



# The Bear Paw News

By: Paige O.

## Storm Damage to our Beloved Trees

December 1st was the day the dreadful ice storm hit Sussex County, including Ogdensburg. This storm put the whole town out of power, including our beloved school. As this horrid storm was going through towns, a lot of trees fell and damaged many properties. Most homes were out of power for three to four days. The power company JCP&L and other companies from out of state were working days and nights to get everyone's power back. The storm also made the school lose power for up to four days. This storm hit many trees in the front of the school, making the school lose 12 out of 14 trees in the front and a maple tree fell and hit the school's gymnasium window in the back, according to a post on Facebook from the Ogdensburg Borough Public School.



The school also talked about how people in the community have already donated five trees. Since each tree can cost from \$120-\$150 friends of the school set up a Go Fund Me page in the hopes of raising money to replace these trees. These trees meant so much to this school because most were planted in honor of staff members who are no longer with us. The Ogdensburg Borough Public School said on their Facebook post that " Taking these trees down was a very sad decision but needed to be done for the safety of students and the school." This small-town school is fighting to bring back the beautiful front of their pre-k through eighth-grade school and hopes for the community to help. With that being said, please go check out the Go Fund Me page to help our small town school go back to its natural beauty.



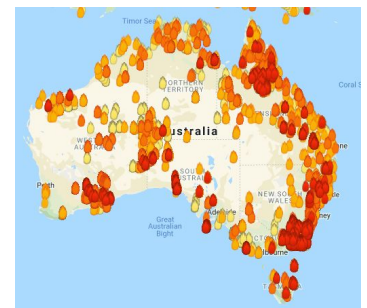
# Australian Wildfires



By Olivia B and Sadie B

Australia's fires have been burning up more than twelve million acres of land since September. The fire season in Australia isn't even close to being over. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection says, "This is the deadliest and most destructive wildfire season on record." People have been forced to evacuate their homes. A total of twenty-nine people have passed away since the fires have started, and many people have gone missing. The hot weather in Australia is making the fires worse; the fire season isn't going to be over until fall (the seasons are reversed in Australia). These fires are at their highest in Victoria and New South Wales. Four-point nine million acres of land have been burned in New South Wales. The fires have been burning up New South Wales's land since September. In Sydney (Sydney is located in New South Wales) firefighters are trying to battle more than 130 fires. One point two million acres of land have been burned in Victoria. Authorities are calling out an evacuation in large areas of Victoria. The fire tracker map (shown to the right) shows all of the fires burning up Australia. The authorities in Victoria upgraded their warnings to show how their fires are burning at an emergency level.

The fires burning down Australia are causing animals to die. The devastation may cause some animals to go extinct. Scientists estimate that about one billion animals have died during the fires. Also, many ecosystems are getting destroyed. One-third of Kangaroo Island has burned down and the island is still on fire. Many animals have been struggling to live too since their homes have been destroyed. People were able to get some animals and save them. Animals are trying to hide under rocks so the radiant heat doesn't kill them right away. When the fires come to an end, experts are saying that the surviving animals will need a lot of help and that they will find it hard to find shelter and food. Scientists say the long-footed potoroo, (pictured bottom right) a marsupial that lives in damp forest habitat, may not recover from the fires. The Kangaroo Island glossy black cockatoo, which eats nothing but the seeds of she-oak trees which is also in danger because those trees have gone up in flames. The Hastings River mouse is a rodent that was endangered even before the fires. Experts don't know how the Hastings River mouse will react to the fire. The fire's impact will be huge on their habit. The fires have been burning for more than three months and it won't stop soon.



Links to more information:

[Australian Bushfires](#) [Australian bushfires - 2](#)

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# Classroom Spotlight

By: Michael B



This month's classroom spotlight is Mrs. Capriglione's 2nd-grade class. Mrs. Capriglione has been enjoying her 22 wonderful students in her class this year. Mrs. Capriglione's class enjoys the series *The Magic Tree House*. The class is reading the book *Click Clack Moo* and they are learning how to add quotation marks to dialogue when writing. In math, they are learning how to use two-digit subtraction with regrouping. What topic are they learning in science? They are learning about matter in different forms (solids, liquids, gasses). In Mrs. Capriglione's class, every student has a different favorite subject that they enjoy. What projects are they working on? They are completing a kindness project! The students have to complete five kindness acts at home or in their community. Is there a time when the second grade can get books from the library? Yes, they have time in computers to use the library to borrow books they enjoy and love to read. What topic are they learning about in history? The students are learning about different types of maps: theme maps and physical maps. In Mrs. Capriglione's classroom, they will work as a team.

## Hide the Bear

Last month the bear was hidden on the Student of the Month page in the February Issue. It was located on the "Responsible" clipart. This month we hid the bear somewhere new. Can you find it? Read the March Issue to find out if your guess was correct!

The product of greatness is responsibility."  
-Winston Churchill

**RESPONSIBLE**



# The Brain Show Comes to Ogdensburg Elementary School



Recently the Ogdensburg Elementary School PTO invited The Brain Show company to come to the school. The Brain Show company hosts a game with educational questions. Some questions are based on genres like Music, English, Science, Math, and History. There are three stands that the contestants stand behind, and whoever hits the buzzer first, and gets the question right they earn 100 points. The host makes it fun for all grades because he makes different dances to make sure you are paying attention. Our school assembly was split up from K-4 and then 5-8. Both games include different types of questions and the team that earned 300 points first would win that round. Also, the host picks people from the audience for different rounds. If the children didn't win, they were able to keep souvenir cards that showed what number stand they were standing by, and if the kids win they get a medal. In grades 5-8 the host invited the teachers to come up to play too.





# Tesla Came Out With a New Truck!

Justin B

The most famous car company, Tesla, came out with a new truck! The new truck is called the Cyber Truck. This doesn't look like any normal truck, it looks like a future truck! This truck has sustainable energy which is part of its mission to make the world less reliant on fossil fuels. The price tag for this truck is \$39,000. The Cyber Truck is able to hit about 60 mph in about 2.9 seconds! Tesla makes its cars and trucks in their factory which is in Fremont, California. At the factory, they use cutting edge battery technology. The truck can pull more than 14,000 pounds and can carry a payload of 3,500 pounds. The magic tonneau cover is able to hold the weight of a human. A tonneau is a cover for the rear end of a truck. The rear cargo area can be locked and can load about 100 cubic feet. The truck has ultra-hard stainless steel glass and armor glass so that it is difficult to be damaged. The Cyber Truck also has outlets so you can plug in hardware tools. The Cyber Truck has six seats instead of a normal car that has four seats. The Cyber Truck can be charged in 30 minutes for the max of about 500 miles. Will Tesla be the key to our future with the Cyber Truck?





## Adopt a Pet



Whether it's a mammal or reptile, if any person is planning to adopt or buy a pet, they should research them. Pet owners need to be sure that they are able to care for the pet and give it the attention it needs. Some animals even have medical conditions that require special care. Some pets need medicine and some may need to be at a certain temperature to survive. The owner may take risks of putting the animal in danger if they aren't aware of how to properly take care of their pet. The most important thing is that pets know that they are loved and cared for.

When adopting a pet, a person should research the shelter or pound that he or she is planning to adopt. Make sure to look at the reviews and how they treat the animals. Knowing the animal shelter's history is important before adoption. If an animal has been abused or deprived of food and water, the neglect should be reported. For example, if a person is adopting a bearded dragon, he or she should look up the type of habitat that an animal needs to survive. If a computer is not available, there are many books that provide useful information. Usually, people adopt their pets from local shelters or adoption centers. Others drive further distances to find their perfect pet. There was one time where a man drove 500 miles to get his puppy.





# Teen Stress - Causes and Solutions

According to the Cleveland Clinic, stress is a normal reaction the body has when changes occur. Stress can respond to these changes physically, mentally, or emotionally. Stress can lead to mental health issues such as anxiety, panic attacks, depression, or personality disorders. It can also lead to heart disease, high blood sugar, and a stroke. People can get stressed out fairly easily. If a teen realizes that they are undergoing stress then they can do the following. Teens should have positive self-talk because doing so will reduce their stress. They can take a break from stressful situations by listening to music, drawing, writing or spending time with a pet. Lastly, teens should build a friend network that can help you cope positively.



### Causes of Teen Stress

- worrying about schoolwork or grades
- getting into high school/ college
  - getting bullied
  - juggling responsibilities
  - negative self talk

### Reduce Stress

- spending time with others
- stock up on healthy foods
- get adequate amounts of sleep
- time management

### When to Call Professionals

- if a teen talks about self harm
  - mentions suicide
  - overwhelmed with stress

### Recognize Stress

- use of drugs/ alcohol
  - eating habits
  - sleep habits
- teens attitude or emotions





# The Super Bowl of 2020 LIV



By: Rebecca. R



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Many teams are trying to get to the Super Bowl. The NFL season goes for 17 weeks. The wild card teams were the Bills vs Texans, Titans vs Patriots, Vikings vs Saints, and Seahawks vs Eagles. The teams that advanced to the divisional round were the Texans, Titans, Vikings and the Seahawks. The divisional round teams are Vikings vs 49ers, Titans vs Ravens, Texans vs Chiefs, and Seahawks vs Packers. The Vikings vs 49ers the score was 10 to 29. The 49ers won. The Titans vs Ravens the score was 12 to 28 with the Titans being victorious. The score of Texans vs Chiefs was 31 to 51, the Chiefs won. In the second game that night the Seahawks vs Packers the final score was 23 to 28. The Packers got the win. The round before the Super Bowl is the conference round with the Titans vs Chiefs and Packers vs 49ers. The two teams that will face off in the Super Bowl are Chiefs VS 49ers. Who will be number one? Find out on Sunday, February 2nd.



Sports >

Super Bowl LIV

NFL - Yesterday Final

20 - 31

**49ers**  
(15 - 4)

**Chiefs**  
(15 - 4)

Super Bowl

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# A Journey Through the Decades

By Kendra Q.



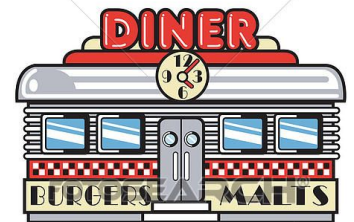
**The 1920s:** In the 1920s, Americans owned radios, telephones, and cars for the first time. Flappers were very popular and danced in short fancy dresses. Women were also allowed to vote for the first time during this decade. Towards the end of the 1920's the stock market crashed, marking the beginning of the Great Depression.

**The 1930s:** One of the most historically significant events in the 1930s would have to be the Great Depression. The Great Depression left many Americans without jobs, and hundreds of banks closed. The Great Depression lasted 3 years and ended in 1933. WW2 also began in the 1930s and ended in the 1940s.



**The 1940s:** In the 1940s, Pearl Harbor was bombed by Japan, which was a major part of American history. The Great Depression began to end in the 1940s as well. Mount Rushmore was finished being sculpted during the 1940s. Polaroid cameras, Slinkys, and ballpoint pens were must-have items in the 1940s.

**The 1950s:** In the 1950s, DNA was discovered for the first time. Rock and roll also began and was very popular during the 1950s. Some other 1950's events include Alaska becoming part of the United States, the first-ever kidney transplant, and the founding of NORAD.



**The 1960s:** In the 1960s, the first Walmart opened. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech during the 1960s which helped to end racial segregation. Some other things that happened include: Sprite hitting the shelves in grocery stores, the first-ever Zip Codes in the U.S, and Spider Man's first debut.

**The 1970s:** In the 1970s, Microsoft was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen. The first Earth Day was celebrated during the 1970s. Some other things that happened include the first barcodes, NASA introducing the first space shuttle, and Saturday Night Live first airing on television.





# A Journey Through the Decades (continued)

By Kendra Q.

**The 1980s:** Many famous movies such as E.T, Back to the Future, and Baywatch came out during the '80s. The famous arcade game PacMan was invented during the 1980s along with Rampage, Frogger, and many more. Fashion trends in the 1980s included crimped hair, leg warmers, neon-colored shirts, high-waisted jeans, mullets, and more.



**The 1990s:** Technology in the 90s was much different than the 80s as things like Google and the iMac were invented. The first Harry Potter book was published during the 90s and quickly took the world by storm. Popular toys like the Gameboy and the Furby were released in the 1990s. Fashion in the 1990s consisted of flared jeans, hoop earrings, and crop tops.

**The 2000s:** In the 2000s, YouTube was released and became one of the world's biggest social media platforms. The first iPhone was released, and USB flash drives replace floppy discs. There were many scientific breakthroughs in the year 2000, such as water being discovered on the Moon and a major discovery in cancer research. Hurricane Katrina also devastated thousands of homes in the 2000s.



**The 2010s:** The 2010s were one of the most technology-changing decades because of things like the first-ever iPad, AirPods, Virtual Reality Headsets, Chromebooks, Xbox One consoles, and PlayStation 4 consoles. History's most top-grossing movie, Avengers: Endgame was released during the 2010s. Popular games like Fortnite, Pokemon Go, and Minecraft Earth came out during the 2010s. Many popular toys such as Hatchimals, Squinkies, Shopkins, Fidget Spinners, and Monster High Dolls came out as well.



# February in New Jersey! What to do and Where

## -Take a trip Skylands Skating Rink

Location: 2765 NJ-23, Stockholm, NJ 07460



## - Chocolate Family Fun Day

Location: Morris Museum

6 Normandy Heights Rd, Morristown, NJ

Date: 2-8-2020

Time: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm



## -Elsa and Anna Tea Party

Location: The Eclectic Chic Boutique

547 Bloomfield Avenue

Montclair, NJ 07042

RSVP for more information (862)-221-0644

Time: 2:00 to 3:30



## -Take a trip to Sparta Bowling Alley

Location: The Eclectic Chic Boutique

547 Bloomfield Avenue

Montclair, NJ 07042



## -Visit the Liberty Science Center

Location: Liberty Science Center,

222 Jersey City Blvd, Jersey City, NJ 07305

time :9:30 to 4:00

## -Hit the Slopes at Mountain Creek

Mountain Creek Offers:

-skiing

-snowboarding

-tubing

Location: 200 NJ-94, Vernon Township, NJ 07462



## -Take a Trip to the Movies

Location: 363 Mount Hope Avenue, Rockaway, NJ 07866



By Gabryella



# Let's Save the Environment!



Will there be no more oxygen if water pollution becomes worse? There are several bodies of water in this world that are filled with pollution. Water dissolves more substances than any other liquid on earth, this is why water is so polluted. Dangerous substances from farms and towns dissolve into the water and cause water pollution. The main causes of water pollution include; Global Warming and Acid Rain. One of the biggest problems that involve pollution is that it kills organisms that are depending on water bodies. Major pollution in our water is oil. Oil spills and damage in our water has been going on for a long time and still is not solved. This oil can damage our drinking water, animals, air, and especially our plants. The oil in water can spread a thin layer over the waters and prevent any oxygen from getting to plants and animals living in the water. A bigger issue with oil in our waters is it hurts plant photosynthesis, making us have fewer plants and trees, which therefore give us less oxygen. With oxygen levels decreases, this gives the humankind less time to live and thrive. This water pollution also hurts land animals from drinking the water which is killing them. This is another major effect of extinction. Over 700 marine animals are going into extinction and over hundreds of land animals. With no animals, we will have no meats, a core aspect of every meal we eat. Meats give us nutrients and all the things needed to stay healthy and have a good immune system. This may lead to humans having a low immune system and can maybe even start human extinction as well. Overall this issue is one of the biggest problems we face today as a society.



There are some things that society can do to prevent water pollution, but not everybody realizes how bad water pollution is. Some things that we can do as a society includes the following;

- Reduce the amount of plastic and reuse plastic when you can
- Properly get rid of chemical cleaner and oil items
- Take care of your car so that it does not leak oil
- If you see someone doing something that can cause water pollution to explain to them why they should not do it so that they're aware

By: Ashley S.



# School Clubs



By: Vanessa M

**Green Team-** The Ogdensburg School Green Team has been working hard to keep us environmentally friendly. The Green Team is collecting plastic bags for the Trex Challenge, and shoes for Soles4Souls. Last month, the Green Team collected ten pounds worth of plastic bags. As of this school year, 134 pounds of plastic bags have been collected. If you have any old shoes in any condition, or plastic bags please donate them to our school. Place them in the box in the breezeway.

**STEM-** STEM Stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The STEM Club has done a lot of challenges so far this year. Such as creating an elevator for a pumpkin, a parachute for Santa, a hurricane proof house, and their latest project was building a seismograph.

**Student Council-** Student Council allows students to give concerns, ideas, or interests for the school's wellbeing. The Student Council is having a Candy Jar Challenge this month, but not sure what candy they are doing.

**FBLA-** FBLA stands for Future Business Leaders of America. FBLA does a meeting once a month, and they do challenges and learn how to do elevator speeches. An elevator speech is a short description of an idea, that is easier for the listener to understand.

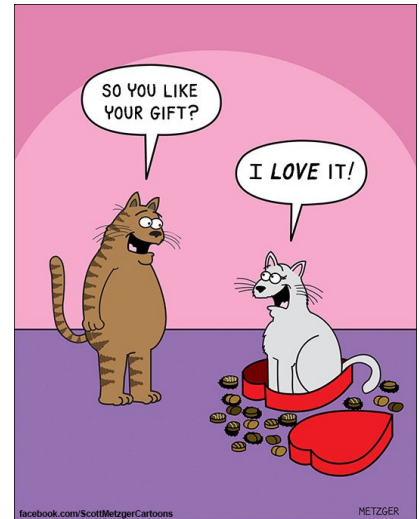
**Yearbook-** Yearbook is a club that gives students print media publishing experience. Being in Yearbook allows you to participate in photography and computer design.

**Character Ed-** In Character Ed students are promoting good character traits around the school.





# Valentines Day Humor By Justin B



What do you call the world's smallest Valentine's Day card?

A valen-teeny

What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?

I'm stuck on you!

What did one volcano say to the other?

I lava you!

What did the cucumber say to the pickle?

You mean a great dill to me.

How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?

He gave her a ring

What did one sheep say to the other?

I love ewe!

And how did the other sheep respond?

You're not so baaaaaa-d yourself

And what did the tweenager give his mom?

Ughs and kisses!

If you want more jokes, visit <https://redtri.com/valentines-day-jokes-for-kids/slide/2>





# Straw Review

By: Victoria P.



**Which straw is the best to use? Many people have their own preferences and opinions when it comes to straws. Some people want to use straws that are best for the environment while others don't think the type of straw being used affects the environment. With approximately twenty types of straws, it may be difficult to determine the best straw. People may hear a specific straw is the best but there are pros and cons to all types.**



| Silicone Straws  | Plastic Straws  | Glass Straws  | Metal Straws  |
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| <p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Reusable/ Recyclable</li> <li>-Good for both cold and hot drinks</li> <li>-Kid Friendly</li> <li>-Dishwasher Safe</li> <li>- Chewable</li> <li>- Eco- Friendly</li> </ul> | <p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Cheap</li> <li>- Easily Accessible</li> <li>- Disposable</li> </ul>                              | <p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Easy clean</li> <li>- Dishwasher safe</li> <li>- Reusable</li> <li>- Biodegradable</li> <li>- Elegant</li> </ul> | <p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Dishwasher safe</li> <li>-Reusable</li> <li>-Eco- friendly</li> </ul>  |
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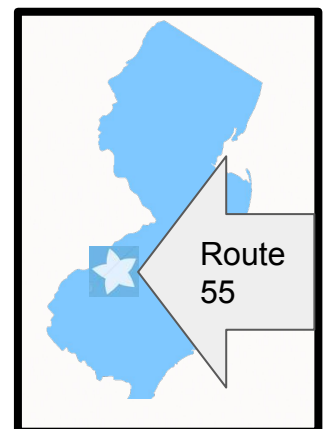
# Ghost Tales of New Jersey

By: Joseph W. and Christian S.



At first glance, Route 55 in Gloucester County, seems like a normal road. Locals to the area, however, tell a different story. They say that this road is cursed! This road is responsible for many, many deaths. A man wrote that his brother and his friends were killed by a drunk driver on this road. They were trying to refill their car. They went to the closest person's house because it was closer than the nearest gas station. While refilling their car with a can of gas, a car struck them and killed them. Shortly after, another person was killed on this road. This person was friends with the same brother that died. Even weirder, Facebook user Bill Hand got a video of a ghostly figure wearing a wedding gown with a bouquet of flowers in her hand was walking down route 55! Mr. Hand wasn't the only one to see it, however. Big Daddy Graham, a radio personality on Philadelphia's WIP station, reported that he had also seen the same ghost that Bill Hand caught on video and says he was "freaked out"! If you ever find yourself near route 55, steer clear of this road! -Joseph W.

In 1983, the Department Of Transportation started making a new 7.2-mile long road connecting to route 55 over a grass field. Later strange deaths started happening to the workers. Apparently, it was built right over a Native American burial ground. The first incident was a 34-year-old man who randomly fell out of his steam roller and rolled himself over! The second death was a man working at an overpass and out of nowhere a huge wind came, knocked the man of his feet and killed him! A little bit after that, the inspector died of a brain aneurysm. A bunch of other workers died of unknown diseases that the spirits might have cursed on them. There was a case where workers' feet turned black and another case where a whole family of a worker got cancer. After that, a van exploded that was holding officials that decided to put the road there. All of these deaths can't just be a coincidence. It's a haunting! -Christian S.







Recipes for your Valentine

Strawberry Cupcakes with Cream Cheese Frosting

Ingredients:

Strawberry Cupcakes -

- 3 /4 cups of sugar
- 6 tbsp of unsalted butter (room temperature)
- 6 tbsp of sour cream
- 2 tsp of strawberry extract
- 3 egg whites
- 1 1/4 cups of all purpose flour
- 2 tsp of baking powder
- 1 /4 tsp of salt
- 5 tbsp of strawberry puree
- 5 tbsp of milk
- 3-4 drops of pink food coloring

Cream Cheese Frosting -

- 8 oz cream cheese (room temperature)
- 6 tbsp of butter (room temperature)
- 4 cups of powdered sugar
- 1 tsp of vanilla extract

Toppers Ingredients -

- 5 oz red candy melts
- Sprinkles (optional)

Tools -

- Piping Bag
- Two Icing Tips
- Coupler (a coupler helps you to switch out your icing tips without changing the bag)
- Parchment paper
- Cupcake Liners
- A Cupcake Pan

By Olivia B.

Instructions:

- Preheat your oven to 350 degrees then prepare a cupcake pan with cupcake liners
- Beat butter and sugar in a bowl until it's light and fluffy (this will take about 2-3 minutes)
- Add sour cream and strawberry extract into the bowl and mix until its well combined
- Add egg whites into two batches then mix until well combined
- Put the dry ingredients into another bowl then combine milk and strawberry puree and mix
- Add half of the dry ingredients to the batter then add the milk mixture and mix
- Add the remaining dry ingredients into the bowl then mix until it's nicely combined
- Stir in a few drops of pink food coloring
- Fill the cupcake liners about halfway (let them bake for 15-17 minutes or until a toothpick that was inserted comes out with a few crumbs) then let them cool

Start making the frosting

- Beat cream cheese into and butter into a bowl until it's nice and smooth
- Add half of the powdered sugar and mix until its smooth
- Add vanilla extract and the remaining powdered sugar and mix until the frosting is smooth

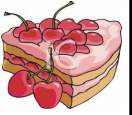
Star making the toppers

- Put the candy melts into a small bowl and melt them
- Pour the candy into your piping bag fitted with your icing tip and pipe out the word 'love' onto parchment paper (optional, add sprinkles onto your candy while it's still warm)
- Next you would want to pipe your frosting onto your cupcakes using another one of your icing tips
- Now add the candy toppers





## Recipes for your Valentine Grandma Jackie's Valentines Cake



### Ingredients

- (18.25 ounce) package white cake mix
- 1 (4 ounce) jar maraschino cherries
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans
- 1 (16 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed



### Directions

- Drain the cherries reserving juice; chop cherries and reserve.
- Prepare cake mix according to box directions, adding water to the reserved cherry juice to equal the amount of liquid needed for cake mix.
- Preheat oven to box directions.
- Fold the cherries and pecans into the cake mix; stirring by hand.
- Pour mix into 2 round cake pans and bake in preheated oven.
- When cake has completely cooled, frost with whipped topping; serve and keep unused portions in the refrigerator.

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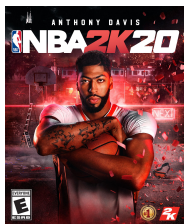


# Video Games

The newest NBA video game is out and it is better than it has ever been before! There are many NBA games and new ones come out each year. NBA 2k20 video game that is made for Xbox, Playstation 4, and the Nintendo Switch. NBA 2k20 is the newest version of all the NBA games, and it came out on September 6, 2019. Each time a new NBA video game comes out, there is a player from the NBA that goes on the cover. This year the player was Anthony Davis. Anthony Davis plays on the Los Angeles Lakers and he is so honored that he was chosen for this.

NBA 2k20 is one of the most visual versions of the series. The lighting is amazing and the player's appearances are on point. The backgrounds and basketball courts are extremely realistic. The actions are a lot more physical than they have been in past versions. For people who have never played any versions of the NBA and are thinking about buying 2k20, it is a lot easier to learn how to play than it has been in the past. This is because the creators of the game recreated the tutorial part of this and made it much easier to learn the controls. On the other hand, there are a few things that could make the game a little bit better. One thing that happens to be a small issue is the speed that the ball drops into the hoop, it seems to be a little slow. Another thing that seems to be a problem is the halftime show. It is still not like the NBA show that is performed on live T.V and this bothers several people.

Overall, 2k20 seems to be one of the best versions out of any of the NBA games that came out in the past. Meanwhile, there are a few flaws in the game that bother some people, still, it is one of the best versions of the game it has been in years, so it is a must-buy for any kids that enjoy the sport of basketball.



By: Ashley S



# Movies

Have you ever heard or watched The Secret Life of Pets 1 and The Secret Life of Pets 2? If you haven't, you should watch both movies because both movies are the best for every kid. And if you don't have time to watch the movies these are some facts about the movie and my opinion about the two movies.



Have you ever watched The Secret Life of Pets 1? Yes/No? If you haven't, I can tell you a lot about it. In Secret Life of Pets Max's (a dog) life as a favorite pet is turned upside down when his owner (Katie) brings home a sloppy dog named Duke. They must put their quarrels aside as they learn that an adorable little white bunny (Snowball) is building an army of lost pets. As Max and Duke hang out with Snowball's group they will have to join the group. As Max's friend Gidget, (a Dog) assembles a posse of an old companion determined to save Max and Duke and to bring them home.



Have you ever watched The Secret Life of Pets 2? Yes/No? If you haven't, I can tell you a bunch about it. In this movie Max (a dog) faces some major changes after his owner (Katie) gets married and has a child. On a family trip to the countryside, Max meets a farm dog named Rooster, and both attempt to overcome their fears. Meanwhile, Gidget tries to rescue Max's favorite toy from a cat-packed apartment, and Snowball and Daisy(Snowball's friend) sets out on a mission to free a white tiger named Hu from a circus.



By Brianne D



# February DIYS



## Pretty Paper Flowers

By: Jack C

### Materials

- Printable heart paper or scrapbook paper
- Hot glue gun
- Scissors

(1) Start by cutting hearts out of the paper 2-½ inches then make ten or twelve hearts. (2) After cutting out the hearts, cut out a circle 1-¾” to 2” in diameter. Fold the point of each heart. (3) Then add a drop of hot glue onto the paper circle and place 5 hearts around the circle. (4) Then add another drop of hot glue in the center of the hearts. (5) Keep attaching the heart peals until it looks like a flower. (6) After that step create a piece of fringe by cutting a piece of white paper and tightly rolling the paper strip. (7) Add hot glue in the center of the flower and place the rolled up fringe in the center, and fluff it. These paper flowers can be used for decorating a gift, putting it on a shirt, and hold it with a straw as an upright flower



## Cardboard Hearts

By: Brooks B

Are you interested in DIY'S and hearts? Then here is the DIY for you. For this project you will need cardboard and double sided tape and red or any color of yarn. The first step that you will need to do is to cut a heart shape out of the cardboard then at a piece of the double sided tape to the cardboard. Then with the yarn wrap the yarn around the cardboard until covering the entire cardboard heart.

### Supplies

- Cardboard
- Double sided tape
- Red or any other color yarn
- Scissors

### Steps

- Cut out a heart with your cardboard
- Take out your double sided tape and wrap it around your heart shaped cardboard.
- Then wrap your yarn around the tape.
- When your done wrapping, cut the yarn, and tuck in the yarn.





# Students of the Month January

By Brianne D.



| Grades              | Names   | Grades           | Names  |
|---------------------|---|------------------|--|
| <b>Pre-School</b>   | Andrey S.<br>Nathan D.                        | <b>4th grade</b> | Elyiana G., Mohammed A.,<br>Jordyn T.  |
| <b>Kindergarten</b> | Ziva P., Majd A.                              | <b>5th grade</b> | Ashley S., Riley D., Kendra<br>B., Kamryn O., Katelyn K.,<br>Ava R., Cooper R. |
| <b>1st grade</b>    | Angelo E., Abigail F.,<br>Tyler M., Dallas K. | <b>6th grade</b> | Rebecca R., Emily G., Olivia<br>B.   |
| <b>2nd grade</b>    | Blake W., Noah C.,<br>Luca C.                 | <b>7th grade</b> | Haakon S., Linere U.,<br>Alexander V., Jack C., Jacob<br>L., Kyra B.           |
| <b>3rd grade</b>    | Bailey W., Bobby B.                           | <b>8th grade</b> | Vanessa M.   |



“Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it ; the tree is a real thing .”

-Abraham Lincoln

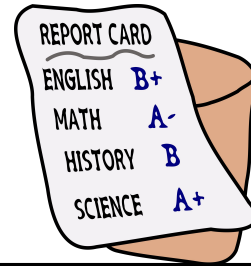




# Activities Calendar

By: Gabryella A.

Report Cards-  
February 3rd



Hardyston Tournament-  
February 3rd through 7th

Board of Education  
Meeting-  
February 4th



Valentines Day-  
February 14th  
P.T.O Carnation Sale-  
February 14th

School Closed  
Presidents Day-  
February 17th





# February Birthdays



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| 1  |                        | 16 | Ethan T.                          |
| 2  |                        | 17 |                                   |
| 3  | Hailey S.<br>Sydney J. | 18 | Angelo E.                         |
| 4  |                        | 19 | Michael B.                        |
| 5  | Evaline S.             | 20 |                                   |
| 6  |                        | 21 | Vanessa M.                        |
| 7  |                        | 22 | Michael M.                        |
| 8  |                        | 23 | Alexandra V.                      |
| 9  | Richelli A.            | 24 | Thomas M.<br>Rocco N.<br>Mason S. |
| 10 |                        | 25 | Holly C.                          |
| 11 |                        | 26 |                                   |
| 12 |                        | 27 | Jadeline P.<br>Penelope R.        |
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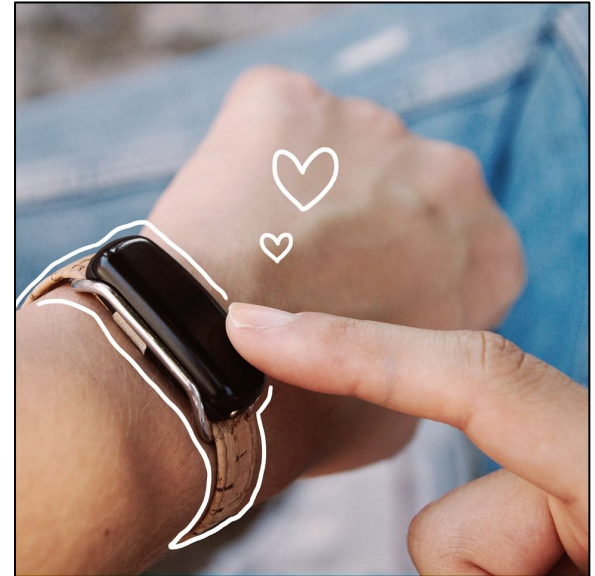
By: Kyla T.



# Product Review

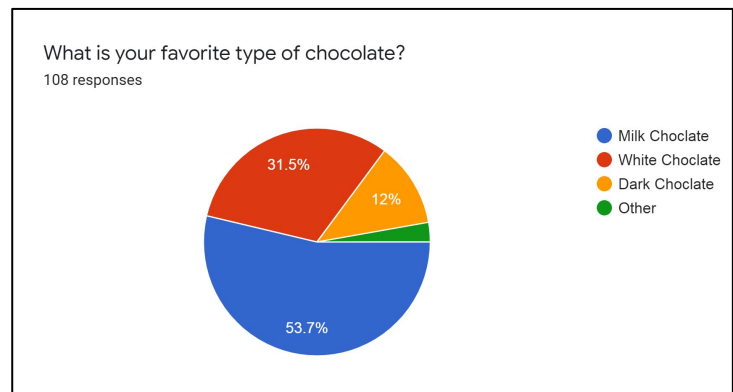
By: Paige O.

A product originally made for lovers from different parts of America or even the world has become a staple in every best friend's closet. When these bracelet ads were put out onto social media( one of those being an app called Tik Tok) the product blew up and became an instant success. Tik Tok is an app were all ages from 15+ lip sync to different songs. When the first opening of bond bracelets went onto the main page (called the For You Page) almost all the best friends loved them. Soon after, almost all the best friends on the app bought the bond bracelets for themselves and their best friend. The Bond bracelet is a bracelet containing a band and a vibrating capsule. These bracelets come in pairs, one for you and one for your "partner" as it says on the app. The Bond app is used to sync the bracelets together so they work. Once you are all set up, when one of the "partners" send a vibrating message, soon after the other one gets it. Everyone who owns one, as we know, is in love with this product. From what I know the only thing that is a downfall to some is you have to be by your phone for the product to work since you and your "partner"are connected through phones numbers. This is only a minor issue making it still one of the most highly rated products we have seen in a while. Overall, many recommend this bracelet, for your and your lover or you and your best friend. If you like this product we 100% recommend and so do many others.



# February Newspaper Poll

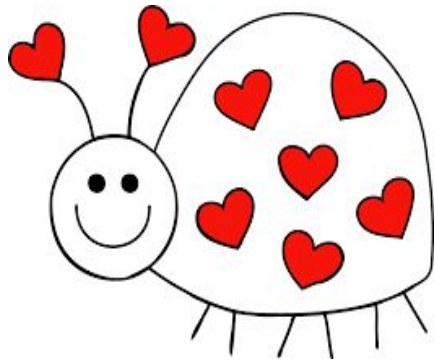
For our February poll, inspiration from chocolate heart boxes, we've asked the middle school what their favorite kind of chocolate is. With the results in, about half of the middle school likes milk chocolate over others. Although, instead of dark chocolate being a close 2nd, it turns out white chocolate is the 2nd most popular chocolate with 31%. Then after that dark chocolate comes into the ranks with 12%. After we reviewed we weren't shocked that milk chocolate won, but we honestly thought dark chocolate would be a close second. Overall, we love seeing all these responses. What would you choose as your favorite chocolate?







# Kids Order



## February Word Search

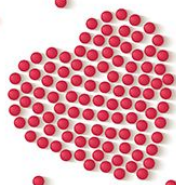


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| CHOCOLATE | CUPID         | HEARTS      |
| KISS      | LINCOLN       | LOVE        |
| PINK      | PRESIDENTS    | RED         |
| SMITTEN   | SNOWFLURRIES  | SWEETHEARTS |
| VALENTINE | WASHINGTON    | WINTER      |

## Valentine's Day word scramble

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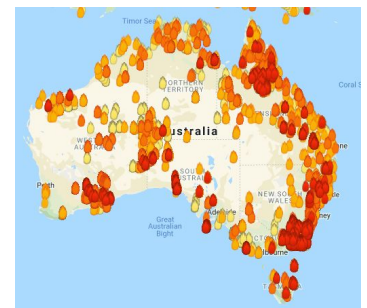
# Australian Wildfires



By Olivia B and Sadie B

Australia's fires have been burning up more than twelve million acres of land since September. The fire season in Australia isn't even close to being over. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection says, "This is the deadliest and most destructive wildfire season on record." People have been forced to evacuate their homes. A total of twenty-nine people have passed away since the fires have started, and many people have gone missing. The hot weather in Australia is making the fires worse; the fire season isn't going to be over until fall (the seasons are reversed in Australia). These fires are at their highest in Victoria and New South Wales. Four-point nine million acres of land have been burned in New South Wales. The fires have been burning up New South Wales's land since September. In Sydney (Sydney is located in New South Wales) firefighters are trying to battle more than 130 fires. One point two million acres of land have been burned in Victoria. Authorities are calling out an evacuation in large areas of Victoria. The fire tracker map (shown to the right) shows all of the fires burning up Australia. The authorities in Victoria upgraded their warnings to show how their fires are burning at an emergency level.

The fires burning down Australia are causing animals to die. The devastation may cause some animals to go extinct. Scientists estimate that about one billion animals have died during the fires. Also, many ecosystems are getting destroyed. One-third of Kangaroo Island has burned down and the island is still on fire. Many animals have been struggling to live too since their homes have been destroyed. People were able to get some animals and save them. Animals are trying to hide under rocks so the radiant heat doesn't kill them right away. When the fires come to an end, experts are saying that the surviving animals will need a lot of help and that they will find it hard to find shelter and food. Scientists say the long-footed potoroo, (pictured bottom right) a marsupial that lives in damp forest habitat, may not recover from the fires. The Kangaroo Island glossy black cockatoo, which eats nothing but the seeds of she-oak trees which is also in danger because those trees have gone up in flames. The Hastings River mouse is a rodent that was endangered even before the fires. Experts don't know how the Hastings River mouse will react to the fire. The fire's impact will be huge on their habit. The fires have been burning for more than three months and it won't stop soon.



Links to more information:

[Australian Bushfires](#) [Australian bushfires - 2](#)

[Australian Bushfires - 3](#) [Australian Animals -](#)

[Newsela](#) [Animals](#)



# Classroom Spotlight

By: Michael B



This month's classroom spotlight is Mrs. Capriglione's 2nd-grade class. Mrs. Capriglione has been enjoying her 22 wonderful students in her class this year. Mrs. Capriglione's class enjoys the series *The Magic Tree House*. The class is reading the book *Click Clack Moo* and they are learning how to add quotation marks to dialogue when writing. In math, they are learning how to use two-digit subtraction with regrouping. What topic are they learning in science? They are learning about matter in different forms (solids, liquids, gasses). In Mrs. Capriglione's class, every student has a different favorite subject that they enjoy. What projects are they working on? They are completing a kindness project! The students have to complete five kindness acts at home or in their community. Is there a time when the second grade can get books from the library? Yes, they have time in computers to use the library to borrow books they enjoy and love to read. What topic are they learning about in history? The students are learning about different types of maps: theme maps and physical maps. In Mrs. Capriglione's classroom, they will work as a team.

## Hide the Bear

Last month the bear was hidden on the Student of the Month page in the February Issue. It was located on the "Responsible" clipart. This month we hid the bear somewhere new. Can you find it? Read the March Issue to find out if your guess was correct!

The product of greatness is responsibility."  
-Winston Churchill

**RESPONSIBLE**



# The Brain Show Comes to Ogdensburg Elementary School



Recently the Ogdensburg Elementary School PTO invited The Brain Show company to come to the school. The Brain Show company hosts a game with educational questions. Some questions are based on genres like Music, English, Science, Math, and History. There are three stands that the contestants stand behind, and whoever hits the buzzer first, and gets the question right they earn 100 points. The host makes it fun for all grades because he makes different dances to make sure you are paying attention. Our school assembly was split up from K-4 and then 5-8. Both games include different types of questions and the team that earned 300 points first would win that round. Also, the host picks people from the audience for different rounds. If the children didn't win, they were able to keep souvenir cards that showed what number stand they were standing by, and if the kids win they get a medal. In grades 5-8 the host invited the teachers to come up to play too.





# Tesla Came Out With a New Truck!

Justin B

The most famous car company, Tesla, came out with a new truck! The new truck is called the Cyber Truck. This doesn't look like any normal truck, it looks like a future truck! This truck has sustainable energy which is part of its mission to make the world less reliant on fossil fuels. The price tag for this truck is \$39,000. The Cyber Truck is able to hit about 60 mph in about 2.9 seconds! Tesla makes its cars and trucks in their factory which is in Fremont, California. At the factory, they use cutting edge battery technology. The truck can pull more than 14,000 pounds and can carry a payload of 3,500 pounds. The magic tonneau cover is able to hold the weight of a human. A tonneau is a cover for the rear end of a truck. The rear cargo area can be locked and can load about 100 cubic feet. The truck has ultra-hard stainless steel glass and armor glass so that it is difficult to be damaged. The Cyber Truck also has outlets so you can plug in hardware tools. The Cyber Truck has six seats instead of a normal car that has four seats. The Cyber Truck can be charged in 30 minutes for the max of about 500 miles. Will Tesla be the key to our future with the Cyber Truck?





## Adopt a Pet



Whether it's a mammal or reptile, if any person is planning to adopt or buy a pet, they should research them. Pet owners need to be sure that they are able to care for the pet and give it the attention it needs. Some animals even have medical conditions that require special care. Some pets need medicine and some may need to be at a certain temperature to survive. The owner may take risks of putting the animal in danger if they aren't aware of how to properly take care of their pet. The most important thing is that pets know that they are loved and cared for.

When adopting a pet, a person should research the shelter or pound that he or she is planning to adopt. Make sure to look at the reviews and how they treat the animals. Knowing the animal shelter's history is important before adoption. If an animal has been abused or deprived of food and water, the neglect should be reported. For example, if a person is adopting a bearded dragon, he or she should look up the type of habitat that an animal needs to survive. If a computer is not available, there are many books that provide useful information. Usually, people adopt their pets from local shelters or adoption centers. Others drive further distances to find their perfect pet. There was one time where a man drove 500 miles to get his puppy.





# Teen Stress - Causes and Solutions

According to the Cleveland Clinic, stress is a normal reaction the body has when changes occur. Stress can respond to these changes physically, mentally, or emotionally. Stress can lead to mental health issues such as anxiety, panic attacks, depression, or personality disorders. It can also lead to heart disease, high blood sugar, and a stroke. People can get stressed out fairly easily. If a teen realizes that they are undergoing stress then they can do the following. Teens should have positive self-talk because doing so will reduce their stress. They can take a break from stressful situations by listening to music, drawing, writing or spending time with a pet. Lastly, teens should build a friend network that can help you cope positively.



## Causes of Teen Stress

- worrying about schoolwork or grades
- getting into high school/ college
  - getting bullied
  - juggling responsibilities
  - negative self talk

## Reduce Stress

- spending time with others
- stock up on healthy foods
- get adequate amounts of sleep
- time management

## When to Call Professionals

- if a teen talks about self harm
  - mentions suicide
  - overwhelmed with stress

## Recognize Stress

- use of drugs/ alcohol
  - eating habits
  - sleep habits
- teens attitude or emotions





# The Super Bowl of 2020 LIV



By: Rebecca. R



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Many teams are trying to get to the Super Bowl. The NFL season goes for 17 weeks. The wild card teams were the Bills vs Texans, Titans vs Patriots, Vikings vs Saints, and Seahawks vs Eagles. The teams that advanced to the divisional round were the Texans, Titans, Vikings and the Seahawks. The divisional round teams are Vikings vs 49ers, Titans vs Ravens, Texans vs Chiefs, and Seahawks vs Packers. The Vikings vs 49ers the score was 10 to 29. The 49ers won. The Titans vs Ravens the score was 12 to 28 with the Titans being victorious. The score of Texans vs Chiefs was 31 to 51, the Chiefs won. In the second game that night the Seahawks vs Packers the final score was 23 to 28. The Packers got the win. The round before the Super Bowl is the conference round with the Titans vs Chiefs and Packers vs 49ers. The two teams that will face off in the Super Bowl are Chiefs VS 49ers. Who will be number one? Find out on Sunday, February 2nd.



Sports >

Super Bowl LIV

NFL - Yesterday Final

20 - 31

49ers (15 - 4) Chiefs (15 - 4)

Super Bowl

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Game recap





# A Journey Through the Decades

By Kendra Q.



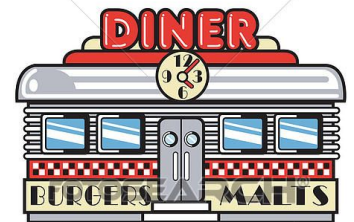
**The 1920s:** In the 1920s, Americans owned radios, telephones, and cars for the first time. Flappers were very popular and danced in short fancy dresses. Women were also allowed to vote for the first time during this decade. Towards the end of the 1920's the stock market crashed, marking the beginning of the Great Depression.

**The 1930s:** One of the most historically significant events in the 1930s would have to be the Great Depression. The Great Depression left many Americans without jobs, and hundreds of banks closed. The Great Depression lasted 3 years and ended in 1933. WW2 also began in the 1930s and ended in the 1940s.



**The 1940s:** In the 1940s, Pearl Harbor was bombed by Japan, which was a major part of American history. The Great Depression began to end in the 1940s as well. Mount Rushmore was finished being sculpted during the 1940s. Polaroid cameras, Slinkys, and ballpoint pens were must-have items in the 1940s.

**The 1950s:** In the 1950s, DNA was discovered for the first time. Rock and roll also began and was very popular during the 1950s. Some other 1950's events include Alaska becoming part of the United States, the first-ever kidney transplant, and the founding of NORAD.



**The 1960s:** In the 1960s, the first Walmart opened. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech during the 1960s which helped to end racial segregation. Some other things that happened include: Sprite hitting the shelves in grocery stores, the first-ever Zip Codes in the U.S, and Spider Man's first debut.

**The 1970s:** In the 1970s, Microsoft was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen. The first Earth Day was celebrated during the 1970s. Some other things that happened include the first barcodes, NASA introducing the first space shuttle, and Saturday Night Live first airing on television.





# A Journey Through the Decades (continued)

By Kendra Q.

**The 1980s:** Many famous movies such as E.T, Back to the Future, and Baywatch came out during the '80s. The famous arcade game PacMan was invented during the 1980s along with Rampage, Frogger, and many more. Fashion trends in the 1980s included crimped hair, leg warmers, neon-colored shirts, high-waisted jeans, mullets, and more.



**The 1990s:** Technology in the 90s was much different than the 80s as things like Google and the iMac were invented. The first Harry Potter book was published during the 90s and quickly took the world by storm. Popular toys like the Gameboy and the Furby were released in the 1990s. Fashion in the 1990s consisted of flared jeans, hoop earrings, and crop tops.

**The 2000s:** In the 2000s, YouTube was released and became one of the world's biggest social media platforms. The first iPhone was released, and USB flash drives replace floppy discs. There were many scientific breakthroughs in the year 2000, such as water being discovered on the Moon and a major discovery in cancer research. Hurricane Katrina also devastated thousands of homes in the 2000s.



**The 2010s:** The 2010s were one of the most technology-changing decades because of things like the first-ever iPad, AirPods, Virtual Reality Headsets, Chromebooks, Xbox One consoles, and PlayStation 4 consoles. History's most top-grossing movie, Avengers: Endgame was released during the 2010s. Popular games like Fortnite, Pokemon Go, and Minecraft Earth came out during the 2010s. Many popular toys such as Hatchimals, Squinkies, Shopkins, Fidget Spinners, and Monster High Dolls came out as well.



# February in New Jersey! What to do and Where

## -Take a trip Skylands Skating Rink

Location: 2765 NJ-23, Stockholm, NJ 07460



## - Chocolate Family Fun Day

Location: Morris Museum

6 Normandy Heights Rd, Morristown, NJ

Date: 2-8-2020

Time: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm



## -Elsa and Anna Tea Party

Location: The Eclectic Chic Boutique

547 Bloomfield Avenue

Montclair, NJ 07042

RSVP for more information (862)-221-0644

Time: 2:00 to 3:30



## -Take a trip to Sparta Bowling Alley

Location: The Eclectic Chic Boutique

547 Bloomfield Avenue

Montclair, NJ 07042



## -Visit the Liberty Science Center

Location: Liberty Science Center,

222 Jersey City Blvd, Jersey City, NJ 07305

time :9:30 to 4:00

## -Hit the Slopes at Mountain Creek

Mountain Creek Offers:

-skiing

-snowboarding

-tubing

Location: 200 NJ-94, Vernon Township, NJ 07462



## -Take a Trip to the Movies

Location: 363 Mount Hope Avenue, Rockaway, NJ 07866



By Gabryella



# Let's Save the Environment!



Will there be no more oxygen if water pollution becomes worse? There are several bodies of water in this world that are filled with pollution. Water dissolves more substances than any other liquid on earth, this is why water is so polluted. Dangerous substances from farms and towns dissolve into the water and cause water pollution. The main causes of water pollution include; Global Warming and Acid Rain. One of the biggest problems that involve pollution is that it kills organisms that are depending on water bodies. Major pollution in our water is oil. Oil spills and damage in our water has been going on for a long time and still is not solved. This oil can damage our drinking water, animals, air, and especially our plants. The oil in water can spread a thin layer over the waters and prevent any oxygen from getting to plants and animals living in the water. A bigger issue with oil in our waters is it hurts plant photosynthesis, making us have fewer plants and trees, which therefore give us less oxygen. With oxygen levels decreases, this gives the humankind less time to live and thrive. This water pollution also hurts land animals from drinking the water which is killing them. This is another major effect of extinction. Over 700 marine animals are going into extinction and over hundreds of land animals. With no animals, we will have no meats, a core aspect of every meal we eat. Meats give us nutrients and all the things needed to stay healthy and have a good immune system. This may lead to humans having a low immune system and can maybe even start human extinction as well. Overall this issue is one of the biggest problems we face today as a society.



There are some things that society can do to prevent water pollution, but not everybody realizes how bad water pollution is. Some things that we can do as a society includes the following;

- Reduce the amount of plastic and reuse plastic when you can
- Properly get rid of chemical cleaner and oil items
- Take care of your car so that it does not leak oil
- If you see someone doing something that can cause water pollution to explain to them why they should not do it so that they're aware

By: Ashley S.



# School Clubs



By: Vanessa M

**Green Team-** The Ogdensburg School Green Team has been working hard to keep us environmentally friendly. The Green Team is collecting plastic bags for the Trex Challenge, and shoes for Soles4Souls. Last month, the Green Team collected ten pounds worth of plastic bags. As of this school year, 134 pounds of plastic bags have been collected. If you have any old shoes in any condition, or plastic bags please donate them to our school. Place them in the box in the breezeway.

**STEM-** STEM Stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The STEM Club has done a lot of challenges so far this year. Such as creating an elevator for a pumpkin, a parachute for Santa, a hurricane proof house, and their latest project was building a seismograph.

**Student Council-** Student Council allows students to give concerns, ideas, or interests for the school's wellbeing. The Student Council is having a Candy Jar Challenge this month, but not sure what candy they are doing.

**FBLA-** FBLA stands for Future Business Leaders of America. FBLA does a meeting once a month, and they do challenges and learn how to do elevator speeches. An elevator speech is a short description of an idea, that is easier for the listener to understand.

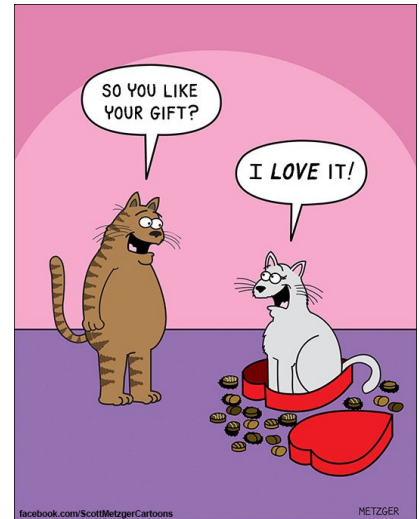
**Yearbook-** Yearbook is a club that gives students print media publishing experience. Being in Yearbook allows you to participate in photography and computer design.

**Character Ed-** In Character Ed students are promoting good character traits around the school.





# Valentines Day Humor By Justin B



What do you call the world's smallest Valentine's Day card?

A valen-teeny

What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?

I'm stuck on you!

What did one volcano say to the other?

I lava you!

What did the cucumber say to the pickle?

You mean a great dill to me.

How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?

He gave her a ring

What did one sheep say to the other?

I love ewe!

And how did the other sheep respond?

You're not so baaaaaa-d yourself

And what did the tweenager give his mom?

Ughs and kisses!

If you want more jokes, visit <https://redtri.com/valentines-day-jokes-for-kids/slide/2>





# Straw Review

By: Victoria P.



**Which straw is the best to use? Many people have their own preferences and opinions when it comes to straws. Some people want to use straws that are best for the environment while others don't think the type of straw being used affects the environment. With approximately twenty types of straws, it may be difficult to determine the best straw. People may hear a specific straw is the best but there are pros and cons to all types.**



| Silicone Straws  | Plastic Straws  | Glass Straws  | Metal Straws  |
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| <p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Reusable/ Recyclable</li> <li>-Good for both cold and hot drinks</li> <li>-Kid Friendly</li> <li>-Dishwasher Safe</li> <li>- Chewable</li> <li>- Eco- Friendly</li> </ul> | <p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Cheap</li> <li>- Easily Accessible</li> <li>- Disposable</li> </ul>                              | <p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Easy clean</li> <li>- Dishwasher safe</li> <li>- Reusable</li> <li>- Biodegradable</li> <li>- Elegant</li> </ul> | <p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Dishwasher safe</li> <li>-Reusable</li> <li>-Eco- friendly</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Cons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not biograderable</li> <li>- Difficult to clean</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Cons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not recyclable</li> <li>- Dangerous for the environment</li> <li>- Not biodegradable</li> </ul> | <p><b>Cons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Overpriced</li> <li>- Can easily break</li> <li>- Not recommended for young children</li> </ul>                  | <p><b>Cons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Metal taste</li> <li>- Not recommended for people with sensitive teeth</li> <li>- Some may have toxic chemicals</li> </ul> |
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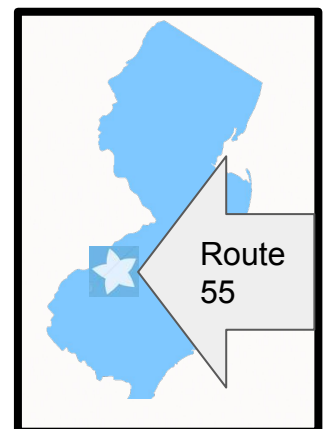
# Ghost Tales of New Jersey

By: Joseph W. and Christian S.



At first glance, Route 55 in Gloucester County, seems like a normal road. Locals to the area, however, tell a different story. They say that this road is cursed! This road is responsible for many, many deaths. A man wrote that his brother and his friends were killed by a drunk driver on this road. They were trying to refill their car. They went to the closest person's house because it was closer than the nearest gas station. While refilling their car with a can of gas, a car struck them and killed them. Shortly after, another person was killed on this road. This person was friends with the same brother that died. Even weirder, Facebook user Bill Hand got a video of a ghostly figure wearing a wedding gown with a bouquet of flowers in her hand was walking down route 55! Mr. Hand wasn't the only one to see it, however. Big Daddy Graham, a radio personality on Philadelphia's WIP station, reported that he had also seen the same ghost that Bill Hand caught on video and says he was "freaked out"! If you ever find yourself near route 55, steer clear of this road! -Joseph W.

In 1983, the Department Of Transportation started making a new 7.2-mile long road connecting to route 55 over a grass field. Later strange deaths started happening to the workers. Apparently, it was built right over a Native American burial ground. The first incident was a 34-year-old man who randomly fell out of his steam roller and rolled himself over! The second death was a man working at an overpass and out of nowhere a huge wind came, knocked the man of his feet and killed him! A little bit after that, the inspector died of a brain aneurysm. A bunch of other workers died of unknown diseases that the spirits might have cursed on them. There was a case where workers' feet turned black and another case where a whole family of a worker got cancer. After that, a van exploded that was holding officials that decided to put the road there. All of these deaths can't just be a coincidence. It's a haunting! -Christian S.







Recipes for your Valentine

Strawberry Cupcakes with Cream Cheese Frosting

Ingredients:

Strawberry Cupcakes -

- 3 /4 cups of sugar
- 6 tbsp of unsalted butter (room temperature)
- 6 tbsp of sour cream
- 2 tsp of strawberry extract
- 3 egg whites
- 1 1/4 cups of all purpose flour
- 2 tsp of baking powder
- 1 /4 tsp of salt
- 5 tbsp of strawberry puree
- 5 tbsp of milk
- 3-4 drops of pink food coloring

Cream Cheese Frosting -

- 8 oz cream cheese (room temperature)
- 6 tbsp of butter (room temperature)
- 4 cups of powdered sugar
- 1 tsp of vanilla extract

Toppers Ingredients -

- 5 oz red candy melts
- Sprinkles (optional)

Tools -

- Piping Bag
- Two Icing Tips
- Coupler (a coupler helps you to switch out your icing tips without changing the bag)
- Parchment paper
- Cupcake Liners
- A Cupcake Pan

By Olivia B.

Instructions:

- Preheat your oven to 350 degrees then prepare a cupcake pan with cupcake liners
- Beat butter and sugar in a bowl until it's light and fluffy (this will take about 2-3 minutes)
- Add sour cream and strawberry extract into the bowl and mix until its well combined
- Add egg whites into two batches then mix until well combined
- Put the dry ingredients into another bowl then combine milk and strawberry puree and mix
- Add half of the dry ingredients to the batter then add the milk mixture and mix
- Add the remaining dry ingredients into the bowl then mix until it's nicely combined
- Stir in a few drops of pink food coloring
- Fill the cupcake liners about halfway (let them bake for 15-17 minutes or until a toothpick that was inserted comes out with a few crumbs) then let them cool

Start making the frosting

- Beat cream cheese into and butter into a bowl until it's nice and smooth
- Add half of the powdered sugar and mix until its smooth
- Add vanilla extract and the remaining powdered sugar and mix until the frosting is smooth

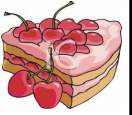
Star making the toppers

- Put the candy melts into a small bowl and melt them
- Pour the candy into your piping bag fitted with your icing tip and pipe out the word 'love' onto parchment paper (optional, add sprinkles onto your candy while it's still warm)
- Next you would want to pipe your frosting onto your cupcakes using another one of your icing tips
- Now add the candy toppers





## Recipes for your Valentine Grandma Jackie's Valentines Cake



### Ingredients

- (18.25 ounce) package white cake mix
- 1 (4 ounce) jar maraschino cherries
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans
- 1 (16 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed



### Directions

- Drain the cherries reserving juice; chop cherries and reserve.
- Prepare cake mix according to box directions, adding water to the reserved cherry juice to equal the amount of liquid needed for cake mix.
- Preheat oven to box directions.
- Fold the cherries and pecans into the cake mix; stirring by hand.
- Pour mix into 2 round cake pans and bake in preheated oven.
- When cake has completely cooled, frost with whipped topping; serve and keep unused portions in the refrigerator.

Brianne D

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/16037/grandma-jackies-valentine-cake/>





# Video Games

The newest NBA video game is out and it is better than it has ever been before! There are many NBA games and new ones come out each year. NBA 2k20 video game that is made for Xbox, Playstation 4, and the Nintendo Switch. NBA 2k20 is the newest version of all the NBA games, and it came out on September 6, 2019. Each time a new NBA video game comes out, there is a player from the NBA that goes on the cover. This year the player was Anthony Davis. Anthony Davis plays on the Los Angeles Lakers and he is so honored that he was chosen for this.

NBA 2k20 is one of the most visual versions of the series. The lighting is amazing and the player's appearances are on point. The backgrounds and basketball courts are extremely realistic. The actions are a lot more physical than they have been in past versions. For people who have never played any versions of the NBA and are thinking about buying 2k20, it is a lot easier to learn how to play than it has been in the past. This is because the creators of the game recreated the tutorial part of this and made it much easier to learn the controls. On the other hand, there are a few things that could make the game a little bit better. One thing that happens to be a small issue is the speed that the ball drops into the hoop, it seems to be a little slow. Another thing that seems to be a problem is the halftime show. It is still not like the NBA show that is performed on live T.V and this bothers several people.

Overall, 2k20 seems to be one of the best versions out of any of the NBA games that came out in the past. Meanwhile, there are a few flaws in the game that bother some people, still, it is one of the best versions of the game it has been in years, so it is a must-buy for any kids that enjoy the sport of basketball.



By: Ashley S



# Movies

Have you ever heard or watched The Secret Life of Pets 1 and The Secret Life of Pets 2? If you haven't, you should watch both movies because both movies are the best for every kid. And if you don't have time to watch the movies these are some facts about the movie and my opinion about the two movies.



Have you ever watched The Secret Life of Pets 1? Yes/No? If you haven't, I can tell you a lot about it. In Secret Life of Pets Max's (a dog) life as a favorite pet is turned upside down when his owner (Katie) brings home a sloppy dog named Duke. They must put their quarrels aside as they learn that an adorable little white bunny (Snowball) is building an army of lost pets. As Max and Duke hang out with Snowball's group they will have to join the group. As Max's friend Gidget, (a Dog) assembles a posse of an old companion determined to save Max and Duke and to bring them home.



Have you ever watched The Secret Life of Pets 2? Yes/No? If you haven't, I can tell you a bunch about it. In this movie Max (a dog) faces some major changes after his owner (Katie) gets married and has a child. On a family trip to the countryside, Max meets a farm dog named Rooster, and both attempt to overcome their fears. Meanwhile, Gidget tries to rescue Max's favorite toy from a cat-packed apartment, and Snowball and Daisy(Snowball's friend) sets out on a mission to free a white tiger named Hu from a circus.



By Brianne D



# February DIYS



## Pretty Paper Flowers

By: Jack C

### Materials

- Printable heart paper or scrapbook paper
- Hot glue gun
- Scissors

(1) Start by cutting hearts out of the paper 2-½ inches then make ten or twelve hearts. (2) After cutting out the hearts, cut out a circle 1-¾" to 2" in diameter. Fold the point of each heart. (3) Then add a drop of hot glue onto the paper circle and place 5 hearts around the circle. (4) Then add another drop of hot glue in the center of the hearts. (5) Keep attaching the heart peals until it looks like a flower. (6) After that step create a piece of fringe by cutting a piece of white paper and tightly rolling the paper strip. (7) Add hot glue in the center of the flower and place the rolled up fringe in the center, and fluff it. These paper flowers can be used for decorating a gift, putting it on a shirt, and hold it with a straw as an upright flower



## Cardboard Hearts

By: Brooks B

Are you interested in DIY'S and hearts? Then here is the DIY for you. For this project you will need cardboard and double sided tape and red or any color of yarn. The first step that you will need to do is to cut a heart shape out of the cardboard then at a piece of the double sided tape to the cardboard. Then with the yarn wrap the yarn around the cardboard until covering the entire cardboard heart.

### Supplies

- Cardboard
- Double sided tape
- Red or any other color yarn
- Scissors

### Steps

- Cut out a heart with your cardboard
- Take out your double sided tape and wrap it around your heart shaped cardboard.
- Then wrap your yarn around the tape.
- When your done wrapping, cut the yarn, and tuck in the yarn.





# Students of the Month January

By Brianne D.



| Grades              | Names   | Grades           | Names  |
|---------------------|---|------------------|--|
| <b>Pre-School</b>   | Andrey S.<br>Nathan D.                        | <b>4th grade</b> | Elyiana G., Mohammed A.,<br>Jordyn T.  |
| <b>Kindergarten</b> | Ziva P., Majd A.                              | <b>5th grade</b> | Ashley S., Riley D., Kendra<br>B., Kamryn O., Katelyn K.,<br>Ava R., Cooper R. |
| <b>1st grade</b>    | Angelo E., Abigail F.,<br>Tyler M., Dallas K. | <b>6th grade</b> | Rebecca R., Emily G., Olivia<br>B.   |
| <b>2nd grade</b>    | Blake W., Noah C.,<br>Luca C.                 | <b>7th grade</b> | Haakon S., Linere U.,<br>Alexander V., Jack C., Jacob<br>L., Kyra B.           |
| <b>3rd grade</b>    | Bailey W., Bobby B.                           | <b>8th grade</b> | Vanessa M.   |



“Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it ; the tree is a real thing .”

-Abraham Lincoln

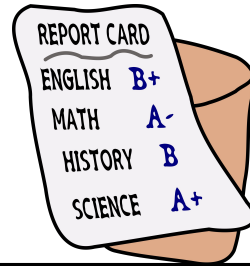




# Activities Calendar

By: Gabryella A.

Report Cards-  
February 3rd



Hardyston Tournament-  
February 3rd through 7th

Board of Education  
Meeting-  
February 4th



Valentines Day-  
February 14th  
P.T.O Carnation Sale-  
February 14th

School Closed  
Presidents Day-  
February 17th





# February Birthdays



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|----|------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| 1  |                        | 16 | Ethan T.                          |
| 2  |                        | 17 |                                   |
| 3  | Hailey S.<br>Sydney J. | 18 | Angelo E.                         |
| 4  |                        | 19 | Michael B.                        |
| 5  | Evaline S.             | 20 |                                   |
| 6  |                        | 21 | Vanessa M.                        |
| 7  |                        | 22 | Michael M.                        |
| 8  |                        | 23 | Alexandra V.                      |
| 9  | Richelli A.            | 24 | Thomas M.<br>Rocco N.<br>Mason S. |
| 10 |                        | 25 | Holly C.                          |
| 11 |                        | 26 |                                   |
| 12 |                        | 27 | Jadeline P.<br>Penelope R.        |
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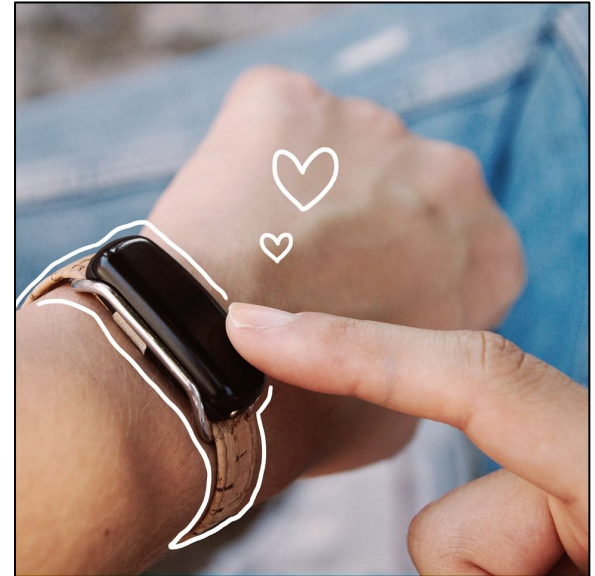
By: Kyla T.



# Product Review

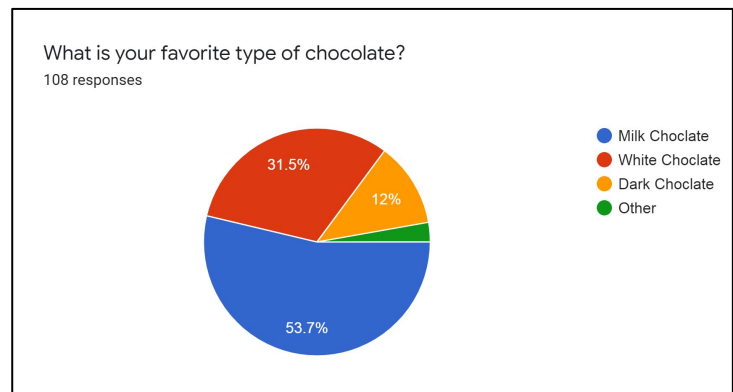
By: Paige O.

A product originally made for lovers from different parts of America or even the world has become a staple in every best friend's closet. When these bracelet ads were put out onto social media( one of those being an app called Tik Tok) the product blew up and became an instant success. Tik Tok is an app were all ages from 15+ lip sync to different songs. When the first opening of bond bracelets went onto the main page (called the For You Page) almost all the best friends loved them. Soon after, almost all the best friends on the app bought the bond bracelets for themselves and their best friend. The Bond bracelet is a bracelet containing a band and a vibrating capsule. These bracelets come in pairs, one for you and one for your "partner" as it says on the app. The Bond app is used to sync the bracelets together so they work. Once you are all set up, when one of the "partners" send a vibrating message, soon after the other one gets it. Everyone who owns one, as we know, is in love with this product. From what I know the only thing that is a downfall to some is you have to be by your phone for the product to work since you and your "partner"are connected through phones numbers. This is only a minor issue making it still one of the most highly rated products we have seen in a while. Overall, many recommend this bracelet, for your and your lover or you and your best friend. If you like this product we 100% recommend and so do many others.



# February Newspaper Poll

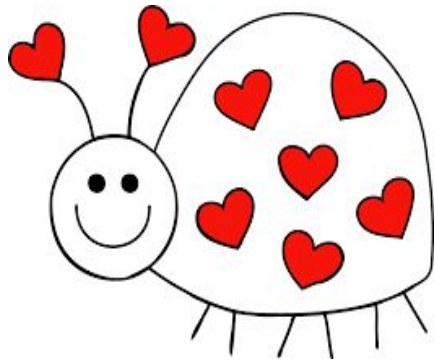
For our February poll, inspiration from chocolate heart boxes, we've asked the middle school what their favorite kind of chocolate is. With the results in, about half of the middle school likes milk chocolate over others. Although, instead of dark chocolate being a close 2nd, it turns out white chocolate is the 2nd most popular chocolate with 31%. Then after that dark chocolate comes into the ranks with 12%. After we reviewed we weren't shocked that milk chocolate won, but we honestly thought dark chocolate would be a close second. Overall, we love seeing all these responses. What would you choose as your favorite chocolate?







# Kids Order



## February Word Search



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| BE MINE   | BLACK HISTORY | CANDY       |
| CHOCOLATE | CUPID         | HEARTS      |
| KISS      | LINCOLN       | LOVE        |
| PINK      | PRESIDENTS    | RED         |
| SMITTEN   | SNOWFLURRIES  | SWEETHEARTS |
| VALENTINE | WASHINGTON    | WINTER      |

## Valentine's Day word scramble

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|-----------------|----------------|
| DER _____       | KNIP _____     |
| ERTHA _____     | SESSK _____    |
| DROWA _____     | UFBRYRAE _____ |
| HOLCETAOC _____ | OPEM _____     |
| SRHUC _____     | LTETRE _____   |
| DYNCA _____     | EESTW _____    |
| VLOE _____      |                |
| PELEVEON _____  |                |
| NEOYH _____     |                |
| CTDPU _____     |                |

