A Colossal Celebration of the Arts

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Mr. Sprites, RHMS Art Teacher, tends to some details at the Arts Rotation Celebration.

On Thursday, March 14, 2013, at 4:30, Rocky Hill Middle School launched its first Arts Rotation Celebration. People were entering the building in excitement and to see amazing sights and wonders. And amazing sights and wonders they saw. There were students assisting those entering, students taking photos, students making food samples, students demonstrating technology they created, and students treating the guests to wonderful music. “So many talented students! I attended the Arts Rotation Celebration and was amazed to see all [the] projects our students have been creating. Pillows, granola bars, strudel pastries, sculptures, computer animation, self-portraits, solar powered cars, hieroglyphic symbols, and more—all while listening to the girls of the concert orchestra...” said Mrs. Benson, 7th grade English teacher at the celebration. The students were clearly the ones who had put in the effort to give us a taste of what the students do in the arts rotation classes. But, one begins to wonder how and why Mr. Sprites, Mr. Perrone, Mrs. Caviness, and others organized such a massive celebration? Mr. Sprites said, “Mrs. Kukla and Mrs. Ward wanted to showcase what the kids were doing in the arts rotation classes.” That is a big motivation to organize such a celebration for the purposes of enjoyment. The celebration also serves as a sneak peek at what the Arts Rotation students at Rocky Hill have been doing for the past 7 months in their classes. “It was so nice to see the students in another light,” said Mrs. Benson. The FACS students in eighth grade made amazing scrumptious food. The seventh graders made scrumptious glazed donuts in their culinary class, while the sixth graders made scrumptious cookies. Mrs. Caviness and Mr. Perrone put heaps of effort into the Arts Rotation Celebration. “I’m excited to see the results and creativity. But I really want things to go well,” says Mr. Perrone, before the celebration. “The Arts Rotation Celebration showcases the expertise and commitment of student’s work ethic and risk taking ability,” he expressed. The celebration was a great success and I can guess that they’ll do it again. “I think there was a lot of work and effort put forth. I know the parents, teachers, and the students put a lot of time and work into it. They’ve been working at a high school level and I’m proud of them.” Mr. Lee stated.

So did the students feel the same way that the teachers felt at the celebration? Well, this is what some students have to say about it. “There [have] been lots of people; we’ve made loads of nachos,” said 7th grader Pranav Banerjee, who was at the celebration. “Finally, the arts [rotation] people can show off their hard work...” said 7th grader Ritvik Jain. Both of them had work that was displayed at the celebration. 6th grader Dileepa Manage said, “I feel important and recognized.” Namely, that was one of the most important things that the teachers emphasized during the celebration: that the students feel that they are recognized by the guests who were coming in. “It feels nice to be here and all...” said 7th grader Iyin Folari. Moreover, the students felt important and knew that they were there to show us their potential. And they showed us their absolute best when other guests came to watch them. The parents who arrived with their children for the aesthetic evening were also wonderfully amazed at what the kids had to offer to them. “It was great. They did a fantastic job. We have a lot of artistic kids here at Rocky Hill,” said parent Pat Weixel. Another parent reported, “I think it’s really nice to see kids’ artwork other than my own.” Art is said to be more effective when it comes from the heart. Parents really noticed that and saw the art as a message. Another parent, Sherily Neidecker, said this: “It was beautiful. It was nice to see so many creative pieces.” The art that was combined to carry out the celebration was a piece of art itself; a collage of what both the students and the teachers have worked on for the past 7 months was a work of art itself.

Many of the SSL workers got a benefit out of the celebration too. They were able to see everything and know about it and they also were able to meet new people. “I’ve been working on the sign-up sheet which will go up in one of the school hallways. The parents were stunned by the ethics of the students. Not only their child, but everyone else’s too,” says sixth grade SSL worker, Saniya Tiwari. “I was doing the sign-in sheet, but by the looks of the parents they look like they are going to see amazing things. They came in with big smiles,” Alexis Lopez stated. “I think they were astonished to see how hard their child has worked,” said sixth grade SSL worker, Jade Porter. The SSL volunteers were amiring. They knew the answer to every question and this celebration was massively lifted to great heights because of them.

The Arts Rotation Celebration was a success, appealing to the parents and wowing the teachers, and some students even learned a little something about themselves. Mr. Sprites, Mr. Perrone, Mrs. Caviness and Mr. Callaway put a lot of work into the celebration and tried to make it the best. Along with the success, many students hope to see what goes up on display next year.

Students share their culinary talents with guests and fellow students.

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From what I’ve told you so far, you must be thinking that the celebration was entirely student-focused, right? Wrong. The teachers also shared what they do regarding the arts. Mr. Perrone proudly displayed his collection of handmade pottery which he had made last year, dipped in glaze. Mrs. Benson showed off her collection of handwoven quilts, while Mrs. Williams had her white-water rafting picture displayed. The Gazette said this about the celebration: “A variety of student artwork will be displayed, including sketches, digital art, sculpture, robotics, woodworking, and electric airplanes.” The celebration will also feature food demonstrations, a musical ensemble, and a faculty [staff] art expo. It was definitely close to what The Gazette had to say, but it also provided a joyful experience for all who went.

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The Gun Debate

Neil Agrawal
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On December 14, 2012, a gunman, Adam Lanza, went into Sandy Hook Elementary school and shot 20 young innocent children. The attack seems to have revived the public crackdown on people who illegally have guns. Before, this issue was merely regarded with a shrug of the shoulders and a, “who cares,” but now, these attacks have made us wonder about the world we have come to live in. A world where guns are part of everyday lives, and every day, people are being shot and killed because of these mean killing machines. Shirley Chambers, was an average middle class mother in Chicago who lost all her children due to gun violence. “People of America are guaranteed the right to bear arms, after all The Second Amendment gives us the right to do so,” says Neil Agrawal, 7th grader. “Having the right to protect ourselves and our families is an aspect of our culture. But we cannot allow it to BECOME our culture.” Can we really do anything about gun control?

The Second Amendment to our Constitution states, “A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” Some believe that Americans have the right to own guns and to use them for gaming and protecting their families. Others believe that guns should be kept by the military because they are trained to use them to protect our country. “Guns should be kept by both in the military because they are trained to use them to protect our country,” says Nina Agrawal. But you also have to keep in mind that when The Constitution was written, nobody thought that our country would one day have mass killing machines such as the M16. The US News and World Report cited the 2008 Supreme Court case, District of Columbia v. Heller, where the court ruled in favor of The Constitution stating that “The Constitution protects an individual’s right to own a gun for personal use.” Two years later, in 2010, the Supreme Court ruling made it clear that the right to bear arms, according to the Second Amendment, applies to the state and local levels. Interestingly, the ban lifted the old Chicago gun ban. It is important to note that Chicago had 500 homicides in 2012. As we know, the National Rifle Association (NRA) continues to lobby for gun rights citing the Second Amendment. “The real challenge is going to be getting law-abiding citizens access to it,” says NRA Vice President Wayne LaPierre, following the Supreme Court Ruling. As much as you think that banning assault weapons or at least having some kind common sense laws to reduce gun violence is reasonable, gun control debates are not that simple in Congress. Debates are still going on about events that happened last year! As a matter of fact, on February 25, 2013, Congress was close to agreeing on a deal that banned all military assault rifles for possession of the ordinary citizen. As much of a no-brainer as this debate seems, some members still do not agree. According to an interview with Fox 5, Oklahoma Senator Tom Coburn said, “If they want to eliminate the benefits of actually trying to prevent the sales to people who are mentally ill and to criminals, all they have to do is to create a record-keeping. That will kill this bill.”

One part that is definitely slowing things down in the debate process is one thing that is inevitable. Republicans and Democrats do not seem to agree with each other. Most Republicans strongly believe that guns should be owned by “law abiding citizens.” However, Democrats think that guns should be regulated by the military, and only certain people can own them. Supposedly, if the Second Amendment grants us the opportunity to own arms, does this mean we can put tanks in our backyard? The reality is that people who own guns for protection or for hunting have in some cases become victims. The Sandy Hook shooter did not own the gun that he used to take the lives of 20 innocent children. He took the guns that his mother had. There have been occasions where children got found guns in their homes and accidentally used them. It is time for Americans to face the reality that guns have and will continue to take innocent lives if we don’t enact stronger gun control laws. At least fewer people would own guns and hopefully there would be fewer tragedies from gun violence.
Reach a point far from where we once were, but perhaps we are not the “superior race” our mentality suggests we are. After all, our brains used to be as simple and our bodies as primitive as those of our furry friends.

While our intellectual abilities have grown considerably over the course of millions of years, so many of our animal instincts have ebbed away, pushed up shore as the waves of human dignity mercilessly pounded against them. Instincts telling us to place family first, alerting us of danger and helping us steer clear of it, infusing us with loyalty, creating a keen organism and natural order—without these instincts, what are we?

Arguably the best example of natural instinct lies with our very own man’s best friend. A dog’s priorities are second to none—protecting family from dangers, being loyal to those they love and those who need them most. Even after millennia of domestication and humans softening their wild edge, canines have not strayed from their foundation of love and loyalty. It will forever be the same, no matter who they are and how they live, a perennial compass. Humans tend to act on impulse and put their loved ones at risk. Perhaps our species has lost its compass. After all, our instincts have waned to the point where we cannot properly recognize moral from immoral, important from worthless. We steal, we kill, we cheat and there is no indication that our emptyheadedness and inconsideration for others will end any time soon. Animal instincts are instincts that we cannot live peacefully without...do we still have our own?

Amongst humans, it seems that two aspects of life dominate our minds… the tantalizing material world with its luxurious items and crisp green currency, and the emotional world with its sometimes questionable actions to ensure self preservation and happiness. Humans can be a most selfish species, constantly seeking ways to satisfy ourselves...sometimes we may even jeopardize others, tangled by a web of wants that makes us blind to the consequences of our actions. Our desperation for useless things has become a part of human culture, a girder of everyday life for us.

Animals, however, are not concerned with these things...many of them simply love to love and to be loved, coveting their families and nature. Their ideas of what is enjoyable, of what they need and want, is gloriously basic; food, shelter, a bit of fun. It is so simple, so ideal, that we tend to dismiss it as unattainable—being content with just the “bear necessities.” The difference is that they know what is important and what is merely a fascinating thingy to chew on.

If ever there was a time when we needed “brotherhood of man” it is now, but it appears unattainable through the fog of dishonesty and violence that looms over us. There is an undeniable and unconquerable sense of togetherness in the animal community that mankind needs. Being hated or hating something can dominate one’s train of thought completely, but “hated” and “persecution” does not exist amongst animals. They do not hesitate to come to the aid of brethren in need...quarrels and disagreements dissolve and, in the end, they will always be there for their own. Can humans say the same? We are the most distrustful and skeptical species the world has to offer, and the concentration of senseless hatred we hold for each other can be staggering. Whether it is race, religion, background or belief that separates us, we allow those boundaries to grow more and more impossible to cross, leaving the world scarred and divided. Despite everything, animals know that they are one with nature and together until the end. As for humans, our behavior towards each other can be what causes the end to draw near.

When challenged, humans tend to resort to the phrase “It’s complicated.” But animals’ simplemindedness and their ease through life have proven that it doesn’t always have to be complicated...we create challenging lives by overthinking everything.

We need animals in our lives. They show us how simple and fulfilling life can be, that boundless loyalty and love is possible and joyful, that genuine happiness is easier to come by than we believe. And guess what? There is nothing else to it.
PART ONE

“Lalalala,” sang 10 year old Lucy Thomas as she walked home. “Lucy! Hey Luce!” Anna-Louise Stewart ran towards the girl. “Hey there’s a whole family of lady-bugs on my deck!”

Really?!” Lucy produced a small tube of lip gloss in a chic gold.

“Hey girls, how was school?” Anna-Louise’s mom asked them.

“Oh, Mother. You’re not setting up for a séance, are you?” Anna-Louise’s mom was one of the best mediums in all of the Outer Banks.

“Yes, the lady coming over has been having nightmares about her late husband visiting her with a warning. She wants me to contact him and figure out the warning.”

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“Hey look, Anna! I got a small tube of lip gloss in a chic gold. “Hey there’s a whole family of lady-bugs on my lip gloss! It’s—you know—it’s!”

“Great, now could you girls go inside and get my crystal ball please? Thanks. Whatever you do don’t let Frank out!”

Lucy set her lip gloss on the railing where the rest of the ladybugs were and went to help Mrs. Smith.

“Here you go Mom,” Anna-Louise and Lucy walked carefully to the table and set the ball down. Unfortunately, Frank got out.

“Okay Frank! I just gave him a bath!”

Lucy and Anna-Louise took off, chasing the fawn-colored pug all the way to the water then scooping the soggy puppy out and back to the deck. “Well, if I have known that Frank was going to take his own bath, then I would have skipped the one I gave him.”

Mrs. Smith laughed lightly and grabbed a towel drying on the deck. Anna-Louise looked into the pug’s big eyes and started laughing.

“Oh you silly pug.” She cut, doubling over with laughter. Her laugh was contagious. Soon everyone was laughing.

“Whooa, look at my lip gloss.” Everyone turned and looked at the lip gloss, now covered in lady-bugs and sparkling.

“What on?”

“El-some.” Someone cleared their throat. Quickly, Lucy grabbed the lip gloss, scattering the ladybugs everywhere.

“You must be Mrs. John-son.” Mrs. Smith dusted her skirt, and approached the woman.

“Welcome. You requested an outside séance.”

“Yes, but I did not request animals or children.” Mrs. Johnson looked at Lucy and Anna-Louise with an upturned nose.

Spring Story

Rahul Shah
Special Features Editor

"Bzzzz bzzzz bzzzz buzzzzz" went the alarm clock. Bob woke up groggily and checked his alarm clock. “Why did it wake me up at 5:30?” he said. “Oh, well, one more hour,” he said as he set it to snooze and went back to sleep. About an hour later he woke up again. This time, however he noticed that the time had changed.

“WHAT?!” he yelled as he got out of bed. He rushed down the stairs and grabbed a cold pizza and ran to the bus stop. As soon as he got out of the house he was attacked by a barge of bees.

“I HATE SPRING!” he exclaimed. Little did he know that his hate for spring was about to change. School went pretty normal, except for the fact that everybody was jumpy and hyper with Spring Fever. Sally walked over to Bob and said, “Hey Bob, are you going to the spring party?” and of course our Spring hating Bob said, “BAH HUM-BUG!” and he stormed out of the classroom. Later that night while Bob was getting ready for bed he heard a strange noise. “Woo000000000OOohhh!” went a mysterious voice. “What’s that? Who’s there?” Bob asked in fear when all of a sudden a large potted plant plopped beside Bob’s bed.

“AHIIII!” screamed Bob. The potted plant called to Bob in a ghostly voice, or at least as ghostly a voice as a potted plant can make, and said “I am the Flower of Sprintiniuing! Woo0000000000000!” Bob looked con-

fused and scared. “Your hate for spring has brought the wrath of the spring spirits! You will be visited by 3 ghosts, and you will learn your les-

son!” the plant yelled. In a whirl of petals and smoke the plant disappeared.

“Man, I need to lay off the Nutella.” Bob said. Later that night a bellowing howl perpetrated through-out the house. “Who’s there?” said Bob shakily. All of a sudden a giant seed came out of his bathroom.

“WHAT ARE YOU AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY HOUSE!” yelled Bob. “Chill, dude,” said the seed, “I’m the spirit of spring’s past and I am here to show you the error of your ways!”

The seed encased Bob inside of him and crashed through the win-

dow. The seed took Bob to his old house, which was now covered with flowers. “Here was where you first started hating spring. You didn’t like all of the flowers because they would make you sneeze, the seed said. “Oh, yeah. I hate this place. Take me home now, I’m tired.” Bob said yawning. The seed revealed a win-
dow into the past and looked through it. It showed little Bob trying to smell a flower when he sneezed. Pollen flew into his eyes and Frank got out. It showed little Bob trying to smell a flower when he sneezed. Pollen flew into his eyes and Bob fell off a wall. “AAAH! LET ME GO!” Bob yelled. “No,” the seed said, “I am the spirit of Spring’s present, the bee buzzed. “Oh, I want a present! What is it?” Bob said cheerfully.

“I’m going to ignore that. I am here to show you that Spring is not that bad.” The seed said. The bee flew over to a flower and started rolling around in the pollen. “A-a-a CHO! Ugh. How is this supposed to help me?” Bob said sneezing. “I don’t know about you, but I’m feel-
ing fine, the bee said. Then the bee flew over to his giant hive. By the time they came out Bob had been spit on by a bee, shoved into a little hexagonal cell, and almost turned into honey. The bee dropped Bob off back at his house. “That was terrible! That did nothing to help me with Spring!” Bob yelled. “I don’t know, I’m a bee.” Said the bee as he buzzed out the window. And then through the night there were no more noises and no last ghost. And Bob hated spring for ever. THE END. Just kidding. No, really though, this is it. Stop reading. Stop, stop NOW!"
**Amber House**
by Kelly Moore, Tucker Reed, Larkin Reed

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Staff Writer

Sarah Parsons has never seen the Amber House, the grand Maryland Estate that has been in her family for generations after generations. She has never wandered its hedge maze, nor searched for the famed diamonds, supposed to be hidden in the house’s mysterious walls.

Until the day her grandmother dies.

Sarah teams up with her friend Jackson to find the diamonds and discovers that she has been left a haunting gift. Sarah can see into the past simply by touching an object. Along the way, Sarah befriends the young and rich Richard Hathaway, whose family history is more involved with Sarah's than Sarah knows. But soon the vision into the past becomes more harmful than good, and Sarah soon finds herself fighting for the ones she loves.

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**Between the Shades of Grey**
by Ruta Sepetys

Julie Luong
Grade Student

What would you do if you were taken from your home and sent away to work in place where daylight is replaced with artifical light of day or perish along the walls.

Well, for fifteen year old Lina, her chances of art school, love life and summer days in her home of Lithuania are taken away when Soviet police arrest her entire family and are put aboard a crowded cattle car to be sent away to prison camps all across Russia’s arctic terrain. Soon Lina and her little brother Jonas discover the people are just regular people like them, but what they did wrong to offend the Soviets?

Along the ride in the cattle car, Lina finds out the hard way of surviving the journey as she witness the death of a young newborn baby who has been suffering from starvation, and its grieving mother as she gets shot for losing control of herself. But, her chances are lifted when she meet Andrius, another captive of the cart helps her and her family survive on their deadly journey. Lina along with the other passengers are at their first destination: the prison camp of Omsok, Siberia.

Want to know what happens to Lina as she journeys through the rural prison camps across Europe, will she live to see the light of day or perish along the way? Then, read *Between the Shades of Grey* by Ruta Sepetys.

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**Number the Stars**
by Lois Lowry

Alexandra Gramatges

Imagine yourself as a Jewish child when Hitler was around and soldiers were looking for you and your family. Would you rather run and hide or sacrifice your life? In *Number the Stars*, Ellen was separated from her parents because they had to hide when the soldiers starting killing Jews from Denmark. Ellen went with her friend, Anne-Marie, but she didn’t know where her parents were and this concerned her. Where were her parents? Were they okay? Would she ever see them again? A month later, in the middle of the night, there was a knock at the door. The soldiers walked in and asked about Ellen’s family. When the soldiers asked the girls their names, Ellen said she was Lise, Anne-Marie’s older sister, who had died while trying to fight for the rights of the Denmark Jews. The soldiers are suspicious and so Ellen and Anne-Marie’s family go to a relative’s house to hide. Peter, who was part of the resistance, led Jewish families to safety. Was Ellen ever reunited with her family? Was Peter able to lead Ellen’s family to safety? Read the book, *Number the Stars*, to find out.

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**Dashing Through the Snow**
by Carole Higgins Clark

Vanessa Rivera
Grade Student

Imagine finding out that your friends won the lottery and then your financial advisor used your lottery numbers and won it too. Well in *Dashing Through the Snow* by Carole Higgins Clark this happens. In the beginning of the story it was the holidays in Branscombe and the co-workers Glenda, Tommy, Ralph, Marion, and Duncan were working like crazy at the market helping customers with their holiday shopping. Then after closing, Duncan went to his boss to ask for a raise but the only person there was the boss’s mean wife. All the workers called her the skunk. He asked the skunk for the raise and the skunk said no. So Duncan went to his house and found some old friends. They wanted to help him with his money problem. In the middle of the book his friends go to a bar and look at the lottery on TV and then buy a ticket using numbers Duncan chooses and found out that the winning ticket was theirs. After that they did what any other person who won the lottery would do. Call family/friends and then party! Find out what happens next in *Dashing Through the Snow*.

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Rahul Shah
Special Features Editor
Mr. Leck checks the target at a competition in future tournaments as the PTA, local and national archery organizations and our staff, we will be represented RHMS in the First Annual, the Willpower Tournament held in Mary-land, and thanks to support of our archery tournament held in Montgomery County.

Our top shooter for the day was followed closely behind, by just ONE point, by Pauline Deniecey. Our seventh and eighth graders also had good showings. Rocky Hill is a first year school competing against schools with more experience, and we held our own in doing so. The future looks bright for the Wildcat Archers."

RHMS Archery Hits the Mark

Twenty-two students represented RHMS in the First Annual, Maryland State Archery Tournam-ent. The students competed against other middle schools and earned a third place finish. All of our students shot well and were excellent representatives of RHMS and Mont-gomery County.

This was the first, state-level archery tournament held in Mary-land, and thanks to support of our PTA, local and national archery or-ganizations and our staff, we will be competing in future tournaments as well.

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TWR: What is your favorite color?
Mrs. Paul: My favorite color is blue.

TWR: What is your favorite part about the job?
Mrs. Paul: My students as they get older, they come back and visit me and thank me for what they learned.
TWR: If you could create a combination of two animals, which ones would you pick?
Mrs. Paul: I like small ani-mals…I probably would take a kitten and a piglet.
TWR: What is your favorite movie?
Mrs. Paul: I love music of all kinds. My favor-ite movie is Shawshank Redemp-tion.

Mr. Sweeney, World History Teacher

Indya Roberts
Staff Writer

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Sports

Most Memorable Wins and Losses

Kristine Antanesian
Sports Editor

Sports have been a part of this world for a very long time. There have been many wins and many losses in football, soccer, basketball, and other sports. When we look back at the old Super Bowls and the Old World Cups we probably remember the teams that were heading to these amazing sports events, and heading out as losers.

Super Bowl XXXVII (2004) was one of the best Super Bowls that we’ve seen. It was the Patriots and the Panthers going head to head, an insane 37 points were scored in the fourth quarter and the game ended in the 41 yard field goal, by Adam Vinatieri, and an overall win for the Patriots. In 2009 the Steelers and the Cardinals had a close race, but the Steelers came out on top with a 27 to 23 win. The 2010 Super Bowl was an emotional one, where the Saints beat the Colts 31-17. Four years earlier hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, LA. The win was a tremendous lift to spirit its all over Louisiana and all over the world.

Now the NBA is a whole other story. It’s said that one of the greatest NBA finals was in 1984, the Lakers and the Celtics. This game was a really long time ago but this game was said to have “shaped” the NBA, fueling the Bird-Magic and Boston-L.A. rivalries. The 1984 finals were particularly interesting having a “heat game” where the air conditioning at Boston Garden was broken so the teams were forced to play in 97 degrees! Boston went on to win that game and the seventh game, which gave them the championship 3-4. One of the most watched NBA games were the 1998 championship games, with the Utah Jazz and the Chicago Bulls. This series had one of the most memorable shots in NBA history. It included Michael Jordan dribbling to the right, pushing Bryon Russell away with his off arm, and hitting a series-clinching jumper while basically waving goodbye. It was something to see! This game was not only full of thrillers, but it can be proven to be the best Bulls game ever. In Game 3 the Bulls won 96-54, the biggest rout in Finals history.

Sports are something that people all over the world watch and play, but what’s a sport when there’s no winning? Those finals championships are what really make a sport, a sport! Whether your favorite team wins or loses it’s worth the while, just to sit around the TV and watch some on and off the court action.

Game Changer

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Being a part of a team is one of those things that can’t be explained. You have to get out there and experience it. Having said that, being the “star” player is just an added bonus. Many people watch the game as a whole, or so they think. Usually when you watch a game, your eye is naturally attracted to the player who brings it the most and just plays his heart out. This person is usually also the main scorer.

In the NFL, as I have written about many a time, the Redskins star QB Robert Griffin III was an extraordinary help to the Redskins. Most people would agree with that. Seventh grade Tim Lehr says, “Without RGIII, the Redskins definitely wouldn’t have made the play-offs.” When asked her opinion, Dr. Wirth said, “Although I do believe it was a combined effort from RGIII and several other teammates, I believe he brought a new excitement, leadership, and inspiration to the team that they haven’t had in a while.” Another member of the RHMS staff disagreed with the notion that RGIII dramatically changed the team’s performance.

“ABSOLUTELY NOT!”

Every professional person that has served as a reliable source on the Redskins has said the same thing; without Robert Griffin III, the Redskins, along with their fans, would have expected the team’s “usual” performance.

RGIII is one of those diamonds in the rough; when you find one, it just doesn’t seem to stop shining.

Speaking of star players, Washington’s basketball team, the Washington Wizards, have definitely improved ever since John Wall returned to the lineup. It is said that if the Wizards had started their season on January 7th they’d be the talking point of the NBA. Even though Wall was injured and did not play for the first thirty-three games of the season, he has made an amazing comeback. An anonymous source reveals that, “Wall is a good ball handler, passer, and shooter, but he needs to focus on staying healthy.” That seems pretty reasonable to me. I mean if he is able to play all the time and plays well, the Wizards would definitely be a better team as a whole.

Look at the facts! Wall has averaged a remarkable 14.1 points and 6.7 assists in 25 minutes of action. The Wizards are an entirely different team with the return of John Wall. His abilities on offense, along with his impressive passing instincts, make him one of the most dangerous slashing guards in the league.

The Wizards have gone from 30th to 11th in the points per game category just in the last 10 games. Wall has definitely shown the NBA and basketball fans that an injury is hardly an obstacle to overcome. He’s an inspiration and a role model to many people out there.

When we talk about a “game change,” we really mean a jump start that gets a team back on their feet and back in the race, in basketball, football, soccer, and any other sport or team effort. People like John Wall and Robert Griffin III are everywhere around us, we just have to open our eyes and watch them. That’s when we really understand what a difference they make in the lives of their teammates and the lives of everyone who looks up to them as leaders or role models in and out of games.

The Wizards continue to plow through an touch season, winning just about thirty percent of their games this season.

The Wizards beat the Cowboys on December 30th 2012 less than a month after the Thanksgiving win.

Photo from Amanda Kondolojy’s article on ZAP

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Detention

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Young Tillie Jan was an angel at heart; pure and polite, right from the start.

Doctors said she was born and sunlight rained in and she smiled a smile that was destined to win. But everyone knows that you’re only cool if you get in trouble each day during school.

So Tillie Jan desperately tried to do bad, but this poor girl’s performance was simply sad.

Tillie gulped as she realized what she had to do; she had to consult the Detention Guru.

Josie Van Hult was the plague of the school; with the charm and splendor of a spitting gourd. She tripped nine teachers, and 22 teachers’ pets, she’d wreak havoc in every class she was in, you could bet.

So Tillie Jan wrapped her fear up and pushed it away and entered Josie’s private room (a room bitter as tooth decay).

Josie Van Hult spun around in her chair: “I heard that you want to be one WILD hair.”

Tillie Jan nodded, and recoiled at the boom “I feel bad for you,” she scoffed, “I pity you, RUNT.”

Tillie Jan cried and stomped her foot.

“As was that you? Quiet. Detention,” droned Mr. Soot.

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Tillie Jan lit up and skipped away ready to burst with excitement for the end of the day.

When the bell tolled 3 and Jan ran to Soot’s he said, “Siddown. Read. Over there I have books.”

So Tillie Jan sat, exasperated, and read and learned that detention was something to dread.

So next time you try to be slick, or be cool, know detention is boring, not rewarding, you fool.

Why MCPS Has a Great Reputation

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Montgomery County Public Schools is regarded as one of the best school districts in the country. Wikipedia reports that students get the highest scores in the country on AP exams. A newspaper, Education Week said that it had the highest rate of graduation. NIST reported that the average SAT score was 1563, higher than the national average of 1500! Crazy, right? So why does Montgomery County have such a great reputation?

This may sound cliché but we all want to live in a country where our children will have a bright future. Montgomery County is filled with high-quality schools and teachers.

The staff development says “We understand that it’s all about continuing and improving and working to be a good teacher.” So basically, most of the teachers have higher degrees. MCPS also has a giant focus on preparing kids for college and a job. Remember those 7 keys to College Readiness posters we got in elementary school? Finally, we’ve tried to lower class sizes and we’ve done a good job. The average student to teacher ratio is 11:1! As crazy as this sounds, MCPS might have some weak spots if you looked a little deeper. “I wish they had more magnet programs…” and I wish the curriculum and type of teaching in magnet programs was taught in regular schools so that everyone gets the same education,” says a Rocky Hill parent. A special education teacher noted that the county didn’t have enough resources for special needs students because of budget cuts.

So overall, we’re probably one of the best counties in the state. If we just worked on our weaknesses, we could be the best in America, maybe the best in the world!
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We all have dreams. How could we not. But have you ever thought of what your dreams mean? Why you are being chased by a 10 foot high tall dragon or are falling down Niagara Falls? Many different dreams have many different meanings depending on you and what is going on in your life. Let’s find out what happens after you fall asleep.

Sleep actually has a process that involves many stages. First there is the legging of sleep in which you are still relatively awake. The brain begins to slow down and relax. Stage 1 is the beginning of the sleep cycle. In stage one you are in a light sleep. It is considered to be transitional between awake and asleep. This stage usually lasts about 5-10 minutes. Stage 2 lasts about 20 minutes. In stage 2 your body temperature starts to decrease and your heart rate slows down. Stage 3 progresses the brain from a light sleep to a deep sleep. Stage 4 is a deep sleep that lasts for around 30 minutes. Stage 5 or (REM) rapid eye movement sleep is when you dream. Your muscles start to relax and the brain or other body systems become more active which is the reason for dreams.

Some common dreams are being chased of flying or falling. Many dream of failing at tests and losing competitions. Some dream of being swept down a river or being under a tsunami. Other times they could be your crush. Either way dreams can have impact on your life especially if they are nightmares. When, in a dream, you are in a talent show it may mean that you are becoming more aware of yourself and your talents. If you dream of failing at tests and losing competitions. Some dream of failing at tests and losing competitions. Some dream of failing at tests and losing competitions. Some dream of failing at tests and losing competitions. Some dream of failing at tests and losing competitions. Some dream of failing at tests and losing competitions. Some dream of failing at tests and losing competitions.

Many strange dreams can mean simple things. According to dreammoods.com a hairdryer means you need to clear your thoughts and get a new perspective on things. When you see a ham it means that you need to preserve your energy. A sled signifies childhood. When you drink a smoothie it means your life is on a smooth path ahead. To see a quarter means you are not feeling whole. One really strange one is dreaming that you are at a water park. It simply means that you are at an emotional high point and are at peace.

I asked a few people about their dreams and what they thought it meant. “I once had a dream that there were two cobras. One was completely black and one was completely yellow.” said Kristine “The two snakes were fighting and then the yellow one bit me and the black one tried to save me. I think that the two snakes were two of my friends and the yellow snake is a friend that I’m not friends with anymore.” Actually to see or to have been bitten by a snake in a dream represents hidden fears and worries that are threatening you. “One of the parties I went to last year was at a mansion (according to my dream). In the party mansion, there was a giant slide room, and everyone was sliding down the giant slide inside the room.” said Abigail Syvosky. To be in a bad party actually means that you are unsure of your social skills.

As you can see dreams can mean many things. But lots of times dreams don’t stay with us. This is mostly due to chemicals that are in the brain at the unconscious part of your brain give you’re a message. It simply means that something in either your mental or physical life needs to be changed.

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Wanted me to go down the GI-ANT slide, but I was too scared. Then the evil magician got mad at me and turned into Abraham Lincoln, and cut off my head with a knife (the kind for eating), and my head landed on a purple satin pillow. I think it means that I may be in danger while in a humongous place, said Abigail Syvosky. To be in a bad party actually means that you are unsure of your social skills.

Fun Facts

- Squirrels are able to purr like a cat.
- UPS drivers aren’t allowed to have beards.
- Babies always are born with blue eyes.
- A group of jellyfish is called a smack.
- Lying makes the tip of your nose warmer.
- In Japan they have square watermelons.
- A hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a 4ft tall child inside.
- A giraffe can clean its ear with its 21 inch long tongue.
- If you lick someone on their elbow, while they are not paying attention they will not feel it.
- Anatidaephobia is a fear that somewhere in the world you think a duck is watching you.
- Spongebob has been working at the Krusty Krab for 31 years
- One chocolate chip, can give a person enough energy to walk 150 feet.

Would You Choose

- Toast Strudels VS. Pop Tarts
- Coke VS. Pespi
- Fruty Pepples VS Fruit Loops
- Burger King VS McDonalds
- Pretty Little Liars VS. The Lying Game
- Baby Lips VS. EOS
- Toms VS Bobs
- Hunger Games VS Twilight
- Dogs VS Cats
- Pegasus VS Unicorn
- Cookie Monster VS. Elmo
- Kindle VS Nook
- iPad VS iPad Mini
“How is this one going to crash and burn?”

It seems as though more and more can ask this question when a new superhero pops up. When a new media king or queen rises, we can only expect for them to fall, right? There are so many examples of Lance Armstrong, Tiger Woods and now, Oscar Pistorius.

A 26-year-old South African paralympic runner, Oscar Pistorius cleared the way for future paralympic athletes and adopted an astronomic status when he competed in the 2012 London Olympics. Commonly referred to as “The Blade Runner,” he was showered with unabashed admiration from millions. He seemed unstoppable until February 14th, 2013, when he was arrested for the murder of his 29-year-old model girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp. The Pistorius/Steenkamp case has unfolded as a case of premeditated murder and Pistorius’ agent has continually expressed that her client rebuffs the murder allegation “in the strongest terms,” insisting that he thought Steenkamp to be an intruder. Pistorius’ bail has been posted, but many questions have risen as the public continues to speculate what is to become of him after his trial.

Why is it that when a career is at its peak, it must collapse? Why must there be an inevitable “rise and fall” of people as great as Pistorius? This seems to have become a recurring pattern in the world of public figures, a poison spreading rampantly and reaching successful public figures from all extents of fame’s spectrum.

The Pistorius/Steenkamp case has provoked mixed reactions from the public. Many firmly believe that Pistorius should be found guilty despite his status. After all, with the growing amount of opportunities to excel provided to people in modern times, the law certainly should not be one of them. There are many examples of celebrities who have been granted an easy exit from conflicts they’ve created. Paris Hilton, accused time and time again of drug and alcohol abuse as well as illegal driving, has gotten away with it each time with a mere “Bad, Paris!” for her misbehavior before her crimes are paid off. Why do celebrities tend to walk… do they have immunity just because they are special? Many see the Pistorius case as yet another act of violence against women, a crime that shouldn’t go unnoticed and unfulfilled. Though World Studies teacher Mr. Grimes has sympathy for Pistorius being judged before his trial, he admits, “[If the murder was] a premeditated crime than I have no sympathy for him.”

Others, however, believe that Pistorius’ positive presence prior to this ordeal was far too great to dismiss. Cynthia Falardeau, mother of a ten-year-old amputee, was inspired by Pistorius and recently wrote for CNN, “Too often in life, we put people on pedestals. We set them up to fail. The reality is that, despite their seemingly superhuman performances, they are just people with their own sets of challenges.” Falardeau represents many who sympathize with Pistorius. He made a positive impact on people’s lives, showing that hard work enables countless opportunities; now he is being pounded by the media for something he may not be guilty of. It may also be a bit unfair that a single mistake has ruined his reputation, something he has taken his entire life to build. Is it possible that we are, in fact, putting too much pressure on our public figures to be perfect? “Society puts public figures on pedestals so high, there is nowhere… to go but down,” Ms. Tippett explains. “Many crash hard.” Mr. Marvel believes that celebrities are fueled by an “unrealistic drive for perfection.” When a public figure is emulated by millions, each decision they make weighs in on their career, a tentative foot on shifty ground. Perhaps this is why the slightest mishap on the star’s part creates what seems to be such a drastic fall. There are others who think that these “pedestals” are not what weaken or endanger careers… it is the feelings of entitlement and invincibility created by the fame. “It seems that when some people reach a certain level of success, they begin to feel invincible,” says Ms. Tippett. “No one is immune. No one is bigger than anyone else [or] the law. Some people don’t learn that the easy way.” Consider Tiger Woods and Lance Armstrong… these are men who created enormously successful careers and fanbases for themselves, adored by millions (and earning twice that) with every endorsement they gained. They were both among the most powerful men in their fields, with bountiful awards, unapproachable stats and beautiful families. Yet Woods’ career collapsed in 2009, when it was uncovered that he had had over a dozen extramarital affairs. “I thought I could get away with whatever I wanted to,” Woods apologized in early 2010. “I felt I was entitled.” Armstrong was stripped of all his titles in 2012 after he was found guilty of performance-enhancing drug use throughout his career. Earlier this year he admitted to “doping” thus proving that years of adamantly denying these allegations were years if lies. Despite their apologies, these men will probably never restore the previous splendor of their careers. “Often times it’s not the crime, but the cover-up that really angers people,” states Mr. Grimes. Is Reeva Steenkamp dead because her boyfriend thought that nothing could ruin him? Is a woman’s family devastated due to one man’s ignorance? “Regardless of whether or not the shooting was intentional,” English teacher Ms. Mahoney points out, “Pistorius has blood on his hands… that is something he is going to have to live with.”

At this point anything seems possible. As we await the trial of Oscar Pistorius, we are left to ponder how such an inspiring hero could become a killer within a moment’s time, and we mourn the loss of a beloved young woman. Will we ever see a day when public figures remain respectable and reliable role models… or must self-serving behavior and blatant lies always lead to their ruination?
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You may have seen new, avant-garde technology around your house or with other people. You may have seen their (your) cellphones, laptops, TVs, and so on and so forth. Well, imagine that you have a random time warp and you end up in the 1980’s and 90’s. If you looked around, you definitely would not see smartphones or laptops or flat-screen TVs. Luckily for the modern world, their “ancient” (as described by someone) technology has evolved and met the needs of a growing society.

Almost all of you own or have seen a computer in your surroundings recently. But in the days of old, you have no chance of seeing a computer of anything of the sort during the time period. However, you would see people clacking away on typewriters to write letters and official documents. If you were stuck between these two devices to type something, you would probably choose the computer due to the fact that it was much more efficient, and you did not have to start over if you made a mistake. “But it does have some drawbacks, most notable its noise. Typewriters can be extremely noisy as a person pecks away on the keyboard. While the newer models of typewriters are not as loud as their older counterparts, they do still make a lot more noise than a computer,” says Faizah Imani, an avant-garde technology around your world.

It’s not just typewriters and computers that are debatable over which to use. There also the world of video games that has changed over the years. You might have or know someone who has a Wii, DS, PS3, Xbox, etc. But, in the olden days, there were no WIs, DSs, etc. You had gaming devices such as the Nintendo Entertainment System and SEGA Genesis, which consisted of a huge box (console) and a controller. But, these systems have evolved over the years, and have eventually branched out to the WIs and DSs you see today.

“Three years from now, we might see this as just such a movement. We don’t need to worry. Technology is somewhat of a landslide, but that’s not a battle between old and new technology,” says Jennifer Global, the New Jersey company, which has seen a decrease of 4,600 on its phone bill by switching off traditional phone line. Some people on the front lines of communications concerns could prevent many companies from turning entirely away from landlines. “Security is another factor for people to consider before letting go of their landlines. It’s much easier for hackers to gain access to conversations on a cell phone or through VoIP than it is on a traditional phone line. Some people on the front lines of communications technology think that security concerns could prevent many companies from turning entirely away from landlines.”

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**The Danger of Social Media**

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As you flip through an old yearbook, you come across a picture of a smiling boy, now suffering from depression. You pause and wonder how could someone go from happy to sad in just a few years? You wonder, could I have influenced his depression? No, just maybe if I hadn’t posted those mean comments he would still be happy.

About 4.7% of adolescents suffer from depression, mostly influenced by social media. Although this number seems small, depression is actually pretty common in middle and high school and is probably happening in your school right now.

Kids are always on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and typically will do anything from posting a mean comment to posting an even meaner video just to impress their peers and/or bring someone down. The only thing kids know is that they’re hurting someone. What they don’t know is that they’re permanently hurting someone. Or they don’t know that they’re hurting someone. At this age, kids don’t think before they act. And although you may regret hurting someone, once you post something on the internet, there is no way to remove it.

Depression is a serious thing and once you hurt someone, it’s hard to fix the break. Kids need to learn to be more respectful, and understand the dangers of social media. Social media can be fun, yet dangerous. If not handled properly, social media abuse can lead to depression, and in some cases, death. ABC Family helped make the dan check email, get on Facebook, and so much more. On a landline: not so much. Simply for the purpose of calling and maybe to get people’s names (if they call you), but that’s about it. Phones are the source of entertainment and “coolness”, whereas you wouldn’t be cool if you went to a friends with a landline stuck to your ear. “People who have made the switch cite several benefits. Wireless communication saves money on local and long-distance phone charges, frees people up from their desks and prevents having to lay new cables. Laymen Global, the New Jersey company, saved $6,400 on its phone bill by forgiving landlines,” says Jennifer Horton, tech expert. The payphone has become obsolete in the US, only found in remote areas such as the desert or old towns that refuse to change what they have used for so many years. But the landline has some advantages. For example, using a cell phone or VoIP (Voice over Internet protocol) can become a monetary drain, taking thousands of dollars out of your pocket each year. Tech experts say this about losing your landline: “Security is another factor for people to consider before letting go of their landlines. It’s much easier for hackers to gain access to conversations on a cell phone or through VoIP than it is on a traditional phone line. Some people on the front lines of communications technology think that security concerns could prevent many companies from turning entirely away from landlines.”

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For All Vegetable Haters

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"Eat your vegetables!" The call from mothers mouths resounds across the country. The fact that is drilled inside our heads from the moment we’re born is: vegetables are extremely healthy and ALLI must be eaten!!! The connotation of vegetables is a universally known opinion that everyone knows and is familiar with. Kids know that they are expected eat their gooey peas, bringing disgust and hatred toward the semi- innocent vegetables. The truth is, vegetables can be a bit overrated. The adults of the world must recall when they hear this; it’s that unknown. The vegetables that they show on advertisements, “full of nutrients and essential for life,” can be a lot less healthy and nutritious than you would think.

Now, I’m not saying that vegetables aren’t healthy at all-vegetarians have proved this. but the huge imprint on every person’s mind is that vegetables are essential for a healthy lifestyle.

This might be true and might not depending on where you’re living, your views on life, and some other factors. Vilhjalmur Stefansson was a Canadian Arctic explorer and ethnologist. He and his associate “ate nothing but meat for two years as an experiment under the supervision of a New York City hospital. They experienced no nutritional deficiencies. Stefansson said that his health had never been better. He considered organ meat and regular walking essential. He also valued fat over protein. Vegetables are nutritious, but this study raises the question— are they truly essential?

Corn, although not a vegetable, is a grain that many people mentally group with vegetables.

Although considered a great source of vitamins B1 (thiamin) and B5 (pantothenic acid), folate, vitamin C, phosphorous and manganese, just one medium ear of corn can pack as much as 15 grams of sugar!” says Mark’s Daily Apple. Because corn is a grain and can be high in calories, it should be taken as lightly as any other grain.

There are also other foods whose names make them seem a little more nutritional than they are, like carrot cakes, salads dressing, fried vegetables, and a number of others. Salad vegetables are now basically drenched in a sea of dressing, making it salty, full in calories, and basically unhealthy. Fried vegetables are very small in nutrition. Iceberg lettuce itself has very little nutrition, too. All those greasy French fries should catch your attention when you go to restaurants or even the school cafeteria! Not much nutritional value there!!

Now that you’ve heard about the carnivore’s side of it… the overrating of healthy vegetables may make sense to you. However, mothers will always be shoving veggies down kids’ throats, and truthfully, that is the right thing to do. Vegetables are healthy as long as they are prepared the right way so they offer the most benefit. However, the fallacies of “all vegetables” must be brought to the table so that they offer the most benefit. However, the fallacies of “all vegetables” must be brought to the table. Students are told to eat vegetables… but why?

The cast of Cinderella on stage

Break A Leg

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