

MEMORIAL MONTHLY

Spring 2021

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14: Daylight Savings (set your clocks back an hour!)

March 17 : St. Patrick's Day

March 20 : Start of Spring!

March 27 - April 5 : Passover

April 2 : Holiday (Good Friday) - No School!

April 4: Easter

April 8 - Holocaust Remembrance Day

April 9 : End of Term III (turn in all missing work!)

April 19 - 23: April Vacation





10 THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU ARE BORED



BY PIXI DYER

Quarantine has been hard for all of us. Sometimes, you may find yourself sitting around at home, bored out of your mind. I am here to help! Here are ten suggestions on what to do when you have nothing better to do.

1. Play board games!

2. Do drawing challenges!

3. Ride your bike!

4. Learn kirigami!
(Origami but you are allowed to cut the paper)

5. Write a story!

6. Have a paper airplane throwing competition!

7. Watch a game show!

8. Do Legos!

9. Walk the beach!

10. Go outside and play a game!

DOGS!

BY: TESSA JOHNSON

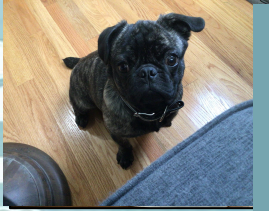
There are many people who have dogs. When you walk up to a dog, do you ever ask its owners what breed it is? There are over 350 dog breeds in the world, and here are just a few!

Golden Retriever



Golden retrievers are medium sized dogs with big thick fluffy coats, and a happy little smile. They make great family pets.

Frug



Frug are small dogs. They are a mix of French Bulldogs and Pugs. They may be pesky, but they are cute!



Bernese Mountain Dog

These big fluffy balls of cuteness are very friendly. They may seem huge, but they are very gentle. They bring lots of happiness to their owners.

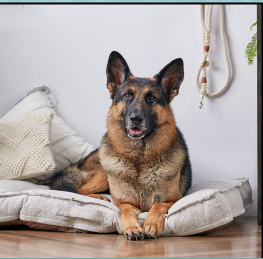
Puggle

Puggles are a mix of pugs and beagles. They like to follow their nose. They are amazing pets and love their people.



Akita

Akitas are fun, loving dogs that will make sure your family is safe and happy. These feisty, fluffy pups are a little hostile around strangers, but love their owners.



German Shepherd

German shepherds are big dogs. They can help people in ways where they are service dogs, K9's, and other important helpers.



Labrador Retriever

Labrador retrievers (labs) are medium sized dogs. They have lots of energy, and love to play.

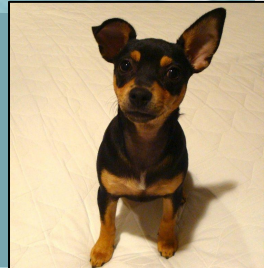
Corgi

Corgis are small dogs with short legs and big pointy ears. Many people love these friendly pups, especially the queen of England



Chipin

Chipins are energetic little dogs that love to play around. They are a cross between a chihuahua and a min pin. They are great family dogs.



MOVIE NIGHT SUGGESTIONS

Onward Two elf brothers, Ian and Barley, live in a land of fairy tales and technology. One day, they are given the gift of magic from their father, who had passed away years ago. They find a spell to bring him back from the dead for just one day ... but something goes wrong! They embark on a dangerous journey to find a phoenix gem to help them. Will they be able to find the gem before sunset?

Dolittle Dr. Dolittle is living with many animals, grieving the loss of his wife when he is visited by a boy named Tommy Stubbins. Tommy is seeking help for an injured squirrel. Dolittle ends up unexpectedly going on a dangerous journey with this young man in order to help save Queen Victoria.

Mulan (live action)- Mulan lives in Ancient China when the Huns attack. Each family must send one man to fight in the war. Mulan has no brothers, and her dad is too old to fight. Mulan is worried about her dad going, so she takes his place in the army and goes undercover as a man to fight in the war. It is not like a usual Disney princess movie: it has cool fight scenes and shows what life was like in Ancient China. I would give this movie four and a half stars, and recommend it to both boys and girls.

BY ABBY AND EMILY H



MMS RETURNS TO IN PERSON LEARNING

BY: STEVIE RYAN



A few weeks ago, all students at MMS went back to school four days a week. The 8th graders started attending school for four full days in the beginning of February, and soon the School Committee decided that the 7th and 6th graders could also begin four days of in-person learning a week. This was possible to do safely while still social distancing at 6 feet because the school hired new teachers and started using different spaces around the building. For example, there is one cohort in Grade 8 that has a larger number of students who use the "Large Group Room" as their classroom throughout the day; teachers come to them instead of the other way around! This allows the class to have a larger number of students but still have the physical space to stay six feet apart.

Memorial Monthly sent out a poll to see how students felt about this change. Although there was some debate about whether or not hybrid, remote, or in-person learning was best, many of the students seem happy to be back. When we asked students what they liked most about being back four days a week, most students said that the best parts of being back in person is that they were able to see their friends who had been in the other cohort and that it was easier to communicate with teachers in person instead of through emails and zooms. A majority of Memorial students like that we still have remote Wednesday, as it gives them a small break from school. So far things are going well and hopefully it continues to stay that way!



WEIRDEST MARCH HOLIDAYS

BY PIXI DYER



	1. National Pig Day	2. Egg McMuffin Day	3. If Pets Had Thumbs Day	4. National Grammar Day	5. Cheese Doodle Day	6. Frozen Food Day
7. Cereal Day	8. Proofreading Day	9. National Meatball Day	10. Landline Phone Day	11. Funeral Director Recognition Day	12. Girl Scout Day	13. K9 Veterans Day
14. National Pi Day	15. Napping Day	16. National Artichoke Day	17. Submarine Day	18. Awkward Moments Day	19. Let's Laugh Day	20. National Ravioli Day
21. International Day Of Forests	22. Goof Off Day	23. World Meteorological Day	24. National Cheesesteak Day	25. International Waffle Day	26. National Spinach Day	27. Joe Day
28. Respect Your Cat Day	29. Smoke and Mirrors Day	30. Take a Walk In The Park Day	31. Crayon Day			



WEIRDEST APRIL HOLIDAYS

BY PIXI DYER



				1. Burrito Day	2. National PB&J Day	3. World Party Day
4. Hug a Newsperson Day	5. Deep Dish Pizza Day	6. Siamese Cat Day	7. No Housework Day	8. Empanada Day	9. National Name Yourself Day	10. Siblings Day
11. Barbershop Quartet Day	12. Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day	13. Be Kind To Lawyers Day	14. Look Up At The Sky Day	15. National Laundry Day	16. Wear Pjs to Work Day	17. Bat Appreciation Day
18. Velociraptor Awareness Day	19. Garlic Day	20. Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Day	21. Bulldogs are Beautiful Day	22. Jelly Bean Day	23. Cherry Cheesecake Day	24. National Skipping Day
25. Hug a Plumber Day	26. Pretzel Day	27. Prime Rib Day	28. National Superhero Day	29. International Dance Day	30. Hairball Awareness Day	

2021 INAUGURATION DAY

BY LEAH FRADY

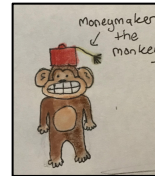
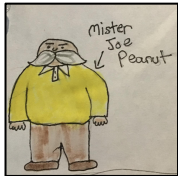
On January 20, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr. and Vice President Kamala Harris were sworn into office. The 46th President's inauguration ceremony was supposed to start at 12 p.m. on January 20, but Joe Biden put his hand on the Bible at about 11:50, ten minutes early. President Biden (age 78) is the oldest president ever elected. Kamala Harris is the very first woman Vice President in American history. Lady Gaga opened the ceremony with a breathtaking performance of the *Star Spangled Banner* and Jennifer Lopez sang a mashup of *This Land is Your Land* and *America the Beautiful*. After the swearing-in ceremony, Garth Brooks sang *Amazing Grace*. The poet at the inauguration was Amanda Gorman; she was the youngest poet to ever perform at the inauguration at the age of 22. Amanda performed one of her own poems titled *The Hill We Climb*.

Later that night many artists performed in a special inauguration virtual concert including Bon Jovi, John Legend, Katy Perry, Justin Timberlake, Ant Clemons, Foo Fighters, Bruce Springsteen, Demi Lovato, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Tim McGraw, Tyler Hubbard, and many more. Also included in this historical event were former Presidents Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush. Former Vice President Mike Pence was present, but Donald Trump was not at the ceremony. At the Washington Monument and the reflecting pool there was a memorial for all the people who died of the coronavirus. There were 400 lights (each light represented 1,000 deaths). This event was very historic and important to Americans.



COMICS: RETREAT FROM REALITY

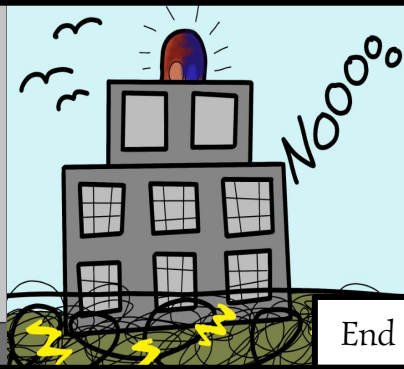
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HOW TO MAKE A LANTERN OUT OF AN OLD JAR

BY PIXI DYER



1. Clean the jar and remove the label.

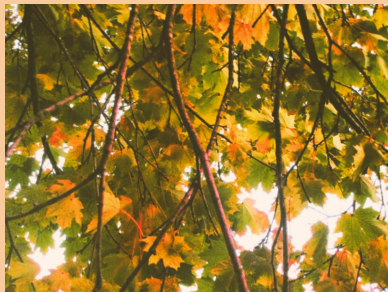
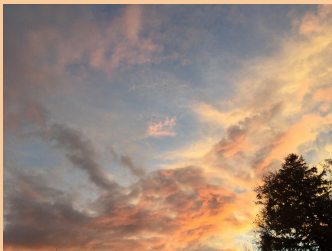
2. Paint the entire jar with acrylic paint, painting the lid a different color than the jar. Then let it dry.



3. When your jar is dry, unscrew the cap and place some fairy lights or other kind of lights inside.

4. Turn the lights on, set the lantern in a dark place and enjoy! Attach yarn if you want your jar to hang.





A picture of the sunset over my house, taken last year (unedited)

Another picture from The Snowstorm (brought to you by Nature) (unedited)

A picture of leaves on a tree, photographed and edited last year

An extremely ancient picture from 2019, taken on a walk (unedited)

a picture of snow on tree branches, taken during the same storm, (unedited)



A plane wing, taken somewhere between Nashville and Boston from 2019 (unedited)



A picture of some plants under a trampoline, taken during a snowstorm on feb. 7th, edited feb. 8th



A picture of a hose, taken during a snowstorm on feb. 7th and edited on feb. 8th



a picture from sometime this February of the sky that turned out 1000000% better than I thought it would

GIANNA'S PHOTOGRAPHY

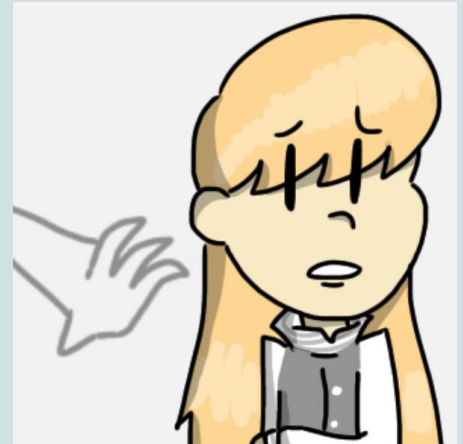
NOTHING (CONTINUED FROM THE WINTER EDITION)

By Mia Kelleher

My heart started racing faster with fear. Those two words could only mean one thing. The Nothingness was near, lurking in the shadows, ready to come for me again. As soon as that thought crossed my mind, I threw the street sign down. It clanked on the ground as it slowly fell, making a metallic, heavy sound. Then I decided to run. I ran away, faster than my legs could carry me. I ran so fast that all I could see around me was the snow white color of the fog. I didn't even see my untied shoelace. Until I tripped over it. With a powerful thud, I hit the ground. The knee of my pants ripped open and my leg started bleeding. I hollered for help. But there was no one around. I hollered a second time. Still no one. But when I hollered the third time, I heard footsteps behind me. I made out a shadow through the fog. A person was coming to help me! Maybe it was my mom or dad!

Excited, I ran towards the shadow. "Mom! Dad! Is that you?" I screamed with relief.

But when I went to hug the person, I realized it wasn't a person. In fact, it was nothing. There was no one there. Was I dreaming? How was it possible that there was a shadow but no person to go with it? Just then, I realized what it was. I remembered two words: **BEHIND YOU.**



NOTHING (CONTINUED)

I jumped up again. Behind me, I felt an icy cold hand clutch my shoulder. The hand felt familiar. It was unmistakable. The Nothingness was clearly following me. I could feel its sharp nails. But when I looked behind me, there was still nothing there. I looked in front of me, and there was nothing there. I looked all around the street, but there was still nothing there. I was tired of the creature's ruthless attacks. How could I capture it? I quickly emptied my backpack by holding it upside down and dumping everything out to see if there was anything useful in it. I counted the objects in it. There were only a few pencils, an eraser, a dead phone, a water bottle, and other things that weren't useful. Until I saw a mirror.

I picked it up. Maybe my plan would work after all. I knew that The Nothingness was always behind me. It was never in front, so I never saw what it really looked like -if it looked like anything at all. But with a mirror, I could see behind me and could capture The Nothingness. I flicked the shiny mirror towards my head. Behind me, I got a quick glimpse at something. It wasn't nothing. It was definitely something.

It stared back at me. Suddenly, it disappeared. It had sharp, white teeth and was incredibly ugly. When it stared back at me, I felt my blood rush through my veins in fear. Shuddering, I put my mirror back in my backpack and zipped it up. Then I started walking home. The fog cleared up a little bit and I could see my house again! My parents were waiting on the porch drinking coffee.



NOTHING (CONTINUED)

“You’re home!” My cheerful mom called out.

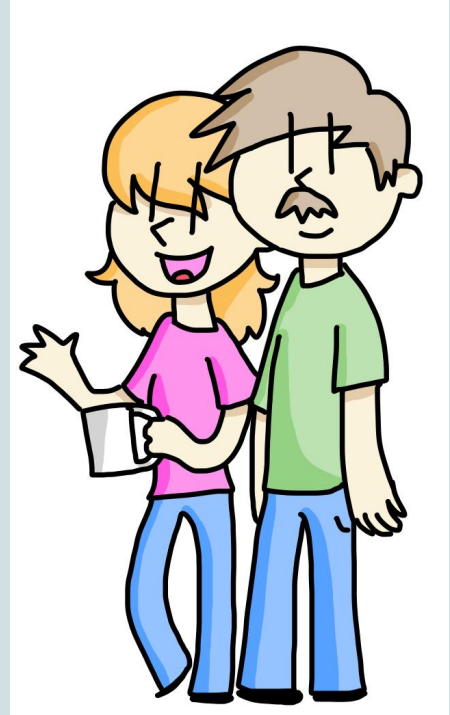
“It’s about time!” My more serious dad scolded. Then he chuckled. “Just kidding. You came home really quick!”

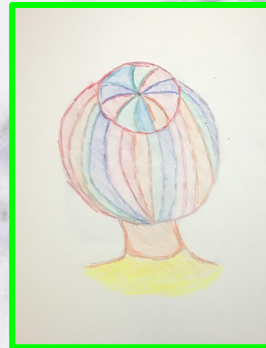
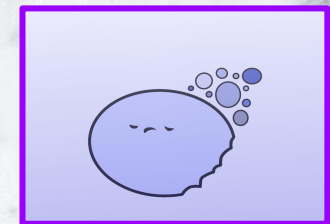
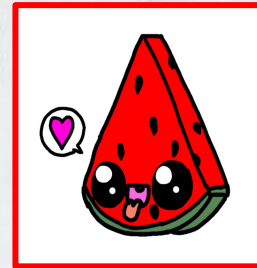
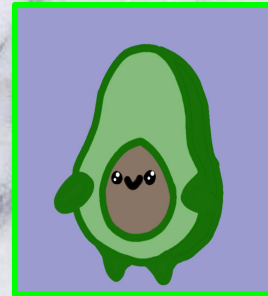
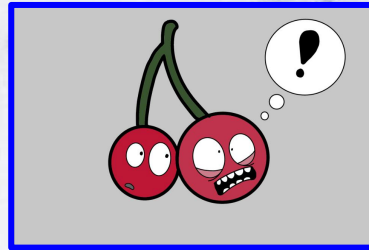
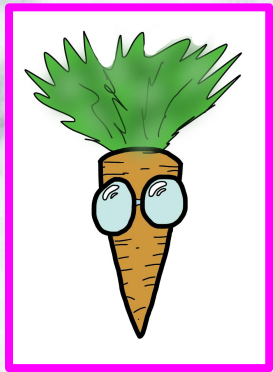
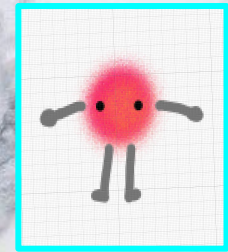
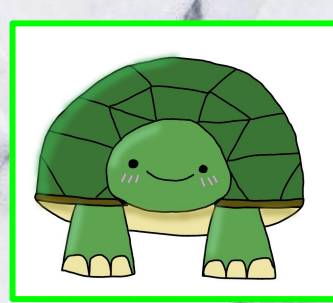
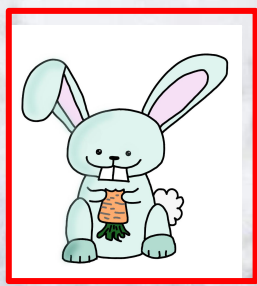
I was shocked. “I did? How long did I take?” I asked.

My mom smirked. “Only 10 minutes,” she said glancing down at her watch. How was that possible?

I slowly crept up the stairs to the porch where my parents were seated. And I hugged them. I was glad to be home. As my parents hugged me back, I realized something. The Nothingness was something, even if it was nothing. So it would always be there, no matter where I was. And as I looked into my mom’s cup of coffee, I saw two words form in the milky part of the drink:

BEHIND YOU.





BY EMILY AND PIXI

To brighten up your day!

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

BY PIXI DYER

we all remember 2018. The fidget spinners, the unicorns, the slime. But 2018 wasn't all about the trends, much of it was about other issues, such as the environmental crisis early in the year. But what environmental crisis are you talking about? well, let me explain: For decades, China would ship items to the United States, and on the return trip, the U.S. would send the ship back packed with all the plastics we couldn't recycle on our own. But early in the year, China decided to refuse taking another country's trash. So, now you might be thinking, but why is that a big deal? why can't we just recycle our own trash? well, the thing is, even with China taking our recyclables, only around 9% of the plastic was being recycled. That means, over 90% of our plastic wasn't getting recycled anyway. And about 79% was going in the landfills (which isn't good). One potential solution is easier than you might think. When most people hear the phrase, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," all they hear is RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE. But we can't think like that any more. I'm not telling you to stop recycling forever; I'm just saying we need consider the reduce, and reuse, and THEN recycle. Maybe try to use cloth napkins instead of paper ones, or take that old peanut butter or sunbutter jar and make it into a lantern (see slide 12). The possibilities are endless. Remember, there is no Planet B.



Photo Gallery

By Leah and Abby

THE MYANMAR COUP

BY: WILL HNATH



What is going on in Myanmar? On February 1st, the military of Myanmar, a small country located in East Asia, seized control of the government. Roads were blocked to the capital city of Nay Pyi Taw, and major city Yangon.

But how did this happen? Let's go back a bit, to the landslide election of state counselor Aung San Suu Kyi. Shortly after the vote, the army's television station broadcast that power of Myanmar would be now in the hands of commander-in-chief Min Aung Hlaing. The military then took down the internet for civilians and closed almost all of the banks in the country. 24 government officials have been removed and detained. This includes Aung San Suu Kyi and president Win Myit. The military has already replaced 11 officials, in departments of health, finance, and foreign affairs.

This coup, or sudden seizure of power, is very important. If the Myanmar military is able to hold on to control, the country will go back to a dictatorship ruled by the military. The previous military rule ended in 1988. At a United Nations meeting, China opposed a UN Security Council statement condemning the coup. Other countries such as Cambodia, Thailand, and the Philippines have declared it "an internal matter" (meaning that they do not think it is their business).

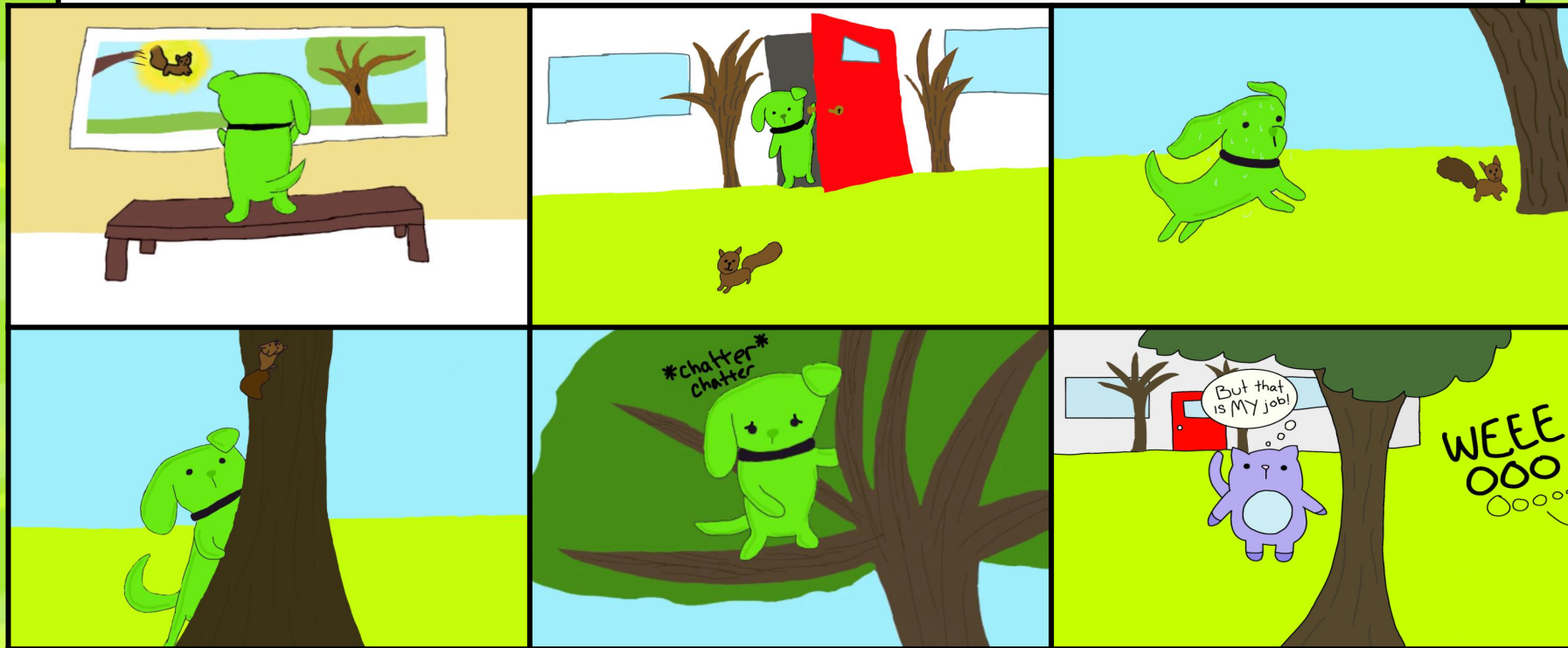
There have been many hardships and loss for the people of Myanmar. On February 9, the first death of a protester occurred. A supermarket worker Mya Thwe Thwe Khaing was shot during a protest. She was kept on life support for 10 days but died on Friday, February 19. Unfortunately, she was not the last. As of February 28, at least 18 people have been killed and 30 more wounded by military personnel. The police opened fire on protesters in major cities of Yangon, Dawei, and Mandalay. The latest update is that the military has silenced five different media companies and that about 200 protesters are being barricaded in the Sanchuang district. The situation is definitely still unfolding ... we will have to wait to see what happens next.



Aung San Suu Kyi at a COVID-19 vaccinating center, prior to her detention

VEGGIE DA DOG: THE TREE AND THE SQUIRREL

CREATED BY TESSA JOHNSON, RACHEL KURTZ AND PIXI DYER





PRODUCE: NOT WHAT IT SEEMS...

BY PIXI DYER

We all know how tomatoes aren't actually vegetables, but what OTHER kinds of fruits and veggies are not what they seem?

First up, berries. Ironically, strawBERRIES, raspBERRIES, and blackBERRIES aren't berries! But bananas, oranges, and eggplants are! What's the deal with that? To narrow it down, as a berry, you have to have two or more seeds, so fruits and vegetables with only one seed, like cherries, wouldn't make the cut. Additionally, the flower they grow on has to have multiple seed pods, instead of having just one.

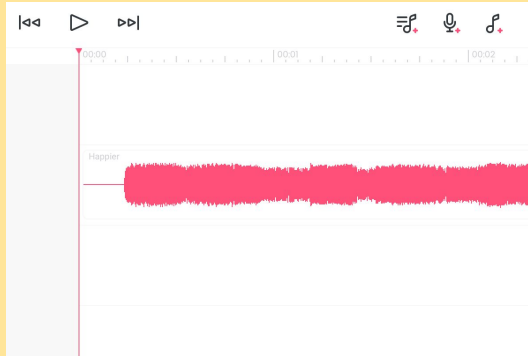
Next, veggies (or maybe fruits?) ... In order to be part of the vegetable family, you have to be an essential part of the plant, such as the roots, stems, or leaves. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, "the thing a tomato plant produces isn't part of the plant itself, any more than the egg a chicken lays is part of the chicken." "Vegetables" like peppers, pumpkins, or peas, are classified as fruits, because they aren't a crucial part of the plant, they are just there to drop to the ground and deliver the seeds.

We just found out that there are many "vegetables" that are actually fruits, but are there any fruits that are actually vegetables? Oddly enough, it was difficult to find any fruits that are actually veggies (unless you consider rhubarb a fruit) then yes, it is a vegetable. Next time you are in a grocery store, just think: the labels all around you are lying...

HOW TO ANIMATE

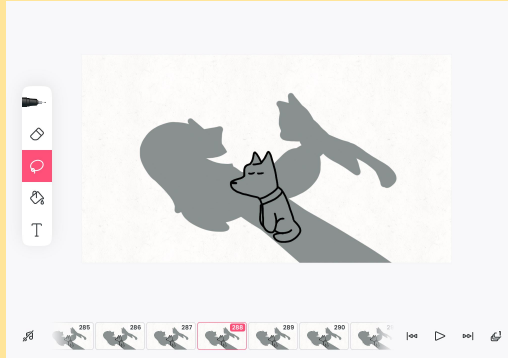
By Mia Kelleher

Have you ever wanted to try to make an animation? Here's a step-by-step guide to make one of your own! For my instructions, I will use one of my animations as an example. I animated it using the app FlipaClip.

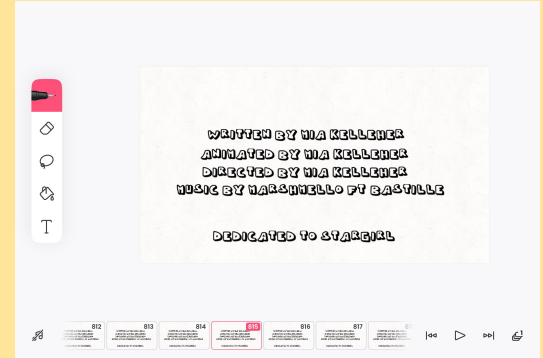


OPTIONAL STEP

Pick a song you'd like to use. Your animation will be as long as this song you choose, so I recommend using a short one!



Then, start making your frames. Each will be slightly different from the last. Make sure your frames aren't too slow or too fast.



Lastly, add credits for the music and animation and make a cover for your video. You can also dedicate it to someone.

WHY I THINK IN PERSON SCHOOL IS BETTER

AN OP-ED BY EMILY HUGHES

People around the world have been dealing with the covid-19 pandemic for an entire year now. As a result of this deadly disease, many kids were forced to learn virtually . Remote school has caused a lot of stress ... especially because students are not able to see their friends, which can make the stress of learning, meeting deadlines, and staying organized feel ten times worse. As one Memorial student said, "I like in-person school better because I like to be able to interact with people during the day." Zoom calls are the new way we socially interact, and even though some students don't see virtual social time as an issue, other kids say it is isolating them from their friends.

In my opinion, I think all kids need to get back to in-person learning. I feel in person learning is better and more effective. AS a result of staring at the screen all day, kids are getting headaches and having eye issues. Also, if we only interact with our cohort, we can't see all of our friends who attend school on the days we are remote. Also, it is hard to learn at home because it is much more difficult to pay attention on virtual calls and there are too many distractions at home. Many teens said that when they started going to school four days a week instead of two, it helped their grades. They felt they were able to keep up with their work and learn more of the material. Overall, kids should be in school to get the education they deserve.

WHY I THINK REMOTE SCHOOL IS BETTER

AN OP-ED BY MIA KELLEHER

Although many people think that in person school is more effective, I have a different opinion. Students should go all remote for a few reasons. One is that remote school can make you more focused. At home, you can relax, do work at your own speed, and possibly have fun. At school, you are rushed to do everything during your classes, and this can cause you to rush through important lessons. At home, you can do all of your work at a speed that makes you feel comfortable and confident while learning. It is better for kids to work at their own pace so they won't be overwhelmed by the work and fall behind. Also, during remote school, you can listen to music, draw, or do something else to help you focus on your work better. You could also take a 5 minute break and play outside then go back to your work later. These strategies are scientifically proven to help your brain reset or zone in on a task, but they are not something that you can easily do in a classroom.

In-person learning might be better for socialization, but is that why we are in school? Socializing is a distraction in class when you are chatting with your friends and fooling around. We should be able to focus on learning and working productively in our own ways at home. Then after online school, you can text your friends and play games together.



Hamster Boat

NAMES FOR A FULL MOON EACH MONTH

BY PIXI DYER



January

Wolf Moon

Named after howling wolves.



February

Snow Moon

Named after the snowy conditions in February.



March

Worm Moon

Named after the earthworms that come out at the beginning of spring.



April

Pink Moon

Named after phlox (pink flowers) that bloom in the beginning of spring.



May

Flower Moon

Named after the many flowers that bloom this month.



June

Strawberry Moon

Named after the strawberries that finally ripen in June.



July

Buck Moon

Named after the antlers that grow on the buck's foreheads this month.



August

Sturgeon Moon

Named after the many fish that swim in the lakes around this time.



September

Harvest Moon

Named after the corn harvesting that happens in this month.



October

Hunter Moon

Named after the tradition of hunting for the winter in the northern hemisphere.



November

Beaver Moon

Named after the beavers that are seen preparing for the winter.



December

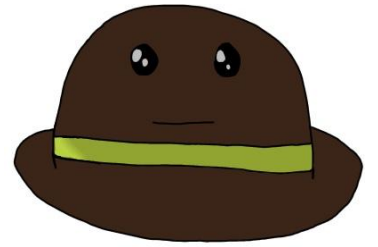
Cold Moon

Named after the frigid temperature that occurs in this month



THE REVELATION OF REVOLUTION

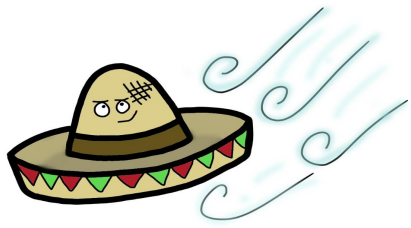
BY PIXI AND RACHEL



Part One: The Revelation

Sombrero peered wistfully into the wide open sky. The life of a hat could be dull sometimes. Suddenly he was jerked to the side. Mr. Caballo had hung a left around a corner. Sombrero could feel his wearer's little hairs scratching his brim as he slowly slid to the right, an inevitable result of the centrifugal force that Mr. Caballo had caused when turning onto the next street. The hat hated when that happened. He cautiously slid one millimeter to the left and regained his balance atop the old man's head. And that's when he saw it. Through a little shop on the corner of Maple Boulevard sat the one thing that would change his life forever.

It was a little brown bowler hat with a greenish ribbon tied around the brim. It was just sitting there. Sitting on that shelf gathering dust and fading from the sunlight. Sombrero had never seen a hat like that before. All the hats he had seen were resting atop someone's head. No hat had been neglected on a shelf before! At least, not that HE knew of! As Mr. Caballo walked down the cobblestone street, Sombrero noticed many more shops. And if he peered closer into the big glass windows, Sombrero saw them. One in a dusty old corner of a china shop. Three in a bin behind the mannequins in a clothing store window. And a torn up, sad little hat peeking out of the dumpster, crying for help. Sombrero couldn't let these hats live like this, alone and without an owner! He had to do something about it. It was time for a revolution.



HATS ARE MEANT FOR HEADS

BY RACHEL AND PIXI

Part Two: The Revolution



It had been three weeks since that fateful day on Maple Boulevard. Sombrero was resting on the pavement, surrounded by a crowd of eager hats. The crisp fall breeze danced past his seams, giving them a soft tingling sensation. He took in the smiling faces of the ambitious young hats waiting to hear the tale. The tale of the sombrero.

“I had seen enough.” He started. “A pitiful hat without an owner was no longer a subject I avoided. I had opened my eyes. Not literally of course.” He earned a chuckle from the crowd. “I finally made my decision and scooted over to the edge of my wearer’s head. When the moment was right, I slipped to the ground. It was a greater fall than I expected. A split second before I hit the cobblestones, a gust of wind swooped down to catch me. As the wind whisked me away, Mr. Caballo patted his head in confusion. I wondered if I would ever see him again. Did I even want to? The relationship between hat and human is complicated.” The crowd awarded Sombrero with another chuckle. He smiled. “The wind carried me to a nearby gutter on a run down house that seemed free of human (or other) inhabitants. This shall become my base of operations, I had thought proudly. Four days later, and with a lot of searching, I had found some recruits. We weren’t a lot, just 14 of us, but I hoped it would be enough. We were going to get these hats homes, if it was the last thing we would do. And here I am now! Speaking to you, hoping you will join our cause.”

A loud cheer erupted from the many hats surrounding him. All the different shapes and sizes smiled together, and in harmony they sang of the future. For the first time in two weeks, Sombrero had hope. Since then, his organization has grown. Millions of hats have found the perfect head for them. Sombrero never did see Mr. Caballo again, but he occasionally saw billboards with his old wearer’s face on them. Mr. Caballo had found his calling and became a star in the human world.

Horses are measured in hands. They have to be 14 hands, (6in) and 2in to be considered a horse



Horse Facts

By: Tessa Johnson

Horses can gallop around 44 kph (27mph)



The famous Mr. Ed from the 1960's comedy show is one of the most famous Palominos to ever live. The talking horse was played by a palomino named Bamboo Harvester. The show is in black and white, so it's hard to tell, but Mr. Ed had a beautiful golden coat and white mane and tail.



There are four different "speeds" when you ride a horse: walk, trot, canter, and gallop.

There are over 350 horse and pony breeds in the world.

Ponies are not just young horses; they are small horses.



Horses can sleep standing or lying down.

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Horses have 205 bones in their body. That is one less than humans.



There are four beats when you are walking on a horse, and two when you are trotting.

THE INCREDIBLE MAGIC OF BEING: BOOK REVIEW

BY PIXI DYER



The Incredible Magic of Being

by Kathryn Erskine

Julian is not a normal kid. He thinks of the universe more deeply than anyone else and looks at the world with a perspective most would never conceive. Although the book contains scientific concepts, Julian explains them in short, easy to understand ways in his many sections titled F.A.R.T. (Facts And Random Thoughts). And even with those little sections, this isn't a nonfiction book. I would especially urge you to read this if you enjoy astronomy and/or realistic fiction. Even if those genres don't appeal to you, I would still recommend this book, because it isn't one you are likely to forget.

WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT LEPRECHAUNS

BY EMILY HUGHES

In the 700s CE, the Celtic people believed in “water spirits,” called ““lepchorpán,” meaning small body in ancient gaelic (the Irish language) . In Celtic cultures today, legend has it that leprechauns mainly live in forests where they like to eat wildflowers, nuts, potatoes, and mushrooms. There are not any female leprechauns; all leprechauns are males! According to folklore in Ireland and Scotland, if you catch a leprechaun, he will give you good luck and three wishes (just like a fairy godmother in French and German folktales).

Have you ever wondered how to say “Happy St. Patrick’s Day” in Irish ? It’s “Lá Fhéile pádraig sona duit” (which is pronounced “lah leh PAH-drig SUN-uh gwitch”). Now you know some Irish!

SMEAR FRAMES

BY GIANNA MINELLI

Smear frames are transition frames that are distorted to make the animation look smoother. For example, sometimes an object that's moving is duplicated to show that it was just there, or sometimes animators add little smudgy lines to show movement. The smear technique is hard to describe - animation frames with this technique typically look weird and imperfect. They're just there to make the animation look good.

If you're going to pick up animation as a hobby, I would recommend starting with an animatic. Animatics are a pre-animation storyboard slideshow; it's a rough starting point for animation. Say you were going to animate someone jumping. You would start with a frame of them about to jump, then a frame of them in the air (timed to how long it would take someone to get x feet off the ground), then a frame of them landing, then a split second later a frame of them returning to standing position. This would all be timed so it looks like the character is actually jumping, not FPS (frame per second) with only a second in between each frame. Later, you can fill in the missing frames.



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