



Just About Every Day in May Celebrates Something!



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You know the month, but many things will happen in May. Today, we have our field trip to Quassy Amusement Park. On May 2nd, it will be Free Comic Book Day, and it is for people who love comic books and reading them. May 3rd is World Laughter Day. All I've got to say is to be sure to laugh a lot!

May 4th is International Star Wars Day, International Firefighters' Day, National Orange Juice Day (I hope you like orange juice 😊), Anti-Bullying Day, and National Golf Day. Also, on May 4th, the new Mandalorian movie (The Mandalorian and Grogu) will be coming to theaters, so if you're a Star Wars fan, if you have enough time, I'd recommend seeing it, even though I haven't seen the trailer yet. I think it'll be a good movie because I've seen the posters for it.

Finally, we have National Astronaut Day (did you watch the Artemis 2 launch?), Revenge of the Fifth (a follow-up to National Star Wars Day), and National Cartoonists Day (what's your favorite cartoon? I like SpongeBob 😊).

Thank you so much for reading, I put a lot of thinking into this, so, once again, thank you and I hope you enjoyed it. 😊

Also, sorry for not writing in so long! 😊 But I'm back now! So I hope you enjoy that! 😊

D.C. Trip: Memorable and Enlightening

By Allison Posadas Tusker Tribune Staff

Last week, the 8th grade went on a school trip to Washington D.C. It was an experience me and the rest of the grade will not forget. Before the trip I thought it would be a bit boring. But instead, it was one of the BEST three days of my life. It turned out to be an interesting trip; I learned a lot of new stuff, which was interesting.

One of my favorite parts of going to the D.C trip, was going to the museums. One of my favorites was the Air and Space Museum. I loved that museum so much, since I'm really interested in space. Then one of my other favorites would have to be the Holocaust Museum. That museum had to be the most meaningful and impactful museum I visited. I also liked it because the museum was full of facts that answered questions i always wondered about.

Another GREAT part of the trip was spending time with friends. The bus rides were fun along with playing games in the hotel room. And just being on a trip with my friends and teachers were fun.

Overall future 8th graders should definitely go on the 8th grade D.C trip. It was really worth it. Not only did I learn a lot, but I had an AMAZING time I believe future 8th graders should attend this trip because it's the only opportunity to experience history in person while having fun with classmates. It's both educational and enjoyable.

SO PLEASE ATTEND THE D.C TRIP; IT'S WORTH IT!!



DC Without Phones Was the Right Choice

By Lauren Rosenblum
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The Washington, DC trip this year for the 8th grade was lots of fun. We have been hearing about this trip for a while, and now it finally got to happen! We had to wake up early to get the buses loaded by 5:30am for the first day. We had a long bus ride, about 6 hours long, but then we finally made it.

The first stop we went to was the Holocaust Museum. Going to the Holocaust Museum was super impactful and meaningful to all of the students. We got to speak to some survivors of the Holocaust, and we got to see what it was like for people who went through it at that time.

After the Holocaust Museum, we went to Arlington Cemetery. We got to see the changing of the guards, and we got to see where some presidents were buried and their graves. After that, we went to the mall to get food, then we went to see the Washington Monument from a far point of view, and we got to see Abraham Lincoln's memorial.

The next day was a lot of walking, and it was dress up day. We took a picture in front of the Capitol building and then we took a tour of the Capitol. We went to the Air and Space Museum, the Museum of Natural History, and then we went to the Washington Monument. We got to see the Washington Monument up close. After that we took the bus to Dave and Busters. We got to eat dinner there and then play in the arcade and won lots of prizes there!

The last day we went to the FDR memorial. We got to walk around and see all the different cool things there. After that, we went to the Martin Luther King Memorial. Our tour guides gave us lots of information during these memorials. Then we went to a food court to eat lunch, and then we loaded the buses and went home. It was a 6 hour bus ride home, but we had a pit stop to eat dinner to break up the drive.

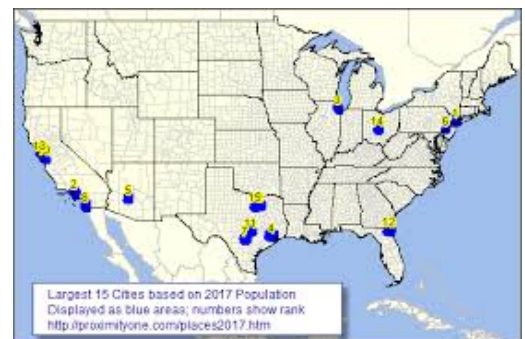
The trip was super fun, and it was worth every moment. It was good not to have our phones so that we could just connect with the nature and all the cool sites and monuments in DC. I didn't even miss my phone once, and I feel like the trip was even better without having our phones.

Overall, this was the best school trip that I have ever been on.

The U.S. Cities With the Most People

By Isabella Nevsky
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1. New York City, New York (approx. 8.3-8.8 million): New York City is known for its lively energy and popular attractions like the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, Central Park, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and various selections of Broadway musicals.
2. Los Angeles, California (approx. 3.8-3.9 million): Los Angeles is known for the Walk of Fame, the Grove, and the tropical weather and vibe.
3. Chicago, Illinois (approx. 2.6-2.7 million): Chicago is known for its deep-dish pizzas and landmarks including Millennium Park, Grant Park, Buckingham Fountain, and the Chicago Riverwalk.
4. Houston, Texas (approx. 2.3-2.4 million): Houston is known for its culture, arts, food, and sports.
5. Phoenix, Arizona (approx. 1.6-1.7 million): Phoenix is known for its all year-round warm weather, desert landscapes, and 300+ days of sunshine each year.



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Wonders of the World Remind Us of Ancient Achievements

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The Seven Wonders of the World are the most iconic man-made landmarks and structures throughout South America, Europe, Asia, and North America. These sites were chosen through a global poll in 2007.

The wonders include **Machu Picchu (Peru)**, **The Great Wall of China (China)**, **Petra (Jordan)**, **The Colosseum (Italy)**, **Chichen Itza (Mexico)**, **The Taj Mahal (India)**, and **Christ the Redeemer (Brazil)**. There are also the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, which were primarily selected by Greek travelers and historians. While the only landmark from the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World that is still standing is **The Great Pyramids of Giza**, the other wonders include **The Statue of Zeus at Olympia (Greece)**, **The Hanging Gardens of Babylon (Iraq)**, **The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus (Turkey)**, **The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus (Turkey)**, **The Colossus of Rhodes (Greece)**, and **The Lighthouse of Alexandria (Egypt)**.

Most of the ancient wonders were destroyed due to natural disasters, specifically earthquakes, and human actions like wars. The Seven Wonders of the World offer insight into the architecture and skill of early civilizations in the Mediterranean and Middle East, and how they built many impressive structures without the resources or technology of modern day using their own creativity.

Source

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The Top 10 Most Visited Countries

By Isabella Nevsky
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1. **France** (approx. 100-102M visitors): France is known for its historical architecture, delicious pastries, alpine skiing, and the museums which hold many collections of art, history, and culture.
2. **Spain** (approx. 85-94M visitors): Spain is known for its rich history, beautiful coastlines, and diverse cuisine.
3. **United States** (approx. 66-73M visitors): The United States is known for its national parks and the lively cities like New York City, Los Angeles, and Chicago.
4. **Italy** (approx. 57-68M visitors): Italy is known for its ancient Roman ruins including the Colosseum and Roman Forum, and its world-renowned cuisine.
5. **Turkey** (approx. 57-60M visitors): Turkey is known for its unique culture, breath-taking landscapes, amazing cuisine, and its location scattering from Southeastern Europe to Western Asia.
6. **Mexico** (approx. 42-45M visitors): Mexico is known for its cultural sites and its tropical weather and beaches.
7. **United Kingdom** (approx. 37-41M visitors): The U.K. is known for its attractions like Stonehenge, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Tower of London, The British Museum, and Edinburgh Castle.
8. **Germany** (approx. 34-39M visitors): Germany is known for its historical cities like Berlin, Munich, and Hamburg.
9. **Greece** (approx. 32-40M visitors): Greece is known for its ancient history and the islands including Santorini and Mykonos.
10. **Austria** (approx. 30M+ visitors): Austria is known for its Alpine landscapes and its history and architecture.



Jelly Cats Provide Comfort and Calm

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Jelly cats are soft stuffed animals that a lot of people really like, and it's easy to understand why. They are made to look cute, with super soft fur.

Unlike some stuffed animals that feel stiff or rough, Jelly cats are designed to be gentle and soft, which makes them popular with both kids and also adults.

Another reason people love Jelly cats is because of how many different kinds there are to collect. There are animals like bunnies, cats, and dogs, but also more unusual ones like food, plants, and even weird objects. This makes it fun to collect because there is always something new or different to find. Some people like picking ones that match their personality or favorite things.

Jelly cats also have a simple but cute style. Their designs are not too complicated, but they still look unique. The small details, like their smiles or eyes. Because of this, they are often used as gifts for birthdays, holidays, or even just to make someone feel better. Also, Jelly cats can be comfortable. Holding something soft can help people relax, especially when they are stressed or tired.

Even though they are toys, they can help create a feeling of calm, which is something many people need. Overall, Jelly cats are loved because they are soft, cute, and fun to collect. They are more than just stuffed animals, they are something that can make people feel happy and relaxed.



Legos Inspire the Imagination

**By William Mifsud
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Since 1949, small interlocking plastic bricks have been very popular for kids and adults. What is it? It's Lego!

These small bricks have many shapes, colors, and sizes, and if put together in a certain order, it can represent something. Lego has many themes, too. Duplo Legos are for toddlers and younger kids as an introduction to Lego. Normal Lego is for older kids who are mature enough to not fool around with the pieces, but when you have spare pieces, why wouldn't you?

Anyway, the Icons type is more for adults since it requires lots of complicated steps that aren't for children since they're a bit . . . tricky. There are also normal Lego sets that have an 18+ label since they're really complicated.

Our age range would be about 10+ to 12+ in Lego. Also, I wonder what your favorite Lego theme is! If you see me around, tell me! My favorite theme is Lego Star Wars!



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The Painting That Changes



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Now

Have you ever wanted to know your future? Or perhaps see what little tweaks you could do to change your entire life?

Three weeks ago

"My name is Garret and my favorite food is . . . um . . . pizza with mushrooms and the powdered flour on the crust," I mumbled to my college roommates who (by the way) did not look very interested.

"Wow, no offence, but that kind of sucked for a get-to-know-you speech," spoke Nathaniel (we like to call him Nat for short, though).

"Hey," I yelled.

"I said no offence," Nat said,

"Fair," I acknowledged as I trust fell into the bed.

"How do you do it?" I said "I thought I knew what I wanted to do with my life and now I'm just a failure of an artist."

"Me . . . I'm not as great you think, but I have something that may help you," Nat spoke in a lower tone on that last bit.

Now

"Now selling for the low price of \$1,000,000 dollars," read a billboard advertising my special painting. My manager walked in telling me the good news that I had just become a billionaire!

Three weeks ago

He led me into a closet filled with junk and socks. Wait, scratch that. There was one beautiful painting--there were roses, birds and even a few butterflies, all of them were peacefully living and flying together in the curls of paint brush markings. "I wish that was me," I said.

"It can be (but not the butterfly's and birds and the paint part)" he said, "I'll give it to you for \$98.00."

"Sure," I spoke, so mesmerized by the wonderful painting.

Now

"I'm a billionaire," I murmured over and over again. "Ugg" I groaned "This isn't right. I have my money, I have . . . a purpose, don't I?"

"Yep, you do," he said startling me.

Two weeks ago

I wanted to hang the painting up, but Nat strictly told me not to for some odd reason, "I'm going to a party. Want to come?"

"Sure" I slumped out of bed and on to the floor and crawled outside.

The next morning, I woke up still tired from last night's party. "Ugg I don't. Want. To. Wake. Up.!!?"

"Happens to the best of us," Nat said still half asleep.

"I guess I'm just going to be late because . . . because . . ." I drifted off to sleep

"Me too," Nat yawned.

Now

"I'm getting rid of it"

"What?"

"The painting"

"Be careful of what you wish for next time, Garret!"

Are Capybaras Good Pets?

**By Weston Volpe
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Capybaras are a well known animals, but not many people know much about them so here is some information about them.

Are they good pets? Capybaras are good pets. They are even the friendliest animals. Capybaras are social, and they live in groups of 20-30 so if you want a capybara, you will at least need to get more than one so they can have a friend to play with and not get depressed or stressed out.

Also Capybaras like to spend their time in water so you would need a large and deep pool but the Capybaras like to pee in the water so it hides their scent from predators, so it can't be your family pool and the water must be filtered regularly or they might get health problems because of the pee-water.

Another issue having a Capybara as a pet is the cost of them. You would need a lot of money. The first year of owning a Capybara could cost from \$5,000 to \$12,000 just for two Capybara pets.

Locations

The Capybara's native place is most of South America and you will find them at riverbeds or just near water during the afternoon as they hang out.

Size

Capybaras are the largest rodent and are normally about 3-4.5 feet long and they are about 1.5-2 feet tall , as big as a medium sized dog. They weigh around 75-145 pounds and are sweet and cuddly.

Diet

They are herbivores and their main diets are grasses and aquatic plants that they can find near the riverbeds.

Fun Facts

- They have webbed toes so it makes it easy for them to move fast in the water.
- Other animals use them as a chair or pillow.
- They whistle, purr and bark.
- They get a long with almost all other animals.
- Sometimes they are called water hogs.
- They can hold their breath under water for up to 5 minutes.
- They can sleep in water if they keep their nose, ears and eyes above the water.



Palace of Versailles Symbolizes France's Royal Past

**By Isabella Nevsky
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The Palace of Versailles was built by three different intelligent architects and designers: Louis Le Vau, Andre Le Notre, and Charles Le Brun. The palace covers approximately 63,000 to 67,000 square meters and features over 700 to 2,300 rooms. Including the famous gardens, the site covers over 2,000 acres of land.

The Hall of Mirrors—the most famous room in the world, was where world leaders signed the Treaty of Versailles officially ending World War I on June 28, 1919. Everything in the palace is French-made from the art and tapestries to the famous mirrors held in the Hall of Mirrors.

The Palace of Versailles is located in the city of Versailles. It is 20km (approx. 12 miles) from Paris and a short train or car ride away. The Gardens of Versailles hold over 400 sculptures, 50+ fountains, and 200,000 trees and 210,000 flowers planted annually. The Palace of Versailles is a very interesting and architectural landmark that you should definitely visit if you are traveling to France!

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The Adventures of Content Girl

By Natalie Corbett and Aliana Suflita
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I'm a girl who posts every little thing in my day; I always have a camera or phone to record; I spend more of my life recording on my tripod than sleeping. Oh, and hi. I'm Brynn, also known as theContent Girl.

Hi, my name is Zoey. I am literally so upset right now because Brynn, known as the "Content Girl," recorded me falling on top of TJ today after I tripped on a pencil Joel dropped. Oh, and if you don't know, I have MASSIVE crush on TJ, but it's going to be so hard to tell him because of little miss Brat. Oh, I mean Brynn . . . because she also has a crush on him as well and she always gets the guys she wants.

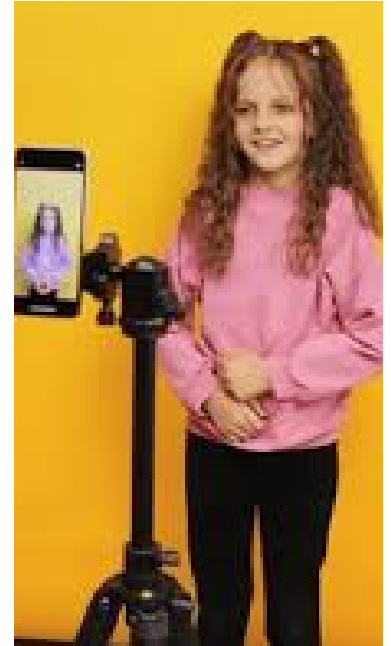
YO, I'm TJ, the quarterback, and of corse my jersey number is 67. Well anyways, I found out something very interesting today from Brynn after lunch. She told me that Zoey has a huge crush on me and told me to not tell anyone, but little did she know I knew that already, and I've started to like her as well, but if Brynn asked me out I would have no choice but to say yes because if I said no, I would be humiliated on social media and have to live with that.

HI! My name is Joel and I am such an amazing kid! I literally get an A+ on every test I take, and for whoever doesn't know, the only person who's on my mind is Zoey. She likes someone else, though, so I'm trying to get a makeover from my Ex Saraphina, and surprisingly, she's helping me out so I'm very happy for that .If you are wondering why me and Saraphina broke up, it's because we learned that we are cousins, so yeah , , ,

Heyyyyyy, I just told TJ at lunch that Zoey had a GINORMUS crush on him. He believed me. It was so funny, but I never told him that I liked him yet and I need to talk to Sally about this. She HAS to help me ASAP! I'm probably going to make a video of my makeup routine, so I need to make sure my tripod is charged as well, anyways, Tootles!

Hey, I'm back with HORRIBLE NEWS. Bratty Brynn told TJ that I have a crush on him, and I'm so embarrassed, I have no idea what to tell him. What if he doesn't like me? What if he likes Brynn? What if he... never mind, I need to find a way to process this all. Maybe I can move away.

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There's a Slight Hint of Summer Break on the Horizon

By William Mifsud
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The end of the year will soon be approaching as every day goes by, so read this article to find out more!

Soon, on June 18th, the Quassy Park trip will happen, so think about going if you want fun and no school. I know I'm going because I already signed up! Anyways, there'll be no school until next September, but you have more than enough time to do fun stuff like going on vacation! (I'm going to Bethany Beach!)

Anyways, you get no school, lots of free time, and most importantly, lots of time to do important projects (like a Lego set), and maybe that's the same as saying free time, but whatever. As I was going to say (again), with enough free time, you can even attend camps (summer camps are what I'm talking about) that are REALLY fun. Trust me, I've attended a LITERAL music camp, and it was SO MUCH FUN!

Also, I just wanted to tell you that you can finally swim in your pools!



Cities

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6. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (approx. 1.5 million): Philadelphia is known for its cheesesteaks, the Liberty Bell, and for being the place where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were signed.
7. San Antonio, Texas (approx. 1.5 million): San Antonio is known for its cultural diversity, the Alamo, and the UNESCO World Heritage Site.
8. San Diego, California (approx. 1.4 million): San Diego is known for its world-famous zoo and all year-round sunshine.
9. Dallas, Texas (approx. 1.3 million): Dallas is known for the Dallas Cowboys football team and its barbeque.
10. Jacksonville, Florida (approx. 985k+): Jacksonville is known for its tropical beaches and the St. Johns River.

Source:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Whats-the-largest-US-city-by-population>

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Hey, umm, so this thing happen at lunch. So, my friend Scott is like the biggest joker. He pulled down my pants at lunch. It was so embarrassing and Scott started laughing and I think Brynn saw that I'm not going to recover. And my ex-Kay spayed 30 pounds of perfume on me and hope Zoey or Brynn doesn't think I have a girlfriend. Lastly at my basketball game. I was playing my best, but we still lost. In the last at the minute of the game, my leg and my finger broke. It just went the wrong way, and it hurts so badly. I just went to urgent care and now I have a cast on my leg and finger. They hurt so badly.

Hi friends, it's Joel. Today I worked on an art piece at an art class. Let me explain what it is. It's a little bear snowman. The scarf is red and has headphones. It reminds me of Zoey. I love Zoey so much, I wish she would be my girlfriend, but she will never notice someone like me. I flunked a test for the first time today because Zoe was in class and I could not stop staring at her. I don't know if this is coming off and psycho, but I just like her so much, period.

Guys, I'm so mad right now. My dad is giving me \$10 for Starbucks today, and I want more money. I'm mad and if my friend comes up to me one more time asking me to give her money, I'm going to crash out. If anyone I swear comes up to me, even my friends. I am going home and asking my dad to send me to a boarding school. I swear to on my dad's bank account.

I'm shocked after what happened today so I was walking to class like normal. Then I heard someone yell, "TJ LIKES ZOEY!" and then TJ said, "Yeah? What if I do?"

OMG! I'M SCEAMING on the inside. He likes me.

May 6 Concert Promises to be a 'Note'-Worthy Experience

By Lucas Mejia
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Hello and welcome to the Weekly Life of a Sixth Grade Musician. The concert is next week, and I'm sure a lot of you are very excited.

We have some things to talk about today. First, bring your instrument; the concert is May 6th. You don't want to forget your instrument, especially the cellos. You're not usually supposed to bring your cello to school. But on the concert day, you must bring your own instrument.

Second, there is a post on Schoology for those who want to introduce a song during the concert. That means, a speaking role. To apply you need to write your own script and Mr. Gilbert will pick the best. If you introduced a song at the winter concert you can do it again. Mr. Gilbert talked more about this on Thursday.

Third and final, I don't know what will happen after the concert, but if nothing relevant happens from the concert until the end of the school year, I don't think that I will continue this column till next year. But for now, I'll see you next time with the concert report on the Weekly Life of a Sixth Grade Musician



Your Guide to Spring Bass Fishing

By The Great Outdoorsman
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Hello and welcome back to The Great Outdoorsman. Are spring bass giving you trouble? Try a soft plastic minnow. Most bass in the spring are young or tired from protecting their eggs. But don't go jumping in with the biggest bait you have as most bass are spooked by big lures and so are their young.

Remember, they just had to protect their eggs from minnows and bluegill and hide from them. Young bass are a nutrient, rich meal for bluegill. Plus by eating the young bass, they may be eliminating something that might eat them in the future. So, downsize your lure, try a small white belly blue top soft plastic minnow with a heavy jig.

You might need to add some split shots further down the line, but you'll be glad you did. This flashy color scheme will easily pull in the spookiest bass. That's all we have for today, see you next time.



Glen of Imaal Terriers: Rare But Enjoyable and Energetic

By William Mifsud
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If you don't know what a Glen of Imaal Terrier is, now you do! I own two of them, and they are CRAZY! Lily (who is 9 years old) will nag you by barking at you to go outside. Walter (3 years old) is (jokes aside) VERY CRAZY. My dogs will bark at something like even the WIND. What? That's hilarious!

Anyway, if you are planning to buy one, here are some things you should notice besides them barking at you to go to the bathroom:

1. They are a rare breed of dog, so you won't see them a lot.
2. They require special care, and their nails have different colors, and some nails have something called "quick." Don't cut the quick! They'll bleed if you do
3. They are energetic, so expect some zoomies.

Their colors are wheaten, blue, brindle (I own blue brindle), grizzle, blue-and-tan, and sometimes they might have a double coat of fur. It started when we bought Penny (who sadly passed away at age 4 due to a disease. Fly high, Penny!) That was our first Glen. But if you want one, check in with local breeders. *(Also, Mandalorian and Grogg is coming out May 22nd. Sorry for the error.)*

