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The 7th Grade Trip to Boston

By Annsely Fischer

On May 11th, the seventh graders left the Middle School at 6 am and arrived at the New England Aquarium at 11:30 am. The first thing that you see when you walk into the

aquarium are the penguins. After we saw the penguins, we continued to walk around the aquarium, seeing sharks, stingrays and other aquatic animals. After we finished at the aquarium, we walked to Quincy Market, where we had a vast selection for our lunch. After the short lunch break, we met a tour guide who gave us a walking tour of Boston and its famous Freedom Trail, a walking path that leads you to many historical monuments. The first stop on the trail was to the oldest graveyard in Boston. After the first graveyard, we walked to a second graveyard, where historical figures, John Hancock, Ben Franklin's parents and the victims of the Boston Massacre are buried. We continued to walk around, seeing more famous landmarks of the city including the Old North Church and Paul Revere's house. After this walk, we made our way to the Hard Rock Café for our dinner. After dinner, we went to our hotel for check in and to call it a night.

On day two, we left the hotel for breakfast at 7:30am. After breakfast, we traveled to Bunker Hill, where students got a chance to climb the monument's tower for a stunning view of Boston. After the climb, we got to view the USS Constitution and board a nearby battleship. After the battleships, we took a short break for lunch before travelling to the Boston Museum of Science. At the museum, we viewed interesting science exhibits, including a mesmerizing lightening show. After these exhibits, we got to watch an IMAX movie, about dolphins. After the fun science museum, we went to banquet hall for a Co-Rec and dinner. After the co-rec, we went back to our hotel, for some relaxation then bed.

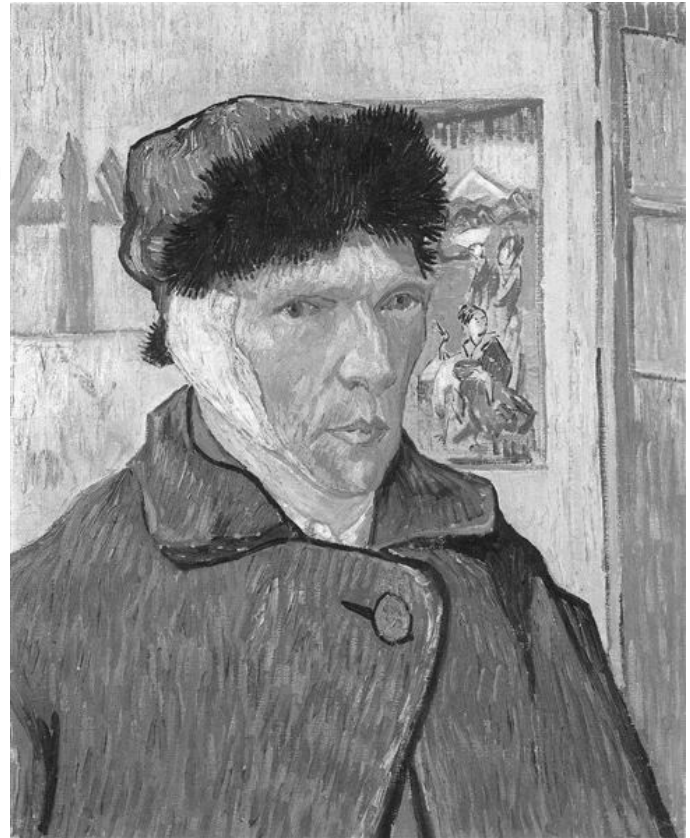
On the third and final day, we left for breakfast. After we ate breakfast, we spent two hours at Plymouth Plantation, where we got to learn and experience colonial and settler times. After we finished at Plymouth, we ate lunch and began our journey home. After our long bus ride, we reached home. We arrived home at 4:30pm on Friday, May 13.



Vincent Van Gogh-The artist that changed art for good.

By Emma Clements

You may recognize some of Vincent Van Gogh's famous artwork. But his history is something you should certainly learn about. Van Gogh was born on March 30, 1853 to Theodorus Van Gogh and Anna Carbentus Van Gogh. He had 3 sisters and 2 brothers, leaving no room for pets. He grew up as a quiet and non-artistic boy. His first painting was believed to be "The Sower" and this painting inspired him to paint many more. Many people know about his famous painting "The Starry Night" but they don't know about his less famous ones such as "The Potato Eaters" or "Wheatfield with Crows". In his later years, he was eventually married and had children. Vincent Van Gogh also has an interesting story with his ear. He apparently cut off his ear to impress his girlfriend. Lets just say it didn't end too well for him. Here is a self-portrait he painted afterwards. Notice, his ear is bandaged.

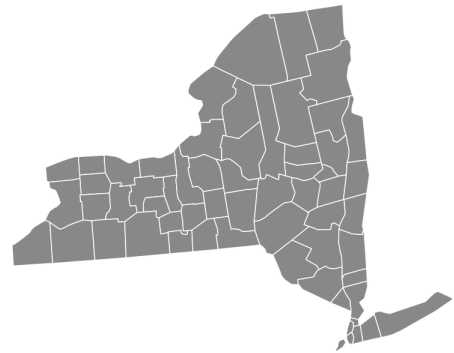


New York State Primaries and Hudson Valley Visits

April 19th was the New York State primary elections. Donald Trump won the Republican votes in the state, receiving 60% of the votes. His competitor John Kasich receiving 25% of the votes, and Ted Cruz receiving only 15 percent of the votes. Since then, both of those candidates have taken themselves out of the running.

In the Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton took 58 percent of the votes, while Bernie Sanders only took 42 percent of the votes.

Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders even made an appearance here in the Hudson Valley. Donald Trump held his rally at the Mid-Hudson Civic Centre, attracting thousands of potential voters, including some from New Paltz. Bernie Sanders held his rally at Marist College, in Poughkeepsie. This rally attracted nearly 5000 people, 1000 of which could not even get inside the center of the rally and had to stand outside. Among these 5000 attendees, students of New Paltz Middle School were there volunteering their time. The hopeful candidates will continue fighting for votes, right up until the presidential election on November 8, 2016.



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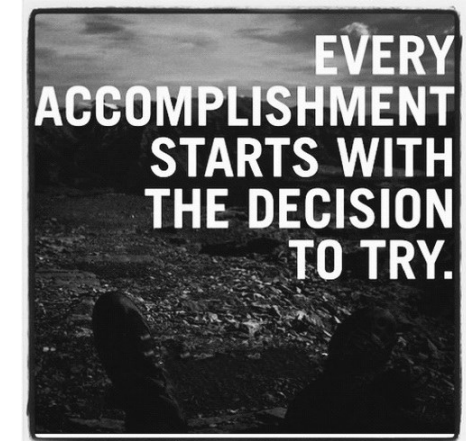


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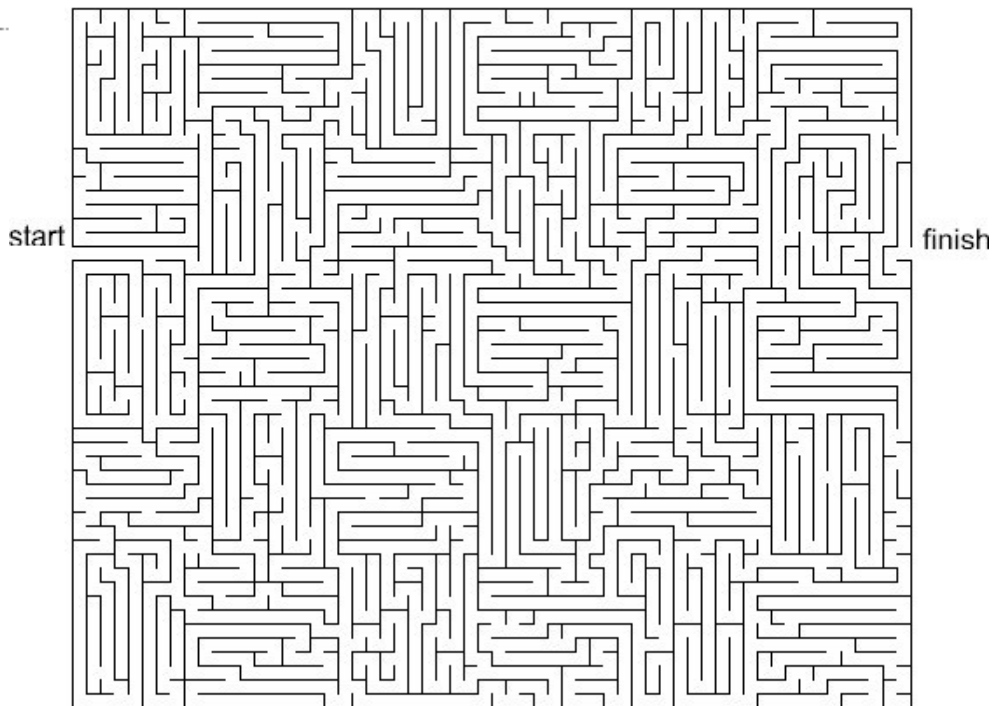
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**EVERY
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Interview with Doctor Wiesenthal

By Kaitlyn Weinerman

Me: Hi Doc! I have some questions to ask you. What is your daily routine as a principal?

Doctor Wiesenthal: I get to school at 6:30 am. I go over the schedule for the day. Then I make sure that the substitutes are all set. I visit classes in the morning. Sometimes I meet with parents or I plan events.

Me: Interesting. What problems do you face?

Doctor W: Kids come with different problems, some social, some academic.

Me: I see. At what age were you inspired to become a principal?

Doc W.: Well, both my parents were teachers. My dad was a superintendent, my sis was a teacher, and so was my grandmother. I guess I have always wanted to be a principal, ever since I was a kid.

Me: Wow! Where did you get all of the masks in your office?

D.W: Some students make them, or buy them from their travels. Some I have made or bought on vacations. Each one is special.

Me: Really? During a work day, what gets on your nerves.

D.W: Well, I've been a principal for 28 years, so not a lot gets on my nerves.

Me: What is your favorite thing to do outside of school?

Doctor : I like to barbeque, fly fish (using pretend flies to catch fish!!!) and I like to work with wood.

Me: Fun! What was schooling like when you were in middle school?

Doctor Wiesenthal: We never got to really know the teachers or the principal. What's nice about us is that we interact with the teachers through trips and daily life. The students know me and our teachers.

Me: I agree. Is there anything else you would like to tell the middle school?

Doctor Wiesenthal: We have a great and unique middle school. I'm very proud of the teachers and students!

A Fun Craft That's Sure to Keep You Occupied This Summer

By Eliza Behrke

What are your plans for this summer? Whether it's going to the pool, going to camp, or even just to your grandparent's house, you can still pick up some supplies to craft. Crafting is fun and simple. Also, when you're done, you can have something that you're proud to say you made yourself. Lucky for you, I have a fun summer craft to keep you occupied.

DIY Quote Art

What you'll need: scissors, paper, paint/colored pencil/ marker, newspaper, optional: letter stickers

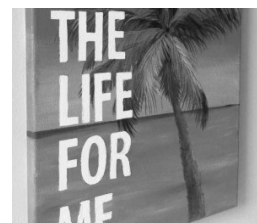
Spread out the newspaper so you don't make a mess.

Cut out the letters you will need to make your quote with the paper, or use letter stickers if you have them.

Spread a big sheet of paper on top of the newspaper. This will be the paper the final quote art is on.

Hold the letters in place, one by one and paint around each one. If you have letter stickers, this will be easier. When you take them off, there should look vaguely like this —>

This is a fun and creative craft that gives you a lot of freedom to design it your own way. It could also work for other messages, your initials, or even a design!



REVIEWS

***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon**

Review by Davion Mumper

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime was written by Mark Haddon and published May 3rd, 2003. It was an immediate international hit. The book is written through a unique first person view. The novel is written from the perspective of a 15 year old autistic child. His neighbor's dog was killed mysteriously and throughout the book he is on a desperate search to find out who did it. He faces another problem when he is given more information about his mother's death and about his father too. The information he gains sends him through some tough times but in the end he pulls through!

***The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of her own Making* by Catherynne M. Valentene.**

Review by Emma Clements

A book I recently finished, [The Girl who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of her own making](#) was an astonishingly good book. The protagonist of the story, September, was a very strong female character who showed bravery throughout most of the novel. The other characters such as Ell (a wyvern) are ones that any fantasy reader would fall in love with, while others will make you boo and hiss in the middle of your bedroom. People may think you're the crazy one, but they're actually crazy for not reading the book. There are many unexpected plot twists which will surprise, depress, and excite you. Once finished with this novel, you may move on to the sequel, which is apparently as good as the first according to the various websites I've visited. I highly recommend this book to any classic fantasy lovers because it has your classic good, evil, and loads of magic.

When Marnie Was There

By Kristie Benel



When Marnie was There is a movie that makes you cry your eyes out. It was written and directed by Hiromasa Yonebayashi, and produced by studio Ghibli.

It is about a girl named Anna that is living with a foster parent. Her foster parent sends Anna to a small village to an Aunt, claiming it's for her asthma problems. While Anna is there, she falls in love with an abandoned marsh house, and decides to draw it. One night, Anna is drawing, when she sees a light in one of the windows. Anna looks inside and sees a girl. The next night, Anna goes back and sees a boat in the water. The girl from the house is inside and introduces herself as Marnie. Anna and Marnie become friends and tell each other about their problems.

The next morning, Anna goes to the house and looks in, but there is no one there, and there is no sign that there was any one living there. Was Marnie a figure of her imagination or had she really been there?

This movie is fun for all ages, and it is a movie you will never forget.

REVIEWS

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Kiki Strike Series by Kirsten Miller

Book Review by Delia Nocito

I just finished reading: The *Kiki Strike* series by Kirsten Miller. This is a story about Princess A and Princess B. Princess B lives in fear of a terrible "curse", and Princess A is in fear of being murdered. Princess B would do anything to get the crown of Pokrovia. Princess A would do anything to stop her. This realistic fiction book series is one of the best I have ever read, besides Harry Potter, duh. The books are: *Inside the Shadow City*, *The Empresses Tomb*, and *Kiki Strike: The Darkness Dwellers*. I strongly suggest reading this book, and taking notes from this strong female characters.

Fort McMurray Wild Fire By: Anonymous

On May 1st, of 2016 in Alberta Canada a tragic beast of a wildfire began. It spread about 544,000 miles according to the *The Guardian*. There was approximately 88,000 people evacuated from their homes due to the harm the fire could bring. The fire flattened parts of the nearby city, leaving behind a trail of debris in its tracks. On May 10th the fire was 0% contained and had already spread 400,000 miles which is half the size of Rhode island, stated "CNN News". The officials worked very hard to contain the fire and to prevent spreading. People were eager to leave their safety positions and head home to see what was left of their homes. The question in mind was "do I still have a home?". Some of these people would go home to everything that they left, others would go home to nothing, and restart everything they had built. According to Wikipedia, as of May 21st the fire is still spreading across the northern parts of Alberta Canada and into the tree filled forest area called Saskatchewan, which is also interfering Athabasca oil sands operations. It was a natural disaster that could happen anywhere with the right conditions. 9 out of 10 fires are started by humans. So to keep yourself and your community safe, remember to; put out your camp fires properly, watch where you put your cigarettes so they don't ignite, and be careful where your car exhaust goes, that way it does not heat up vegetation and burn.

My Thoughts on the Presidential Election

By Reed Freer

Those of you who have been following the 2016 Presidential race know it's been quite interesting. Lots of drop outs, claims, and accusations have been made. Representing the Republican side is the businessman Donald Trump. On the Democratic side are Hillary Clinton and the self-proclaimed Democratic Socialist Bernie Sanders. Now it seems in New Paltz a majority of people are Bernie Sanders supporters. However, Hillary Clinton is winning with more delegates. If Bernie doesn't win the nomination he can run as a third party candidate. Here are my opinions about some of the issues:

Gun Control: I disagree with stricter gun control because criminals do not listen to laws. Banning guns will only take them away from law abiding citizens. Also the Second Amendment protects the right to own guns, and if you take away one right from the Bill of Rights the whole thing will come tumbling down one by one.

Raising Minimum Wage: I have no problem raising minimum wage in theory, but in real life it will make people lose jobs. Say, for example, you raise minimum wage from \$10 dollars to \$15 dollars, the company would downsize by a 1/3 so they would make the same amount of profit.

Same sex marriage: I have no problem with this. The government should not tell you who to marry.

Free education and health care: The problem with this is that they are not actually free. It would cost 15,725,000,000,000 (15.725 trillion) dollars. Cutting the military completely and taxing the wealthy would still not cover it, meaning that every person would be paying much higher taxes,. Thus, people keep less of their money - negatively affecting the middle class in general.

Project Puffin

By Kristie Benel



Have you ever heard of Puffins? Not the cereal kind but the bird! They are 13 inches long and their wingspan is 21 inches. They are black and white with orange feet, and during mating season, their bills are also a bright orange. After mating season is over, they shed the orange layer and reveal the dull, gray bill underneath.

There aren't too many Puffins these days, but there were even less during the 1900's, as people made hats out of their feathers. The hats became so

popular that everyone was wearing Puffin hats. And, the more hats, the more Puffins were being killed. In Maine, there were only two small Puffin colonies left.

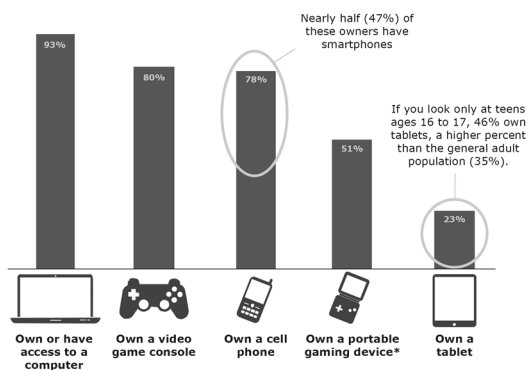
Luckily, in 1973, Project Puffin stepped in. Even though in Maine, there were almost no more Puffins, there were a lot in Europe. Project Puffin took 160,000 10-day-old puffin chicks from Europe and brought them to Maine and put them on an island called Eastern Egg Rock. They raised the chicks until the Puffins were ready to go out to sea, but those puffins never went back to Eastern Egg Rock to mate.

So, Project Puffin tried again. They brought 954 pairs to Eastern Egg Rock. But this time, when the Puffins went out to sea, the members of Project Puffin, put up wooden statues of Puffins, to try to get the real Puffins to come back, and it worked! The Puffins came back and mated. In 1981, four pairs nested in the rocks. They also put a ban on Puffin hats. Now, there are 150 pairs of Puffins in Maine, but Project Puffin isn't stopping there. They want to make sure that Maine will be the Puffins home forever.

Pros and Cons of Technology

By Safina Amjad

Media Device Ownership among 12 to 17 Year-Olds



*Does not include cell phones. For example, a PlayStation Portable owner would count, while a teen who owns only an iPhone with apps would not.

In today's world technology is an important part of our lives and has a huge impact on the way we communicate, live, and work. People are still debating if technology plays a positive or negative role in our lives. Education is an area where technology is having a major impact. Students can find almost any academic material or answer to a research question just by using online resources. It's easy and simple to use. Despite the obvious education benefits, using technology in education also has its disadvantages. For example, social media in the classroom easily distracts students. Therefore learning and focus on classroom content is disrupted. "Many educators are worried that students

will not learn the social skills that face-to-face communication would teach because they are relying to heavily on social media."

8th Grade Trip: Washington DC

By An Anonymous 8th grader

On April 27, 28 and 29, the 8th grade students took their annual trip to Washington DC. The students left New Paltz at 6:00 in the morning, and arrived in DC at 12:00pm. When the students arrived to Washington, they gathered in front of the Capital Building for a picture of the entire grade. After the photo opportunity, the students boarded their buses for a guided driving tour of the city. After a brief tour of the city, students arrived at Arlington National Cemetery. At the cemetery, the students witnessed the Changing of the Guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Eternal Flame at John F. Kennedy's and his family's burial site. After about two hours at the cemetery, the students got back onto the bus, and viewed more landmarks and other cool or important sites. On this drive, they stopped at the US Marine Corps War Memorial, which depicts the famous scene of the Marines raising the flag at Mount Suribachi, during the Battle of Iwo Jima. The students made a quick stop for dinner, but soon left for the Lincoln Memorial. At this Memorial, the students viewed the Emancipation Proclamation written on the walls and had a look at the Washington Monument and the Reflecting Pool. The students then walked to the Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial, where the service members who served in these wars were honoured. After these memorials, the students then ate dinner and returned to their hotel. The hotel, Arlington Courts Suites, were once condominiums and were converted to a hotel. The students were given large rooms, some of which were even two-bedrooms large with a sitting area and two separate bathrooms.

The following morning the students awoke early, at around 6:00am and went downstairs for breakfast. The following day, we drove around the city, viewing more of the historical buildings and stopping at a few more memorials. The majority of the day was spent at the Smithsonian museums. Most groups stopped at the Air and Space Museum, and viewed the famous airplanes and other aviation memorabilia. After the Air and Space Museum, some of the students made their way to the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Here the students got to observe work done by Andy Warhol, Van Gogh, Monet and other famous works. After a few hours at the Art Museum and other Smithsonian Museums, the school made their way to the Newseum, a rather new museum that focuses on the major news stories from across the centuries, and students had a chance to see history from a different perspective. Also at this "Newseum," students could view pieces from the Berlin Wall. After the Newseum, the students ate dinner at one of Washington's malls. After dinner, the students had the treat of having a pool party at a local rec centre. After checking in for the night, the students woke up early the next morning, and headed to the Smithsonian National Zoo. The students spent several hours at the zoo, before embarking home on their long, journey home. The students returned home on April 29, at 6:00pm.



Twin Star Orchards

By Anna Adams

Twin Star Orchards is complete with a farm stand, pick your own apples, and a pavilion where they make brick oven pizza. They also make hard and sweet cider in season. They have apple cider donuts, homemade pies and multiple types of cheeses. As well as fruits and veggies in season.

This orchard has been in New Paltz for more than 50 years, but only selling the apples in the grocery store. Peter Yi and Mikel Martiararena have definitely changed that. They decided to open an apple orchard because back in the Basque country they had multiple cideries. They changed most of the variety of apples to make the hard cider. But some of them stayed the same. They already have a plan for five years in advance. They want the orchard to be 120% bigger with more heirloom and antique apple trees. They hope this will bring high quality customers. The owners did say there were a few hardships along the way. They came in May 2015, which was not in season. They had to do everything by the fall. Things including construction, farming, brewing, and much more. But despite the hardships the weather was good and the customers and neighbors gave excellent feedback on the apples. When you go to pick your own apples you might notice some different varieties of apples including bedan desparts, northern spy, Herefordshire red streak, golden russet and cox orange pippin.



RECIPE

Rice Krispie Treats are a classic sweet treat. If you've never made them, see below for the directions!

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 package (10 oz., about 40) JET-PUFFED Marshmallows
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- 4 cups Miniature Marshmallows
- 6 cups Rice Krispies cereal
- Canned frosting
- Assorted candies

Directions

1. In large saucepan melt butter over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat.
2. Add KELLOGG'S RICE KRISPIES cereal. Stir until well coated.
3. Using buttered spatula or wax paper evenly press mixture into 15 x 10 x 1-inch pan coated with cooking spray. Cool slightly. Using cookie cutters coated with cooking spray cut into flower shapes. Decorate with frosting and/or candies. Best if served the same day.



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FDA is Now Using Tobacco Regulation on E-Cigarettes

By Samantha Landrum



E-Cigarettes have in the past been viewed as a “safe” and regulation free alternative to regular cigarettes. But, because of recent research concerning the e-cigarette as well as hookah, pipe tobacco, premium cigars, and little cigars; the FDA has ruled that because these products are potentially as hazardous as a normal cigarette, action needs to be taken.

Over the past year, there has been a large amount of accidents as well as research on these devices. The regulation is currently protecting anyone under the age of 18 from buying the product. When used properly, the many chemicals such as Diethylene glycol, nicotine, or carcinogens, which are highly dangerous toxins in large quantities, can kill you. Despite this warning, infants and younger children are getting their hands on the product and consuming it by the bottle. The product packaging isn’t helping either. The “flavors” of the refill bottles are advertised as candy or sweet desserts (such as Gummy Bear, Cookies and Crème and Cotton Candy) and are very appealing to the little ones when their parents aren’t around. Every three hours a child under five is admitted into an emergency room with traces of liquid nicotine in their bodies, which is the main ingredient in the e-cigarette. This can cause trouble with the respiratory system, the circulatory system, the nervous system, and the brain. This leads to seizures, comas, breathing failure or even death.

This ban also keeps the bystanders, or people around the smokers, safe. There have been many recorded incidents where the e-cigarette in use has exploded simultaneously and injured people using the product. The lithium battery inside of the product is highly sensitive, and can malfunction at any moment if “provoked”. One man (according to CNN) had a hole ripped into his tongue. After having the product in question in his pocket next to some pennies all day, he went to “vape” and the device exploded. There was also another incident (also on CNN) where a student was severely injured because of a fellow student’s e-cigarette explosion. After the explosion occurred, the student was struck in the neck by the hot battery. This Alabama student is among many others who have also been attacked by the hot battery after an explosion before the regulation. Even if you’re not the one smoking, this product can still injure you, and the people around you.

Overall, this product is extremely dangerous to both people smoking it, and people who are around them. From infants to people who are qualified to smoke, this product is just as effecting to your life as normal cigarettes are. The chemicals inside of the product are the same type of chemical found in motor oil, and salt for melting ice, this makes it as bad as cigarettes which require an I.D. This regulation saying that minors fewer than eighteen are not allowed to buy this product is defiantly a life saving choice on the FDA’s part. Now infants and children are in no danger of drinking liquid nicotine (by the fault of their irresponsible parents or siblings), and civilians who might be around people who smoke, will not get hurt. Most of all, minors cannot cause harm to their health by blindly smoking this unsafe liquid “vape”. This new law is a win-win situation for everyone, smokers, and those who are affected by smokers.

Pemphigus Vulgaris

By Alexis Pabon

This was not written to be gross or sad. This was only written to teach you something new.

There are many types of autoimmune diseases out there. An autoimmune disease is a disease in which the body produces antibodies that attack its own tissues, leading to the deterioration and in some cases to the destruction of such tissue. Today I'm here to give you more information about an autoimmune disease Pemphigus Vulgaris.

Pemphigus is an autoimmune disorder that involves blistering and sores (erosions) of the skin and mucus membrane. I chose this topic because my aunt has Pemphigus. She started with colon cancer about 2 years ago. A few weeks later she started have odd symptoms. The pemphigus started with red patches under her eyes. It was at this point she returned to the doctor. This is when she got the news. She had Pemphigus. She had no idea what was going on. No one in my family had ever heard of this. After some research we found out Pemphigus is rare but mostly found in older or middle aged people.

My aunt can only shower every once in a while and she can only shower in saline. She has to shower in saline because the water runs down her body and spreads the diseases all over her body. This is how it spread from her face to her body. With this diseases you have to take a lot of pills and you have blisters. The blisters are not how they sound. They are not as noticeable but they cannot be touched very hard. It feels like a burn. The diseases also causes small slits in her hands and fingers. From these slits she bleeds. Pemphigus is very painful so she and others cannot do what they used to be able to do. She can no longer do things we take for granted. Pemphigus Vulgaris is really not curable but my family and I will never stop looking and hoping for an answer.

Bus Driver Fell Asleep At Wheel

By Frank Pecoraro

Some said their Greyhound bus driver had red eyes when she was taking tickets in New York. One man said he saw the driver doze off behind the wheel. Another driver on the same road saw the bus swerving and remembers thinking, "They are going to kill somebody."

At 1:33 a.m. on October 9, 2013, a Greyhound bus headed to Cleveland from New York slammed into the back of a tractor-trailer on I-80 in Pennsylvania. The force of the crash tossed one passenger from the bus onto the road and forced the back wheels of the bus to lift off the ground.

One woman died and over 10 more were hurt. The victims said that the driver had fallen asleep behind the wheel, and a CNN investigation reveals Greyhound has not been enforcing one of its own rules meant to keep passengers safe. 37% of all bus crashes happened from Greyhound drivers falling asleep behind the wheel because they do not force the rule to stop and stretch for every 150 miles driven because it will cost them money. They were 178 miles into the trip when they crashed.

One terrible thing happened at the crash to an 18 year old performer that only dreamed about becoming a professional Opera singer and to perform on stage. That all changed after this accident because she crushed two bones and broke her neck. The doctors said her voice will never sound the same. She said "she was at the point where she was so sad she couldn't even cry."

How Bernie Sanders is Rising to Power

By Aidan Grinevics



With Bernie having only 46 percent of the delegates and Hillary Clinton having 54, he is trying his best to rise to power and do his best to win the 2016 election. Bernie Sanders acknowledged in the interview that he has a "very, very uphill fight" in his quest to overtake Clinton, given that he has a very slim chance of winning the election. Bernie Sanders will win more pledged delegates than Hillary Clinton in the second half of the

Democratic nominating season. In fact, he'll almost certainly win more pledged delegates than Clinton in the final three and a half months of the primary season. And virtually without question, he'll win more states than Clinton in these final three and a half months — it's just a matter of how many more. He'll also close out the primary season, it appears, beating Donald Trump by as much or (more often) substantially more than Clinton in nearly every national and battle-ground state poll taken. Yet everything that's happening now in the Clinton-Sanders race was predicted, long ago, by either Sanders himself or the hard data of this election season. Moreover, none of what's happening is a surprise to the politicians on the Clinton side, either; that's one reason they're working overtime to control the Bernie comeback.

Bernie Sanders is trailing by about 300 pledged delegates when there are still about 1,200 outstanding pledged delegates left. Is it impossible to close that lead? No. Is it improbable? Yes. So, how would he do it? If he is going to win he would need to first make sure that Hillary Clinton doesn't get a majority of delegates without using super delegates. That seems very, very doable. Let me explain.

She now has 1,645 pledged delegates. You need 2,383 delegates to clinch. So, if she doesn't use super delegates, then she needs 738 of 1,206 remaining delegates up for grabs. She is very unlikely to win that many delegates in the upcoming states, which largely favor Bernie Sanders. That means the first thing Sanders supporters have to do is make sure he wins those states and picks up as many delegates as he possibly can to block her winning the outright majority with just pledged delegates. At this point, you have to be wondering, "Yes, but what about the super delegates?! They're almost all on her side." Yes, of course, that's why Sanders' chances of winning are not very high. But the whole point of those super delegates is to make sure that the Democratic Party does not have a deeply flawed or hobbled candidate going into the general election. Their job is not to overrule the will of the voters because they don't happen to agree—that's why a lot of them switched from Hillary Clinton to Barack Obama in 2008 when he won a majority of the pledged delegates. Bernie will keep trying to kick Hillary out and win the election for himself.

Pageants Aren't Bad!

By Lexcia Eisenhardt

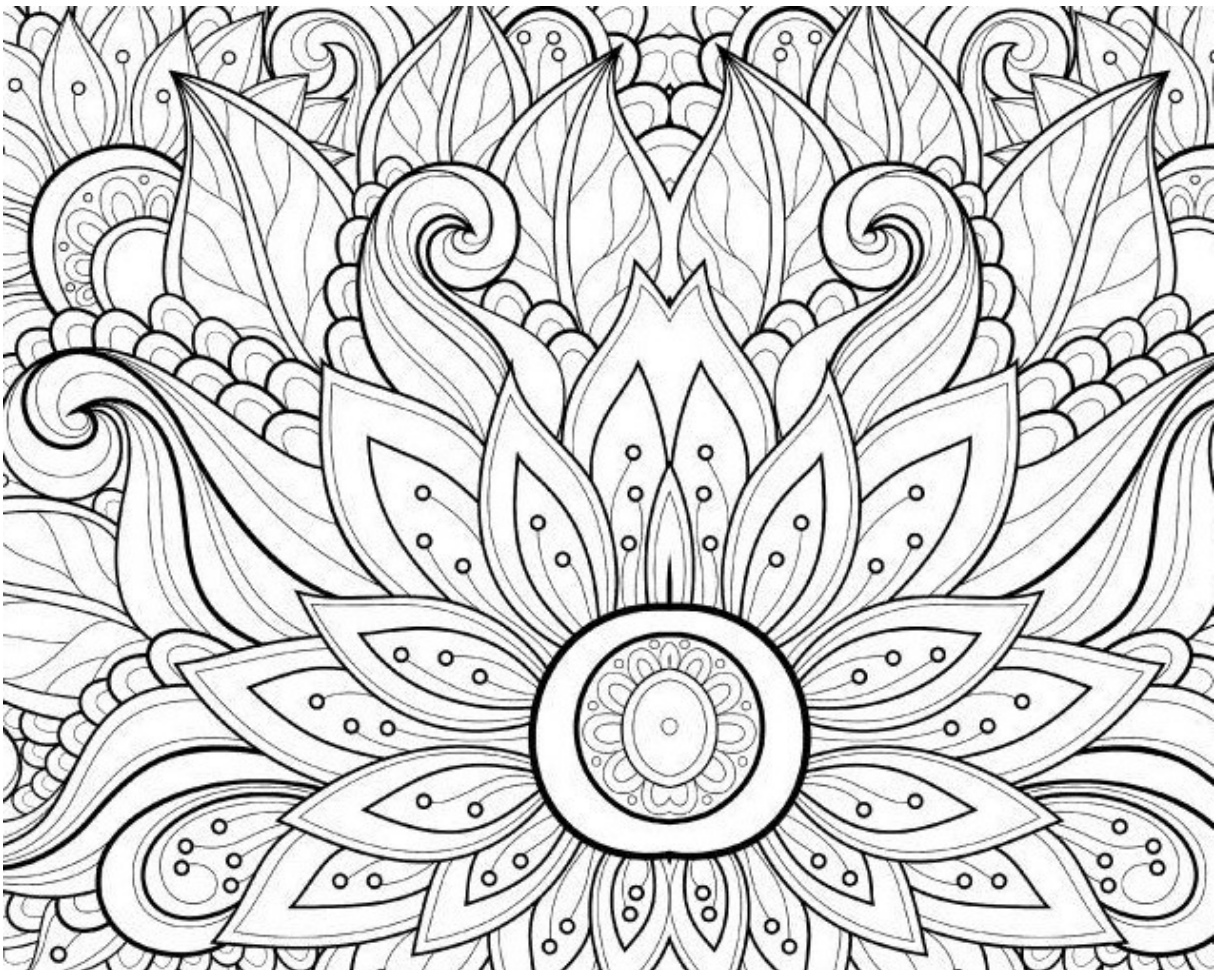
Hello, my name is Lexcia Eisenhardt. I'm an average student who goes to school here at the New Paltz Middle School. However, there is one thing that I do that makes me different from everyone else. That thing is pageants. I read the last issue of *The Mirror* and saw that there was an article about how beauty pageants are bad and they should end. Reading this personally hurt me, knowing that pageants are something that I love to do.

There are many different kinds of pageants. For example, scholarship pageants like Miss America. Glitz pageants get a bad reputation for having lots of makeup, but really it's just like a dance competition. In fact, some dancers or cheerleaders wear a lot more makeup at their competitions. Natural pageants, which are my favorite kind of pageant, don't allow any makeup at all.

Pageants allow kids to express their talents as well. At the end of the pageant they have a category called "Talent." I have participated in this and have won each time I sang at the pageants. In fact, one of my friends, Damian Otchere, is a singer and even got the chance to be on the show "Disney's NBT" (Next Big Thing), and came in second place. The old show on Disney with Zendaya and Bella Thorne "Shake It Up" had a dance competition and two people who I knew and did pageants won the competition and got to star on the show!

Pageants are a lot of fun! I have been doing pageants since I was 4, and all the friends I made at pageants, I'm still really good friends with now. At pageants they even throw parties! *Toddlers and Tiaras* don't seem to show these things does it?

Color Me!



Good luck 8th graders!

The Mirror staff would like to congratulate all of the 8th graders for finishing Middle School! We wish you the best. Here is a collection of advice for the High School from many of your Middle School teachers!

Just Do It! - Coach Phelps

Dear 8th graders-Remember to always be yourself! You are pretty terrific :) - Love, Ms Ibrahim

Miss Van Etten: Try out for any sports teams or clubs that you are interested in. They can provide you with a way to get to know a group of people who can become a great support network for you.

Miss Hughes: Take electives when you can! It's an opportunity to explore some of your interests!

Mrs. Denman: Never be afraid to try something new! Keeping an open mind to new possibilities can lead to the most rewarding experiences.

Coach O'Sullivan - Keep on top of your academics so that you can participate in sports & clubs.

CONRAD: DON'T STRESS OVER THE THINGS YOU CAN NOT CHANGE, LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES AND USE THEM TO BETTER YOURSELF...

Mr. Constable- Find your passions and pursue them relentlessly.

Ms. Deans: Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind, always.

Ms. Potenza: Take Computer Science. They make really cool games & its based in logic/math!

Ms. Rosen: Diversify who you're friends with. People change, including you!

Mr. Burns: Hopefully it has not all just felt like *preparation*. Hopefully you've enjoyed much of the journey, yet I can't help hoping we've *prepared* you, to not just attain a *grade*, but gain knowledge along the way.

Ms. Lis-Simmons: Make a point to speak to your teachers early in the year with a question or comment, so they learn who you are beyond a class list!

Ms. Holmes: Get involved! Try a club that you have never done before.

Ms. Gallo: Science labs are fun. Ask for help, if you are stuck!

Señora Delfini: Take a second language and think about traveling abroad for a summer!

Ms. Batista: Join as many clubs and activities as you can! High school memories are once in a lifetime.)

If you had
One shot
Or one opportunity
To seize everything you ever wanted
In one moment
Would you capture it
Or just let it slip?
- Eminem and Mr. Pizzarello