The sun is glowing, less studying, more excitement, more fun… Sounds great, right? Well, in a few more days, that’s exactly what it will be like! School will be gone and summer will be here! However, for the 8th graders, it will be their last summer before high school, a whole new milestone. Many are nervous and many simply can’t wait! No matter how they feel about entering high school, the 8th graders do know that high school will be a whole new experience.

Ms. Cotoia has shared her advice to all the eighth graders below:

“Instead of sharing my advice, I will share the perceptions of all the students who come back and visit. When students come back to Woodrow Wilson, they talk about how they loved this school and how it was great. So my first piece of advice from that is enjoy the days you have left this year. Eighth grade is a great time; don’t rush it. You will look back on it with very fun memories. The other thing I always ask is about the workload and I’m told that the ninth grade workload is a bit intense; that you have to adjust to managing all your assignments in your classes especially if you are going to be in any sports or activities. So, be prepared to really use your time management skills. The third thing I learned from the students who come back is…It’s really a high school of opportunity. It is what you make it to be. It’s about selecting classes that will help prepare you the future. It’s about getting involved in many different clubs even more than what Woodrow Wilson probably has to offer and really making the full experience part of something you strive for.” — Ms. Cotoia

Ms. Cotoia is right… The 8th grade year has gone quite quick! Enjoy your last few moments in middle school with your friends because it will be something you will miss. At the same time, high school has many great opportunities in line for you…. clubs, courses, sports, and more!
The Red Carpet Dance

High expectations were given to this dance being that it was the last dance of the year, and those expectations were certainly met. This "music blasting-creative juices showing" party was enjoyable to all guests. The theme "red carpet" was shown in the venue, although with the passing out of awards and formal outfits, it seemed more like the Grammy's or Oscar's which was a lot of fun to participate in! However, there were several batches in the dance, where the student body handed out awards to the eighth graders, and during this time, the sixth and seventh graders had to wait around until the music came back on. Even though this was a minor setback, it gives the sixth and seventh graders another exciting opportunity to look forward to.

Decorations/Theme Shown Throughout the Venue:

Remembering the school budget, the student body created a great environment. There was a small centerpiece on each table, along with a black tablecloth. They also had a table on the stage; this is where the awards were kept until they were received by students. However, the red carpet was a very thin piece of red paper, and you had to be careful walking down it or it would rip. Additionally, there were red velvet ropes, which were pretty cool to have at a school dance.

Music:

It was a great variety, and a lot of the songs were awesome. Although, if you wanted to suggest a song, the DJ had to hear it suggested almost 10 times. This was a little annoying to some of the students, especially due to the fact that a lot of kids liked those songs.

Snacks/Drinks:

As usual, the student council sold snacks and drinks at the dance. The prices were $2 for a drink and $1 for a snack. This was particularly nice because of students getting thirsty and hungry after dancing a lot. The drinks were well varied however, the snacks were not. At every dance, it seems to be just candy. Although candy is delicious, not everyone can eat candy, especially students with braces. Some guests just wanted a bag of chips which was not available, but from a reporter's point of view, I believe that this is just a minor setback, in the whole scheme of things. Most importantly, everyone had a great time. Thank you student council for putting on such an awesome event!

Lainie’s Angels: The story of a Game and a Cause

This year marked the important 12th anniversary of Woodrow Wilson Middle School’s annual Lainie’s Angels basketball game. The entire school had waited for months in anticipation of the big student-teacher basketball game. Soon, everyone was talking about both the game and the cause behind it.

The Lainie’s Angels event started at lunch when students and teachers dueled with poetry/rap battles and donated money for their tickets and the “pie-in-the-face” event. However, the bigger cause was ultimately to contribute to the Lainie’s Angels mission. Lainie’s Angels aids the families of kids with cancer and blood disorders by setting up networks of healthcare staff and counselors who serve by educating families and offering ongoing guidance and support. To contribute to this cause, groups such as the Pinnacle Financial Group of Edison, BrightStar Home Care, and Main Street Trattoria of Metuchen hosted events and donated money; however, the support for this noble cause not only came in the form of money… but also in clothing. During the week of the game, the school participated in Spirit Week which involved wearing specific types of clothes from vacation to sports clothing. This exciting week culminated the day of the big game.

The day of the game, the entire school was eager, animated, and prepared to watch an exciting game. However, this year’s game was perhaps the most intense game in Woodrow’s history of Lainie’s Angels’ games. Let’s take this journey from the beginning, before the game started.
The event started with the traditional “pie-in-the-face.” This year, the lucky penny-wars winner, Mr. Francis-cus, clad in a giant plastic bag and safety goggles, approached his seat on the court and braced himself for the slam. Eighth grader Brianna Cooper stepped back with the creamy pie in her hand and with a loud “SMACK” heard ‘round the gym, she brutally delivered the pie into Mr. Franciscus’s face. Cream was everywhere, especially on Mr. Franciscus’s “costume.” Soon after the mess was cleaned up, the pre-game shoot around began. The teachers and students all tried hard to flaunt their shots in order to galvanize the crowd into cheering. After a while, the big game finally began.

The students entered the game extremely aggressive-ly. They opened up the first quarter with a strong 6-0 run. The teachers seemed like no match for the students. After a student-dominated first quarter ended, Pinnacle Financial Group began running in front of the bleachers and tossing around the highly-popular mini-soccer and basketballs. Students aggressively trampled each other in an attempt to catch as many balls as possible. After this, the second quarter be-gan. The students’ streak lingered for a while as they opened up the quarter with two points, but it was soon the teachers’ time to shine. They gathered deft steals and sunk in powerful shots and brought the score to a tie. The students and teach-ers had a back and forth scoring session and finally, the stu-dents emerged from the second quarter with a decent lead.

During an animated halftime event, one student from each grade was selected to pick a teacher to help score 20 points in an interesting timed event. In the end, each stu-dent-teacher pair successfully and easily met the necessary points-requirement. The halftime event eventually ended with a speech by Mr. Afendoulis, the founder of Lainie’s Angels, which started of the second half.

In this exciting quarter, the teachers continued their streak with the students in close range, but nothing could compare to the intensity that emerged in the final minute of the fourth quarter. There were about 10 seconds left in the game and the score was in a deadlock tie. Then, a valiant teacher, sunk in a three point shot and brought the score to 35-32, in the teachers’ favor. The situation looked bleak for the students. As they raced up the court, they frantically tried to squeeze in another shot. With around 6 seconds left in the game, Makai Crawford frantically raced in front of the basket, lined up behind the three point arc, and rose up above the court. Time slowed down as he released an extremely diffi-cult, near-impossible, three point shot. The buzzer rang. The game was over. But no, the shot went in! Makai Crawford had done it! He had tied the game! A crowd of team mem-bers raced toward him and piled on the hero.

For the first time ever, this teacher-student game was so close that the officials had to add in an extra overtime pe-riod, in order to decide the winner. Both teams defended well and the only field goal scored was by the teachers, who kicked off the quarter by creating a 37-35 lead. The students responded later on with one made free-throw that led the game to an intense 36-37 standoff. With seconds left, the teachers were commanding the court and the students were slowly slipping away. When the final buzzer sounded, the score was the closest that it has ever been in the twelve year history of WWMS’ Lainie’s Angels event: 36-37. Just one point decided everything.

Overall, this year’s game attracted a large crowd and proved a great spectacle to observe; however, the more im-portant aspect of Lainie’s Angels is the cause to facilitate families who battle the malignant force of cancer. These hardships occur on a daily basis, so to help or not to help? That is the question.

Every year, schools throughout the US compete in the reading incentive program “Battle of the Books.” This year, 7th and 8th grade students from Woodrow Wilson formed teams and according to the rules, committed to read and become “experts” in a total of 14 books. Eleven teams formed in the seventh grade and 9 in the eighth. On March 26, the teams battled with each other and one winner from each grade emerged and went on to compete with district teams from John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and Herbert Hoover. “The Book Brothers,” a 7th grade team made up of Woodrow Wilson students Parth Salva, Sanjit Menon, Amey Venkatanarayan, Faiz Jumma and Ved Udare emerged as the district winners.

Following that competition, on May 2, winners from each school then went on to the state competition held at Manalapan-Englishtown Middle School. Woodrow Wilson’s eighth grade team, “The Book Addicts” Aditya Iyer, Nikith Boyapati, Mithil Verma, Tejas Venkatasubramanian, and Siddarth Ganesh took first place in the state competition in a tie with John Adams. Woodrow’s 7th grade team “The Book Brothers” took the state trophy for second place.
Drama Club Rocks the Stage: The Little Mermaid Jr.

By Noor Amanullah

Ariel, Sebastian, Prince Eric, Flounder, Ursula, Scuttle, King Triton, and many more, these are the names that come to mind when we think about the 1989 Disney hit, The Little Mermaid. On TWO spring nights, the WWMS Drama Club brought our favorite Disney classic to life in the annual school musical. Starring Woodrow Wilson’s very own students, the play included tragedy, romance, comedy, and music. Ms. Jensen and Mrs. Papa, the Drama Club directors, along with help with Ms. Silady, Ms. DeZaio, and other staff members and students helped to put on an amazing show that wowed the audience. With close to 20 musical numbers, including Under the Sea, Part of Your World, and (my personal favorite) Poor Unfortunate Souls, it was a large effort that took many before and after school rehearsals to prepare for. Woodrow Wilson sure has some Broadway potential! It is truly amazing that a group of students and teachers, with the small time frame of only a few months can put on such an amazing show. It was an amazing production overall, from the songs, to the choreography, to the wonderful acting. Newspaper Club gives Drama five stars for their astounding performance.

Mr. Zeh: Woodrow’s State of the Art Tech Teacher

By Dhruv Shahane

Mr. Zeh, the school of WWMS knows you are our only tech teacher. What grades do you teach? How many years have you been teaching?

I currently teach a 7th and an 8th grade Technology class. Both are based on a design and problem solving approach to creating fun projects. This is my 18th year teaching Technology with the last 13 here at Woodrow.

Which college(s) did you attend to become what you are now?

I attended Kean University, however when I went there it was still only a college. My major was in Technology Education.

Why did you choose to teach tech and why not other subjects like math, science, or English etc.?

Tech was one of my favorite subjects in school so I figured if I taught Tech I could do it forever.

As a kid, were you interested in tech, building anything out of material or did a family member inspired you?

As a kid I enjoyed building lots of different things like remote controlled cars, tree houses, and go-carts. Once in high school my H.S. woodshop teacher inspired me to continue my education in Technology and ultimately become a teacher.

If you were not a tech teacher in WWMS, what would you have chosen as a career?

If I was not a tech teacher I would want to be a cowboy.

What is the best part when you are teaching tech to a class?

The best part about teaching tech is the fact that I get to make all this cool stuff.

Which is your favorite tech project you have done with your students?

The best 7th grade project is the rocket. Win or lose, launch or no launch the rocket teaches you a bunch about space travel and it’s fun to see them fly through the air. The 8th grade project that I like the best is the robotic arm.

What is the best time you had while you were teaching in class?

There is no one specific best time teaching because everyday teaching is like a dream.

What is the key main motto in your class while working on a project? What do you expect from your tech students?

The key motto for the tech class would be: “Are you working hard or hardly working?” There is only one thing that I expect from every tech student, and that is to try your best and never give up.
Goodbye NJASK, Hello PARCC

By Henry Geng and Samuel Zhang

As we all know, the NJASK is a critical part of our education. But next year, we will experience an alternative test called PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers). This test may determine our future colleges, and might be crucial to our placements in the next grade. PARCC will be harder than the NJASK; it adds many topics from the section of common core state standards which includes a more rigorous selection of questions. Many believe that the test should enhance teaching and learning. The states that implement this test include Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Tennessee. PARCC will be administered in grades K-12. This test is a computer taken test, much like the NWEA, except possibly easier because it is not adjusting to your level. In about one year, everyone will have to take this assessment, so get ready!

(For some sample questions go to www.parcconline.org)

A Whole New World: Entering Middle School

By Shruti Sinha

Middle school. It feels like forever until you get there and torture when you are there. Just kidding. Entering middle school can be full of ups and downs as you try to get used to this new environment. Whether you’re worried or confident, excited or nervous, or just somewhere in between, middle school is nothing to worry about. It is going to be a breeze; you are still going to have a new school, new friends, classes, and worst of all, LOCKERS, but you really shouldn’t be getting worried or sick about it. Here are some tips I suggest upon starting middle school:

1. Practice makes perfect
Don’t ignore the advice from teachers about locks. You should definitely practice locking and unlocking as you will be stuck doing that in a short period of time (4 minutes) EVERY SINGLE DAY. Lots of kids have a hard time, so don’t worry and just keep on trying! Also, don’t be afraid to ask teachers or the kids around you for help. It can be intimidating, but getting to class should be an even more important priority. No one is going to judge you for needing help! (P.S. The teachers are going to let you off for coming late in the first couple weeks, but after that you’re on your own!)

2. Make a schedule
If your classes are close together, or far apart, you should make a schedule of the times you have to go to your locker. Obviously, you might have to carry more than one subject worth of books, but having set schedule can lighten the load and save you time!

3. Keep an open mind about people
You are about to see a LOT of new faces, so do not judge people quickly. While you should stay with your old friends, try to accept other kids too. Who knows, they might just become your new best friend! While, you might try to judge one another based on one’s elementary school, understand that the moment you receive your ID, you’re all part of Woodrow Wilson!

4. Don’t stress out!
The process of changing schools can be a difficult one, and the worst thing you could possibly do is stress out. There will be ups and downs, as with any other grade, and what may seem scary now, might just become a distant memory later.
A Memoir- Graduation: It’s a Part of Life  

By Grace Wang

I remember the day I first walked into Woodbrook Elementary School as a minute kindergartener. I remember the genial teachers who greeted me there. I remember the crowds of my fellow classmates and their parents holding their hands. I don’t really remember much between kindergarten and fifth grade, but what I do remember was that I made a few friends while managing schoolwork from teachers I generally liked. Fifth grade was supposed to be a really sad year for me, but back then I didn’t feel that sad. I mean, I was quite sentimental about leaving elementary school, but I could easily accept the idea at the same time. For me, elementary school wasn’t all that interesting. School was just school. I knew that the task ahead of me: advancing up to the middle school located right in Woodbrook’s backyard would be similarly easy to conquer.

I remember the day I first walked through the halls of Woodrow Wilson as a timid sixth grader. I remember the day I returned to the halls of Woodrow Wilson as a more experienced seventh grader. Most of all, I will remember the day, when it comes, when I will take my last walk through the halls of my beloved middle school. However, I will not forget the little details in between that contributed to my great middle school experience. Overall, I received more than I expected out of middle school in all aspects: academically, socially, and recreationally. I thought middle school would be the same as elementary school, but everything changed for me when I stepped through the doors of Woodrow Wilson. Here, I made many new friends, expanded my knowledge horizons, and participated in many intriguing events. Middle school was an entirely new realm for me that was just waiting to be explored. The only problem was, time passed by so quickly in middle school. According to my calendar, I should still be a sixth grader, but in the middle school world, I’m already an eighth grader.

Sometimes I imagine the day when I will enter high school. Sometimes, I imagine piles upon piles of homework. Sometimes, I imagine mean upperclassmen. From the stories I hear from my high school friends, I know that high school will be a big test for me, and sometimes I fear that I will not pass. They say that the high school environment is intensely competitive and that it’s a big jump up from middle school. My fear is that all of these rumors will be completely true.

Overall, I am grateful for my incredible friends and teachers who made school such a special, hard-to-forget experience. I will always remember and treasure the feelings that they gave me… and I realize that some of them will not be joining me in the same high school… and that is one of the hardest facts of departure that I must learn to accept.

CONFESSIONS OF THE CLASS OF 2014!  

By Anonymous Members of the 8th Grade Class

This year we decided to poll the 8th grade students to hear their deep confessions about the three years they spent at Woodrow Wilson Middle School. The responses are completely anonymous, but here is what they had to say…

The teachers at WWMS are truly caring. When my life got turned upside down by an unfortunate event, all of my teachers were there for me, to guide me, and help me on my path to recovery.

I shouldn’t have done half my homework in homeroom, even though I still got it done.

I should have chilled more and relaxed in the hallway, because I now realize that 4 minutes is 4 minutes, and not 10 seconds.

Drama doesn’t stay forever.

I had started out in sixth grade as a scared, nervous boy. As the years went on, my teachers have taught me to be confident. My friends have molded me to be better, bolder, and kinder. Those who hated me or have been rude to me showed me that life isn’t all fun and games. So, middle school has changed me from this weak, emotionally unstable boy to the confident, bold, and nice person I am today. Thanks, Woodrow.

I confess that I should have chosen my friends more wisely.

Honestly, I wish the years would replay again. The years went by too fast for me to catch them. High school is a big step. Don’t grow up too fast, it’s a trap. Stay the same way you’ve been and keep your hopes up. Life always gets better.
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The Eighth Graders Hit the Lodge  
By Nikith Boyapati

On May 14, every single eighth grader in WWMS got in a bus and headed toward Warren, NJ thinking of only one thing: FOREST LODGE!

Background information
If you aren’t an eighth grader, you may be thinking: What IS Forest Lodge?? Well, for those who aren’t in eighth grade, let me explain what it is. Located in a place not too far away from here, Forest Lodge is a vast open field that’s filled with all sorts of fun activities. The place is enclosed by an entire forest and a fence, so we could roam around and go anywhere we want in the open field, without any chaperones to follow us around. There are no rules, no guidelines and no instructions to follow in this field trip. The only thing you do is have fun!

There was almost every sport that you can imagine that you can play there. But the attractions don’t just end there. There’s also lots of music to listen to if you don’t like to play sports. And a field trip isn’t a field trip without lots of food! All the food there was free, so anybody can pick up a quick snack or even gorge on food all day long (but is NOT recommended) without having to pay even a penny! And there was a variety of food, so you don’t have to eat the same thing every time. I researched and wrote this part of the article before I went to the field trip, and let me tell you about what happened during the field trip!

During/After the field trip
As with every year that the eighth grade had this field trip, the field trip was certainly a memorable one for the eighth graders. Apparently lots of people played sports this year. The vast fields were filled with students playing soccer and baseball, and the courts were packed with basketball, volleyball and badminton players. The rest of the students hung around near the DJ and the loud music (some even got to try the karaoke player there!) and raced their friends with the Bungee run attraction: a race against a partner to see who would run farther with a bungee cord tied to them, which is tied to the end opposite of the player. And whenever students got hungry, they helped themselves to many types of drinks at the soda fountain machine and many different food options such as nachos, French fries, hamburgers, salads, hotdogs, ice cream, and many more! And everyone loved it! This field trip definitely qualified as the best possible field trip we could ever have!

A 7th Grade Field Trip to Remember  
By Ranen Miao and Nathaniel Mumau

On Friday, May 16th, the whole seventh grade took a forty-five minute bus ride to the Funplex. The day started off on an exceptional high note, as half of the buses were coach buses. If you ride a bus with carpeting, movie screens, and an on-board bathroom, you know you’re in for an excellent day. When we arrived at the Funplex, 300 students sprinted into the huge place. Within minutes, screams of happiness and excitement began to resonate throughout and we had an array of amusements to fill our day with. You could take a spin on the bumper cars, go-carts, 4D Theater and several other rides. You could also play in a game of laser tag, or hang out with friends in the humongous ball pit. Every student also received ten Funplex tokens at the beginning of the trip, which we could use to play the vast amount of games in the arcade.

Welcome to Funplex, the motherland of good times and arcade games. When you walk in, the first attraction you are greeted by is the towering Free Fall. Arcade machines, filled with toys, candy, and prizes, are scattered across the colorful carpeted floors. To the right are the Super Twister and the Bumper Cars.

The left wall has the entrance to Lazer Runner, a laser tag arena complete with mazes, bridges, and disco projections onto the floors.

Further in, the Skyscraper and the 4D Dark Ride greet eager students. The Skyscraper spins students around in circular rotations counterclockwise, and then rotates and spins students clockwise. Next to it is the 4D Dark Ride, a 4-dimensional video game system where players go through different multiplayer adventure levels to gain points.

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The Foam Frenzy was a ball pit, with more levels, more guns, and more balls. Although only open to students ages 4 through 12, the attraction has a maze of ladders and tubes connecting the first floor to higher floors.

The food court is situated behind these attractions. Further down, one will be able to visit the grandest and largest attraction at Funplex—the Electric Go-Karts. You can zip through the course as lights flash and you race to the finish, trying to defeat the other players! This ride’s line was by far the longest—and for good reason. The speedy adventure can be compared to no other, and the simulated excitement and the rush of adrenaline as you drive through the track can be compared to no other attractions throughout the entire building. The five-minute ride seems way too short, but gives you a taste of the excitement of maneuvering your own vehicle.

After a day of thrill rides and laser tag games, the group of exhausted 7th graders piled back into their buses and rode back to school, proudly holding prizes and souvenirs from their field trip. Try to top this, 8th grade field trip!

6th Grade Explores the Woodbridge Community Center

By: Alexis Wilner

We departed our lovely school to Woodbridge Community Center in your traditional, yellow, Dapper school bus at 9:55 AM. 29 groups were piled onto 7 busses. Each group was chaperoned with either a teacher or parent.

As we were arriving at our exciting destination, we saw the other busses on the road. Each time we passed each other, the yelling increased to an almost deafening point, along with the amount of kids who were standing up. When we arrived, the yelling increased again, until teachers began yelling at the students to quiet down. We slowly exited the bus, and followed chaperones and employees to the first station. At our trip, we had 4 stations; 1) Mini Golf (Although, only some groups got to participate in this activity, due to the rain) 2) Roller Skating/Arcade 3) Lunch and 4) Gym activities.

For lunch there was a small slice of pizza and water. If you wanted anything else, you had to buy it from the café. This was kind of hard to do, due to the fact that there was always a long line. There were also various vending machines, stocked with drinks and snacks. The arcade games surrounded the rink, bustling with WWMS students and other local civilians.

Luckily enough, for our own personal enjoyment (as students), many teachers also came on the trip, and many participated in roller skating and the gym activities. However, at the end of the day, we did unfortunately have to come back. The ride back was hard, though. We were all crazy from all the sugar, but we did have to go to our 7th period classes.

Six Flags: A Great Adventure

By: Grace Wang

It was 6:00 in the morning. Crowds of students sluggishly trudged into the school’s cafeteria after an exciting, but tiring night at the Red Carpet Dance. Soon enough, everyone had boarded the buses, which were headed for Jackson Liberty High School. The buses were animated with students singing and playing games. This seemed to shorten the long ride to the high school. When we reached our destination, cheers of excitement spread throughout all of the buses. The students in the music department were all eager to perform in the competition and make the community and Woodrow Wilson proud…and they did exactly that.

Later at night during the awards ceremony, Woodrow emerged as one of the top schools in the vigorous competition. The music department’s three conductors: Mr. Fossa, Ms. Jensen, and Ms. Liu were all recognized at the ceremony for their hard work in shaping their students. It brought home 3 grandiose, prestigious trophies, one from each music ensemble, that will soon debut in the school’s showcase. Moreover, the band and orchestra each earned a deserved “Superior” ranking from the judges, while the choir earned an “Excellent” ranking. The band worked hard and earned second place in its division while the orchestra and choir each topped their divisions with first place! Finally, Xavier Lee, was recognized at the ceremony for his outstanding accompaniment in the choir performance.

When the competitive aspect of the trip was over, it was time for the true fun: Six Flags! As soon as the Six Flags sign loomed into view, the entire caravan of buses erupted into cheers.

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When the buses pulled into the parking lot at Six Flags, all the students eagerly rose from their seats and gathered in their groups. Together, they eagerly pranced into Six Flags and immediately delved into the park’s fun. As for my group, we warmed up with a ride on the Buccaneer, a giant boat that “sailed” quickly up and down a high, ramp-like platform. Then, we headed over to a nearby ride Swashbuckler, a quickly rotating ride that opened up time for sleeping...literally. Afterwards, we headed towards Road Runner Railway, an easy ride that still had some fun to it. Eventually, we headed to lunch and resumed our coaster-riding afterwards.

Since we had already “warmed up” with the “baby” rides, we were ready to tackle rides that were slightly more challenging. Thus, we headed over to the spooky, dark “Skull Mountain” ride. Later, we rode aboard the “Dark Knight,” a ride that tossed its riders around in unexpectedly sharp turns. When we had finished riding all the roller coasters on the east side of the park that were of our level, we took the “SkyWay,” the lift that transferred riders across the park. After getting off, my group headed to our favorite ride, the “Runaway Mine Train.” Every year, we ride this coaster repeatedly until it’s time to leave. It’s a thrilling ride, but not enough to cause extreme fear. This year in the Runaway Mine Train marathon, my group tied our previous record by riding the coaster 5 times.

For me, this year’s six flags was the “turning point” of my coaster-riding life. When I visited Six Flags two years ago, I was only able to go on a few rides at Six Flags and I spent most of my time at the park waiting for the other members of my group. This year, I conquered my fears and gingerly boarded the new rides...and my reward was the sensational thrill of riding a roller coaster.

2014 NJMEA Middle School Concert Band Festival

By Darlene Fung

On Tuesday, May 13th, the 7th and 8th grade Woodrow Wilson Concert Band was ready to go. Consisting of 120 students, the WWMS band was over three times the size of the other bands; they filled the whole stage. Their first song was Romp!, by Darren W. Jenkins. It was fast and furious, played at a rapid pace with lots of accents. Second came Horkstow Grange, adapted by Michael Sweeney. It was a very pretty piece, with a flute-heavy sound, swelling dynamics, and a beautiful chord to end it. After Horkstow Grange, the Woodrow Wilson band played their final piece – Prairie Dances, by David R. Holsinger. This song was the total opposite of Horkstow Grange. It was loud and exciting, with the main melody played by every instrument group. The song ended on a dime, and with that, their performance was over. After their performance, judge Dr. Thomas McCauley came onstage and gave the band some constructive criticism. He was very funny and animated, making several dramatic hand gestures and jokes. His advice was very useful, and was used to improve the band’s performance for their final competition at Six Flags.

The competition at Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School was a great success. The band has gained more experience in playing in front of judges, and they sure put on a great performance.
The WWMS 2014 Spring Choir and Orchestra Concert

By Siya Scindia

On May 15, our school held its annual choir and strings spring concert from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. It was an amazing event to experience, as the talent of our musicians and singers flourished on the stage.

To start the event, the sixth grade orchestra performed three songs. These songs included Mystic Caravan, Harrowland, and the Can Can. All of the songs were beautiful to listen to and watch. After the performance, many teachers said that it was impressive that the sixth grade could play so well! Of course, the teacher we should thank is Ms. Liu, the strings conductor.

After the sixth grade orchestra, the sixth grade choir performed. Their singing was amazing! One of the songs they performed was Home, by Phillip Phillips, a popular song among the students and the audience. You could tell from the applause that everyone enjoyed their sweet voices.

Next, the seventh and eighth grade orchestra took the stage. They played longer songs than the sixth grade orchestra did, as they were more advanced. However, some sixth graders who were more experienced were present in this orchestra. One of these songs included Wired, a very complex song that had many dynamics. The audience loved their performances!

Lastly, the seventh and eighth grade choir performed. I have to say that they were very good. Their voices were mature and smooth. Ms. Jensen, the choir instructor had taught them well.

After all the performances, many gifts were given to Ms. Liu and Ms. Jensen for their outstanding effort towards perfecting the students that performed. Ms. Jensen received many gift cards and other items. You could tell that her students truly love her and appreciate what she does. Ms. Liu received an iPad Mini from a group of students and more gifts. It is heartwarming to see the love students have for their teachers.

Soon, the musical night came to an end, and the audience and performers began to leave with smiles on their faces. The music was truly amazing, and the performers, teachers, and parents were all proud of the amazing talent here in the Woodrow Wilson choir and orchestra!
AROUND TOWN

To Be Continued... Now Continued!

By: Alexis Wilner

Downtown Metuchen- It's a wonderful place, filled with great food, amazing businesses, and fun events. However, a lot of citizens' emotions were changed about the town when they heard some very upsetting news. After facing an increase in rent, the town's beloved bookstore, To Be Continued, decided not to renew it's lease.

However, the depression didn't last for long. Soon enough, social media was buzzing about the store's closing and ideas about what to do about it. The people had made their minds up; To Be Continued had to come back.

After hearing this news, the owners were inspired. They hit the books and did something amazing. Variety Village, a corner store that was also on Main St, was about to go out of business, right when the owners of To Be Continued stepped in and bought the place.

"They want us here," says Sergio Gonzalez, one of the owners of the store. "The store is not about us, it's about them."

Since the re-opening, the store has been buzzing with families and kids after school. The owners joyfully own their new two-story building for its great environment, fun-filled kids room, and comfortable lounge in the middle. It's once again, a local hit on Main Street!

AROUND THE WORLD

Life at Google

By Ava Dul

Everyone loves, and uses Google every day. It has become a huge part of our lives. Do you ever wonder about the people who work there and what their offices are like? One of their many offices is in New York City. The office building is in the downtown area, it stretches an impressive two blocks, and there is a large “Google” sign that meets visitors when you walk into the lobby. For the most part, it looks like a normal office building, but once out of the elevators and inside the inner workings of Google, visitors see very unique office spaces. Google has sections of the building for each of the four seasons, and within each, it has decorated offices. For example, walking into the spring section, visitors find a hallway decorated as a beehive. Hexagonal shapes are cut into the walls and are cushioned so that Googlers (people who work at Google) can sit with their computers to get away from their desks and find a quiet, private space. Other hallways have a NYC subway theme or a jungle theme.

Googlers are not your typical workers. Most of them are in their 20’s or 30’s and are friendly. Their jobs can include designing webpages, overseeing the accuracy of Google Maps, or making Google accessible to people with disabilities. However, you do not have to be a techie to work at Google. There are other non-computer related jobs like chefs!

Communication within Google is different from other typical offices. Some hallways hold giant whiteboards, where Googlers write ideas or messages. All of the office space is designed to have different departments communicate with each other. Google wants its employees to be innovative. Instead of having the same employees talk to one another each day, Google forces employees to interact with others, who they would not usually encounter. These meetings spark new ideas and fresh perspectives.

There are several perks to working at Google. One of the biggest perks is the food. All of the food is free, and there is a lot of it! There are snack bars everywhere, and there are five main cafeterias. An employee could have tacos, pasta, soup, samosas, and dumplings all in one sitting! There are also some rooms and hallways dedicated to gaming. Employees can play at any time during the day at Pacman machines, and the top scores are painted above each machine. They can also play in a room with older computers, which only plays Donkey Kong. Lastly, there is a huge game room with a Wii, Xbox, pool table, and a foosball table. Other perks include pods for sleeping, massage chairs and a massage room with a masseuse, a secret room behind the bookcase in the library, bringing your dog to work, and the use of scooters to quickly move from one department to the next.

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Google is an important part of our normal lives, but we do not realize what happens behind the scenes. Google needs a variety of workers so there are many employment opportunities. Next time you are googling, take the time to appreciate all of the workers behind the screen who help to make your life easier. The Googlers may be having a lot of fun at their jobs, but they are also helping people get the information they need.

Land of the Bunnies

By Helen Wei and Irene Quan

Imagine an island thriving with fluffy bunnies hopping around every which way. They bounce all over your feet, caressing your legs with their silky fur. Well it’s true! On the 700,000 square-meter island of Okunoshima, rabbits roam the land with a rich history.

In 1925, the Imperial Japanese Army Institute of Science and Technology started a secret program to develop chemical weapons. The program was shrouded in secrecy during its 16 years of operation and isolation. It was based on extensive research that demonstrated that chemical weapons were being made throughout the United States and Europe. Japan was a signatory on the 1925 Geneva Protocol, which banned the use of chemical warfare. Although the development and storage of chemical weapons were not banned, the country went to great lengths to make sure that the construction of the chemical munitions plant, which began in 1929, was kept a secret. They even went so far as to remove records of the island from some maps. The plant’s construction period lasted from 1927 to 1929 and included a chemical weapon facility that produced over six kilotons of mustard gas and tear gas.

By the end of the war, documents concerning the plant were burned and the Allied Occupation Forces trashed the gas by dumping, burning, or burying it. Additionally, people were prohibited to talk about the project. Several decades later, victims of the plant were given government aid for treatment, and in 1988 the Okunoshima Poison Gas Museum was opened.

When the island became a park after World War II, these rabbits were intentionally set loose. Many rabbits were used in the chemical munitions plant to test the effectiveness of the chemical weapons during World War II. However, those rabbits were killed when the factory was demolished. According to Murakami, the former director of the poison gas museum, the current rabbits have nothing to do with those that were involved with chemical weapon tests.

Today the island is home to more than 300 floppy-eared rabbits that roam freely, earning the nickname of Usagi Shima, or Rabbit Island. Though wild, the rabbits on the island are accustomed to humans and will approach visitors in search of a snack, and hop on to laps. Hunting the rabbits is forbidden, and dogs and cats may not be taken onto the island. The ruins of the old forts and the gas factory can be found all over the island, but entry is prohibited because it is too dangerous. In addition, it is part of the Inland Sea National Park system of Japan, so there is a resource center and a museum.

The island now has a hotel, a six-hole golf course and a small camping ground. Visitors are able to swim in the crystal clear water surrounding the island, regardless of the tide.

The next you need a travel destination, think of all the nose-twitching bunnies in Okunoshima!
### AROUND THE WORLD

**A Plane’s Worst Nightmare...**

By Rishabh Rout

Recently in the news, there has been a tragic event: the disappearance of the Malaysian Airlines Flight 370. The ill-fated airplane took off from Kuala Lumpur, and headed to an airport in Beijing. Around a third of the way on the trip, the transponder signal was lost at 1:21 AM. In a crazy turn of events, the aircraft supposedly took a sharp turn towards the southwest, heading towards the mainland again. Finally, the plane apparently took a last turn, going towards India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Searches were conducted in the area of the Indian Ocean around Australia. Sadly, this isn’t the only case of strange airplane disappearances. The rest of this article highlights some of the most inexplicable occurrences of vanishing airplanes in history.

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**Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan’s *Electra***

At midnight on July 2, 1937, Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan departed from Lae, New Guinea on a 2,500 mile trip to Howland Island. At around 800 miles into the trip, the plane’s position was not known anymore. After that, connections were maintained using radio signals. Suddenly, the signal was lost. Days after, search parties scoured the Pacific, yet they found nothing. The searching continued for a year before stopping fruitlessly. This disappearance was so bizarre that people theorize that she was a spy, changed her name, was abducted, or even that she was taken by aliens! Nevertheless, this remains one of the most mysterious disappearances in the world.

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**1950 Douglas C-54D***

A plane carrying 44 civilians was on a route from Alaska to Montana. There was a message reporting that the plane had just passed over Snag, Yukon. There were no further messages. The search, dubbed Operation Mike, included 85 planes and 7,000 rescuers. In a strange coincidence, 2 US planes and 1 Canadian plane crashed in the mountains, over a couple weeks, although no one was injured. After over 5 weeks, the search was over and the passengers were presumed dead. Curiously, two UFO sightings were reported in the area, one of them only 2 days after the flight. It is hoped that, there is no connection between these strange events.

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**Air France Flight 447***

This May 2009 disaster was particularly devastating because the crew knew that they were going to crash. Just off the coast of Brazil, the plane hit an area of turbulence. An ice storm iced over the plane’s pitot tubes. The autopilot turned off, letting the airplane roll around in the high winds. The last mistake was letting the angle of attack sharply increase, taking the plane up, and then speeding it down to its demise in the ocean going 175 mph. The plane was never seen again. Researchers say this plane crashed because of bad weather conditions and even worse, the pilot’s reactions. As to why no remains were found besides a couple of plane parts, who knows?

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Although plane disappearances are always a sad occasion, especially in a world where every corner of the earth is connected, they have taught us many lessons. For example, we have learned about what to do with lightning strikes, ice and snow, engine fails, structure fails, stalling, fires, and bird strikes, etc. We are better prepared than ever before. How did we learn this all? Plane tragedies. It is true that these horrible occurrences are the worst possible events in aviation history, but many more lives would have been lost without the research that was forced to happen. The lives were not lost in vain...
Marshmallows. It's a spongy confection made from sugar and cornstarch. Have you ever wondered about the history of this sweet treat? It starts back to ancient Egypt...

Marshmallows most likely came first into being as a medical substance, since the mucilaginous (a thick, gooey substance produced by nearly all plants) extracts come from the root of the marshmallow plant, *Althaea officinalis*, which were used as a remedy for sore throats. Concoctions of other parts of the marshmallow plant had medical purposes as well. The French version of the recipe, called *pâte de guimauve* (or "guimauve" for short), included an egg white meringue which is often flavored with rose water.

The use of marshmallows to make a treat dates back to ancient Egypt, where the recipe called for extracting sap from the mallow plant and mixing it with nuts and honey. Another pre-modern recipe uses the pith, or the soft, spongy central cylinder of the parenchymatous tissue in the stems of dicotyledonous plants, (the marshmallow plant) rather than the sap. The stem was peeled back to reveal the soft and spongy pith, which was boiled in sugar syrup and dried to produce a soft, chewy candy. Confectioners in the early 19th century France made the innovation of whipping up the marshmallow sap and sweetening it to make a confection similar to modern marshmallows. The confection was made locally by the owners of small candy shops. They would extract the sap from the mallow plant's root and whip it. The candy was very popular, but its manufacture was labor-intensive. In the late 19th century, French manufacturers thought of using egg whites or gelatin combined with modified corn starch to create the chewy base. This averted from the labor-intensive extraction process, but it did require industrial methods to combine the gelatin and cornstarch in the right way.

In 1948, another breakthrough in the development of the modern marshmallow was the extrusion process by the American Alex Doumak . This invention allowed marshmallows to be made in an automatic way. The method created the cylindrical shape that is now associated with marshmallows. This process involves running the ingredients through tubes and then extruding the finished product as a soft cylinder, which is then cut into sections and rolled in a mixture of finely powdered corn starch and confectioner's sugar.

Marshmallows, like most sweets, are sweetened with sucrose. They are presently prepared with the air circulation of mixtures of sucrose and proteins to a final density of about 0.5 g. The proteins and gelatin, or egg albumin, prevent the collapse of the air-filled cells.

Now that you’ve learned all about the history, here’s how to make marshmallows:

**Ingredients:**
- 3 packages unflavored gelatin
- 1 cup ice cold water, divided
- 12 ounces granulated sugar, approximately 1 1/2 cups
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- Nonstick spray

**Directions:**
1. Place the gelatin into the bowl of a stand mixer along with 1/2 cup of the water. Have the whisk attachment standing by.
2. In a small saucepan combine the remaining 1/2 cup water, granulated sugar, corn syrup and salt. Place over medium high heat, cover and allow to cook for 3 to 4 minutes. Uncover, clip a candy thermometer onto the side of the pan and continue to cook until the mixture reaches 240 degrees F, (approximately 7 to 8 minutes). Once the mixture reaches this temperature, immediately remove from the heat.
3. Turn the mixer on low speed and, while running, slowly pour the sugar syrup down the side of the bowl into the gelatin mixture. Once you have added all of the syrup, increase the speed to high. Continue to whip until the mixture becomes very thick and is lukewarm, approximately 12 to 15 minutes. Add the vanilla during the last minute of whipping. While the mixture is whipping prepare the pans as follows.
Energy Saving Tips for the Summer

By Jenna Yan

Summer is a time for fun and relaxation, but it’s also a time for high electricity bills. The AC is always on high and electronics are being used almost all day. In order for you to lower your electricity bill and help benefit the environment; you must learn to save energy. Here are some of the tips and ways for you to save energy in the summer...

1. **Use the dishwasher**
   Instead of hand washing your plates and dishes, use the dishwasher. It saves a lot of water. It is better to use the dishwasher than have the water running for a long time.

2. **Fill up the fridge**
   Always fill up the fridge whenever you need to use it. Each time you open it up, lots of energy escapes, which means more electricity is needed each time. Whenever you hear a hum coming from the fridge, you know that you opened the fridge for too long. Also, remember to let food cool down before you put it in a fridge and also to warm up frozen food by putting it in the fridge.

3. **Use a pressure cooker**
   It is probably a good idea to use a pressure cooker if you're cooking for a long amount of time. If not, always check that the bottom of the pot is even to make sure you are cooking as efficiently as possible without wasting unnecessary energy. Also, keep the pots closed as long as you can. Without a lid you'll lose about 2/3 of the energy. Another way to save some energy when cooking is to turn the stove off 5 minutes before you reach the cooking time.

4. **Use appliances wisely**
   In the summer, almost everyone is on some sort of electronic device at some point in the day. When you are not using your device, always remember to put it on sleep mode or hibernation instead of using a screen saver. By doing this, it uses less electricity when the device is idle. Do not let a computer be left on for an hour if you are not at home. Always remember to turn off the lights when you leave a room.

5. **Use shades**
   In order to keep your house cooler, use shades to block out the sun’s heat. This will help your house feel cooler in a more effective way besides air conditioning.

6. **Plants block heat**
   Similar to shades, plants also block the sun’s heat. By putting a plant near your window, it will also benefit the plant by giving it the sunlight that it needs.

7. **When the AC is on, close the windows**
   Closing windows while the AC is on is definitely something that you should do. With windows open, all the cold air escapes outside, without cooling the house. You need 3 times more energy per degree to cool a room than to heat a room, so you should always be aware of closing your windows if the AC is on. You should also ventilate the house during the night or early in the morning in order to store the coolness for the day. Once in awhile, you should use a fan instead of an air conditioner.

8. **Use compact fluorescent light bulbs**
   Compact fluorescent light bulbs are more energy-efficient than regular bulbs. By changing your lights to compact fluorescent light bulbs once in a while, you will slowly reduce your electricity bill.

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9. Shorten your showers
Taking long, hot showers in the summer takes up a lot of heat. Not only does it take energy to heat the water, but it also takes up a lot of water for a long shower.

10. Wash full loads when doing laundry
This will save you from wasting a lot of water. Also, try to use cold water instead of hot, when doing laundry, to save the energy used to heat the water.

These ten tips will help you to save energy in the summer. Not only will you be benefiting yourselves, but you will also be benefiting the environment. By conserving energy, nothing goes to waste and everything is used efficiently. Following these tips will also help reduce global warming. So, conserve energy this summer and be green!

Top 10 Things to Do In New Jersey Over the Summer

By Ashley Ramjeet

If you are planning on having a “staycation” this summer, here are some fun things you can do:

1: Visit the Jersey Shore’s BEST Beaches (Up and Down the Coast)
2: Get Amazed at Liberty Science Center (Jersey City)
3: 20,000 Square Feet of Sea Life and Wild Life Awaits You at Adventure Aquarium (Camden)
4: Explore the Most Popular Theme Park Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson)
5: Get your Amusement Park Fix at Casino Pier (Seaside Heights)
6: Shop the Pier Shops at Caesars (Atlantic City)
7: Check Out the Arts and Natural Sciences at NJ’s Largest Museum: Newark Museum (Newark)
8: Ride the Rides at Steel Pier (Atlantic City)
9: Visit the Historic Absecon Light House (Atlantic City)
10: Seek Concerts at the Izod Center (East Rutherford)

Get Into Exercising

By Jaii Pappu

Exercise. What do you think when you hear the word exercise?... is it the sweat, grime, blood, and tears? Or, is it the laps we run in gym on fitness days? Well, ask yourself this question... are you exercising for 60 minutes per day? Are you? The answer is either a yes or no. By exercising I mean actually getting your head deep into the game... many kids are becoming obese by the minute across the globe! With that extra pizza slice you’re eating, it means sacrificing your self-esteem and health. Therefore, this summer, get off the couch, put down your video game controller, and go take a walk. Little steps may change your life!

Check out these five SIMPLE exercises you could do ANYWHERE from fitwatch.com

1. Tricep Dips- Sit on the edge of a chair or bench with your hands next to your thighs. Lift your body out just in front of the chair, with your feet flat on the floor and your knees bent. Lower yourself down so your elbows bend no more than 90 degrees and push yourself back up.
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2. Pushups- Everyone knows the standard pushup position, so let’s try some things to change it up a bit.
   • You can do pushups with your hands wider than shoulder width to get more of a shoulder and chest workout.
   • If you bring your hands together into a diamond shape near the center of your chest you will work more of the triceps and shoulders.
   • Working half pushups – either going only half way down and then back up, or starting from the floor and only pushing up half way and then going back down – will intensify your pushup workout.

3. Crunches- Crunches are great for your abs if you do them correctly. Done incorrectly, they can put undue stress on your neck and back. To avoid injury, be sure to use the correct techniques.

4. Squats- Body weight squats are a great exercise that you can do anywhere and a fantastic way to learn proper technique. Start off your squat workouts by lowering yourself only a foot or so. Then work up to deeper squats as your muscles become accustomed to the exercise.

5. Calf Raises- Calf raises can be done wherever there is a raised surface, such as a stairway. If you need balance, hold onto the railing. Facing the stairs, stand with only your toes on the stair and your feet extending out past it. Standing straight up, lower your body down below the level of the stair and then back up onto your toes.

India’s New Leader and the Largest Democratic Elections Ever

By Rishabh Rout

What do you get if you have over 500 million people voting to see who, out of thousands of parties, will reign supreme? The 2014 Indian Elections…On Monday, May 12, the final votes were cast for the Indian General Election 2014. These elections are comparable to the US presidential elections.

Before we go into the details on election results, you’re going to have to know the governmental history of the world’s largest democracy.

Comparing the governments of the United States and India is interesting, because the US is the world’s oldest democracy, while India is the largest. A major difference is the type of government. The system the USA uses is called presidential democracy, meaning a president is the leader of the executive branch. On the other hand, the parliamentary democracy that India uses means a prime minister heads the executive branch. Unlike in the US, you cannot be directly voted into office. You have to already be a member of the Indian parliament (like the US Congress). Parliament members of different parties get elected by voters. The party or an alliance that has the majority in the parliament elects its leader to be the prime minister. Besides that difference, the governments of the two countries are quite similar.

And now, to the elections. This time, 814.5 million people were eligible to vote, turning this into the largest democratic election ever. The two major alliances are the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the United Progressive Alliance (UPA), which should remind you of a very famous donkey and elephant. The alliances themselves are comprised of dozens of parties. The NDA was led by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), while the UPA was dominated by the Indian National Congress (INC). The alliances battled for a total of 543 seats in the Lok Sabha (House of the People). The winner was…

The NDA! It grabbed 336 out of the 543 possible seats, with BJP alone winning 282 seats. Because BJP won with a majority of the votes, it is allowed to govern the nation independently. The leader of BJP, Narendra Modi, will officially become prime minister on May 26, 2014. So to sum up, recently there was an election to select the next top dog of India. India is a parliamentary democracy, and alliances competed for the authority to rule this giant nation. A new prime minister may not only benefit India, but also the world. There are so many possibilities, and we have just glimpsed them…

Fun Facts:
- All of India’s voters outnumber the voters of the USA, Brazil, Russia, Indonesia, And Bangladesh combined!
- 919,000 polling stations were set up with over 3.6 million voting machines!
- 10 million workers were employed!
- Flying squads made sure there was no bribing of voters!
- 167 out of 193 countries in the world are democratic—87%!
- Parliamentary democracy has less corruption and faster passed bills!
Ages of the Earth

By Anakha Anilkumar Nair

This week, we read about the discovery of the fossil of the biggest dinosaur ever found. Paleontologists in Patagonia, Argentina unearthed the fossilized bones of a species named Titanosaur, which is estimated to be 130 feet long, 65 feet tall, and weighs at 70 tons. To compare this to an airplane, this dinosaur is longer than a Boeing 737, and is heavier than the maximum allowed take of weight of a Boeing 737. It would have been as tall as a 7-story building!

Scientists say that Titanosaur might have lived about 95 million years ago, in Cretaceous Period. Well, what does Cretaceous Period mean? How is it different from Jurassic, of which we have heard a lot? Earth belongs to the Solar system, which belongs to the Milky Way Galaxy, which belongs to the Universe. Scientists say that the universe is about 13.8 Billion years old, the Solar system and our Earth is about 4.6 Billion years old. The surface of the early earth started solidifying around 4 billion years ago.

Now, scientists have identified time periods, or ages, of the earth, and have named it for easiness of reference. These ages are classified into Eons, Eras and Periods. There are 3 Eons, each of which contains a few Eras. Each Era contains contain one or more Periods. Each period is mapped to a time period, which is usually referred to as Million Years Ago – i.e. the number of millions of years, which passed after each of the periods. Please see below a table of the Eons, Eras and Periods.

Currently, we are in the Quaternary period of the Cenozoic Era of the Phanerozoic eon! Next time when you read about a dinosaur, or an ancient fossil, or when plants stated to evolve, have a good look at the age, and try to see where in the big picture the time period fits.

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Warp Drive- The Ultimate Dream

By Nirmal Bhatt

“Space: The Final Frontier. These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Its five-year mission: to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before.” Star Trek is one of the many science fiction stories that have interstellar travel, much like Star Wars. Interstellar travel is mankind’s dream to explore whatever lies outside of the solar system. Space is the final frontier for most of the Earth has been explored. A warp drive can give us interstellar travel by making us go faster than the speed of light.

What is a warp drive? A warp drive is a hypothetical faster-than-light propulsion system that is showcased in many works of fiction. A spacecraft that is equipped with warp drive may travel at speeds faster than that of light by many orders of magnitude, while bypassing the real problem of time dilation. Time dilation is the difference between elapsed time between two events as measured by observers moving relative to each other. So, it means that when the spacecraft is traveling at warp speed, it will experience the same passage of time as someone on Earth, instead of the passage of time being slower than Earth. While the ship is traveling at warp speed, it is capable of interacting with objects around it.

An important component of the warp drive propulsion system is the warp core. It is a fictional reactor that uses the energy released from a matter-antimatter annihilation to provide energy for the warp drive that powers the spaceship, allowing faster than light travel.
**Warp Drive- The Ultimate Dream...CONTINUED**

Antimatter is a very rare type of matter and can be produced naturally and artifically by large scale reactions. The type of energy that is mainly released from the matter-antimatter annihilation is in the form of sub nuclear particles and electromagnetic radiation (energy of light at different levels). The amount of energy is enormous and all that energy has to be regulated so that it can later get transported to the warp drive to achieve the speeds. In the “Star Trek” universe, fictional lithium crystals are used for this process, as they do not react with antimatter when bombarded with large amounts of radiation.

An important thing to keep in mind is that everything that stated here is purely fictional and none of these objects exist, except for Antimatter. All our technologies are nothing, compared to the technologies required to build such powerful warp cores that can enable faster than light travel. Any of these warp cores can’t be made because the energy required in the warp core is still much greater than anything possible by human being’s technology, and although Antimatter can be produced artificially, it is the costliest material to make as it costs $25 million to make 1 gram of positrons. Whether they can be sustained for a long time or not is a completely different question. The good news is that NASA has begun preliminary research on these technologies. Overall, achieving light speed requires an extreme amount of energy and is not yet possible in today’s standards.

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**Proof of The Big Bang**

On Monday, March 17, 2014, scientists made a very important discovery; they found evidence from the very beginning of time that gave them insight into the birth of the universe. Before, in 1916, Albert Einstein published his theory of general relativity. He believed that the universe was a one point infinitely small, and expanded rapidly in under a nanosecond. However, he could only show his math; he had no proof. Almost a hundred years later, scientists believe they have the proof; gravitational waves.

Gravitational waves are basically ripples in the fabric of space-time…Imagine a pond. When you throw a rock in the pond, the water splashes, and ripples spread out from the point where the rock fell into it. The Big Bang was the splash, with gravitational waves spreading out like ripples. The water would be the CMB, or cosmic microwave background, which is an echo of the energy released by the Big Bang. Inflation is the theory that the universe expanded extremely fast and continued to expand, though slower now.

On the special Monday, a telescope near the South Pole, BICEP2, detected a twisting pattern in the CMB, also called a “B-mode” pattern. Scientists analyzed it and concluded that it had to be from the Big Bang. This will provide the proof needed to continue studying the birth of the universe, as scientists have long searched for proof of inflation, and were stuck.

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**The Apple iPhone 6**

Humans of this era tend to lead a very fast-paced life. They don’t have much time to waste. Smartphones, for the most part, help people of the 21st century to be satisfied. The iPhone is one example of a smartphone. Because of the phones ranging from iPhone to iPhone 5s, people right now receive mostly everything with a touch of a finger. However, many pleased customers of iPhones want more. Customers are waiting for a new iPhone: iPhone 6!

iPhone is proclaimed to be a revision of its previous models, iPhone 5s and iPhone 5c. Most of the features in the iPhone 5s and iPhone 5c will remain same in the iPhone 6 but some may change. If speculations are true, iPhone 6 will be a large iPhone model, most likely with a 5-inch or larger screen. Another theory is that the iPhone 6 will have a bigger, more enhanced battery than the previous models.

In September 2013, Apple surprised everyone with the iPhone 5s and iPhone 5c. Many sources claim that Apple will once again stun us with 2 iPhone 6 models. The release date of the iPhone 6 is thought to be September 2014. The iPhone is supposedly a very first-class product so the price is expected to be very high. iPhone 5s and iPhone 5c had always captivated everyone around the world. Will iPhone 6 have the same magic? The whole world is waiting anxiously waiting for the iPhone 6… Are you?
June! The wonderful, start of the summer month is finally here…June is a memorable month for all students and teachers, being the end of the year, filled with fun, post NJ ASK activities! Celebrate your month of June with these wacky days!

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In the end, June is an eventful month, filled with wacky days and holidays! Make it a great month or not, the choice is yours…
July 2014…

By Pooja Bhate

July! The wonderful, warm middle of summer month is coming soon…July proves to be an exciting month, right in the middle of Summer Vacation. Celebrate your month of July with these wonderfully wacky days!

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In the end, July is an amazing month, filled with wacky days and cool celebrations! Make it a great month or not, the choice is yours…
SPORTS

Who Will Be the Winner?

By Ram Gadhamsetty

After watching the conference finals, the WWMS Newspaper Club predicts that the Miami Heat will meet the San Antonio Spurs for classic re-match in the finals. Let’s look at the east finals first. Miami, based on observation, could obviously beat the Indiana Pacers. Indiana is not a championship team. In the west, there is close series going on, between San Antonio and Oklahoma City. The WWMS Newspaper Club predicts that the Spurs will gather themselves and make it to the finals.

Let’s analyze the finals. On the right we have the Miami Heat. They have won two championships in a row, and are looking to accomplish the three peat mission. Led by LeBron James, this is a dangerous team to face. Also, there is Dwayne Wade. People are worrying about him. He suddenly just started to play like the old Wade. It would be scary to see the big 3 (LeBron James, Dwayne Wade, and Chris Bosh) in all-star form. Then you have Norris Cole and Mario Chalmers playing extremely well, although Cole is a better defender. Down low they have Bosh and Haslem to get those rebounds. The important player to watch is Ray Allen. We all remember what he did in the finals last year. He kept the Heat alive by knocking down a three pointer in 5.2 seconds. Battier and Allen are threats when it comes to three pointers. Now we have the San Antonio Spurs. Their BIG THREE are Tony Parker, Tim Duncan, and Manu Ginobili. Tony Parker has been playing wonderful and knocks down most of his shots. Tim Duncan is Tim Duncan. In fact, he is so good that the current basketball era in San Antonio is called the “Duncan Era.” To continue, you have Ginobili, and he is a dominant point guard and handles the position well. Lastly, you have Danny Green. Seeing him in the last two games of the finals last year, people believed that his career was over, but they were wrong. He is just getting started. Green is basically the Allen of the Spurs.

Finally, who will win? The WWMS Newspaper Club predicts the Miami Heat after all their accomplishments throughout this year. We could tell you that this series will be very close.
Book Review

Powerless

By: Matthew Cody

Ever hear of Batman? Or Superman? What about Spiderman? You guessed it- they’re all well-known superheroes- but there’s no such thing as people flying faster than a jet plane, running with incredible speeds, or having super strength- right?

When Daniel moves to Noble’s Green, Pennsylvania, he thinks it’s a boring town, in a boring state, with boring places everywhere he looks. But that’s when he finds out that Noble’s Green is a cool place. A few kids here have superpowers. One can turn invisible, one can fly, one can control electricity, etc. But a horrible secret towers over them. Once they turn 13… they lose their power. They lose any memory of it. And eventually ostracize their once superhero buddies, and slip back into a normal life. Daniel and his super-friends must find the cause of this, before all their happiness, abilities, and sanity, all slip away…

I personally recommend this book. It has a suspenseful plot with tons of action in every corner. It’s a real page-turner and will have you at the edge of your seat for every minute. When you finish, you’ll want to read it again. I give it 4 out of 5 stars.

Movie Preview

“Guardians of the Galaxy Preview”

2014 has been a busy year for the MARVEL Cinematic Universe. We’ve seen heroes such as Spider-Man and Captain America return to the big screen; however, MARVEL has also delved into murkier waters, creating a new interstellar super group called the Guardians of the Galaxy. Now, while everyone is probably familiar with Spidey, Cap, and the X-Men, the average person most likely has no clue who the Guardians of the Galaxy are. This is truly sad, as the Guardians make the Avengers look like wimps. Sure, the Avengers have saved the world a few times; the Guardians of the Galaxy have saved the universe more times than you can count on one hand. Care to learn more about this epic team? Then read on, true believers...

The Guardians of the Galaxy first appeared in Marvel Super Heroes Volume 1 #18, of January, 1969. This first incarnation consisted of a bunch of time travelling aliens that fought to take down the Badoon, a race of evil extraterrestrials. This team was updated decades later, with an all new roster. This new line-up includes Star-Lord (a.k.a. Peter Quill), Adam Warlock, Drax the Destroyer, Rocket Raccoon, Phyla-Vell, Mantis and Gamora. However, everyone except for Mantis and Star-Lord quit, and went off on their own cosmic adventures. After many more expeditions throughout the universe, the team reunited. This was not how the group would stay, though, as after much time-traveling, warping of reality, and battling with humongous villains such as Thanos and Annihilus, the team currently consists of Star Lord, Gamora, Drax, Rocket Raccoon, Groot, and Iron Man.

However, the upcoming movie does not look like it will have Iron Man as a member of its cinematic team, so I will focus on the remaining five. Peter Quill, played by Chris Pratt, is a human whose mother was murdered by aliens. He grew up to become an astronaut for NASA, and on one of his missions, was turned into the galactic policeman, Star Lord, by the alien, the Master of the Sun.

Gamora, played by Zoe Saldana, is the last living Zen-Whoberi, an alien race that was decimated by the villain Magus. She was adopted by the mad Titan Thanos, who trained her to become the deadliest assassin in the universe. However, he murdered her when she tried to rebel against him. She was resurrected by Adam Warlock, and became a part of the Infinity Watch.

Drax the Destroyer, played by Dave Bautista, was originally Arthur Douglas, a human who was killed by Thanos. But Mentor, Thanos’ father, took Arthur’s consciousness and transformed it into humanoid form, made of Earth soil, and gave it super-powers. Mentor then gave him only one desire: to destroy Thanos. Drax chased Thanos across the universe, but eventually Drax remembered who he was and regained his human emotions.

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Movie Preview
By Peter Maynard

“Michael Bay’s Ninja Turtles: Epic or Epic Fail”

In October of 2009, when Nickelodeon purchased the rights to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, they announced that they would have collaboration with Paramount Pictures to make a Ninja Turtles movie, expecting a release date in 2012. Ninja Turtle fans were happy about this development, and expected greatness from this reboot. Adding even more excitement, was when we heard Transformers director Michael Bay was hired in May 2011. TMNT fans were either also Transformers fans, or, like me, knew Bay had a respectable trilogy and a good movie record, so we Ninja Turtle fans were fine with it. As the movies development started, Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird, the men who wrote the very first Ninja Turtle comic, showed support for this new project, earning the trust of the fans. However, in early March 2012, Bay made a gigantic gamble by announcing that the turtles would be from an alien race.

Original cast members, as well as Eastman and Laird, showed support for them. However, this opened them up for the largest amounts of hate mail launched at the men (and woman who played April), as the fans had lost every ounce of faith towards their former idols. But no one had it worse than Mr. Bay himself, standing underneath a fan waterfall of offensive memes and death threats. In fact, out of the entire cast of the original movies, everyone loved the ideas, except for Robbie Rist, who acted and voiced Michelangelo in the original three films in the 1990’s. Speaking for the fans, he (rightfully) accused Bay of “sodomizing” the franchise, and although he was a hero to the fans, Rist was ignored by Bay. Even worse was a script leaked to the public called “The Blue Door”. It made the turtles just four individuals in a race of turtle aliens on a distant dimension that get to Earth in an unknown way, Shredder be an alien with blades that grow out of his body, and Michelangelo falls in love with a turtle woman from his planet, leaving the violent, sullen, Raphael to fill the gap as the comic relief. Going back to a quote from Eastman a few months before this horrid script was made, “this has to be true to the source material or else Bay will get murdered!”. Bay also promised the fans that the turtles will be the exact same ones we grew up with. Considering the turtles initially were four of a kind, mutated by mutagen called “Ooze”, the Shredder was human with a bladed suit, and Michelangelo had no interest in women, he messed up brutally. Bay also lost the support of Laird, who said true Ninja Turtle fans should be grateful that “this wretched thing” was denied. Bay tries to defend himself by saying that he wasn’t involved, but the date read, 2012, while Bay joined in 2011. Locked in checkmate, Bay surrendered to the fans and scrapped the alien ideas, but did not gain the trust of the fans.

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REVIEWS

“Michael Bay’s Ninja Turtles: Epic or Epic Fail”...CONTINUED

As casting started Michael Bay hired Megan Fox, and cast her as April in February 2013, but she had to apologize for comparing Bay to Hitler to get the role. Laird thought there were better choices for the role, but didn’t get worked up about it. She ended up ditching April’s trademark red hair, and her wardrobe choices just makes her look like Megan Fox in a banana slug jacket, which the fans hated. The turtles were cast soon after, but due to fans (and just people overall), having no idea about who the heck these people were, they seemed to be throwaway roles, which did not earn hate from fans since they had nothing to insult the actors with. Even so, they still hired more well-known actors Whoopi Goldberg and Will Arnett as Bernadette Thompson and Vernon Fenwick, reporters involved in the news industry with April, which also didn’t get hate.

After this, the trailer was released on March 27th, and it went viral, gathering 15 million views by the end of the month. The fans found the turtles ugly, and that since people created the turtles, they lost a main element of the stories, about how they were always accidents who needed to find a sense of belonging. At this point, I began to break away from the main group of TMNT fans, as they’re now just whining about every little thing that comes out, while I felt that Bay hadn’t done anything that bad, and was happy Mikey kept his comic element. Even after this, as Johnny Knoxville is cast as the voice of Leonardo, I am ecstatic, but all of the fans respond with more hate. Regardless, with the alien idea scrapped, I’m going to see this since only hardcore ninja turtle fanatics that have problems with this, and my classmates seem excited for the release, I would recommend this movie to anyone who hasn’t followed ninja turtles for a long time.

Song Reviews

By Nathaniel Mumau

“Story of My Life”
By One Direction

Lyrics: What is this song about? Absolutely nothing. Or, more accurately, absolutely nothing new. This is literally a copy of every other song One Direction has ever made, except with slightly different words and music. Better yet, this song is a copy of every other song that was ever made by any other boy band. This concept of “I love you” has been reused and recycled more times in music than any other. So why does One Direction use it again? Do they expect their song to stick out in the infinite sea of others with a basis so unoriginal? Yes, the song is sweet and sentimental; however, there is nothing else that even mildly sets it apart from all of the other songs out there. In all honesty, if this song were completely erased from existence, would anyone care?

Music Video: Have the tissues nearby when you watch this video. You will begin to feel hopelessly sentimental and reminiscent as you see the band look past at their pasts. The band members are seen hanging up a bunch of old photographs of them in an empty parking garage. We the viewers than travel inside their respective photographs, as One Direction takes a sad glance over their family members, who have now grown up or disappeared. The production team for this video impressively reconstructed scenes from photographs of the One Direction boys’ homes for this video. They even brought in family members from the old photos to take a part in the video. Overall, it’s a heartwarming video, and a nice little pleasure to watch.

“Blue (Da Ba Dee)”
By Eiffel 65

Lyrics: Having come out in 1999, many readers are probably unfamiliar with this song. It is old (in terms of music), but very catchy. It’s been used as the soundtrack for several movies, the latest being Iron Man 3. This might come as a surprise, as it is just a guy talking about how blue his life is, in literal and metaphorical terms. The moment you hear it, though, you are doomed, as the chorus of “I’m blue da ba dee da ba die” will be repeating over and over in your head for all of eternity.

Music Video: This video came out just when computer graphics were becoming “cool”. However, having been voted as one of the Top 10 Worst Music Videos of the 90s, you can tell that this video abuses such graphics. Badly. The idea of some blue aliens kidnapping a member of Eiffel 65, and then the other two members fighting off an army of extraterrestrials with their laser-shooting powers, is a fantastic one. Except you can never get over how badly animated the aliens, spaceships, and basically everything in the entire video is. Yes, this was made in the 90s, when special effects were far from how they are now, but come on! It is made very apparent how incompetent the animators who worked on this video were. However, it is definitely worth watching if you want to make fun of this visually nightmarish music video.
The Joke Page

By The Newspaper Club

10 Laugh Out Loud Teacher Jokes

1. What's the difference between a train and a teacher?

2. What did the calculator say to the other calculator?

3. What is a math teacher’s favorite sum?

4. Why did the teacher go to the beach?

5. What school subject is a witch good at?

6. What did the student say to the math worksheet?

7. Why is 2+2=5 like your left foot?

8. Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

9. Why did the teacher draw on the window?

10. Why did the student bring scissors to class?

Answers

1. To cut class
2. "Choo-choo"
3. Summer!
4. To test the water!
5. Spelling
6. I'm not a therapist, solve your own problems!
7. It's not right!
8. She had some bright ideas!
9. Because he wanted his lesson neat!
10. To cut class!