



13 Drivers' Licenses Assembly Shows Actions Speak Louder than Words

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Recently, our school held an important assembly about the exhibit 13 Drivers' Licenses. The assembly was organized after some students were drawing swastikas in the bathrooms, which are symbols connected to hate and the Holocaust.

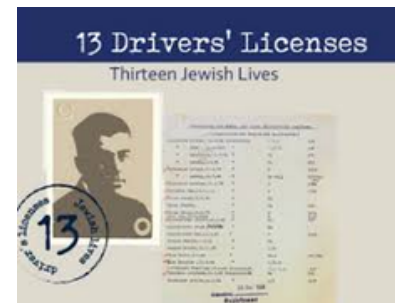
The goal of the assembly was to help students understand why these actions are harmful and why respect is so important. During the assembly, a guest speaker, Lisa Salko, came to talk to us. She was a descendant of one of the people connected to the exhibit. The main point of the presentation is the discovery of 13 Jewish Drivers' Licenses from the Nazi era in Germany, and efforts to reunite the licenses with the descendants of the original owners. Lisa's grandfather, Sigmund Marx, and her two great uncles, Alfred Marx and Alfred Oppenheimer, were three of the original license holders.

She shared the story of her family and explained what people went through during that time in history. She talked about how dangerous hate symbols can be and how they are connected to real events that hurt many people. The speaker encouraged students to think before they act and to treat others with kindness and respect.

Many students listened carefully and learned something new. Overall, the assembly was a meaningful experience that reminded everyone why it is important to learn from history and make good choices.



Students and their teacher, Mr. Manfred Brösamle-Lambrecht, in Lichtenfels, Germany, who undertook the research to find the descendants of the original drivers' license owners.



Looking for Some Cool Stuff to do Over Spring Break?

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Spring break is right around the corner and it's a perfect time for fun filled activities and relaxation after the long freezing months of winter.

If you are bored and want some exciting and relaxing activities, here are some you can do during spring break:

Number 1: go outside and take in the warm weather and fresh air. There are many calming activities, like painting, drawing, reading, bird watching, or just sitting down and taking in the moment.

Number 2: host a game or movie marathon. You can do this with your family or friends and it's a fun way to spend time together.

Number 3: go to New York City. New York City is fairly close and there are so many different things to do the possibilities are endless. From museums like the MET, to different cuisines of restaurants, the different places to go are endless.

Number 4: do a DIY craft or art piece like a painting, sculpture, drawing, etc.

Number 5, visit local parks to have a picnic, birdwatch, or just to walk around.

There are many different activities to do during spring break to take advantage of the warm weather approaching.



‘Witch’ Do You Prefer? Glinda or Elphaba?

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On March 25, the 6th, 7th and 8th grade chorus students were able to take a trip to the Broadway musical “Wicked”. In the morning, we left school at about 10:00 and arrived in New York City at about 11:15. We had lunch at an Italian Restaurant called “Carmines”, located in 2450 Broadway in the Upper East Side where we were served garlic bread, Caesar salad, spaghetti with marinara sauce, and pasta with broccoli.

After lunch we headed over to the theatre, which was a 30-minute drive. The theater where the musical was performed was the Gershwin Theatre, located on 222 West 51st Street.

The first half of the show showed the friendship between Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda, the Good Witch of the South strengthen when becoming roommates at Shiz University. Elphaba gets recognized for her magical talent and gets offered to meet the Wizard in the Emerald City. Songs like “I’m Not that Girl”, “Defying Gravity”, “No One Mourns the Wicked”, “Dancing With Life”, and “Popular” were all sung in the first act.

After the intermission the second act showed Elphaba hiding from the Wizard and his guards which eventually leads her to fake her death while Glinda takes ownership of Oz. Songs like “Thank Goodness”, “Wonderful”, “As Long as You’re Mine”, and “March of the Witch Hunter” were all sung in act two.

Overall, I think this trip was very enjoyable and exciting, and I recommend watching Wicked on Broadway!



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NeeDohs Squeeze Their Way into Popularity

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NeeDohs are suddenly getting popular because NeeDohs are soft, squishy sensory toys. They're like hard stress balls, but NeeDohs have a slow rising type of texture and some people say that it's extremely satisfying.

Unlike fidget spinners and other fidgets, NeeDohs are not loud AT ALL so you can quietly play with them in class, work and even at home to reduce anxiety or just to play with them because they feel good, not just students, but teachers and adults have noticed this as well.

Another reason they are popular is because people see things on TikTok or Instagram of influencers playing with them. Then people start buying them. Some people go "hunting" for them.

Yet another reason people LOVE them is that they come in unique styles, colors, and shapes. For example, there is a colorful cake squishy and then there is a blue ice cube or a purple "cool cat."

People also like NeeDohs because they are easy to collect. You can have a bunch of different ones on your desk, in your backpack, or even in your room, and each one is a little different. Some people like to trade them with friends or try to find the rarest ones. There are also some that are scented or glittery, which makes them extra fun to play with.

Squishing them over and over can feel like a game, and people like seeing how fast they can squish them back into shape or how big they can stretch them before they go back. Many people also like NeeDohs because they are relaxing. They can help you calm down if you are nervous or stressed. Even though they are just toys, a lot of people say playing with them makes them feel better after a long day at school or work. The bright colors and cute designs make them fun to look at, and they are small enough to carry around anywhere.

Overall, NeeDohs and squishes are fun, relaxing, colorful, and easy to play with.



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SMS STAR Awards for February and March

Grade 6:

Ben Chakmakian

Grade 7:

**Paul Mauriello
Craig Halstead
Emma Curry
Luke McClure
Ian Dempsey
Tristan Smith-Santos
Juliette Salciccia
Arlen Sher**



Grade 8:

Cecilia Morrissey

A STAR award stands for Students who Are Role models. The above listed students have been caught doing something that deserves the STAR recognition for this month! Great job to all of our Stars – keep up the positive behavior. It makes our school a better place!



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Pastel eggs tucked in the grass;
hiding secrets, I hope will last.
The morning air is so sweet and bright;
And the golden sun is shining bright.
I squeeze my eyes shut, it's so bright;
The eager kids have buckets swinging,
Laughter filling the air.
All the way from ground low and sky high;
Searching high, searching low;
"Where's that golden egg?"
I don't know.
I check the bushes near the trees;
Near the flowers and by the bees;
Others will cheer of what they have found, Filling up
their baskets.
For a second I feel behind like I'm running out of time;
Then I pause I look once more, near the trees near the
shore.
Something shines, a hint of gold;
Half in grass but still not old;
I reach down and pick it up, there it is the golden prize.
Glowing right before my eyes.
As I look inside, it holds a sweet prize;
Though I didn't find the most, that one egg is what gave
me the most.
Easter isn't a race, it's the joy that we cannot replace;
The breeze moves softly through the trees, rustling grass
and buzzing bees.
I hear kids shout from far away still searching like
there's more game to play;
Someone yells, "I found three more!" Another drops
theirs on the floor.
I slow down and look nearby, watching a cloud pass in the
sky;
While holding the biggest prize.
And even when the day is done and the sky hides all of
the sun;
I will remember this smallest detail, I found the golden
prize.



So Much of Art History is in The Louvre

By Lsabella Nevsky
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The Louvre is the national museum and art gallery of France located in Paris. The Louvre is the largest museum in the world with the exhibition space being 72,000 square feet. It is also the most visited art museum in the world. It was built on the right-side bank site of the 12th century fortress of Philip Augustus.

The Louvre contains over 380,000 objects and displays more than 35,000 pieces of art including the Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo, Winged Victory of Samothrace, Liberty Leading the People, and Egyptian antiquities.

Every day over 15,000 people visit the Louvre. In 2018, 10.2 million people visited the museum; 70% of them were foreign tourists, making it a very popular attraction when people visit Paris. Each year since then, the Louvre receives over 8 million visitors annually.

The first thing you see after going through the entrance is a big glass pyramid. It is 21 meters tall and is an eye-catching figure created by I.M. Pei. The Louvre is an amazing museum, and I really recommend going there if you are visiting Paris!

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An Ode to Summer (Hey, It's Never too Early!)

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Out of Spring, Summer, Winter, Fall,
Summer is the best one of them all.

The days are longer;

The heat is stronger;

Hair is lighter;

Skin is darker;

The ocean sounds louder;

Outside sounds quieter.

The sand against your skin,

The happiness within,

Swimming in the pool;

With a popsicle so cool.

I love summer days,

Stuck inside this haze,

Days become swimming;

Nights become partying;

Life becomes sweeter.

In the summer,

School's not a bummer.

Each summer, greater than the last,

Yet still thinking about summers past,

Laying down with friends;

Watching fireworks fly;

The beginning of summer marks the fourth of July.

Late nights out;

Early mornings in;

Summer affects everything.

Summer is when people live;

They spend all winter just yearning for it.

And when it finally comes,

People are ready.

Ready to Sip cold drinks,

Ready for plants to grow,

Ready to not have to think,

And months without snow,

Summer, we miss you;

But we have not forgotten you.

For we are just waiting

For you to arrive.

Time to Get Excited for Spring Break!

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Everybody is so excited about spring break! A few things people love to do over spring break are going on vacation or the beach, playing outside, or just chilling at home. I'm also very excited about spring break! One thing I'm most excited about is the warmer weather! Most people prefer warm weather over colder weather because when it is warm outside in the spring or the summer, you don't have to wear a jacket, sweatpants, or a sweatshirt. Instead, you could either wear shorts and a shirt or shorts and a sweatshirt.

Another reason why people love spring break is because many of the animals are out of hibernation or are coming out more, which is nice because many people enjoy watching wildlife species.

Another main reason why people like spring break is because many people like to go to water parks! (usually indoors because it's only spring) Water parks are popular because who wouldn't love going down thrilling water slides and splashing in wave pools? Another HUGE reason why so many people like spring break is because of easter! People love receiving cool easter baskets and most of all honoring God on Easter. In summary, spring break is right around the corner, and many are excited for it to come.

How Much Do You Know About 'Lady Liberty'?

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- The sculptor was Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi and he designed the Statue of Liberty after his mother.
- It was given to the United States as a gift from France on July 4, 1884.
- It was built in France then taken apart and shipped across the Atlantic Ocean and put back together.
- It is a sign of freedom, hope and inspiration.
- It is 305 feet tall.
- The pedestal that the Statue stands on is granite and designed by Richard Morris Hunt.
- It is located on Liberty Island in New York. You can take a ferry from Manhattan or New Jersey to the Statue of Liberty.
- In high winds, the statue can sway a few inches and the flame sways 6 inches!
- The statue gets struck by lightning about 600 times each year.
- The statue is covered in 300 sheets of very thin copper. These pieces were hammered into shapes and riveted (joined) together.
- It took 30 years to turn green (oxidize).
- The seven points of the crown represents the seven seas and the seven continents in the world.
- There are 354 steps to get to the crown, and it is 22 stories high.
- The flame is 24 karat gold plating, and the flame alone costs about \$500,000.
- The entire statue costs \$5 million including the flame.



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