



## Is The Story Real?

In this edition of “Is The Story Real?” we’ll be talking about the disastrous earthquake that occurred in London on October 5th, and you’ll have to decide whether or not we’re telling the truth.

The earthquake is said to be a 6.7 on the Richter scale, meaning that great damage was done to the famous city. The well-known Big Ben now has a crack along its clock, and one of its hands has fallen off. No news and/or orders of its rebuilding has arrived.

Weather reporters are speculating that a tsunami might hit one of England’s most famous islands, the Isle of Chrome, in which case there would be an emergency evacuation on the island to ensure everyone’s safety.

So, do you think the story is real? Check the end of the paper for an answer!

## History Corner: Halloween

Since it’s the month of October, Halloween is coming around the corner! Lots of people don’t know the history of Halloween and how it was created, and it is important to know the origins of it, so I will tell you.

2,000 years ago, Halloween began with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, celebrated on October 31st to mark the end of summer and harvest when the boundary between the living and the dead were a blur.

It is believed that on the eve of the samhain the line between the living and the dead became thin and the spirits of the underworld were able to roam the Earth during the day. To protect themselves, people would light bonfires and wear costumes to disguise themselves from ghouls.

Pumpkin carving had similar origins. Pumpkin carving originated from an Irish and Scottish tradition of carving faces into turnips to ward away evil spirits.

When Irish and Scottish immigrants started arriving in America, they used pumpkins to carve into instead because

they discovered they were much more easier to carve to create jack-o-lanterns, which symbolized to trap the souls of the dead and fend off evil spirits, which then eventually became a normalized Halloween decoration everywhere.

One of the other most popular Halloween traditions, trick or treating, was created by people going door to door, dressing up in costumes, offering prayers and performances in exchange for food, money, and treats.

Eventually in the 20th century, this tradition was modernized and evolved into kids going door to door every Halloween and asking for candy, as everyone already knows.

Now, everybody celebrates Halloween today from the traditions almost 2,000 years ago.



## New Staff Spotlight

We are very excited to welcome these following staff members to the school this year. We all welcome Ms. Weik, Mr. Buono, Ms. Cleary, Officer Chapralas, Ms. Klose, Ms. Loomis, and Mr. Marjollet. Out of these new staff we interviewed three of them.

**BIG SHOUT OUTS** to all the staff that took time out of their day to let us interview them. We interviewed Mr. Buono, Ms. Cleary, and Ms. Weik.

Ms. Weik: Q. How do you like working here so far? “ I love working here. I think this school is fantastic. I think the kids are great, the people are awesome.”

Ms. Cleary: Q. What do you think about the subject you are focused on? “So I do 5th, 6th, and 7th grade reading, and I love just being focused on one thing.”

Mr. Buono: Q. If you could do another subject what would it be? “For my seminar I teach Italian so that is something I am having fun teaching.”

Inspiring quotes each teacher said that every young students should follow:

Ms. Weik says... “Treat others the way you want to be treated.”

Ms. Cleary says...“Work hard and be kind!”

Mr. Buono says...“Whether you think you can, or think you can't, either way you're right.”



## What do You Think?

### Dogs vs. Cats

Are dogs better than cats or are cats better than dogs? Well, here are the pros and cons of both! First off dogs can help lower human stress levels by releasing chemicals decreasing stress hormones in the human body. Dogs also encourage more physical activity in us humans as they need walks and physical exercise themselves. The cons include taking your dog to the vet and paying for vet bills, correctly training them, and also dealing with the behavior of your dog such as chewing, barking and house-training.

Here are some of the pros and cons of having a cat! Similar to dogs they help lower stress levels in humans. They also can be a good pet to have in small living spaces such as apartments and small houses unlike dogs where they need a larger space to live.

The cons of having a cat are getting supplies such as grooming supplies and cost of food. Another con is the cost of vet care, and damage of furniture as cats tend to scratch and destroy objects around their home.

Knowing the pros and cons of having a dog or cat, which one do you think is better? Dogs v.s Cats talk to your friends and see what they think!



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## Flashbacks

Hello! And welcome to our first edition of *Shark Talk*. In this article, we will be covering the trends and topics associated with an era. This edition will be **all about the early 2000s**.

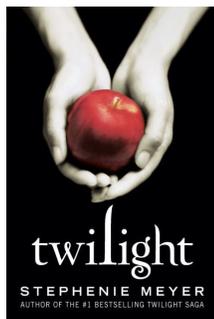
The 2000s were known for the Y2K aesthetic, mainstreaming of the internet, unique pop culture, fashion trends, etc. There was a noticeable incline of technology use, with the rise of the internet and social media platforms.

Women's fashion usually included low-rise jeans and miniskirts, track suits, bold logos, and lots of patterns, like metallic, sequins, and leopard print. Bold accessories were popular, as were retro cars, such as the BMW C8, Honda Element, Chevy Aveo, Ford Focus, etc.

GPS and Bluetooth were both invented in the 2000s, as were high-tech safety features. The I-Pod and MP3 revolutionized the 2000s as well. In the 2000s we also saw a surge in reality TV views.

A couple cultural trends included graffiti art and irony in news. Factual stories developed a sarcastic tone, and were given a hint of irony.

A couple events that took place in the 2000s were 9/11 and both the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. The world also saw a rise in global terrorism. Though there were some bad times, the 2000s were an iconic and renowned era.



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## Sports Report

The MRMS fall sports include 5 sports: girls soccer, boys soccer, cross country, field hockey, and golf. We interviewed several athletes about how the season is going so far.

We found out the **girls soccer team** has grown a lot. We interviewed Aubrey C., she said the person who had the most growth on her team was Grace D. We also asked her what teamwork means to her. She said to encourage your teammates and not giving up on them and working together and not only doing it yourself.

The **boys soccer team** is very strong, and they have an A and a B team. We interviewed James C. and Finn L. We asked James who had the most growth on his team, and he said Finn. We interviewed Finn, who said the season is going really well so far.

The **cross country team** works well together. We interviewed runner Alex R. She said that Willem or Emily had the most growth this season. Then we asked her what her goals are for the season, and she said that her goals were to go 1.5 miles in 12 minutes.

The **golf team** has also grown a lot. We interviewed one of the players on the golf team, Jesse R. We asked Jesse what his goal for this season was, and he said he wants to hit 200 yards. We also asked him who had the most growth, he said that Henry G. had the most growth.

We also interviewed **field hockey** athlete Lyndsey B., and she said that Anna Z. had the most growth this season. When we were interviewing her, we asked her how the season was so far. She said it was pretty good. She also said that she thinks that she has grown some this season. **Congratulations to all the teams on a great season!**

## Student Spotlight

Mylie W. is a 7th grader. She was chosen to be the student spotlight because she is a very friendly and interesting person with many little details that you might want to learn about. Her hobbies include 3CA cheer, and hanging out with all of her amazing friends.

**Question:** How has your school year been so far?

**Answer:** It has been very good, and all the teachers are nice.

**Question:** What is it like cheering?

**Answer:** It is very fun and everyone is nice, it's also a good thing to do in my free time.

**Question:** Do you think we get too much homework this year?

**Answer:** I would say it's in the middle because every day there are different amounts.

**Question:** Do you think people are nice to each other?

**Answer:** I think it's in the middle because there are different groups of people and some are nice but others are not.

**Question:** What's your favorite subject or class?

**Answer:** ELA because I like reading and writing and the teacher.

**Question:** What is your favorite memory of middle school so far?

**Answer:** 6th grade because i had friend in every class and the subjects.

**Question:** What are you looking forward to this year?

**Answer:** Getting to go to the water wizz at the end of the year.

## Book Recommendations

We asked Ms. Milan for a list of the most popular books checked out of the school library, and here are the top ten:

1. *New Kid*, by Jerry Craft

2. *The Baby-sitters Club 2, The Truth About Stacy*, by Raina Telgemeier

3. *Big Nate Game On*, by Lincoln Pierce

4. *Bone 2, The Great Cow Racesmith*, by Jeff Smith

5. *El Deafobell*, by Cece

6. *Demigod Files*, by Rick Riordan

7. *Drama*, by Raina Telgemeier

8. *Ghosts*, by Raina Telgemeier

9. *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, by J.K Rowling

10. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, by J.K Rowling

These are the most popular books that are checked out of the library by students. Raina Telgemeier seems to be the most popular author among the kids.

Now you may be wondering how you can get these books well. An easy way to get these books is to get them from the library. If you don't know where the library is, it's in the hallway next to the fifth grade lobby and the main lobby.

Thank you Ms. Milan for giving us information about the ten most popular books that were checked out of the library.



## Advice Column

*Dear Diary, I like this girl.  
-Anonymous.*

Dear Anonymous,

We completely understand your issue and have a couple suggestions. First of all, do you know this girl well? If so, and she talks to you often, I'd suggest telling her in person, or give a hint. See how she takes it. You may find that she feels the same way. If you are hoping to get to know her better, start with casual conversations. Maybe a compliment here and there. As she gets more comfortable, you can shift the conversations wherever you want. Adjust this to your personality. Best of luck!

-Diary

*Yo bro can u help me with the issue of  
me and my boyfriend break up  
-Anonymous*

Dear Anonymous,

We can understand your issue and may have some ideas for your situation. First off, you can try telling your boyfriend how you really feel in a way that won't hurt anyone's feelings. I hope this idea helps!

-Diary

*I am alone please help me make friends  
-Anonymous*

Dear Anonymous,

This is an understandable problem and I have some tips. You could sit with a group of people at lunch and ask them some icebreaker questions, or something about them. Ask about themselves, or something they would go on and on about if they could. They will get more comfortable with you over time. Try sitting with them more often, and start up conversations. Try to start some inside jokes, and mention them every once in a while. I hope this helps,

-Diary

*I like my best friend's ex boyfriend. What  
should I do?*

*-Anonymous*

Dear Anonymous,

I'm not quite sure whether to say "that's wonderful" or "I'm sorry." I'm sure there are many people with your same dilemma. I'd start with telling your friend. There's no use in ruining a friendship over a crush. If they give you the "ok," go ahead! If they say no, say you understand, and give it some time. And congrats! It's nice to find qualities you like in other people. Good luck!

-Diary

## MRMS Word Search

See how many MRMS words you can find, and circle your answers!

### Monomoy middle school word search

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

Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden →, ↓, and ↘.

SOCIAL STUDIES  
NEWSPAPER CLUB  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
FRESH AIR TIME  
WHITE BOARD

LUNCH TIME  
SCHEDULE  
TEACHER  
STUDENT  
PENCIL

POSTER  
MATH  
BOOK  
GYM

## Would you Rather?

Circle your answer and see if your friends feel the same way!

Eat pizza and breadsticks  
for lunch...



**Pros:** It would be perfectly cheesy, delicious, and with any toppings you want. With lots of options, it could be everything you desire!

Eat breakfast for  
lunch...



**Pros:** It would be delicious, a little sweet, and could be safe for students with allergies! An option with lots of variety.

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## Riddles

- 1.) What has hundreds of ears, but can't hear a thing?
- 2.) I add 5 to 9 and get 2. The answer is correct, so what am I?
- 3.) What has a head but no brain?

## THANK YOU

To all student, teachers, and staff who were interviewed for this edition of Shark Talk! We will see you in the next edition!

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