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HALFWAY THROUGH!

Welcome back, CMS, to a new edition of The Middle Pages. We are so happy to show off the exciting topics and new happenings all around our school this season!

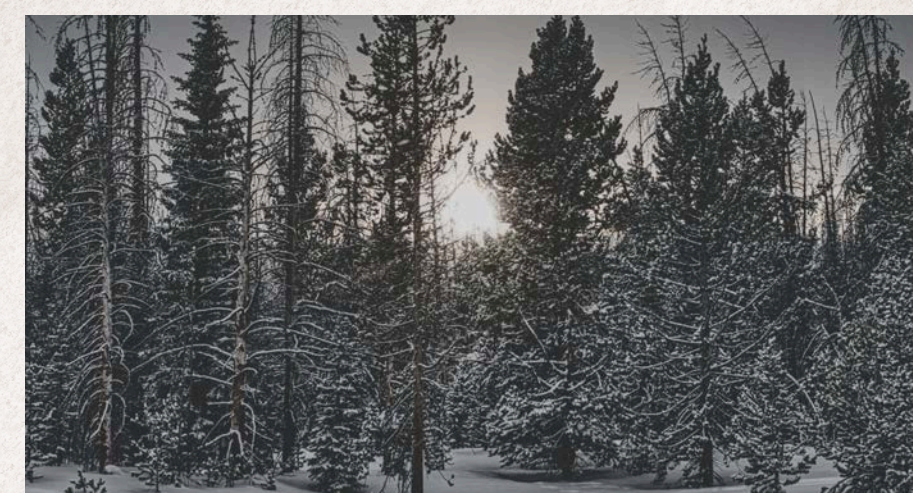
In each newspaper edition, readers can find articles about current events happening at CMS, seasonal reflections, and creative writings that help bring our community together!

Each quarter, The Middle Pages will publish a new edition of the newspaper that will be available in digital and physical formats.

Happy reading!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 29th - SOQ Assembly
- January 30th - Club Day
- February 20th - Valentine's Dance!
- February 27th - Club Day
- February 16th - NO SCHOOL
- March 3rd - 5th - FireFly Assessments



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SIGMA

SLANG. WHAT IS IT? WE'VE ALL HEARD OF IT BEFORE, ESPECIALLY NOW AS NEW SLANG WORDS ARE BEING CREATED PRACTICALLY EVERY WEEK. THE TEXTBOOK DEFINITION OF SLANG IS "A TYPE OF LANGUAGE THAT CONSISTS OF WORDS AND PHRASES THAT ARE REGARDED AS VERY INFORMAL, ARE MORE COMMON IN SPEECH THAN WRITING, AND ARE TYPICALLY RESTRICTED TO A PARTICULAR CONTEXT OR GROUP OF PEOPLE." GEN ALPHA AND GEN Z HAVE INTRODUCED A WHOLE NEW RAINBOW OF NEW SLANG WORDS, SOME MODERN SLANG INCLUDE, "SIX SEVEN, AURA, SIGMA, AND RIZZ". THERE ARE COUNTLESS MORE THOUGH.

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THE MIDDLE PAGES INTERVIEWED MRS. JANSKY, A 7TH GRADE WORLD HISTORY TEACHER. WE ASKED A VARIETY OF QUESTIONS ABOUT MODERN SLANG. SLANG CAN BE VERY CONFUSING TO SOME TEACHERS, MRS JANSKY SAYS SHE UNDERSTANDS MOST OF IT. SHE SAYS "SOME OF IT, I THINK I UNDERSTAND IT". SLANG HAS OBVIOUSLY CHANGED OVER THE DECADES, MRS JANSKY STATES " I THINK IT WAS SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO YOURS, MOST OF IT WAS JUST INTERNET CULTURE. IT WAS JUST STARTING TO BECOME A THING, SO MEMES, DIFFERENT INTERNET VIDEOS." MOST SLANG WAS ON SOMETHING CALLED AIM, WHICH WAS A WAY OF INSTANT CHAT MESSAGING. SOME EXAMPLES OF SLANG WERE LIKE LOL, TTYL, AND GTG.

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SLANG HAS BEEN USED FOR DECADES. WHETHER IT'S ABBREVIATIONS FOR WORDS, OR JUST MADE UP NEW GIBBERISH THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO MEAN SOMETHING. IT CAN HOLD PIECES OF NOSTALGIA AND WARMTH.

+1000 AURA

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY DELICIA AND AUDREY

A BURNING FEELING



An iced nose
Hands covered by red mittens
Buried corpses of leaves
Careful not to check a disease



Warmth from a fire
Don't burn

Icy breath and icy breeze
Impossible to drown in a frozen sea
possible to burn in the presence of someone cold

A feeling of freedom wrapped in warm clothes
Don't cling to your clothes too tight
Do cling to the memories of friends
Snow falls
leaves fell

Crime is to let the moments fall and be fallen
To hate perfectly uncomfortably comfortable moment for being
cold

That is the hate that burns

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Winter life

Snow falls and hear the sounds of
excitement

The wonderful
silent
quiet
Night.

We awake to see more snow
as the snow falls we see the bows.

The town is covered and is
sparkling

we hear people say “for my darling”
“For my darling we wish you a
wonderful winter day.”

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**HUNGER GAMES REVIEW**

Do you like futuristic stories about a girl who has to run from death at every corner? On top of that she has to worry about her loved ones and trying to keep them alive? Then you would love the book *The Hunger Games*. Katniss the main character who has to go into *The Hunger Games* which is where if you are a child in one of the 12 districts you have the the chance to go into an arena and fight to the death til there is one winner of the annual *Hunger Games*. The story follows Katniss when she is in district 12, then in the capital, and lastly in the arena. In the beginning she just is hunting with her best friend Gale in the woods to feed the families. Then everything starts to go downhill fast. To give you some information there is a capital in this world with president Snow who is controlling and does the annual *Hunger Games* to keep the 12 districts in check.

I also did a pole and asked students and teachers what was there favorite book to movie and the options were *Harry Potter*, *The Hunger Games*, *The Lord of the Rings*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Jurassic Park*, *The Color Purple*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The world according to garp*, and *The Outsiders*. The teachers were a much bigger fan of the hunger games then anything else and they all thought the book was better than the movie in their opinion. The students were much more spread out where the majority liked the *Outsiders* which we read and watched the movie for in 7th grade but some also liked *The Hunger Games* and *The Lord of the Rings*. The students also liked the books more than the movies. In the end the students and the teachers had different opinions but all liked the books better then the movies

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Winter

I still hear the songs
I still see the lights
I still feel your love
on cold wintry nights

winter is coming
it's time for laughs
its time for cheers
so everybody gather ne'er

listen to the music play
as you hear the choir
when you sit by the fire
and wait for the next day

there's a stir in the trees
and whisper in the breeze
that's how you know its ne'er
winter is here with good cheer

POETRY WRITTEN BY LAYELA BOWMAN



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ELF MOVIE REVIEW

Buddy the Elf..... the lovely, funny, innocent elf from the North Pole just trying to find his long lost father while making new friends, a lover, and meeting his half brother. The 2003 movie Elf was directed by Jon Favreau, written by David Berenbaum, and produced by Jon Berg, Todd Komarnicki, and Shauna Robertson, starring Will Ferrell as Buddy. The movie is a family natured comedy to bring joy during the holiday season! In the beginning of the movie a nun carries a little orphan baby and sends the baby to sleep on Christmas Eve, the baby crawls into Santa's present sack. In the North Pole the elves decided to name him buddy after his diaper was from a brand called buddy. Papa elf never had any children but decided to adopt Buddy and take care of him. Throughout the years Buddy grew faster and bigger than the rest of his friends, because he was human but nobody told him.. so since nobody told him he was a human he was convinced his whole life that he was an elf. After a couple of years papa elf decided to tell buddy about his father because he was on the naughty list. So buddy sent out to find his dad. If you enjoy funny, Christmas, feel-good movies this movie is just for you!

**ARTICLE WRITTEN BY AUBREE**

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SCHOOL LUNCH POLL

It's been a common question across all schools: What's the most POPULAR SCHOOL LUNCH? So naturally, I sought after to answer this question — at least for CMS .

Here's the data I've gathered:

Walking Taco: 20.3% Vote — #1

French Toast Sticks: 10.8% Vote — #2

Mac & Cheese + General Tso's: 9.5% Vote — #3

Pizza: 7.6% Vote — #4

Blackened Chicken Alfredo: 6.3% Vote — #5

Honestly, I was surprised that Pizza wasn't in the top 3! Walking Taco seems to be the unanimous winner here, with almost TWICE the amount of votes as French Toast Sticks! Mac and Cheese lands a tie with General Tso's, a rivalry I was not expecting to see in this quarter's vote. Pizza lands a 4th place finish, with 12 total votes. Although this doesn't seem like a problem, there was a glitch where students could vote more than once, which rose this item's popularity overall. We don't know who the REAL 4th placer is, sadly. Listed in 5th place goes the Blackened Chicken Alfredo meal, which barely made the top 5 finish, beating both the Cheesy Pull Aparts AND Beef Taco by 2 points! So, what do you think about the general consensus of the BEST CMS LUNCH?

Breaking news!

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY ALLISON



We have the scoop on WCMS

We interviewed Mrs Hill and Sarah Binder for WCMS to get the inside scoop.

First we interviewed Mrs Hill and here are her thoughts,
Reporter, “What is WCMS?”

Mrs Hill, “WCMS is our student news show, student produced, student created. To inform our student body. and their families to inform them about what is happening in our building.”

Reporter, “If you are interested in WCMS what do you look for in a person?”

Mrs Hill, “ In the spring I will share information to all the seventh graders for how to apply and when I see applications what I look for is one following directions for the video I ask other teachers how those students are in class like are they helpers or are they kind or are they respectful? Do they take initiative or are they hard workers?”

We also interviewed a student who is on WCMS, Sarah Binder. Here are her thoughts,

Reporter, “ what do you like about WCMS?”

Sarah, “ I like WCMS mess because I get to be a leader and I get to be creative every single morning.”

Reporter, “ What would you say to a person who is interested in doing WCMS?”

Sarah, “ if someone’s interested in doing WCMS I’d say just go for it you should have a little bit of interest in public speaking but if you find it interesting, just go for it.”

This is just a few reasons why you should consider doing WCMS next year(if you are in seventh grade)!

The ping pong club!

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY ALLISON

We are going to be interviewing teachers that made clubs and students! Up first is Mr Oster who has been running the ping pong club for 5-6 years now,

Reporter: “What made you make the ping pong club?”

Mr Oster: “ I like to play ping-pong and we had a single ping-pong table in the gym storage room and long ago when we had lunchtime recess I played ping-pong there, and I just discovered that a lot of students like to play I was limited to like the knights team, so I wrote a grant through the Hempfield foundation. I asked for some money to buy some tables. and they granted me some money. I was able to buy some tables. and not only did I want to run it as a club. I also wanted to have a league for people. Who has skill, who wants to come and play advanced ping-pong and it’s fun once a cycle to get people down.”

Reporter: “What is your favorite thing about making this club?”

Mr Oster: “ The enjoyment of what students get while playing ping-pong like it’s an opportunity do not have a device on be free from a phone or an iPad it’s just good old-fashioned fun when you’re playing you’re burning calories you’re smiling you’re competitive and you’re just having a good time it’s an easy way to pass flex on a day two.”

Now we have a student who is in the ping pong club here is Kimberly Bender who is in seventh grade,

Reporter, “What is your favorite part about the ping pong club?”

Kimberly Bender, “I get to do it with my friends and it is fun to do.”

This is the ping pong club so if you are interested in it you can sign up next year!



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FLASH FICTION FEATURES: FROZEN HEARTS

OLIVER'S STORY

SHAYLYN'S STORY

ELLIE'S STORY

FROZEN HEARTS

OLIVER'S STORY

Oliver stared at his friends. Shaylyn, the hopeless romantic, and Ellie, the smart, pretty girl. The sharp sting of the cold air on Oliver's pale cheek is nothing compared to his aching heart. He has at least five girls, including Shaylyn, who like him, but he likes

Ellie! Pulling him out of his daydream, Shaylyn asks, "You sledding, or what?" He tells her he's coming and races her to the top of the hill, laughing. Though he doesn't feel the same way about her, he appreciates her kindness to him over the years.

Suddenly, Ellie climbs up the hill. Oliver's heart flutters. He doesn't even care when Shaylyn rolls down the hill and cries.

"What are you doing Oliver? Shaylyn's ankle could be broken, and you're just standing there!" Ellie screams at him. Oliver's ears turn red with shame as he rushes to help Shaylyn. As he calls her parents for her, he apologizes for not helping right away.

"I'm so sorry girls, I was thinking... I..." Ellie gives him a knowing look.

"Never let liking someone get in the way of friendship."

Oliver nods. "Thank you, thank you both. You're the best friends a guy could have."



“Huuuhh” all that Shaylyn wanted was for Oliver to ask her out. She was about to get up from her bench to start sledding when the cold air blew by making her zip up her coat. Finally she got up and walked over to Oliver to ask if he was going to sled. He said

“Yeah, just give me a second.”

As Shaylyn was walking up the hill Ellie comes zipping down, then Oliver comes running past and yells, “Race ya!”

Soon the two of them are running and laughing going up the hill but then something happens...

“Shaylyn are you okay?” yells Ellie. Turns out that Shaylyn should have gotten a smaller size snow boot. Shaylyn was just about to pass Oliver when her boot fell off and she fell backwards down the hill. Shaylyn had taken a pretty nasty fall, she fell all the way down past where Ellie had been running. As Shaylyn was tumbling down she only had one thought: Oh please don’t let Oliver see me like this. I’m so embarrassed. As Ellie runs over to me Oliver just stands there doing nothing. Ellie yells at him and all that I can think is Really why do I even like him? He’s just standing there while I’m here hurt. I thought I liked him but I guess it’s just because he’s cute. I really shouldn’t have judged a book by its cute, cute cover.

Edition 2

This is Mr Baldwin and he is Mrs Green's student teacher. He is trying to be a seventh through twelve grade English teacher. He wants to be a teacher because,

"When I was in middle school myself, I was not the best student for my ninth but my eighth, ninth and 10th grade teachers were so good. They convinced me to be a better student and I learned to enjoy school and education through them." The next question is, do you feel like you are starting to have a connection with your students?

"I think I'm starting to have a decent connection with a lot of them and there's some that I definitely need to do a better job connecting with." Mr Baldwin is one of the many reasons why we have teachers inspiring us as students every day.

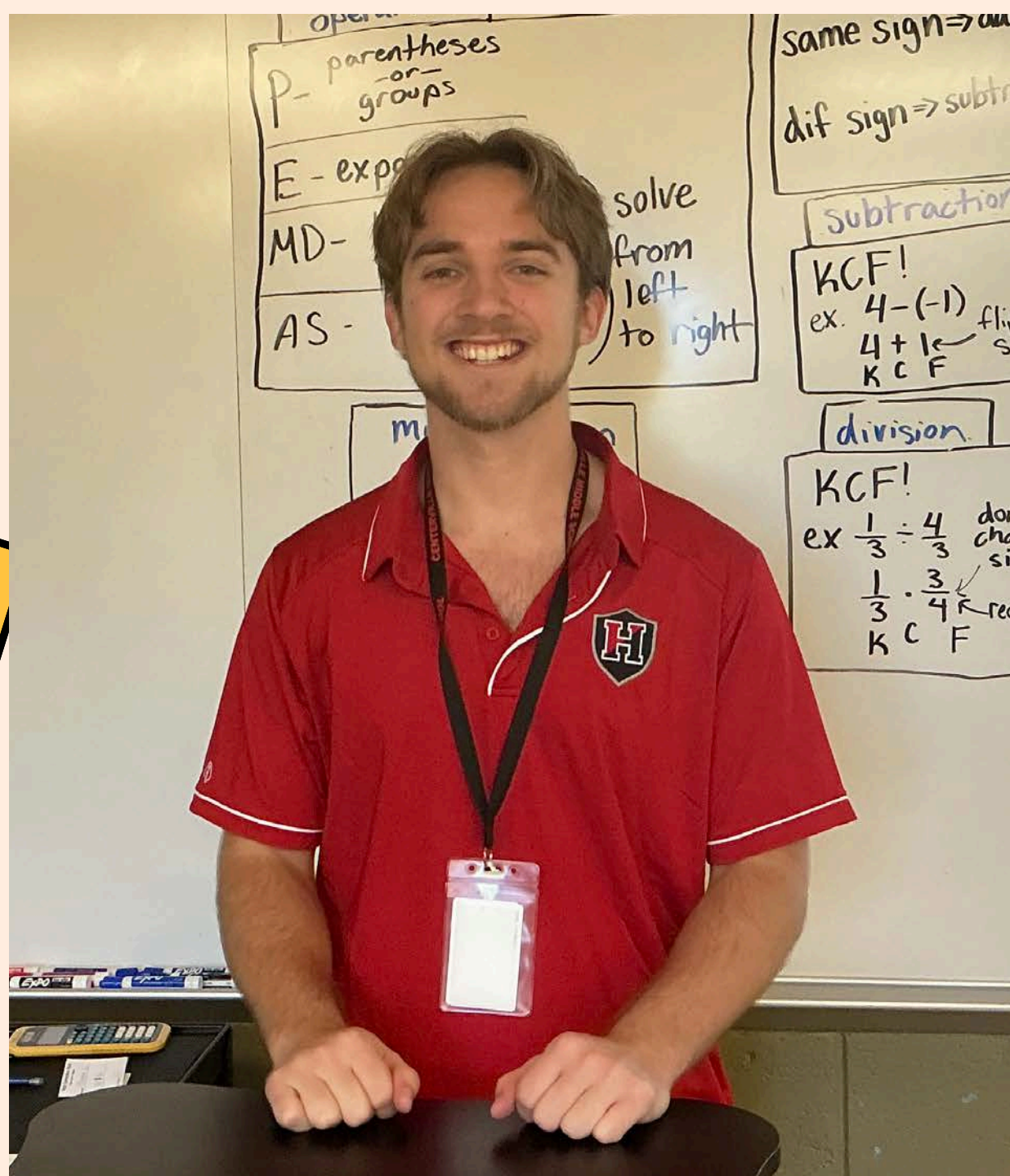
Last but not least we have Mr Greb, he is Mrs Hill's student teacher. He is studying to be a social studies teacher. He wants to teach because,

"I just like history and I wanted to share the passion with you and see if you would like history class too." He feels like he is starting to get a connection with the students because, "I do feel very connected to the students. They are all very polite and willing to learn." This is why he is an amazing student teacher and will be an amazing teacher.



By: Layela And Allison

Welcome! Mr. Stokes to CMS



-“Why did you want to teach?”

- “because he had a lot of good teachers in school and he wants to be like them. He loves to interact with students and help them learn.”

-“What are you certified in?”
“Math”

-“Where are you from?”

-“ Hershey Pennsylvania”

-“Do you feel connected to your students?-and why?”

“Yes, they’re fun, they make a lot of jokes, they say 67 all the time,” he gets to laugh with his students and make good memories.

CMS is honored to have Mr. Stokes teaches with us in our school. He is an amazing teacher and is outgoing and always interacting and supportive with his students. This is why we should be grateful and welcoming to Mr. Stokes to CMS!!

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY LAYELA

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NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: MISS LEHMAN

MISS LEHMAN IS AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER AT CMS. SHE JOINED THE SCHOOL THIS YEAR.

1. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT CENTERVILLE SO FAR THIS YEAR?

ANSWER: IT'S A GREAT SCHOOL, AND THE STAFF ARE REALLY FRIENDLY.

1. WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING SUCH A LARGE GROUP OF STUDENTS?

ANSWER: WELL, I MAINLY USE THE SAYING STRATEGY. I SAY THE START OF A PHRASE AND THE STUDENTS FINISH THE PHRASE. I'VE FOUND IT TO WORK PRETTY SUCCESSFULLY.

1. WHAT WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BE A TEACHER HERE?

ANSWER: I'D TELL THEM NOT TO BE READY FOR IMMEDIATE SUCCESS. IT COMES IN CHUNKS, NOT RIGHT AWAY.

1. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT?

ANSWER: WELL, OBVIOUSLY I LOVE ELA!

1. IF YOU COULD TEACH ONE SUBJECT BESIDES ELA, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

ANSWER: I'D ACTUALLY LIKE TO TEACH SCIENCE, BECAUSE I FOUND IT REALLY INTERESTING AS A CHILD.

MISS LEHMAN IS AN AMAZING, TALENTED , AND EXPERTLY GIFTED IN TEACHING.



MISS LEHMAN

One Crazy Snow Day

Madlib by Elyse Youtz

When I woke up this morning, I looked out my window and saw a (Adjective) pile of snow! (Adverb), I walked out my door in nothing but my (Adjective) pajamas to grab my sled. When I picked up my sled, it immediately broke into two with a (Onomatopoeia) ! Now I had to figure out what to sled with, so I instead grabbed an (object) . With my brand new 'sled', I walked to the top of the snow pile and started sledding! It was so much fun!...until a giant (noun) got in the way. I tried to avoid it, and managed to at the last second. When I reach the bottom of the pile, I let out a of (Sound) ! I've conquered the snow pile! (Emotion)



THANK

YOU

for

READING!

Be sure to share with your friends, family, and teachers!

Tune in for our next installment in Q2!

Yours in news reporting,

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