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Top 5: Basketball

By: Jose Salichs and Noah Tsapovski

- 1.) Micheal Jordan- Believed to be the best basketball player ever. Micheal has won six championship rings with the Chicago Bulls in his 15 season career, as well as being named MVP 5 times. Known for his great playmaking and amazing dunks, Micheal Jordan is definitely one of the best to play basketball.
- 2.) Kobe Bryant- Known for his amazing strength and mindset on the court, Kobe really was a great player. He had good handles, shooting, and speed, but is most known for his mindset, The Mamba Mentality. Playing with the Lakers for his entire 20 year career and winning 5 championships as well as 2 finals MVP's, Kobe is definitely one of the greatest of all time.
- 3.) LeBron James- LeBron is a great player who has been in the NBA for 18 years and counting. In those years, he has won 4 championships, and 4 finals MVPs and has made 2,154 dunks, and 2,199 3-point shots. He is an amazing all-round player, and in the top 3 of all time.
- 4.) Kareem Abdul Jabbar- Known for his infamous sky hook, Kareem is believed to be the best center ever. At his crazy height of 7'2", he was almost unstoppable on the court. With his impressive 20 year career, he has won 6 championships, record holding 6 regular season MVP awards, and 2 finals MVP awards, Kareem Abdul Jabbar is one of the greatest of all time.
- 5.) Magic Johnson- Often recognised as the best point guard ever, Magic is the tallest point guard ever at 6'9" feet tall. Selected 1st in the NBA draft, Magic has won 5 championships, 6 total MVP awards, and is

the all time leader in assists with an average of 11 assists a game making him one of the greatest ever.



MS 936 Wall of Fame

6th Grade

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| 600: Nora Handelman | 604: Kevin Wei |
| 601: Mia Molina | 605: Nathaniel Hernandez |
| 602: Jeremy Galdamez | 606: Katherine Lemus |
| 603: Anthony Amigon-Lopez | |

7th Grade

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| 700: Fiona Kaplan | 703: Abril Ruiz |
| 701: Julia Malafy | 704: Geraldine Sosa |
| 702: Angelina Zheng | 705: Jocelina Santostoledano |

8th Grade

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 800: Katherine Fridlin | 803: Jose Valerio |
| 801: Fatima Tirmazi | 804: Lucas Zhang |
| 802: Jayden Khoo | 805: Jacob Arellano |

Quotes of The Month

- “Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet” – Steven Hawking
- “The best way to destroy your enemies is to make them your friends” – Abraham Lincoln
- “Everybody is a genius, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid” – Albert Einstein



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Why K-Pop is Enjoyable

By: Vivienne Chen and Cindy Chen

Have you ever listened to K-pop? K-pop has a variety of songs, from rap songs to hip-hop and R&B. K-Pop is mostly in Korean and sometimes English. K-Pop is an amazing way of expressing feelings. The songs are usually love songs, but sometimes they positively interpret economy and human rights. K-Pop can also make people want to learn new languages, and be creative with their imaginations.

Many people might disagree with us because people have their own opinions but we personally think that K-Pop is the best form of music. We think this because K-Pop is very expressive and the fandoms are just amazing.

Here are some recommended songs and some you should avoid:

Recommended Songs:

- Loud songs (kinda like rock): God's Menu by Stray Kids, Maniac by Stray Kids, Super Board by Stray Kids, Boy In Luv by BTS.
- Romance songs: Love Talk by WayV, Mmmh by Kai, Taste by Stray Kids, Red Lights by Stray Kids, Boy With Luv by BTS.
- Girl crush songs: Omg by NewJeans, Fancy by Twice, RUN2U by STAYC, XOXO by Somi, Dumb Dumb by Somi.
- Mysterious/spooky songs: Go Live by Straykids and Peek-A-Boo by Redvelvet.
- Dark songs: Tomboy by (G)I-DLE, Good Boy Gone Bad by Tommorr, Monster by Redvelvet, and Oh My God by (G)I-DLE.

- Girl power: Lion by (G)I-DLE, Queendom by Redvelvet.
- Heartbreak: Candy by NCT DREAM, Hann by (G)IDLE.

Songs You Should Avoid:

- o.o by Nmixx (practically a full-on hurricane)
- Sneakers by Itzy (Technically, we like it, but we just don't recommend it to the beginners.)

Recipes

By: Zofia Wiater

Homemade Hot-Cocoa

Winter months are the perfect times to snuggle up in a blanket and drink hot cocoa. But where do you get your hot cocoa? That's where I come in and tell you how to make your own hot cocoa at home.

You will need:

- ¼ cup of unsweetened cocoa powder
- ½ cup of granulated sugar
- ⅓ cup of hot water
- ⅛ teaspoon of salt
- 4 cups of milk
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract

How to do it:

1. In a medium saucepan, combine the cocoa powder, sugar, water, and salt over medium heat.
2. Cook, stirring constantly, until smooth and bring to a simmer.
3. Reduce heat, and stir in the milk, do not boil.
4. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour into mugs and serve immediately.





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The Monthly Debate

By: Charlotte Chu & Yatziri Avendano

Both Blooket and Kahoot are used as platforms by teachers in which students study from and even learn from. Although both of these could be used as educational platforms, which one do students prefer?

Why is Blooket better?

Blooket is a game that currently has fourteen game modes (with some seasonal ones) where you answer questions to get in-game gold, money, crypto, and more. The more you have of these, the higher you climb the leaderboard. Once the game ends, you will receive a certain amount of coins depending on your placement on the leaderboards and how much in-game gold, money, crypto, etc. you have. First off, Blooket has fourteen game modes with some seasonal ones. Also, Blooket has aviators/profile pictures called Blooks, along with their own marketplace. In the marketplace, you can use coins you earned from playing their game modes to purchase items like Blooks, Banners, Titles, and more.

Why is Kahoot better?

Kahoot is a pretty straightforward game, you either host a game that was created by someone, or you participate in one. Kahoot is a multiplayer game that allows you to have your friends join by giving them a specific code. Once you are in, you answer multiple choice or true or false questions. But the catch is that you have to answer your question in a specific amount of time. Whoever answers the fastest earns the most points. At the end of the game, the winner will be determined by how many points they were able to earn. Kahoot is a simple educational game that all teachers can access. It creates fun competition for people of all ages.

Mystery Mayhem

By: Doria Sharif

Melissa was found laying still in her bedroom with a note beside her, along with a weapon in her hand. Her family was very anxious because when they read the note, they immediately recognized that it was not her handwriting. "Our Melissa doesn't write messily like that... And the paper looks as if it was ripped out of a sketchbook and our daughter hates art. There were also wounds in her throat from what seemed like a sharp object, so there is no way she could have done that to herself." Melissa came from a wealthy family and had services provided for her. So who did it? Melissa was found late at night, and everyone was out except for her father and the servers: the maid, the gardener, and the cook.

"I was cleaning the kitchen." The maid said. "You can ask the cook! He was cooking dinner for everyone when the family got back. They requested beef wellington, so it took about 30 minutes."

"Yeah, I was cooking beef wellington." The chef stated. "You can ask the maid, she was cleaning the kitchen while I was cooking."

"I was gardening outside." The gardener said. "My tools were a little sharp and I got cut a little, as you can see on my arm."

"I was asleep." The father spit out. "Fast asleep."

Who did it? Find out in the next edition.





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Current Events

By: Yunuen Torres-Plata & Zyanya Torres-Plata

Turkey and Syria Earthquake:

On February 6, 2023, Monday at 4:17 am, the ground started to shake aggressively and after two minutes the shaking stopped, people that morning were scared but that's because they didn't know yet about the destruction that was caused, "More than 7,000 people have been killed and tens of thousands injured after a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck Turkey and Syria on Monday, according to officials"(According to CNN) and "At least 35,626 people have been injured across both countries".(According to The Guardian) This is only an estimate of people that were killed and injured so there might still be more, because of the earthquake the destruction of buildings were devastating "At least 5,775 buildings collapsed after a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit 10 provinces in Turkey on Monday, according to Orhan Tatar, Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Agency's general director (AFAD)".(According to CNN) Many allies of Syria and Turkey are sending help to aid the destruction and these countries are UK, US, China, Mexico, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Poland, Austria, Germany, Israel, Russia, E.U, Spain, France, Italy, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Japan, India, Pakistan, South Korea, Croatia, Romania, Greece, all of these countries are helping by sending resources and rescue teams, this event might be the most biggest earthquake in 2023.

Rare Green Comet News!

On February 1 and 2 and maybe in some places or days in January, when you look outside at night and see a green streak across the night sky, just know that maybe your ancestors had seen that from the neanderthal period 50,000 years ago!

This comet called C/2022 E3 (ZTF) is a rare comet which wasn't seen for 50,000 years will appear on either months of January or February "NASA scientists said the comet is expected to make its closest approach to the sun, or perihelion, on Jan.12, and will be visible to stargazers in the Northern Hemisphere. Those in the Southern Hemisphere should be able to view the comet in February." (According to ABCnews) and "Spot it near the bright star Polaris, also called the North Star, and it should be visible earlier in the evening" (According to CNN). This comet can be spotted with a small telescope or some binoculars or maybe with your eye depending if the comet is bright or if the night is dark enough. So don't miss out!

Bendy and the Dark Revival

By: Alexi Benedict

Bendy and the Dark Revival is a first-person survival, puzzle, horror game and the much anticipated sequel to Bendy and the Ink Machine. You play as Audrey as she explores the depths of a creepy animation studio that's gone completely wrong, you encounter monsters such as the Butcher Gang, Searchers, Widows, and the main monster, the Ink Demon. The Ink Demon has three forms: Cartoon Bendy, Ink Demon, and Beast Bendy. I would give this game 10/10. The game is challenging, has great design, and the LORE is interesting. The developers plan to get it on all consoles but right now it's only on STEAM for \$30.





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Black History Month Artists

By: Ayah El-Nemr and Dasha Rogers

Dance Major Artist

Misty Copeland is an American ballerina. She was born on September 10, 1982. Copeland started ballet at age 13, and 3 months later was already on pointe (it takes the average ballerina 1-3 to achieve this!) A couple years later at age 15 she won first place at a dance competition. Once she found her passion for dance, she pursued it and started to go to Lauridsen Ballet Center. In September of 2000, Copeland joined the ABT Studio Company. She is famous for her role of the firebird in "The Firebird." On June 30th of 2015, Copeland became the first African-American woman to become prima ballerina (Principal Dancer) in all of ABT's 75 year history. That is a groundbreaking achievement for all African-Americans!

Music Major Artist

Randall Goosby is a famous violinist known for "his debuts with the Los Angeles Philharmonic under Gustavo Dudamel at the Hollywood Bowl. 1 Also his Baltimore Symphony under Dalia Stasevska. Also his Detroit Symphony under Jader Bignamini and the London Philharmonic Orchestra and Philharmonia Orchestra. He makes recital appearances at London's Wigmore Hall, New York's 92nd, San Francisco Symphony's Davies Symphony Hall and Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum." As stated in randallgoosby.com/bio/ he is a graduate of the Juilliard School and continued his studies there studying hard to get an Artist Diploma under Itzhak Perlman and Catherine Cho.

Theater Major Artist

In 2005 Morgan Freeman won the Best Supporting Actor Academy Award for his role in the movie "Million Dollar Baby." He had also earned an Academy Award nomination for the Best Supporting Actor in 1987 for the show "Street Smart." He also won the award for the "Shawshank Redemption" in 1994. Morgan Freeman was born in Memphis, Tennessee (The same place a famous musician was born in, Aretha Franklin, who made the album "Respect"). His first acting job was at age 9, when he played the lead role in his school play. There is plenty left to his story but Morgan Freeman is a very good actor. Maybe you can watch "Million Dollar Baby" and see if you can find Morgan Freeman. (It shouldn't be too hard.)

Visual Artists

Jean-Michel Basquiat was an American artist born on December 22, 1960. As a child, Basquiat grew up in a bad environment. His mother had mental health problems and his father was physically and emotionally abusive. He eventually ran away from this craziness and was adopted by a friend's parents. At 21, Basquiat became the youngest person to attend the documenta (an exhibition of contemporary art) in Kassel. According to Wikipedia "Basquiat's art focused on dichotomies such as wealth versus poverty, integration versus segregation, and inner versus outer experience. He appropriated poetry, drawing, and painting, and married text and image, abstraction, figuration, and historical information mixed with contemporary critique." Basquiat's main style was Contemporary, which means reflecting big issues, such as culture and global problems. Unfortunately, Jean-Michel Basquiat's life was cut short due to a drug overdose at 27. His legacy lives on through thousands of paintings and sculptures.



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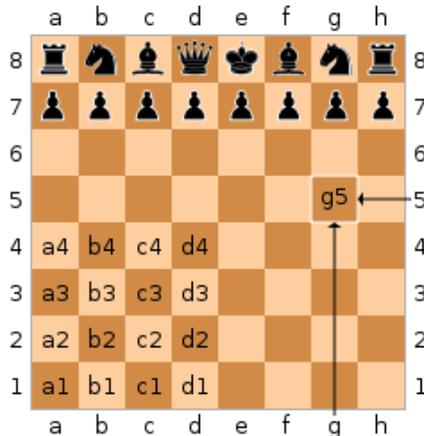
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Chessboard

By: Mary Silvestre

There are many chess boards, but there is one with Algebraic Notation, the image below shows a perfect explanation of how a chessboard looks. On the bottom of the chessboard there are letters from A through H, and on the sides there are the numbers 1-8. For example, say you move your queen on a dark square, you would have to write on a piece of paper, **Qd6**. Same goes with the pawns, rookies, knights and bishops. This is better used for when you are in tournaments.



- Mosquitoes are the animals that kill the most people (1,000,000 people each year)

In honor of Black History Month:

The Life of Ella Baker

By: Emma Carberry

Ella Josephine Baker was born on December 13, 1903 in Norfolk, VA. She was a great woman who was a civil and human rights activist. She wanted economic rights for all people and fought racism. In the late 1920's she married Thomas J. Roberts. In 1927 Ella went to Shaw University, located in Raleigh, North Carolina. Ella worked in NAACP (The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) in 1940. There she worked as a field secretary and after worked as a director of branches till 1946 after starting in 1943. Ella later co-founded In Friendship. The organization raised money to fight against Jim Crow Laws. Jim Crow laws enforced racial segregation in the beginning of the 1920's. Ella was very inspired by Martin Luther King Jr. 's actions to fight racism and in 1957 moved to Atlanta to help organize Martin's new organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). She also ran Crusade for Citizenship, a voter registration campaign. She sadly died on December 12, 1986 in Manhattan, NY.

Fun Facts

By: Noah Tsapovski

- A shrimp's heart is in its head
- Hot water freezes faster than cold water
- The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows
- Honey is the only food that does not spoil
- Butterflies taste with their feet
- Around 205,238 tons of gold has been mined





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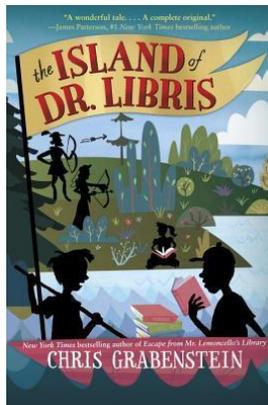
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Book Review: The Island of Dr. Libris by Chris Grabenstein

By: Zofia Wiater

Rating: 5/5

If you are interested in a magical dangerous journey through a book, you have come to the right place. This is a story about how a boy discovers the magic in books that can shape the world. Overall, I would rate this 5/5 because it takes you into another world and is amazing, memorable, and most of all the best book I ever read. I really recommend this book as it is a truly captivating book.



Different Chocolate Types Informational Facts

By: Johnny Castillo

- **Dark Chocolate** – this type of chocolate is known as “plain chocolate” and it is produced using a higher percentage of cocoa with all fat content coming from cocoa butter instead of milk, but there are also “dark milk” chocolates and many degrees of hybrids. Dark chocolate can be eaten as is, or used in cooking, for which

thicker baking bars, usually with high cocoa percentages ranging from 70% to 100%, are sold.

- **Milk chocolate** – this type of chocolate is solid chocolate made with milk added in the form of powdered milk, liquid milk, or condensed milk. The first known variation was developed by Jordan & Timaeus in 1839 with donkey milk.
- **White Chocolate** – this type of chocolate is made of sugar, milk, and cocoa butter, without the cocoa solids. It is pale ivory coloured, and lacks many of the compounds found in milk and dark chocolates.
- **Baking chocolate** – this type of chocolate is chocolate intended to be used for baking and in sweet foods. Did you know that lower quality baking chocolate may not be as flavorful compared to higher-quality chocolate, and may have a different mouthfeel.
- **Organic chocolate** – this type of chocolate is chocolate which has been certified organic, generally meaning that there are no chemical fertilizers or pesticides used in growing the cocoa beans producing the chocolate. Many producers of organic chocolate source their ingredients from certified fair trade cocoa farms and cooperatives.
- **Compound chocolate** – this type of chocolate is the name for a confection combining cocoa with other vegetable fats, usually tropical fats or hydrogenated fats, as a replacement for cocoa butter. It is often used for candy bar coatings. Did you know that this type of chocolate can't even be legally called “chocolate” in many countries.



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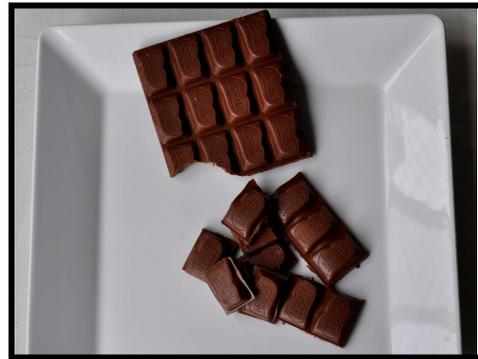
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- **Couverture chocolate**- this type of chocolate is a class of high-quality chocolate containing a higher percentage of cocoa butter than other chocolate which is precisely tempered. Professionals use couverture chocolate for dipping, coating, molding and garnishing ('couverture' means 'covering' in French).
- **Ruby chocolate** - this type of chocolate is made from the Ruby cocoa bean, resulting

in a distinct red color and a different flavor, described as "sweet yet sour". Did you know Barry Callebaut, a Belgian-Swiss cocoa company created this type of chocolate.



Word Scramble! (Valentine's Edition) Fill in the blank

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