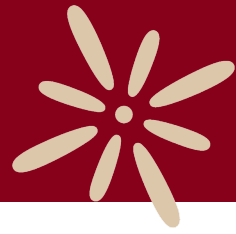




The Chronicles of Weibel



Editorial

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Hello, readers of the Weibel Newspaper, and Happy New Year! 2021 has been a very hard and hectic year, especially with the new variants going on. More than 5,000 flights were canceled at airports due to the new variants, including Omicron, Delta, and more. Though there has been some trouble throughout that year, we can hope that this all comes to an end soon. This year, we shall welcome ourselves to a new beginning- a fresh, new start! And there is no better way to start off the New Year other than reading the latest Weibel Chronicles!

Let's start off by taking a look at what's going on in the newspaper today! To start the Lunar New Year, we have Enoch writing an incredible article about Lunar New Year, as well as Naomi telling us about Chinese Zodiac signs! If you're an animal lover like me, read Kashvi's head-turning article about weird pets, or Niya's essay about dogs, or even Evelyn's helpful article about which foods you should buy for your cat. Interested in bringing hand-crafted creations to life? Check out Prithviraj's explosive tutorial on how to make soap and bath bombs, as well as Aarav's epic origami guide. Make sure to read Iris's stupendous article in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Aashna's breath-taking paper on the recent volcano eruption. Tiya, one of the amazing editors of this editorial, has provided us with an interesting and insightful interview with Mr. Xiatrey! If you want to read about spellbinding movies, books, or even game reviews, read Simrah, Mihika, Alana, Anya, Leo, or Krishna's articles! Want to know more about people who create literature? Make sure to check out Saihaan's marvelous article about THE Gordon Korman!

As we continue diving into the 2022 school year, we encourage you to get the latest kids vaccine. A few months ago, scientists released a new vaccine- one for kids 5-11! That means students at Weibel can now be vaccinated! Again, we highly encourage you to get the vaccine so we can stop the spread of COVID-19 at Weibel, but, even if you get the vaccine, you must continue to wear a mask because the vaccine just lowers your chance of getting COVID-19 and protects you.

We hope our newspapers make your day a bit better and brighter, and you had oodles of fun reading. We also hope this newspaper helps you get through these hard times, and we hope you stay safe! Have a great day, and a great read, and respect your fellow wildcats!! :)



Wildcat Wisdom



How can you kick soccer ball like Cristiano Ronaldo?

-Jensen, 4th Grade

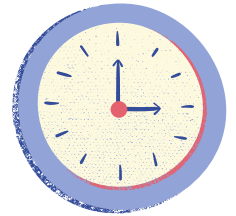
Dear Jensen -

Christian Ronaldo shoots what's called a knuckleball shot. To do this you want to be striking the ball with the middle surface of your foot and looking to strike at the middle part of the ball. As soon as you make contact with the ball, you want to try and stop your momentum as much as possible. That is going to create the movement for the ball to start on its downward sloping as soon as it's rising. The ball is already looking to come down and that's what creates the knuckleball effect. To get better you should practice and try to watch videos. You won't get it the first time and if you do that's great. Keep trying that technique.

Sincerely,
Wildcat Wisdom

I need help managing my time during the day.

-Anonymous



Dear Anonymous -

The first thing you need is a schedule. You can start by listing what you need to do in the day (after school on the weekdays and any time on the weekends) such as homework, playing video games, going outside, etc. You can also make a different list for special days (i.e. you have a birthday party). You can start by putting them in order of which you are going to do first, but if you're struggling with how much time to spend, you can write the specific time for activities (this helps with homework because the closer the deadline is, the more productive you'll be). Also, if you want to learn or do other things such as coding then you can start with a time, maybe 5 minutes, and then slowly start adding more every day until a cap like 1 hour. You'll be able to ease into it and it won't be as boring.

Sincerely,
Wildcat Wisdom

What is the history behind Weibel?

-Collin Tungol

Dear Collin -

Weibel Elementary was named after Fred E. Weibel Sr, who learned traditional tricks of the winemaking trade in his native land of Switzerland. With these time-worn techniques, a pair, (father and son) Rudolph and Fred Weibel immigrated to the United States in 1937. In 1946, the opportunity arose to purchase 100 acres of historical vineyards in Fremont, California, and the Weibel family grabbed it. The Mission San Jose vineyards held a rich history, first being owned in the 1800's by California Governor, Leland Stanford. On July 1, 1980, Weibel Elementary school started running and was at 45135 South Grimmer Blvd, Fremont. Weibel Elementary has a rich, deep, and interesting history.

Sincerely,
Wildcat Wisdom



Wildcat Wisdom

i acidentally ruined something on my moms phone idk wut 2 do :(
-Anonymous, 3rd Grade

Dear Anonymous,

I know how drastic ruining something on your mom's phone could be. The situation involves drastic measures. Listed below are the things you could do, and the possible outcomes.

1. You come clean = Your mom might get mad at you, but at least she didn't catch you lying. This is a pretty good option...
1. You lie and blame the whole thing on someone else = If your mom doesn't figure it out, then things will go smoothly. If she does, you know that this was the wrong choice. WARNING! I strongly suggest that you ignore this option and only consider this in an extreme case (the consequences are not pretty)
1. You try to hide or fix what you did and make sure no one knows, until all evidence of you mingling with her phone is gone. = There is risk to be taken and you might make it worse by trying to fix it. However, it could also be the best solution if you succeed! This option involves risk, you might be getting into an even bigger mess. WARNING! I strongly suggest that you ignore this option and only consider this in an extreme case (the consequences are not pretty)

Now, each choice has its own risk. None of these solutions are perfect but these were the best I could think of. Choose a solution that feels right for you, or don't choose a solution at all. You could also wait for your mom to find out and just face it then if you have to. Remember, it's better to face your fears than run away from them. Just remember, mistakes happen and it's ok. Just remember that you DON'T make the same mistake again. The lesson that you can take from this is, learn from your mistakes.

Sincerely,
Wildcat Wisdom



The Winter Olympics

By: Tiya Mary Lintu



Just like the Summer Olympics, the Winter Olympics is a fun way to let athletes all across the world (especially the U.S.) compete for the bronze, silver, and gold medals in all different types of sports. Figure Skating, bobsleighbing, and snowboarding are all types of sports that partook in the Winter Olympics. Because the Winter Olympics is so important to athletes in the United States, there has been some constant and beautiful competition between the countries because of how good each of them are. The U.S. team is very good because of how much practice and effort they put into their skill. We even have some local athletes like Jamie Anderson. The Winter Olympics is a wonderful competition to bring the best in athletes all across the world.

Let's take a look at the sports. Bobsledding, snowboarding, and figure skating are all sports played in the Winter Olympics that are my favorites. Bobsledding Is a fun team sport where you go through narrow, twisting turns in a gravity powered sleigh. The sport takes such precision as the team must take timed turns to make sure they get through the amount of rounds they need to succeed. Athletes take a great amount of effort and skill to perfect the art of bobsledding. But, there are many other sports that are in the Winter Olympics too, especially figure skating. The art of figure skating is where one or more skaters perform an elegant dance routine of ice. This sport requires a crazy amount of skill because you need to not only balance the ice with thin razors but perform difficult tricks while skating. Personally, figure skating is my favorite sport out of all the sports in the Winter Olympics because of how satisfying it is to see wonderful performances done by athletes. Lastly, snowboarding is a wonderful sport because of how much strength you need to perfect it. Jamie Anderson, one of the competitors in the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics and local athletes, loves snowboarding and is so good at it that she decided to compete in one of the most prestigious competitions yet. Although she didn't win any medals, her performance in the Winter Olympics was absolutely astonishing.

Because of how awesome the Winter Olympics are, we should respect and honor all the competitors. I mean, I would never have the amount of skill they have in a lifetime! The Winter Olympics are the best and should be enjoyed all around the world.



Holidays In March

By Enoch Teng



There are actually tons and tons of holidays in March. Leprechaun day is the most well known here in the US. In this article, I'm just gonna list some notable holidays for each day to save space. March 1st as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday. There's music, parades, picnics, floats, and much more. March 3rd is National Anthem day. On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution officially making "The Star Spangled Banner" the national anthem of the United States of America. March 4th is Employee Appreciation day. Just walk in a fast-food restaurant, and appreciate the minimum wage employees greeting you at the counter. March 8th is National Proofreading Day. Proofread all text desired. March 9th is panic day. This day is just a day to panic. The 10th is International day of Awesomeness. Just a day of Awesomeness. March 12th is Plant a Flower Day. Get outside, Plant a flower. March 15th, (ironically the day i'm writing this) is Everything you think is Wrong Day. Just like the title entails, Everything you think is wrong. And quite a contrast, The next day is Everything you do is Right Day. Everything you do is right. March 17th Saint Patrick's day. You all know this day well. I don't need to explain it. March 20th is International Day of happiness. March 23rd is National Puppy day. This is a day where you do anything with your puppy. On March 28th there's Something on a Stick day. Have anything on a stick. It's that simple. March 31st is World Backup day. It's just a reminder to Secure files and back them up. Anytime in March, you can celebrate these days, and much more.

The Story of Harriet Tubman

By Alana Mariano

Her story began in 1820 when little Harriet was introduced to the blinding sight of life. Coming out of the womb was something new for her. The light from the Earth made her shield her eyes as she observed new things that she had never seen before. New objects surrounded her, all shapes and sizes she had never laid her young eyes on. The thing was, everything was so blurry. Little did Harriet know, she would make amazing history that is known today. She would change the world.

Harriet Tubman was born in 1820-1822 In Dorchester County, MD in Maryland. She was born into slavery, so at the age five or six, she already began to work as a house servant. She did the laundry, which was very time consuming at the time. She also cleaned rooms. She continued that job until seven years later, at the age of 12 or 13. Then, she was sent to work in the fields. She picked cotton to make textiles, and corn for food and fuel. Every day, she worked countless hours picking plants. The cotton she picks gets made into textiles, which soon gets made into clothing for the whites to wear.

In 1849, Harriet decided to escape to freedom from slavery. Afraid her owner would sell her to Harriet escaped using The Underground Railroad. The Underground Railroad was not actually a railroad. It was a bunch of houses, known as stations. Her two brothers ran alongside her, but had a change of heart. They were worried about the trouble they would be in if they had been caught. The brothers changed Harriet's mind and the three turned back. But, Harriet was not going to give up. She tried once again to escape through the passage. With determination driving her, Harriet persevered and successfully made it out alive. She had traveled 90 miles north out of her job as a slave. As she took in the fresh scent of freedom, the feeling of pride struck her. She had really done it.

In the same year, Harriet was hired as a housekeeper in Philadelphia. She was happy with her role, but wanted her loved ones to be free too. So, she befriended many other famous individuals such as Frederick Douglass, Thomas Garrett and Martha Coffin Wright. She then made her own system through the Underground Railroad. A system that would not just free her loved ones, but others too. Harriet wanted everyone she could to feel the feeling of freedom just like she does. She worked for ten long years, never stopping until her plan was perfected. After long years of work, her idea was set into action. She used boats to travel along rivers and transport slaves back to freedom. It was claimed by her biographer that she had saved about 300 people, though Harriet herself had said those numbers to be much lower.

Harriet once said "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." This quote shows Harriet's experience along her life and what she had learned. This quote means that anyone can change the world because no matter what, there is nobody who lacks the strength, patience, and passion to fulfill your dream. It is important to know that nobody is born a star. It is you who works for it.

Cesar Chavez

By: Simrah Mustafa

Born on March 31, 1927, Cesar Chavez was a well-known Mexican-American labor leader as well as a Civil Rights Activist. During the 1930's, Chavez's family was forced to leave their farm during the Great Depression; they moved to California to become migrant workers. Chavez dropped out of school after graduating 8th grade to help support his family. During the 1940's, Chavez joined the U.S. Navy for two years, and then went back to his farm work. In 1948, Chavez got married to Helen Fabela, and they had 8 children! Cesar Chavez and many others in the United States farm industry faced many struggles such as harsh work conditions and low salaries. Chavez was highly influenced by Father Donald McDonnell. They often talked about strikes and other topics surrounding the farm industry. Chavez was driven to end the hardships of farm workers by establishing a minimum wage for farming so that farmers made more than 40 cents per hour. Chavez started to read about many influential people who fought for the right thing in peaceful ways, such as Gandhi & St Francis. Fred Ross, another influential person in Chavez's life, created the Community Service Organization, or the CSO. Chavez took the role as an organizer in Fred's organization. Inspired by all of these people, Chavez founded the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) in 1962, which later turned into the United Farm Workers, or UFW. Thus, the union was born. In 1965, the NFWA had a 5-year nation-wide strike against California grape growers, and was headed by Chavez, who not only had a 340 mile-march from Delano to Sacramento, but also fasted for 25 days! The strikes & boycotts ended in 1970, when grape farmers earned a reasonable amount of money for their work. On April 23, 1993, Cesar Chavez, age 66, died peacefully in his sleep of natural causes. Cesar Chavez has contributed much to today's farm industry, and, in his words, "the fight is never about grapes or lettuce. It is always about people."

Quiz Time!

1. Where did Chavez's family move during the Great Depression? Answer: California.
2. Why did Chavez drop out of high school? Answer: To help support his family.
3. Who did Chavez get married to and how many children did they have? Answer: Helen Fabela, 8 children.
4. Who are some of the people that Chavez was influenced by? Answer: Father McDonnell, Mahatma Gandhi, Fred Ross, & St Francis.
5. How much money did farmers make per hour? Answer: 40 cents.
6. What Association did Chavez create? Answer; National Farm Workers Association. (NFWA)
7. How long was the NFWA Strike? Answer: 5 years.
8. How many days did Chavez fast for? Answer: 25.
9. From where to where was the march Chavez led? Answer: Delano to Sacramento.
10. What age did Chavez die? Answer: 66.

Martin Luther King Jr.

By: Iris Chuang

Martin Luther King Jr., also known as MLK Jr., is an important person in our history. He was one of the main people to help end segregation and start the Civil Rights Act. We celebrate this amazing man on the third Monday of January. But really, who is Martin Luther King Jr. in depth? Read on to learn more about this awesome, nation-changing social rights activist!

MLK Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. He had a brother, Alfred Daniel, and a sister, Willie Christine. His father was protesting for their race at the time. Eventually, Martin became a minister, just like his father. While going through his doctorate during college, King met Coretta Scott, who would be an important part of his life. The two married in June, 1953, and had four children. Martin continued to fight for his race's freedom.

On December 1st, 1955, a woman named Rosa Parks was arrested for not giving up her seat to a white man on a bus. When she was arrested, Martin and other people started the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and Martin was the leader of the boycott. This bus boycott lasted for about 382 days! Finally, the city of Montgomery got rid of the law that segregated public transportation. King had made his first victory!

Martin Luther King Junior kept fighting for colored and black people. He won many peaceful fights. However, things didn't go well all of the time. Once, Martin's house was bombed! Despite all the hardships, Martin continued forward and made the world a better place with his words and actions. One of the most known march Dr. King led was the March in Washington, on August 18, 1963, where Martin made his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. A quote from this speech was, "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." More than 200,000 people came to witness this amazing speech.

For his nation-changing work, Martin received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Sadly, Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968, by a man named James Earl Ray. But although he had left this world already, his work didn't die along with him. People remembered and respected him, and soon, segregation was banned forever. In addition to getting rid of segregation, the Civil Rights Act was created as well.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an outstanding person. He fought for the freedom of black African Americans, and he won his fight. Even though he faced many challenges along the way, King still didn't give up. He was a determined and peaceful activist who changed our nation. People still remember him up to this very day. We celebrate this activist's amazing work on the third Monday of January. So take a little bit of time, and thank Dr. Martin Luther King Junior for all his determination and all the goals he has achieved. Happy Martin Luther King Junior Day!

Get to Know Mr. Xiatrey

By: Tiya Mary Lintu

Tiya - What is your favorite movie?

Mr. X - Black Panther

Tiya - What is your dream car?

Mr. X - I don't really care what I can have.

Tiya - Where would you like to go on vacation?

Mr. X - Argentina

Tiya - What are your favorite football, basketball, and baseball teams?

Mr. X - 49ers Warriors San Francisco Giants

Tiya - What is your favorite sport?

Mr. X - Football

Tiya - What grade levels are challenging to teach?

Mr. X - I don't think any of the grade level are hard to teach because all the grade levels are super fun! It just depends on the kids in that grade level.

Tiya - How many years have you been a PE teacher?

Mr. X - 10 years

Tiya - How do like teaching Wiebel so far?

Mr. X - I really enjoy it!



An Interview with Mrs. Hawks

By Mihika Agarwal

Mihika : Hello Mrs. Hawks. I'm a part of the newspaper team and on behalf of the whole school, I'd like to ask you a few questions.

We all know Mrs. Hawks, our wonderful librarian but do you know anything else? Why did she become a librarian? What books does she love? What other schools did she apply to?

Question from Mihika : What inspired you to become a librarian?

Answer from Mrs. Hawks : I loved libraries. I loved books. I was one of those students who got in trouble for reading in class. I just got lucky to get the job I wanted.

Question from Mihika : Did you have a role model? If so, who was it?

Answer from Mrs. Hawks : My librarians were my role models. They always suggested different books for me. I always kept my mind open to new options. I tried different genres. Sometimes, my mom still tells me a book to read after she reads it and I try it out.

Question from Mihika : What books do you like to read? Why?

Answer from Mrs. Hawks : I like to read all different kinds of books. Although A Wrinkle in Time is one of my all time favorites. I also love science fiction and lately I have started to like mystery books.

Question from Mihika : What school did you first apply to for being a librarian?

Answer from Mrs. Hawks : I first applied to Patterson Elementary and that was in 1999.

Question from Mihika : What other schools were you a librarian at?

Answer from Mrs. Hawks : In Patterson Elementary, I was there for 5 years. Then I was in Weibel for 6 years. Afterwards I went to IHS or Irvington High School for 4 years. I then went to Centerville Junior High for 5 years. Lastly I was in Weibel for 3 years including this year.

Question from Mihika : How long have you been a librarian?

Answer from Mrs. Hawks : I have been a librarian for 23 years.

Question from Mihika : Describe a typical work week for you.

Answer from Mrs. Hawks : I read the books which I love to share with the nicest kids in Weibel. Then I keep the books in order and shelf them to make sure kids can find the books they want easily. Afterwards I help students find books and I check in books. I do that all 5 days.

Question from Mihika : Was reading easier or harder online? Explain.

Answer from Mrs. Hawks : Well there were some benefits and disadvantages. I had more time to read at the pace I wanted to because children weren't checking out books. Although, I had no audience to share my books with. Everyone was on mute. In-person I might tell the students to gasp during the books at a surprising point but I couldn't do that online. Also many people had internet issues.

Question from Mihika : What are your hobbies other than reading?

Answer from Mrs. Hawks : I sometimes go on a hike with my dogs.

Question from Mihika : Do you have any pets? If so, describe them.

Answer from Mrs. Hawks : I have a dog named Matilda who is 3 years old. I named her after the girl Matilda in Ronald Dahl's book. I sometimes call her Millie.

Question from Mihika : What's your favorite part about being a librarian?

Answer from Mrs. Hawks : I love sharing books with students and helping them find books. Hopefully the books I help them find are their new favorite books.

Question from Mihika : If you weren't a librarian, what would you be?

Answer from Mrs. Hawks : I actually don't know. I think I'm so lucky that I got the job I wanted, that I got my dream job.

Mihika : Thank you for letting me have this interview.

Mrs. Hawks : You are welcome, Mihika.



How to Make Bath Bombs!

By Prithviraj Singh

One Saturday afternoon, I asked my mom if I can use a bath bomb for my bath. She told me that we were running out of them. Suddenly, I thought that why don't I create my own bath bomb. Luckily, we had all the ingredients at home.

Making bath bombs is a great indoor activity that will keep kids busy at home and are also a lovely gift for friends and family.

Today I'm going to share the method to create your own custom DIY bath bombs at home.

Here are the ingredients that you can buy from Walmart or Amazon.

- 1 cup baking soda
- 1/2 cup citric acid
- 1/2 cup Epsom salt
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 3/4 tbsp. water
- 2 tbsp. essential oil (lavender, rose, orange, etc).
 - My personal favorite is lavender
- 2 tbsp. oil (jojoba, sweet almond, coconut, olive, etc)
- A few drops of food coloring.
- A mold of your choice, such as regular or mini-muffin tins



Directions

Step 1: With the exception of the citric acid, mix the dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl.

Step 2: Pour all of the liquid ingredients in a jar with a cap. Close the jar and shake it vigorously.

Step 3: Pour the liquid mixture into the bowl of dry ingredients and use your hands to combine them together. At this point, add the citric acid. You'll probably notice a slight fizzing reaction because of the citric acid. No need to panic, as this is normal.

Step 4: Mash the mixture into your chosen molds very tightly. You can overfill the molds slightly and use a spoon or glass to press the mixture in as tightly as possible. Immediately loosen the bombs from their molds onto wax paper and let them dry overnight.

Step 5: Give the bath bombs a day or two to completely dry before using them or wrapping them up as gifts.

Our bath bombs are ready.

Pop one in the bathtub and enjoy the burst of colors, fizz, and beautiful fragrance inhale the released aromas.



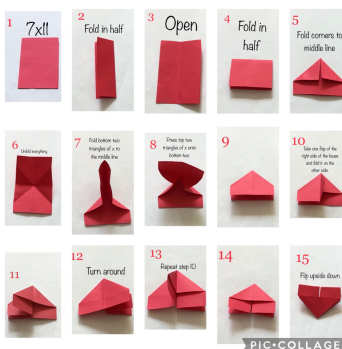
How to make an Origami Butterfly Bookmark

By: Iris Chuang

Origami comes in many different shapes and sizes. People can fold animals, houseware, and many other things out of one single piece of paper. Many people think that origami is fun, and can help pass time. But have you ever considered origami useful? Could it ever help you with something related to work or school? The answer is yes. Origami can be folded into things that can help with schoolwork. For example, while folding a cute design, you can also make a bookmark! Maybe you've already folded a bookmark, but now, if you have never tried, you can fold a butterfly corner bookmark! I'll show you how, step by step. All you need is a 7 x 11 paper, a pen, and a ruler. If you don't have the paper, you can just use a ruler to measure a paper and cut the rectangle out. Let's get started!

1. Fold your paper in half, from top to bottom. Open it. Fold it in half from side to side.
2. Open. Fold your paper in half from top to bottom again. Make sure the opening of the paper is facing the bottom. Now, fold the top corners to the middle line.
3. Open the paper. You should see creases resembling an x. Fold the two bottom triangles of the x to the middle line. Then cover it up with the top triangles of the x. Your paper should look like a house now.
4. Fold one side of the house to the other. Then fold the top side of the other side of the house to the side that only has one flap.
5. Turn the paper so that the triangle is pointing downwards. On the top right corner, measure 1 cm and mark it. Do the same thing on the other side.
6. Fold from the mark you made to the bottom of the paper as much as you can on the right side. Do the same thing on the left side. Then open both folds after creasing.
7. Open the right side of the paper. Fold inwards on where you creased. Do the same thing on the left side.
8. Open the top to the bottom all the way on the right side. Do the same thing on the left side.
9. Color in your butterfly however you want.
10. To use as a bookmark, turn your butterfly upside down and open the flap. Then put the corner of a page in a book in the flap.

Congratulations! You finished your butterfly origami bookmark. There are many possibilities in how to fold origami. Sometimes, steps can be hard. Other times, steps can be simple. I've included pictures down below, in case any of the steps were too hard. Happy folding, and let your imagination take you to new possibilities!



Coding a Scratch moving cycle

By: Krishna Seshan

Hello! Scratch is a really simple coding language and most of it can be self-learnt with some practice. I self-learnt how to make this simple walking code in Scratch to make your character move, and I would like to share it with you!

Part one: Preparations

Step 1: Head to <https://scratch.mit.edu>

Step 2: On the top, head to the button that says create: ↓



Part two: Coding

First, go to control, then drag the if then block  and then go to sensing and then select this block:  then put those two together like this: 

then edit the key pressed by clicking the drop-down menu.

Repeat this 3 times, each time for one key, and then put them into a forever loop, also located in the control section. You should end up with this:



Next, go to the motions section.

if $x=10$, that means you go right

if $x= -10$, that means you go left

if $y= 10$, you go up.

Using this, we can determine that the up arrow is assigned to $y= 10$, the right arrow is assigned to $x= 10$ and the left arrow is assigned to $x= -10$.

Put in the code and then connect a go to x: 0 y: 0 block to on top of the code that we have already made.

Then, put a green flag on top of the x: 0 y: 0 block.

The up arrow is also a special case.

You have to put a change y by 10 followed by a wait one second followed by a change y by -10. In the end, the code should look like this.



Now click the green flag and test your game. You can always add more to your game.

And that's how you make a simple scratch game! Happy coding!

A Healthy Bite - My First Food Creation

By: Prithviraj Singh

Hello Weibel Wildcats, I have a very interesting story to share with you guys. During the winter break of 2021, my parents were busy with their office work and me and my brother were very hungry, so we looked for some snacks at home, but little did we know that we had run out of snacks. Because of this misfortune, me and my brother were left with no choice, but to make our own snack. We made one delicious, healthy and quick snack. Today, I will be sharing the recipe with you. Hope you enjoy this DIY recipe

Here are the ingredients

1. 1/2 cup Maple Syrup
2. 1/2 cup Nut or Seed Butter (sunflower butter (nut-free, peanut butter, etc))
3. 1/4 cup Oat Flour (simply blend 1/4 cup of Oats in a blender for 30-60 seconds..I already had them in our kitchen)
4. 2 1/2 cup Rolled Oats
5. 1/3 cup Sunflower Seeds
6. 1/3 cup Pumpkin Seeds
7. 1/2 cup Cranberries (or other dried fruit of choice)
8. 2 tbsp Chocolate Chips, White Chocolate Chips, or M&Ms
9. Pinch of Salt

Here are the directions for the recipe

1. First, add the Maple Syrup and Nut/Seed Butter to a medium bowl. Mix until well combined.
2. Add in the Oat Flour with a pinch of Salt, and mix again until well-incorporated.
3. Next, add the remaining ingredients to the bowl and stir well, until the sticky mixture is evenly coating all Granola Bar pieces.
4. Line a 9x9" baking tin with parchment paper, and firmly press the Granola Bar mixture into the tin. Let sit for 15-20 minutes, to allow the Oats to absorb any extra moisture.
5. Cut the Granola Bars in the pan, then carefully remove. Enjoy the delicious, quick, and tasty snack. Store at room temperature for up to 6 days if you don't want to eat it immediately.

These Bars are homemade, they can still be quite fragile. To ensure they don't crumble, I would advise cutting them in the pan before you remove them, and packing them with a little extra cushion when taking them on-the-go.

Our Granola bar came out very well and tasted perfect,

After a few minutes, my mom and dad came to the kitchen looking for food. They noticed that we were eating something and they asked, "Where did you get them? We never bought them." My brother said, "It is not from the store, it is homemade. I said, "Tada! We made it. It's amazing. Do you want to try?" They tasted it and said, "It's yummy! Good job kids! We are so proud of you."



Fun with Origami

By Aarav Gulrajani

Go to this link to find out how to make this origami spinner:

<https://youtu.be/ml5qiDnjNqI>

Origami is one of my favorite pastimes. I am sure most of you have heard about origami and some of you may even be ardent origami lovers. Read on to learn more about origami and for a fun tutorial at the end.

The history of origami followed after the invention of paper and was a result of paper's use in society. The Japanese word "origami" itself is a compound of two smaller Japanese words: "ori", which means to fold, and "kami", which means paper. Not all forms of paper folding were grouped under the word origami until a few years ago. Before that, paper folding for play was known by a variety of names, including "orikata", "orisue", "orimono", "tatamigami" and others. Origami started when monks from China introduced paper to Japan. At first, Japanese origami was used for religious ceremonial purposes only, due to the high price of paper. Eventually, origami spread around the world and became what we now know it as today, the art of paper folding.

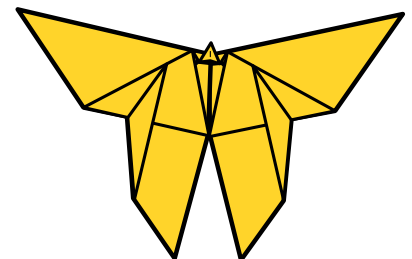
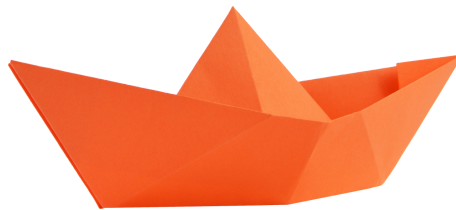
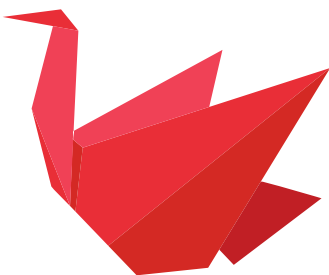
As for me, I started origami about a year ago. At the time, I was on summer break and I was quite bored. My parents were working and because of no summer camps during the pandemic, I had literally nothing to do. Eager to pass the time in some sort of way, I started folding a paper airplane, and it gave me something to do for about an hour. I realized that I liked paper folding and was good at it(I don't mean to brag), so I went on my computer to find out more. There, I found many tutorials and instructions on how to make really cool things, and surprisingly, I still use some of my origami creations, including a paper storage box. I asked my parents to order a set of square papers, and boom, I was off on an adventure! As a paper folder, I'd like to share some of my knowledge with you readers, so I've provided a tutorial for one of the coolest spinners I have made. It can spin for more than 15 seconds! I hope you have as much fun making it as I did.

Here is the youtube link for the tutorial:

<https://youtu.be/ml5qiDnjNqI>

If you have any comments on the video, feel free to post them in the comments section.

Enjoy and never give up!



The Mysterious Triangle

By Niya Panchumarthi

A triangle is a basic shape in geometry that we use almost every day. However, the triangle I am about to tell you about is unlike any other. More than 50 ships and 20 aircraft have mysteriously disappeared in this devastation-causing triangle. This triangle is called the Devil's Triangle, more commonly known as the Bermuda Triangle. The Bermuda Triangle covers a 500,000 square mile area in the Atlantic Ocean. The majority of the vehicles that have disappeared have left no trace, wreckage, or bodies behind. In addition, these ships and planes vanished in calm waters, without sending any distress signal. Many ideas exist regarding what happened to these vehicles, but after studying the evidence, scientists and historians have concluded that tropical storms, volcanic activity, and iron ore rocks are the causes for these disappearances.

Tropical storms, such as hurricanes, are frequently encountered in the Bermuda Triangle. In the past 50 years, 79 hurricanes have passed through the Bermuda Triangle. If these storms interact with ships and planes, they can cause immense havoc. In addition, as the Caribbean has so many islands, shallow water is generated in numerous places. Ship navigation might be hampered by shallow water.

Volcanic activity also contributes to ship disappearances, as volcanoes can cause tidal waves and earthquakes. In addition, they can interfere with compasses, so when a compass points north near the Bermuda triangle, it may not necessarily be north.

The Bermuda Triangle is surely a very mysterious place. Many people have lost their lives in the Triangle. Today, in order to prevent any further tragedies caused by the Bermuda Triangle, ship captains and airplane pilots try their best to find different routes and avoid the Triangle. It turns out that there is much more to this triangle than just having three sides.



Steph!

By Aarav Gulrajani

See if you can guess who this is:

He is a Golden State Warriors basketball legend and has inhuman accuracy at the 3 point line.

You guessed it! It's the one and only Steph Curry.

Born on March 14, 1988, Steph Curry grew up interested in basketball as his dad, Dell Curry, was a sharpshooter in the NBA. Overtime, as his dad taught him how to play, he learned the complexities and tricks of basketball. He eventually became someone with keen shooting and high intelligence on the court, but sadly, this was not enough to make college coaches overlook his unremarkable height of 6 feet and his thin and wiry frame. Because of this, he did not receive scholarship offers from major college basketball programs and attended Davidson College, which had fewer than 2,000 students.

Even though he was in an unpopular college, he quickly became known, scoring an average of 21.5 points per game, surpassing all first-year basketball players. Curry eventually became famous all over the country during his sophomore season, in which he led the 10th-ranked Davidson Basketball Team to come up to one of the Elite Eight of the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's top-division basketball championship tournament, including many performances with his signature shot, a three pointer way behind the (three-point) line. His junior season didn't feature any such performances, but his average of 28.6 points per game led the country.

Thinking he was ready, he entered the 2009 NBA draft, in which he was selected by the Golden State Warriors with the seventh overall pick. Curry made an immediate impact with the Warriors, becoming the team's starting point guard and averaging 17.5 points per game in his first season. A tragedy then overcame. Curry suffered a series of ankle sprains, which led him to playing just 26 games in the 2011-12 season, and he underwent off-season ligament surgery. He then signed a modest four-year \$44 million contract extension that allowed Golden State to surround Steph with other talented players. Curry led the league in three-pointers made (272) in 2012-13. The following season he repeated his three-point feat (with 261) and earned his first All-Star selection. In 2014-15 he made yet another record 286 three-pointers while leading the Warriors to an NBA-best 67-15 record and was named the league's Most Valuable Player (MVP). In the following postseason, Curry propelled the Warriors to the franchise's first title in 40 years over the Cleveland Cavaliers. Curry led his team to even greater heights in 2015-16, as Golden State bested the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls' 72-10 regular-season record by one additional victory. He also topped the NBA with an average of 30.1 points per game and shattered his own league standard by making an astounding 402 three-point shots. Curry earned his second consecutive MVP award for his efforts and became the first person to be voted MVP two times in a row. However, the Warriors' historic season ultimately ended in shocking disappointment as the team lost to the Cavaliers in the finals with a score of 4-1. In 2016-17 Curry led the NBA in three-point field goals made (324) for a fifth straight season as the Warriors again led the NBA in wins (67). Golden State then ran off an unpredicted 12 straight victories to open the postseason and won a third consecutive Western Conference title. The Warriors finally had a postseason loss in game four of the NBA finals, but the team rebounded to defeat the Cavaliers in five games to capture Curry's second NBA title. A knee injury limited Curry to 51 games during the 2017-18 regular season, ending his five-year run as the league leader in three-point field goals attempted and made. He returned during the second round of the playoffs to help the Warriors win their fourth consecutive conference championship and third NBA title (in a four-game sweep of the Cavaliers).

Curry continued his dazzling play in 2018-19, averaging 27.3 points per game and earning first-team All-NBA honors. In the playoffs, he guided an injury-plagued Warriors team to a fifth straight conference title, the most in a row since the NBA instituted conferences in 1970-71. However, additional injuries and tough play by the opposing Toronto Raptors led to a six-game Golden State loss in the finals. In the 2020-21 and 2019-20 seasons, the Warriors did not make it to the playoffs, but from the way it is going this year, we will make it to the playoffs!

St. Patrick's Day

By Anya Chandraselar

“Gold!”, shouted the leprechaun before he grabbed the bag of riches and got away. So far, no real leprechaun has been discovered. However, most of us do not pay attention to why leprechauns even became a thing. Who was the trend setter for wearing green even? Why is gold said to always be at the end of a rainbow? You may ponder on all of these questions and not know the answers. Luckily, now you’ll know. I have been wondering for many years how we even got St. Patrick’s Day as a holiday. Who is St. Patrick?

As you all probably know St. Patrick’s Day was named after the well known saint, St. Patrick. Surprisingly, he was not even born in Ireland even though most of you would assume so. Usually it seems that the holiday is celebrated there the most because of stories and other sources. It is said that St. Patrick’s father was a Christian deacon, although there is no real evidence that proves he is strong about religion. It is assumed that his father needed a job, so he took on the role.

It wasn’t by choice that St. Patrick went to Ireland. At age 16, a group of Irish raiders attacked his family estate and took him as prisoner to Ireland where he lived captive for 6 years. Those 6 years he was actually a slave, who came here on slave ship! Yes, that’s right! He was taken away from his family which wasn’t new in the 5th century. This holiday is actually named after a person who was enslaved for a period of time. After that he reunited with his family and then came back to Ireland.

Many people usually think that leprechauns were the idea of St. Patrick. However this is a false thought. Leprechauns became more popular over the 8th century and more tales of the tiny figures were told. There is said to be a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow because vikings used to hide treasures in disclosed places in 795 AD.

Thank you for reading my article on St Patrick’s Day! I love celebrating the holiday, and the chocolate gold coins are my favorite part. St. Patrick’s Day was the best in Ms. Curoso’s class. We do art projects, read stories, and do so much more! The leprechaun traps were also super fun to make! They are a really fun thing to do if you like art or making stuff. I hope all of you enjoy a wonderful St. Patrick’s Day!



Wordle Tips and Tricks

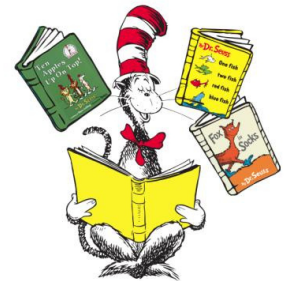
By: Evelyn Huang

Launched last year in October, Wordle has been on fire, reaching more than 300,000 players in early-January. Being bought out by The New York Times, people have reported that the daily answers are getting quite..... wonky. Wordle #246: TACIT???? Wordle is supposed to be for English, not that dead language no one speaks. Here are some tips and tricks to help you beat a wordle.

1. Start with a word that has a lot of vowels and use a new word every day, all 5-letter words have at least one vowel. Unless you're counting crwth, and all those weird words. The most popular Wordle-starter is ADIEU. But people with bow ties and glasses believe that it is a terrible first guess.
2. Using a database like <https://www.bestwordlist.com> can help you deliberate good words. It's way better than thinking horrible words from the top of your tiny head. This website once saved my last guess in Wordle 2. Few consider this as cheating, but you decide.
3. Don't use the letter S for the first few guesses, you will need it when you can only think of four-letter words. You can always stick an S onto a noun or verb that only has four letters. "Boat? I guess boats will work."
4. Why not cheat? If you are very stuck on a wordle, then you can turn to programs that give you words according to the situation. All you need to do is enter all the good letters, all the bad letters, and the letters that are green. It will instantly find words that will meet these requirements.
5. Playing unlimited variations of Wordle can help you sharpen your skills as you don't have to wait a day for the next wordle to come out. Just be sure the website is safe and secure, as hackers have creative ways to make people click on their malicious sites.
6. You might want to get a bit Bri'ish when playing this game. The creator, Josh Wardle is from Wales, meaning that the answer might be a European word you never heard of. For example, "Bloke" is the very European name for what we'd call "dude".

A week full of wacky and crazy

By Kashvi Lath



Are you a bookworm? If you are then you must love "Read Across America Week!" It's celebrated to honor a very important person in the reading world. His name is Dr. Seuss. In "Read Across America Week" other than reading we have crazy spirit days to honor Dr. Seuss' very imaginative and quite crazy stories. On Monday we had One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish day where you would dress in red like your favorite fish. On Tuesday we had Fox in Socks day where we would wear crazy/silly socks to school. On Wednesday we had The Cat in the Hat- Thing 1 and Thing 2 day, where we would try twinning with someone. On Thursday we had The Cat in the Hat Comes back day where we would wear our fanciest/wackiest hat! Lastly on Friday we had everyone's favorite I Will Not Get Up Today day better known as Pajama day where our classes would have a read in. Of course these spirit days were just for fun, but they sure showed school spirit. There was even a reading night event on zoom on Thursday! Whether it's "Read Across America Week" or not, reading can be done wherever and whenever you want! Hope you had a spectacular "Read Across America Week" or as Dr. Seuss would say a very good "Read Across America Week."

Why Weibel Doesn't Have Swings

By Enoch Teng

Weibel, along with most schools in California, does not have any swings. This occurred because of many events that I will share right now. It started when people started having concerns about whether or not playground equipment was safe. In 1981, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (USCPSC) posted guidelines for playground equipment to ensure safety. This was a great thing, as it saved millions of kids from being hurt. The play structures were no better than trees for kids to climb on back then.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission had to create these guidelines. However, the guidelines got stricter as time went on. This was the swing, just a piece of playground equipment for children to play on. Don't get me wrong, swings were not banned, but to keep them within federal guidelines, Playground owners would have to pay around \$100,000. In October of 2000, in addition to the already overwhelming amount to pay to have a swing, the Americans with Disabilities Act stated that you needed at least half of every public playground accessible to children in wheelchairs. A wheelchair ramp to a swing had to be added if not to other playground equipment. This added to the total amount to have a swing in your public park. But if the money weren't a problem for you, then came the space. These guidelines stated you needed it to be apart from 6 ft apart from other structures on either side, the front and back had to have no structures in double the height of the swing, and a wheelchair ramp had to be at least 12 ft.

Times have changed though, and some of these rules don't apply anymore. So why do people still not have swings? When they demolished the swings, it would be costly to bring them back. Many people still haven't got backswings, and some believe that removing swings and other playground equipment has caused more injury. A professor named Joe Smith, a professor at the University of Texas believes that people have become less healthy because of not being active with the loss of swings and other playground equipment. Not being healthy, obesity, depression, and diabetes can be combated with physical activity. So maybe, removing all this playground equipment has caused more injury than if it was not removed at all.

The swing is a fun yet relaxing form of exercise, as swinging can burn up to 200 calories per hour. Swinging also improves your body in many other ways, especially as a child. For example, it improves your balance and core muscles. Balance is an obvious skill for preventing injury while exercising your core muscles gives you more strength. Another thing is the risk of incidents, as long as you are careful, there is almost no chance of getting hurt on a swing. You also get a very calming sensation, and almost all swinging memories will be positive. These are just a few reasons why swinging can be great for a child.



WNBA

By Naomi Li

Did you know that the WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) only started in 1997? That's only 25 years ago! On April 24, 1996, the women's basketball announced that they got next as the NBA Board of the Governors approved for the WNBA to begin in June 1997.

Ever since that day, there have been many first players for the WNBA such as Val Ackerman, also known as the first president of the WNBA, Sheryl Swoopes, which is the first player that signed to the WNBA, Cynthia Cooper, which is the league's first MVP, Houston Comets, who is the first WNBA champions, and lastly, Lisa Leslie, the first WNBA player to obtain all MVP awards.

However, the first thing they had to complete to join the was a to-do-list. The to-do-list was a list of things or in other words requests that they had to complete in order to join the WNBA. Within less than 15 months, a league of its own began to open for the WNBA as each task in the to-do-list was completed. Later, the league announced its broadcast partnerships with NBC, ESPN, and Lifetime Television. After that, it was decided that the WNBA season would be played in the summer when the sports calendar was not as full, so the games could be televised live. During a successful season, more than 50 million people watched the games on three different networks.

Eight teams were announced for the teams for the first season. The Eastern Conference consisted of the Charlotte Sting, Cleveland Rockers, Houston Comets, and New York Liberty. On January 16th, 1997, the first 16 players were assigned to different teams. On February 27th, an Elite Draft added two more players and put them into each team, increasing the team rosters to four players. The Comets chose Tina Thompson, who is the conference's lead scorer, which is also the first pick of the WNBA Draft.

In conclusion, women have faced many challenges along the way to join, but I believe that the WNBA will keep growing and become more popular along the way.



“What Cat Food is Healthy”

By: Evelyn Huang

We all know that us humans wouldn't be particularly healthy if we ate french fries everyday. Fries are simply full of fats and oils and aren't natural for our species to eat, the same applies to cats. But, cats can't ask to eat something different. Most big-brand pet foods are full to the brim with artificial color and flavoring, along with other nasty chemicals. These brands, claiming to be “premium, healthy and natural”, don't have the nutrients that cats need to thrive. The unhealthy cat foods on the market are packed with corn, grain, or just any carb-heavy cheap foods.

Some of these pet foods are dry, which is a problem because cats don't drink a lot of water. They rely on moisture from raw meat to hydrate themselves. Researchers around the world conducted a study which revealed that cats share 95.6% of their DNA with wild tigers. The only way a wildcat can eat something other than meat is from the stomachs of their prey. A natural diet for cats consists of raw, organ meat, and a little bit of vegetables and fruits.

Most cat foods are cooked in blistering hot temperatures, which kills the nutrients a cat needs. To prevent the food from rotting on the pet store shelves, the brands put in preservatives, which kill the good bacteria in a cat's stomach. Cats actually need these bacteria in their stomachs to help with digestion. Another big thing about these popular cat food brands is that they often have “Meat-By” or “Meat Meal” products in the ingredients. Meat-By products are basically the leftovers of a slaughtered animal. When they are done taking out the actual meat for us humans to eat, they toss the nasty leftovers into cat food. This can include the animals' hearts, livers, waste, and even pieces of tumors. Some people say that cats eat their prey whole in the wild, which is 100% true, but if the first ingredient of the pet food you use is one of these names, then your cat isn't getting enough real meat.

The best thing to do if you have the time and money is to prepare your cat's own food from fresh, raw ingredients. If you don't, then you should start reconsidering your life choices.

-Is it to note that switching foods too quickly will likely cause health problems.

Weird Pets

By: Kashvi Lath

Looking for a pet? We all know of cats, dogs, and fish but those are all common household pets. You'd be surprised of all the other options you have. So, if you don't want an ordinary pet and something more exotic and unique, you can probably find one you like from a variety of pets in different shapes and sizes. Of course, tell your parents first if you plan to purchase or visit one because some of the most frightening pets from your nightmares could be part of this list.

Starting off with some small pets to choose from are hedgehogs, bush babies, raccoons, chinchillas, sugar gliders, squirrel monkeys, flying squirrels, and much more can be adopted. Surprisingly some of these pets are not allowed to be owned in the United States in certain states. So before purchasing one check if it's legal to own it your location. For these smaller pets they require a lot of maintenance which means you need to have a schedule which can allow you to spend time with a furry friend of your choice.

If you are more comfortable with larger animals, some pets to suit your preferences are mini donkeys, llamas, southern tamanduas, capybaras, wallaroos, hyacinth macaws, and much more. Again, some of these pets may not be legal to own in certain states so you should check to make sure your furry friend is welcome. Now maybe you thought the only categories were big and small pets, but there are even more categories for exotic pets! One of them is water animals. Water animals you can own are axolotls and piranhas. If you are looking for a piranha to adopt, check to make sure they are legal to adopt where you live. Axolotls are free to join you!

Shockingly that wasn't the last category and there is one more to go! That is creeps and reptiles. Creeps and reptiles available to obtain are stick insects, turtles, hermit crabs, green iguanas, bearded dragons, boa constrictor snakes, and lastly a crocodile. Now most of these pets are ones that probably would frighten you and you'd be shocked that you can even own them anywhere! The only one that would be harder to obtain is a crocodile due to most states not allowing them to be kept as pets. Hopefully you've found a pet you like. Of course, you don't have to get one but now you know about some very abnormal pets that can be owned. For more pets and information: <https://crazyrichpets.com/unique-weird-pets/>

Chinese Zodiacs

By Naomi Li

The Chinese zodiac has twelve animals, the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig. Some myths say that the first Chinese emperor, Huangdi created the Chinese calendar that follows the moon. Each of the twelve animals in the Chinese zodiac represents one year for a total of 12 years. They also represent every two hours in a day (24 hours).

Some stories say that the Emperor called for a race on his birthday to create the Chinese zodiac. Myths say that there was a race and there would only be twelve winners. To win, all the animals had to cross a raging river, each had to reach the finish line at shore. During the race there was a cat and a rat. They used to be friends, but now they hate each other very much. They were the worst swimmers. However, both the rat and the cat were very smart. They figured out the fastest way to cross the raging river was to go onto the ox and ask the ox to carry them across the river. The ox was very generous, so it agreed to carry the rat and cat across. However, the rat wanted to win so badly that he pushed the cat into the river, which caused the cat to be disqualified. Later, the ox and the rat made it to shore. The rat jumped off to the finish line and became first, then the ox, and then came the tiger. Some other stories say that the rat never told the cat about the race, which caused the cat not to race at all. Later, the rabbit came jumping on stones to cross by but it slipped and grabbed onto a log that was coming by and floated to the finish line. After came the dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, and the dog. Lastly, there was a pig.

Today, the Chinese zodiac is usually considered a mascot. It has a long history with an interesting story while entertaining people too.

When Will I Get a Dog?

By Niya Panchumarthi

Every day, when I walk out of school, I see many dogs with their owners waiting outside the gate. I have been trying to convince my parents to get me a dog for a while now, but they say that I will leave the dirty work for them and spend all of my time cuddling the dog. Their comments are true. I decided to research more about dogs to convince my parents to buy me one. During my research, I found out that our furry friends are useful in many ways other than destressing us. Dogs have been working in search and rescue operations, working as therapy dogs, and even doing service and assistance work for generations.

A dog's sense of smell is forty times better than a human's. That means that trained search and rescue dogs can detect the scent of humans on land and even underwater! A dog's nose contains 300,000,000 scent receptors. However, humans only have 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 scent receptors. How far a dog can smell does not depend only on the dog. Wind and the type of scent can also affect the operation. In the Dallas area, the Search and Rescue team has helped at least 120 government agencies locate missing people since 1983. This team is made up of volunteers and their dogs.

It is scientifically proven that dogs help most people relax. Therapy dogs provide comfort and a calm presence to people in nursing homes or in hospitals. Therapy dogs don't need to be of a specific breed; they can even be of a mixed breed. As long as a dog can understand and follow its master's commands and wants to be with humans, it can become a certified therapy dog.

Some dogs are trained to help people with certain disabilities. They can assist people with hearing, mobility, seeing, staying safe during seizures, becoming more self-confident, dealing with autism, or even detecting peanut allergies. Dogs can improve the lives of people and make them independent.

Dogs have proven to be more than just animals to retrieve a stick. Even today, dogs are being trained to sniff out viruses, such as Covid-19. Riad Sarkis, a surgeon and researcher at Saint Joseph University in Beirut, has trained 18 dogs to sniff out COVID. He used the best two sniffers for a trial in Lebanon. The dogs found 158 COVID cases positive out of 1,680 people. These animals had an accuracy of 100% with the negative cases, and 92% for positive cases. Seeing how helpful dogs can be has just made me want a dog even more.

Vicious Volcanoes

By: Aashna Patil

I think that volcanoes are very fascinating and the most recent one was this year. When you think of volcanoes, you may think that hot lava spewed out of the volcano somewhere on land. But this volcano was very different from the one you would imagine, for it did not erupt on land, but underwater, and it was very violent. The explosive submarine eruption began on December 20, 2021, with the largest explosion so far, on January 15, 2022. Satellite measurements recorded an eruption column of at least 30,000 meters (98,000 feet) into the stratosphere. The explosion was heard as far as Fairbanks, Alaska, nearly 10,000 kilometers away. Fluctuations in air pressure were recorded all over the world as a pressure wave fully circled the world several times. The eruption is likely the largest of the 21st century to date, with a possible Volcanic Explosivity Index as high as 5 which is close to the highest number in the chart of the VEI. A preliminary estimate suggests it had an explosive force equivalent to about 10 megatons of TNT.

Also, did you know that there is a pattern of volcanoes? There is a group of volcanoes erupting in a region around the rim of the Pacific Ocean called the Pacific Ring of Fire. The Ring of Fire is the result of plate tectonics. In the Ring of Fire there are about 450 volcanoes. Only about 47 have been active in past years. The Ring of Fire contains volcanoes from the southern tip of South America, along the west coast of North America, through Japan, all the way to New Zealand. Did you know that the most recent eruption occurred in the Ring of Fire? Yes, it is true that the Ring of Fire is also stretched out near Tonga. The explosive result of the volcano caused a deadly tsunami. The results were that two people were killed from Peru and a British woman was killed by the tsunami in Tonga. Other problems of particular concern are the effects of ash on crops and the potential for saltwater intrusion and acid rain. It was further estimated that approximately 60 to 70 percent of livestock-raising households have either had their livestock killed, suffered pasture damage, or polluted their water supply. As you can see, volcanoes are very destructive and the most recent one was different from the ones we would imagine. Nobody knows when and where the next eruption will occur, on land or in the ocean!



Keeper of the Lost Cities

by Alana Mariano

Sophie Foster is an ordinary twelve year old girl. She lives with her ordinary mother, father, and her sister, Amy. But is Sophie really that ordinary? Her whole family has brown hair and bright eyes. She has blonde hair and dark eyes which makes her stick out of the family like a sore thumb. No matter how many times Sophie asks about it, her parents always say she shouldn't worry about it and it's just weird genetics. That left Sophie even more curious and kept her up at night. She always had little sleep. If it was weird days like this or even normal days. That night, she laid down in her bed, thinking about what her parents had said. Why does she look so different from the rest of the family?

It all started on a normal day at school. At age twelve, Sophie is attending her senior year of high school. She passed a lot of grades because of her high intelligence. Being an early senior had its benefits. Upper education levels to learn and a good mark on your report. She also had an advantage. Sophie was born with a photographic memory so moments in her life are imprinted in her mind. She can easily look back at it if she forgot something. But, there were some major downsides. Of course, she had a school bully, George. He made fun of Sophie, calling her a smart alec. Sophie was also very shy and had trouble talking to new people or any people at all. One day, her class was going on a field trip to a San Diego museum. When she was walking around, admiring the displayed items, she spotted a mysterious boy with bright teal eyes, reading a newspaper. Sophie unintentionally stared at the boy, enjoying the view. The boy looked up back at her and smiled. Sophie panicked. She didn't know what she was doing until he looked up. Before she could scurry away, the mysterious boy asked a question. Pointing at a picture in a newspaper, he said, "Is this you?"

Yes, it was her. Sophie nodded and replied yes, stuttering just a little. The boy nodded and pointed out that she had brown eyes. Sophie wondered why he would ask that. What's wrong with my eyes? She thought, What's up with his eyes, anyways? His eyes were a color of unusual teal. The boy shook his head slightly and looked like he was about to leave. Outside, there was dangerous white smoke outside that was highly toxic to everyone around. Newscasters, scientists, and doctors all think it's because of some failed science experiment. As the boy went outside, Sophie followed him, trying to warn him about the smoke. As they opened the doors, the overwhelming scent of smoke took them over. It burned their lungs and made it hurt to breathe. When they were outside, Sophie saw a bus. A really fast one. Too fast to be on purpose. It looked like it was out of control due to the smoke. The bus confronted the corner. It got closer and closer but it never turned. Sophie's heart was beating. She had to do something, anything! Before she knew it, her eyes were shut and her insides felt like they were turning inside out. She was bracing for the sound of impact, but it never came. She bottled up the strength to open her eyes and what she saw was amazing.

When she opened her eyes, she saw in shock that the bus was in midair. She looks down at her hands, which were extended out. What is going on? Is she doing this? She lowers her hands and the bus gently drops to the ground. What just happened? Sophie runs back inside to process what in the world she just experienced. The mysterious boy, on the other hand, looked like the complete opposite. He wasn't even shocked. In fact, he had a wide smile on his face. The boy introduced himself as Fitz. Sophie stared at him, jaw open wide in surprise. She wondered why the heck he was super calm about this. Fitz tells her that she was somebody they have been looking for. What is going on? Who is "they"? Sophie thought. I just float a bus and this dude is super calm about it? Fitz then laughs at her expression. He tells her the reason why he is not surprised is because he has seen it before. Sophie's eyes widen as big as saucers.

He took a deep breath and turned serious. He looked Sophie in the eyes as if he was going to say something important. He walks closer and says the statement really quietly, almost whispering. Sophie stared back at Fitz, into his bright teal eyes. After a few long seconds, 26 that Sophie counted, Fitz finally says something. Something scary. Something shocking. Something Sophie would have never thought of. She gulped and mentally repeated the sentence. She was not a part of this world.

Paper Mario: Origami King Game Review

By Leo Su

Introduction

In the beginning, Mario was in the Princess's castle where Mario was invited to the Mushroom Kingdom Festival but notices that there is something strange about the princess. Soon he figures out that the princess is under King Olly's control. Afterwards, Mario meets Olivia, King Olly's sister. They go on exciting adventures in order to stop her brother from turning the whole world into origami. Soon you will solve mysteries, discover items and face new enemies!

Items

You'll unlock items as you play through the game. Some items you can get from shops are mushrooms that heal you up and fire flowers that allow you to throw fireballs at enemies. You first start with a hammer from Princess Peach's castle and boots Mario is wearing normally. You also unlock max HP hearts that make your health even higher and will even make you even stronger to defeat enemies with one shot of a hammer.

Battle

During the game, Mario will meet enemies that are called folded soldiers and are folded into origami by King Olly. During a battle, you have to rotate and slide rings to line up the enemies then unleash your move! Hammers can hit a 2X2 area and boots can hit a straight line of enemies. Different enemies will need different boots or hammers to defeat them. Even some items can be used to help you during a battle!

Toad's Help

You will rescue toads along your way to the streamers. The toads can also help you in battle when you are stuck on a puzzle. They help by either giving you weapon items and hearts or solving part of the puzzle. There are some accessories or items that allow you to find toads more easily like the toad bell that makes a ringing sound when there is a toad nearby who needs help. There is also a toad radar that makes a light to detect a nearby toad that needs help. The signal gets stronger and stronger when you're getting closer to a toad. Some Toads have been folded into different origami creatures and need to be smashed with a hammer to turn back to normal.

Accessories

Accessories can help you find something and can be useful during a battle like the heart plus, guard plus, and the time plus. Some accessories can be used when you're walking anywhere and one accessory is called a membership card which gives you a 20% off discount while in a shop.

Meet the characters!



Meet Olivia, the sister of King Olly. She is against King Olly's side, can transform into different types of vellumentals and can access magic circles. King Olly is Olivia's big brother who was once a nice person but soon wanted to take over the world. He has the ability to make paper people like Mario turn into a folded soldier and has the ability to control the folded soldiers since they're all under control. If you want to give me some tips, please email me here: leosubatman@gmail.com Paper Mario: Origami King is available ever since July 17, 2020. Get it now only on Nintendo Switch! Here's the announcement trailer of Paper Mario: Origami King:

The author you need to know about

By Saihaan Khan

After reading some of the Weibel newspapers, you must have come across the book reviews. Well in this section, I'm instead going to review an author and the books they make. How is this going to work, you ask? Well this particular book writer has a specific style in their books. I will explain the style, and why it's good, as well as any other information.

The author I'm talking about is Gordan Korman. I found his book slacker in my class library and loved it. I later read books like Restart and Unteachables. He has a format that I haven't seen before. He switches the perspective throughout the chapters. One chapter may have a student who plays sports while the next will have the principal of the school the student goes to. This adds variety to the book and shows what every character goes through. I was reading one of his books called Super Gifted and was getting bored, but then I read the next chapter which was from a different point of view and I got excited. Overall, Korman is just really good with switching to different people in the stories.

Another thing I like about Gordan Korman's books is that they're long. This may not sound like it matters, but it does. Not only does it tell an awesome story that goes on for many pages, but it also can stop your parents from yelling at you because you don't read long books. I usually feel like it's an overcommitment to reading books like Harry Potter, but the books are entertaining enough to make me want to read the whole thing. I highly recommend his books if you struggle with the same issues.

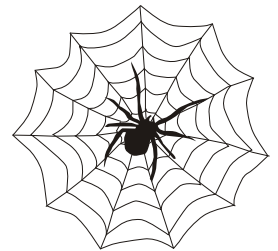
So, you've heard of this spectacular writer, but where do you get his creations? You can of course search him up and buy online, but they're also in the library. Since his last name begins with a 'k', go to that section. At the bottom, you should see Diary of a Wimpy Kid. The top of the shelf to the right will have what you're looking for. Enjoy!

Spider-Man: No Way Home

Review

SPOILER ALERT!

By Krishna Seshan



2021's Spider-Man: No Way Home was storywise and visually the best Spider-Man movie of the three Spider-Man actors' movies. This movie is Andrew Garfield's third appearance as Spidey, Tobey Maguire's fourth, and Tom Holland's sixth appearance.

The movie includes all of the villains from the previous two actors (Tobey Maguire and Andrew Garfield's) movies. The villains include Green Goblin, Sandman, Electro, Doctor Octopus, and the Lizard. With this many villains on the movie's plate, you would expect that the movie would be really confusing, with too many subplots, like in "Spider-Man 3", but in reality, the addition of a lot of villains whose backstories and origins were already covered in the previous movies make for a really interesting movie. (And one of the BEST end fights EVER!)

Along with villains from the previous generation, there should also be the Spider-Men from previous generations. And of course, they do make an appearance! Around halfway through the movie, Doctor Strange opens a portal, leading Andrew and Tobey's Spideys through the portal. This happens after Tom Holland's Aunt May dies, so the two Spider-Men (Andrew and Tobey) comfort him and they all become friends. Both Tobey's and Andrew's acting was really good, almost as good as Andrew's acting pretending that he wasn't in No Way Home (which was really good). They both act as sort of a mentor to Tom's Spidey because they're older and more experienced than Tom.

One of the absolute BEST parts of the movie is the end, in which all three Spider-Men cure the villains to their normal form. They all get cured except Green Goblin, who gets an absolute BEATING out of Tom's Spidey. The end is sad because MJ and Ned both forget who Spidey, or Peter is because Doctor Strange casts a spell to save the universe.

This movie was amazing, with so many funny, heartwarming, and emotional scenes, and also contains a LOT of references. I would rate this movie 10/10 and it is an amazing movie for all Spider-Man fans!

Restart – Book Review

By Mihika Agarwal

Imagine waking up in a hospital bed surrounded by people, not being able to remember your own name. If you're looking to see how this would feel, then you came to the right place. The book *Restart* by Gordon Korman, was published on May 30, 2018. This is not a book in a series. *Restart* is a book about Chase Ambrose who wakes up in a hospital bed with amnesia because he has fallen from the roof of his house. Upon returning to school, Chase is puzzled by the differences in the way that others treat him. Some are happy to see him while others are scared of him. Can Chase remember his past 13 years of his life?

I loved *Restart* and always had the book in my hand. *Restart* has a good pacing (how fast or slow the story is moving for the reader). *Restart* doesn't give all the information at once but it doesn't stretch out too long. It has a good and medium speed pacing. I really like the use of words in *Restart*. They don't use lots of fancy and complicated words but it has really good vocabulary. In *Restart* the characters talk like in a normal conversation you would have with your friends so you don't have to worry about fancy language where you have to search up each and every word. I mainly like *Restart* because it had very surprising events and unexpected twists that you didn't see. The book *Restart* also allows you to see each and every character's point of view by alternating the chapters where a character gets the spotlight.

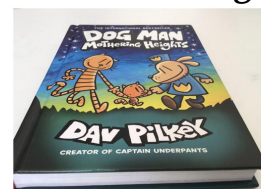
Gordon Korman was born on October 23, 1963 in Montreal, Canada, and grew up mostly in the Toronto area. His writing career began by accident when he was in 7th grade. His track and field coach had to teach English. For creative writing, he gave he total freedom to work on whatever we wanted for the rest of the year. He sent his manuscript to Scholastic because he was the class monitor for Scholastic Book Orders, and figured he was practically an employee. It worked.! This *Can't Be Happening At McDonalds* (which was the name of his first book) was published by Scholastic when he was a freshman in high school. He has been writing for more than three-quarters of his life. Many people thought *Restart* was based on a true story, but Gordon Korman revealed that the novel was totally based on fiction. It was actually inspired by the personality of people and the idea of whether or not people can change.

Overall, I think *Restart* was worth the read. I would give *Restart* a 10 out of 10. I loved it so much that I wish there was a part 2. I think you should read it because it is a good book. Reading is important but it's important to also find a book that hooks you and intrigues you. *Restart* has many unexpected twists and surprising events. I wish I could read *Restart* again for the first time to feel the surprise at the end again. *Restart* is definitely the book for you.

Dog Man Mothering Heights Book Review

By Leo Su

Dog Man Mothering Heights is a book where the main character, Dog Man, gets injured and hurts his fingers and gets bandages but he turned out to get a cone because he kept on chewing on his bandages. Soon Petey, a bad guy but not anymore character is interviewed by Sarah Hatoff, the news reporter. But then while Petey was interviewing, two giant sippy cups arrived to take over the world! Dog Man and his friends have to stop the sippy cups, but they just find themselves in terrible danger when they see that there is only one hope left.



SUPER MARIO PARTY

By: Anya Chandrasekar

“Mario Party Superstars” is a new 2021 game and it rocks! I just purchased it a month ago and I already love it! There are so many things to do and all the minigames are all updated. Before we get into the details though, let's talk about it. “Mario Party Superstars” is an updated version of “Super Mario Party”. In my opinion, “Mario Party Superstars” is better because of all the updates. However, there are some advantages to the older version as well.

There are 5 main places in “Mario Party Superstars”, Mt. Minigames, Data House, Option House, Mario Party, Friend House, and Toad’s Shop. In Mt. Minigames you can play any minigame you want. There are tons of them and they are perfect for a quick game when you are in a hurry. In Data House you look at your past data from other adventures. In Option House you change some of your game settings. In Mario Party, you try to do things that will eventually lead to you becoming the Super Star of the game. Two is always better than one! In Friend House you can invite others online to play with you! Here’s when your coins come to use! All throughout this game you will be collecting various coins from your adventures. Now at Toad’s Shop you can spend those coins on things you like! These are the 5 main places in, “Mario Party Superstars”.

In the old Mario Party, there were board games that you could have allies in. Some of you might not know what I am talking about right now, so let me explain. I’m sure many of you have played board games. Usually when I play board games, there is a piece or character that you move. For example, some of my favorites are, Monopoly, and Labyrinth. Now, if you’ve played these games, you would know that you usually move a little piece you move around. This piece may resemble a character, animal, or something else. Now imagine you being that character that moves around on the board. Think about you experiencing all that your character does. That’s what both games, “Super Mario Party”, and “Mario Party Superstars”, simulate. You get to choose a character that you prefer, then you play as that character in the board game. Of course there is much more to do in the game, this is just a specific matter I would like to bring up. Now when you play this board game, there are different stages in both games. In the new Mario Party, “Mario Party Superstars”, there are no allies, but I don't mind because they made the course much cooler. On the other hand, there are a lot of people who like the old Mario Party just for the allies, like my brother.

The minigames in the new Mario Party are also way cooler in my opinion. They updated all of them! There are also different levels that can accommodate everyone's needs! Some people may want to play with CPUs that are really hard because they would like to have a challenge. On the other hand, a relaxing casual game with easy CPUs could be fun too. I personally like playing with normal CPUs, because it gives you a little challenge, but it’s still fun.

All in all, “Mario Party Superstars” is a great game to play by yourself, or with friend’s and family. It serves the purpose of quick brakes, and long adventures! Next time when you're at the store, don’t hesitate to ask, “Can I buy Mario Party Superstars?” Games bring people together and there are many reasons why “Mario Party Superstars” is the perfect family friendly game.

Encanto
Movie Review
By: Simrah Mustafa
Availability: Disney+
Personal Rating: 5 stars
Public rating: 4.4 stars
Age recommendation: All ages
Rating: PG

Encanto is an extraordinary and mystical movie about family & magic. With spectacular songs by Lin Manuel Miranda, a captivating plot, and intriguing characters, this is a must-watch movie!

Encanto takes place in the Columbian Hills. It all started with Abuela, a candle, and villagers. While Abuela and the villagers are running away from danger toward the Columbian hills to find a new home, Abuela's husband, Abuelo gets taken away. While Abuela breaks into a flood of tears, a candle she brought along with her blesses her & the villagers with a supernatural village and a new magical home, called "Casita". Abuela's family expands with time, and soon after, numerous children and adults inhabit the Casita. The Casita gives each child a magical gift when they reach a certain age; these gifts are then used to help their community members.

Mirabel, the main character, did not receive a gift from the Casita. She was the family outcast, the odd one out. This led to feelings of sadness within her, a theme that is regularly accompanied with the feeling of hurt throughout the movie. With eventually no one to turn to, she takes matters in her own hands when it comes to the fate of the Casita and the ever-fading powers of her family.

Encanto is a touching film with important themes, including family, belonging, and empathy. No matter who you are, you will find yourself moved by the Encanto film in one way or the other. Now, I don't want to give any spoilers for the movie because you MUST watch it yourself and see what happens to Mirabel, her family, and their grand, mystical mansion. This movie is available now on Disney+!

Pot O' Words

By Aashna Patil

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Valentine's Day Comedy

By Saihaan

What did the clock say to the other clock?

“Will you be my valen-time?”

Okay, let's be real, you thought it was only going to be corny jokes like that one. Well I've decided to make a comedy skit that's actually funny (At least I tried). Well here it is:

Me: Okay, so for valentines day this year, it's online. My mom said there's this thing called the 'see-dee-see' and the WHO. She also said WHO stands for world health organization and CDC is similar, but I don't believe her. I need to get to the bottom of who is WHO. Anyways, the teacher is letting us go to breakout rooms to talk to our crushes. I went into room 68 and waited. I kept waiting. It was then the next day, and I didn't get sleep because I was waiting. I finally asked the teacher, and she said there weren't enough students for 68 rooms. Oh come on! I waited that long for nothing. How am I supposed to propose now that I'm sleepy? I joined the breakout room where my crush was, and this happened:

Me: Emma, I love you (her name was Emma btw)

Emma: Sorry, but I have a boyfriend. We can be friends though.

Uh oh, I've heard of the dangerous, mystical land of 'the friend zone'. I was not prepared, and was about to give up, but then realized something. I got this game on my Nintendo Switch which was a two player game. My friend Justin, (who's cracked at video games) had too much homework so he couldn't play with me. Emma is a gamer too, meaning that I could play with her. LETTTTT”SSSS GOOOOO! Friend zone is epic!

The next day I was so happy that my mom said this to my dad:

Mom: Dave, why is our son screaming “it's a Christmas miracle” in the halls?

Dad: It is? Well why worry when we should be celebrating.

Mom: But it's not Christmas! It's Valentine's Day.

My mom now thinks I'm officially broken and is considering putting me up for adoption. I was going to get my game ready, but she said I had enough screen time. I decided to figure out who is WHO. I did some research and found out that WHO is the one who made online school a thing. I'm not sure whether to thank them or kill them, since online has its ups and downs.

I got this book called Timmy Failure since the main character's a detective, but he's also a failure so I'm not sure what to think. We have a book report so I'm just going to use him.

Today's the book report day. I spent 30 minutes reading my speech, and then another 30 minutes trying to connect to the internet. I spent so much time just to hear this:

Teacher: Hello? We can't hear you

And then I realized I was muted the whole time. ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!! I spent so much time on that. I quit.

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