



Is this story real?

In this edition of "Is The Story Real?" We are headed over to Niagra Falls! This story may or may not be true...Read along and decide for yourself! Find out on pg. 9!

In January 1938 a bridge near a huge waterfall collapsed due to immense pressure from a snow storm. The iconic bridge was called "The Honeymoon Bridge." Thankfully, everyone was ok. So, what do you think? Is this story real?

Mystery Teacher

We interviewed a mystery teacher for this article! Read the teacher's answers below and see if you can guess who it is!

What is your subject do you teach?

Mystery teacher: ELA.

What is you favorite book?

Mystery teacher: Catcher in the Rye.

What is your favorite color?

Mystery Teacher: Black.

What do you love about this school?

Mystery Teacher: How everyone has each other's backs.

What is your favorite food?

Mystery Teacher: Anything spicy.

So, who is the mystery teacher? The answer in on pg. 9!

The Blizzard of 2026

We interviewed a few students and teachers about their experiences during the Blizzard of 2026.

Sam C.

Q: Did you lose power?

A: No.

Q: What was your experience during the blizzard?

A: Fun.

Q: What did you do during the blizzard?

A: Sleep and eat.

Demetrios T.

Q: Did you lose power?

A: Yes.

Q: What was your experience?

A: I went to my grandparents house and a pullout bed almost folded me.

Mrs. Donovan

Q: Did you lose power?

A: YES.

Q: What was the experience?

A: I hated it and the snow was terrible, but luckily I had a generator.

Flashback! 100,000 Years Ago

If you were wondering what life was like 100,000 years ago, then this is the story for you. The best way for us to guess what life was like is for scientists to use fossils and estimate their age. Since we have no film of a day 100,000 years ago, a good way I can show you is with an average day based on fossils and estimates.

1. You wouldn't look exactly like most humans 100,000 years ago; you would be an early evolution of humans, a type of homo sapiens, a relative of chimpanzees.
2. Life would have been a lot different; first off, you would constantly be watching your back, and facing predators like Dire Wolves and sabertooth cats. And the worst enemy, the unbearable weather. If the animals don't sound scary enough, back then, you would either be freezing in an ice age, or facing the unbearable heat. It's not just temperature you would have to worry about. 100,000 years ago, the best medicine you could get was rest; they had no modern medicine or shots, and the expected life span would be 35 years, and that's if you survived the deadly animals.
3. Now that we know the challenges we will be facing, let's highlight our positives. For protection, humans were most likely in tribes together. And had basic protection like spears and even fire. Life would also never get boring, since you were nomadic, which means that you are constantly on the go.
4. Now that you have been battling the threats of Earth a hundred thousand years ago, you would probably be hungry. Although we don't know for sure what humans ate back then, we can guess they roasted animal meat over an open flame.
5. If you don't think life would be fun 100,000 years ago, it's not all bad. If you weren't hunting for food, you could find something fun to do. We can only guess what people did for fun back then, as there isn't much evidence, but for activities, you could create tools or explore.
6. Humans did not have it easy back then, with life-threatening challenges, but would you want to be alive back then, even if it's just a day?

Basketball Interviews

Basketball is a very popular sport, especially at MRMS. I spoke with three different students who play basketball for their thoughts on the sport and advice for other students who are thinking about playing. Thank you to Jayden, Alex, and Dante for speaking with me for this article.

Q: What's your favorite sport?

Jayden: basketball.

Alex: basketball.

Q: Why do you like basketball?

Alex: Just being in the game and being able to score when its on the line.

Q: What's your favorite part of basketball?

Jayden: Just scoring.

Alex: When you get an open shot.

Tristan: Why do you like baseketball?

Jayden: Just watching the NBA and I just wanted to play.

Alex: Probably just watching it and wanting to do it.

Q: Do you have any advice for someone who wants to play this sport?

Jayden: You just have to persevere.

Alex: Probably just to get used to it and the more you want to be better.

Q: What's your favorite sport?

Dante: Basketball.

Q: Why do you like basketball?

Dante: It's a team sport.

Q: What's your favorite part of basketball?

Dante: I can shoot baskets.

Q: What made you like basketball?

Dante: Because my whole family and my brother plays basketball.

Q: Do you have any advice for a student that wants to play basketball?

Dante: Don't give up even if it's hard.

Teacher Trivia

Teachers say their greatest facts about early life and cool things that they are proud about. Then you try to figure out which teacher said what!

1. I was voted most popular in middle school.
2. I used to play rugby in college.
3. I love off roading.
4. I had braces in third grade.
5. I'm a grand national champion for jump roping.
6. My seventh grade superlative at MRMS was nicest in the grade.
7. I studied abroad in 3 countries.

Choices:

Dr. Dudley

Ms. Laferriere

Ms. Babb Jr.

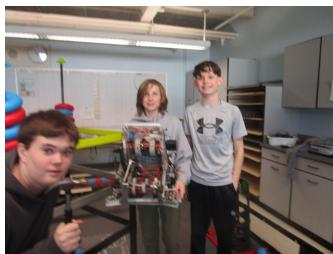
Ms. Deb

Mr. Webster

Ms. Vicky

Dr. Dutch

School Candids!



2026 Winter Olympics

The 2026 Winter Olympics were hosted in Milan, Italy! This year's American olympic medalists include Alyssa Liu in the women's figure skating, the U.S. women's ice hockey team, and speed skater Jordan Stolz.

Alyssa Liu won her second gold medal after taking a break for two years. The women's hockey team won their third gold medal. Jordan Stolz also won his third gold medal for speed skating.

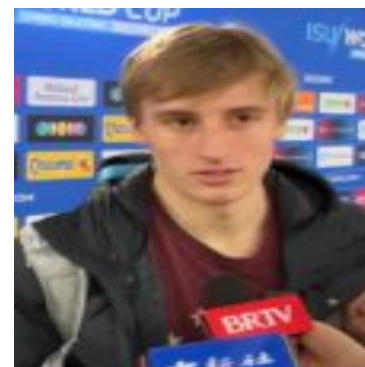
Congratulations to all of the individual and athletes who completed from across the world!



Alyssa Liu



Women's Ice Hockey



Jordan Stolz

Advice Box Questions!

Dear Diary,

I can't finish my homework after school and feel like I need more time. What do I do?

-Anonymous

If you take the bus you could do it on the bus or in your car. Make sure to use your time wisely and get it done during any spare time if your teacher lets you. You could also ask to do it during your seminar or lunch.

-Diary

Dear Diary,

I don't have many friends, what are some ways I could get more?

-Anonymous

Start talking to people or hang out with other people. Find people who share common interests with you. Join clubs or sports if you are interested. Hang out with new people more.

-Diary

Dear Diary,

I'm a 7th grader and I'm starting high school soon. How do I get ready for the change?

-Anonymous

Try to get better organizing things, because I know that will help a lot. Getting better at time management is important so you don't get overwhelmed. Talk to any teacher you feel comfortable with, or go to guidance.

-Diary

MONOMOY REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Trivia



Question 1.

How many academic blocks are there usually before seminar?

Question 2.

How long is each academic block?

Question 3.

What time does drop off end?

Question 4.

How many main UA classes are there?

Question 5.

What day of the week does music play when the bell rings?

Question 6.

What year did Monomoy become a school?

Answers on pg. 9!



Is This Story Real?

Yes! The story was real.



Mystery Teacher:

Mr. Sullivan!

Trivia answers

1. 2
2. 45 minutes
3. 8:45 AM
4. Around 6
5. Friday
6. 2014

Teacher Word Search

How many teachers' last names can you find in this word search?!

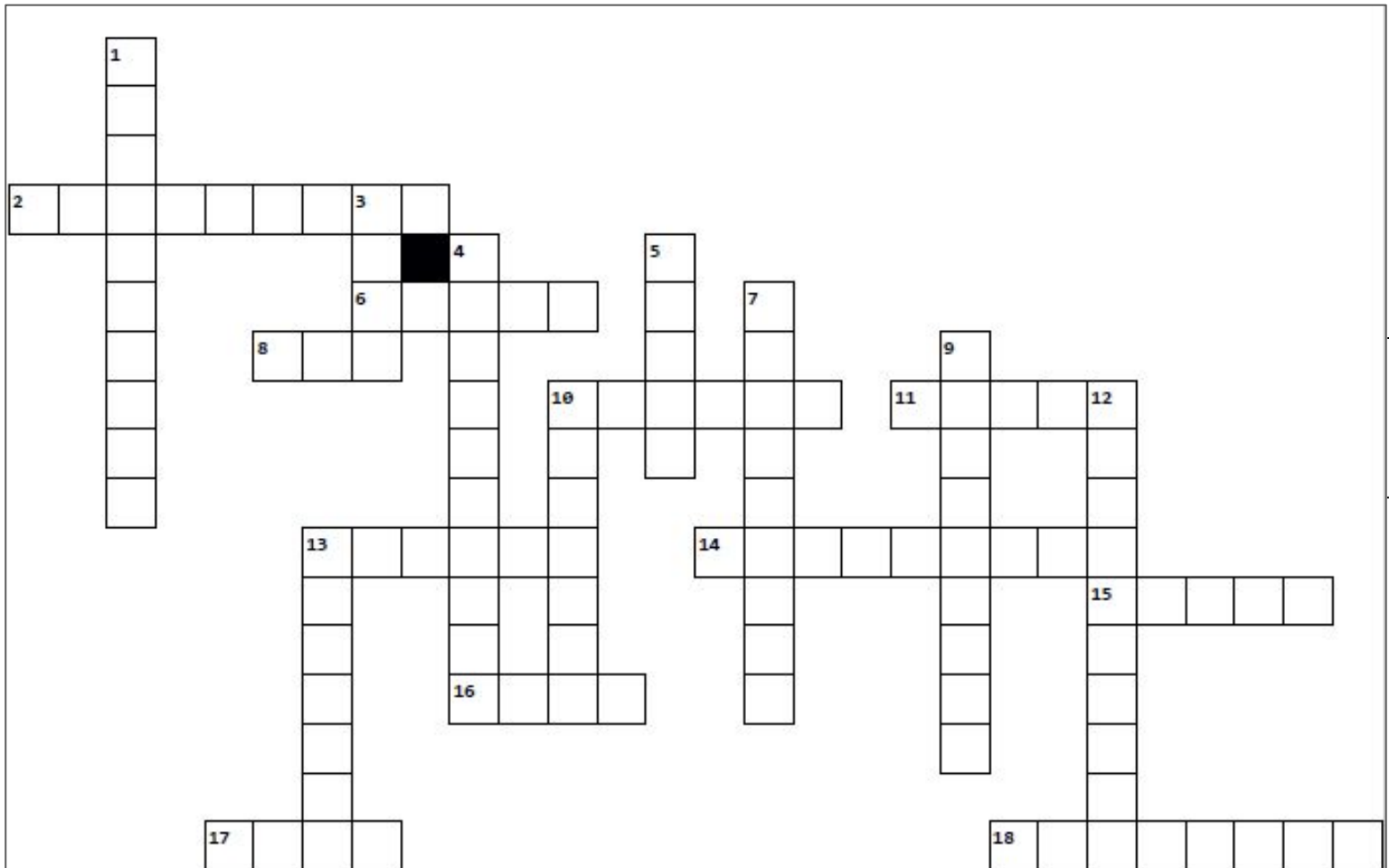
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Shark Talk Staff

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Peer Tutor: Hannah Savin

Bonus Page!

How much do you know about sharks?! Test your knowledge and solve the crossword puzzle! Then, check with your friends to see if you have the same answers!



Across

2. This is the most dangerous shark in the ocean.
6. The _____ shark is very gentle.
8. Whale Sharks can be longer than a _____.
10. Sharks have to stay in constant _____ to breathe.
11. Sharks can live up to 20-30 _____ in the wild.
13. A group of sharks is called a _____.
14. A shark's skeleton is made of _____.
15. Sharks are killed for their _____.
16. Sharks will _____ if they do not keep moving.
17. Sharks diet consists mostly of _____.
18. Sharks even have to swim when they are _____.

Down

1. _____ is the largest shark in the ocean that is still alive.
3. All sharks have up to 5 _____ of teeth.
4. All sharks are _____.
5. Sharks have up to 1000 _____.
7. Sharks swim _____ of miles every year.
9. The biggest shark ever is called a _____.
10. Sharks were here 100 _____ years before dinosaurs.
12. A shark's tail moves in this direction.
13. There are 386 different _____ of sharks in the world.

Creative Writing Spotlight

This short story was written by CJ Peterson. It is part I in a multi-part series.

THE ADVENTURES OF JIMBOB THE BRAVE

CHAPTER ONE

Once upon a time there was a normal kid that was alive in medieval times. This boy's name was Jimbob. Jimbob was a normal kid who lived on his family farm. At this time there were all kinds of mythical creatures like Angry turtles, Ogres, and worst the evil penguin king Pengu the great. He had a terrifying penguin army of about 100,000 penguins. Pengu is not someone to mess with because he had all sorts of weapons like swords, bows, crossbows, and worst of all the king's staff. One day Jimbob woke up on a summer day but something was off it was freezing outside. When he looked outside there was snow on the ground. But when he went to tell his parents they weren't there. That could only mean one thing: Pengu kidnapped his parents!

CHAPTER TWO

This was bad news because Pengu would put Jimbob's parents in his dungeon. So Jimbob went to a merchant and bought a ton of gear to rescue his parents. After he bought all that gear he set off on a journey to rescue his parents.

CHAPTER THREE

A couple hours later he set up camp near a small pond and heard a sound. Then he heard "Hi I'm Grog the frog". After Jimbob and Grog met Jimbob told Grog about his parents and Grog agreed to help. So after they slept they went on their way to Pengu palace. After a little while they saw a huge Ogre and hid behind a rock. But there was just one problem: one Ogre saw them and told the other Ogres. As they were hiding they heard a sound the Ogres were right behind them! As they were running away Jimbob managed to take one out. They were picking them off one by one and they got away.

CHAPTER FOUR

After they ran from the Ogres they reached the Desert biome and set up camp.

When they got up they went across the desert and into the plains biome. They were walking when suddenly they heard a splashing sound. Then a second later they fell underground into a pit of water. And then Grog saw something in the water.

CHAPTER FIVE

Then a cage dropped on them! And the king Angry Turtle was there, his name was Twerp. Twerp said that they had to get three riddles right to escape the prison. The first riddle was how many brains does an octopus have and since Grog lived in water so he said "nine". And he was right. The next riddle was what food is dried grapes. And Jimbob said "raisins" because he is a farmer. The last riddle was what do you do fifteen times a day. They had to think really hard and they said, "Laugh" and it was right. So they got let out of the prison and set up camp. In the morning they had to cross the Plains River. So they had two choices: go around or build a raft and go across. So they had to build a raft and go across. After they got across they made it to the snow biome.

CHAPTER SIX

As they hiked through the snowy terrain they finally saw the mountain where Pengu's palace was built on. So as they trekked up the mountain some of Pengu's minions saw them and told Pengu to trigger the avalanche machine which shook the mountain and started an avalanche. So they had to find a rock to take cover behind. As they ran to the rock the snow got closer and closer so they dove behind the rock and...

CHAPTER SEVEN

They got to safety just in time and they went up the mountain quietly so no one heard them. As they got to the giant door to the palace they knocked and hid. The doors opened and they saw three penguins and then they took out everyone of the three penguins. Also now Grog had a sword so they went into the palace and snuck down to the dungeon. In the dungeon they saw Jimbob's parents and got them out. But on the way out they saw an old wizard that said "if you get me out i'll get you home". So everybody agreed but Pengu heard them and came down. Pengu sent a laser beam at them with his staff but the wizard teleported them home and from that day on Jimbob was known as Jimbob The Brave. TO BE CONTINUED...