? Well, you’re in luck! Mr. Xiong, one of our talented art teachers and a professional player of Bag toss (Cornhole), is bringing something exciting to our school—a Cornhole Club! We interviewed Mr. Xiong to learn more about why he started this club and what students can expect. Why did Mr. Xiong decide to make this club?

Mr. Xiong decided to start this club because he wanted to give students an activity that is different from traditional sports. He said, “It’s something that kids could join if they don’t like physical sports.”

His goal is to create an inclusive space where students can participate in an activity at their own comfort level. Mr. Xiong’s background as a professional cornhole player inspired him to introduce this game to students who might be looking for something fun yet calming to do after school.

What benefits does bag toss club offer?

This club offers several benefits to students, including helping them manage stress and work as a team. Cornhole is not just a game; it’s a way to relax and develop important skills like focus and communication. It’s also a chance to have fun in a friendly and supportive environment.

Mr. Xiong believes cornhole can help students step away from the fast pace of school life. He emphasized how

teamwork and practicing strategies can help students grow both socially and mentally.

What does Mr. Xiong hope to accomplish?

Mr. Xiong hopes the club will give kids an opportunity to have fun and make new friends. He wants it to be a space where students feel welcome and enjoy themselves. He explained that the club’s main goal is to provide an outlet where students can learn something new, improve their skills, and build friendships.

Where will the club be held?

The Cornhole Club will meet in the art class upstairs after school. This space is ideal for setting up the cornhole boards and having enough room for students to practice their techniques. It’s a familiar and welcoming location where creativity and fun come together.

Plans for the Future

When asked if he plans to run the club again next year, Mr. Xiong said it will depend on how well it goes this year. If the club is successful and students show interest, he’s open to continuing it in the future.

He added that seeing students enjoy the club and benefit from it would encourage him to keep it going as a regular part of the after-school activities.

What will students do during the meetings?

During club meetings, students will learn breathing techniques and basic

techniques on how to play cornhole. Mr. Xiong plans to teach the fundamentals of the game, such as aiming, throwing accurately, and working together. Students will also get to practice through fun games and possibly friendly competitions.

The club will focus on helping students improve their focus and strategy skills while also encouraging teamwork and sportsmanship. Every session is designed to be both educational and entertaining.

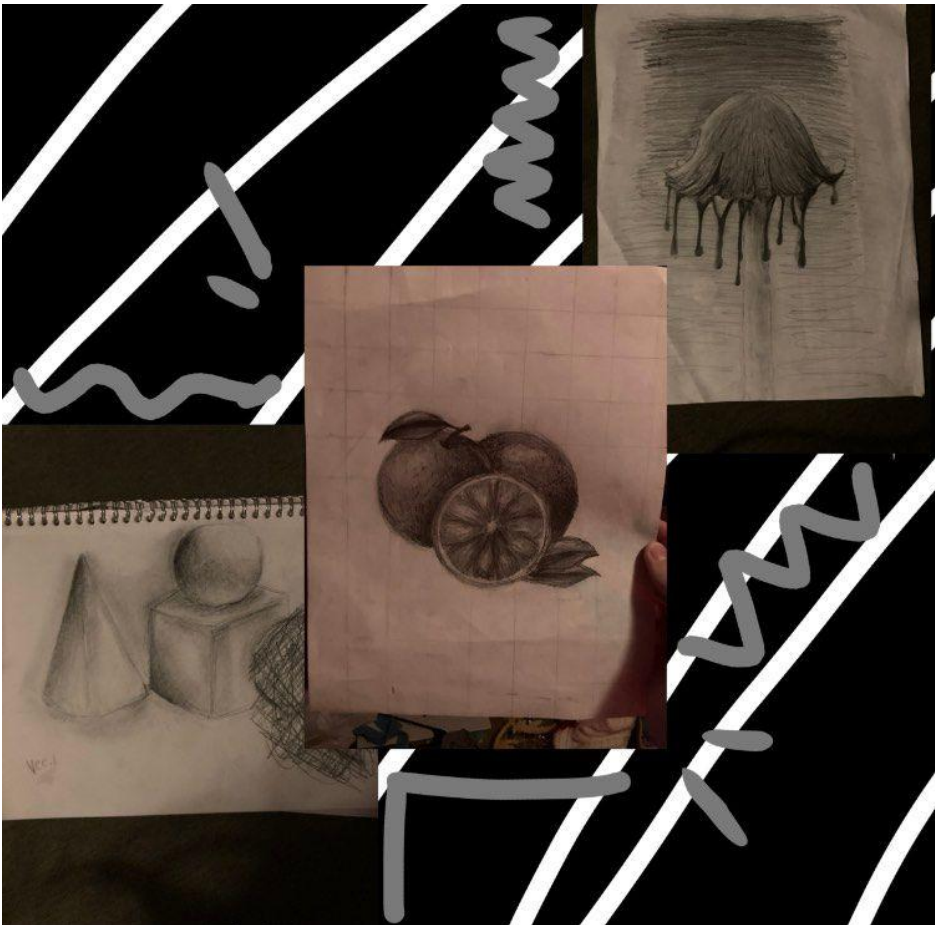
How can students join?

If you’re interested in joining, watch for an email from Mr. Voss, our assistant principal, that will be sent to your parents. This email will have all the details about how to sign up. Make sure to act quickly since spots are limited.

How many students can join?

The club is limited to 8-10 students, ensuring that everyone gets plenty of time to practice and enjoy the game. By keeping the group small, Mr. Xiong can provide personal guidance to each participant.

Cornhole Club is a fantastic opportunity to unwind, meet new people, and learn something new in a stress-free environment. Whether you’re already a fan of the game or just curious to try it out, this club could be the perfect fit for you. A special thanks to Mr. Xiong for bringing this unique and exciting activity to our school community!



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Drawing by Peyton Butler, grade 6

HOCKEY UPDATE

by Hunter Hallermann, grade 6

November 22nd was the start of the Pee wee C team which is made up of South St. Paul & Inver Grove Heights students. The team so far has won one official game. They won 4 to 1. The team has one new player who does not have a lot of experience in hockey. The new player is Hunter Hallermann the author of this article.

If you have a chance to go to one of our games, I recommend you go! It is at Doug Woog Arena in South St. Paul.

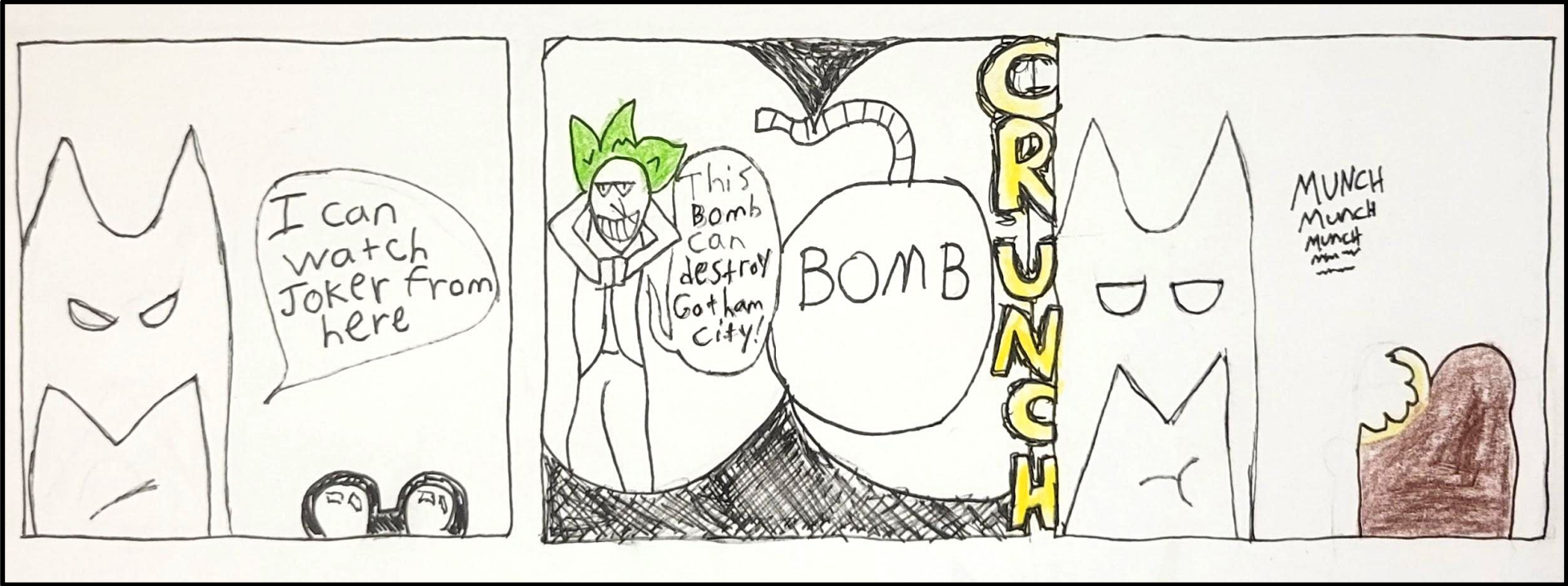


Comic by Alex Martinez Beltran, grade 8

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SHOULD WE GET RETAKES?

by Aili Keran, grade 6

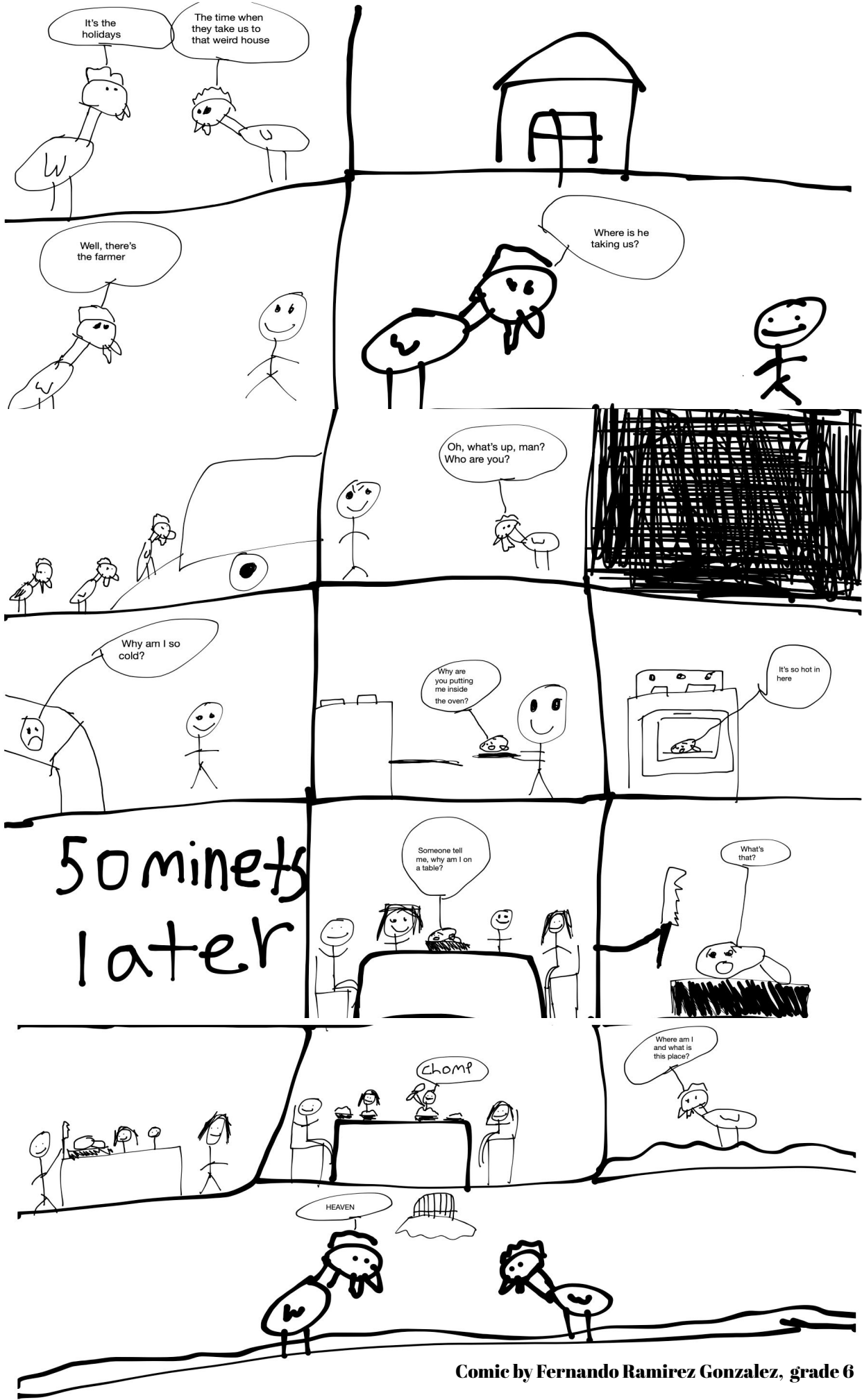
Have you ever gotten a low score on a test and needed a retake? Some teachers don't give out retakes, but should we even get retakes?

The point of a retake is to improve your score, but shouldn't you score that on the first test? That is one argument as to why we should not get retakes. If you already know about the test, and you had the time and materials to study, you should already know the material. Also, you would have been taught the material in class. The only reason you should fail a test is if you weren't paying attention in class.

What about "silly mistakes?" Sometimes, people might do something silly, like forgetting a negative, or adding incorrectly. People think that silly mistakes are a good reason that we should have retakes. Some people also think that if someone misses a day, they should get extra days to learn the materials.

What about things that aren't tests, like projects? It really depends on the teacher. Some teachers don't give retakes, no matter other's opinions on the matter. One solution is corrections. They make the students look at what they got wrong and find correct answers. Other teachers give you retakes, but only if you score below a certain grade. This is a simple solution to a complicated problem.

So the answer to the question: Teachers all have different ways of doing retakes.



Comic by Fernando Ramirez Gonzalez, grade 6