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Once Upon A Mattress: Our Next School Production

Hope Shappell

It is time for Unami Middle School's next school play! Once Upon a Mattress is the classic tale of "The Princess and the Pea" with a twist. This story was created by the great play writers, Rogers & Hammerstein packed with comedy, silly songs, color, and much, much more. If you liked the story of "The Princess and the Pea", you will definitely adore this comedy-filled tale of confusion, laughs, dynamic characters, and tons of fun.

The queen has cast a horrible spell on the king so that he can no longer speak. While he is muted, the queen has ordered her son, Prince Dauntless, to be married. She wants a suitable princess for him, so she requires anyone who she thinks is suitable to pass a test. These tests are extremely difficult to pass. As the marriage law states, "Throughout the land no one may wed, til Dauntless to the altar's led". One day a girl named Winifred, aka: Fred, swims across the moat and is eager to get to the palace gates. The rest of this story gets a little hectic, but I'm not going to give away the ending. That's why you must attend a wonderful evening in the medieval fairytale land full of fun, loving characters, drama, and laughs. Bet you can't wait!



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	PET POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE Usually clear or green, sinks in water, rigid. Barrier to gas and moisture.	
	HDPE HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE Semi rigid, sinks in water. Resistance to moisture, permeability to gas.	
	PVC POLYVINYL CHLORIDE Semi rigid, glossy, sinks in water.	
	LDPE LOW DENSITY POLYETHYLENE Flexibile, not crinkly. Ease of processing. Ease of sealing, barrier to moisture.	
	PP POLYPROPYLENE Semi rigid, low gloss, resistance to heat, chemicals, grease and oil, versatile barrier to moisture.	
	PS POLYSTYRENE Often brittle, glossy easily formed.	
	O OTHER often Polycarbonate, acrylic, ABS, mixed / multi layer plastic	



Recycling Club

Anna McMoil

At your time in Unami, you've probably taken a few seconds to wonder why there are two recycling bins in each classroom. The recycling club has you covered—this club run by sixty-five ninth graders from this year strives to raise awareness about recycling throughout the school. The recycling club's goal each year is to promote recycling, whether it's paper in the blue bins or plastic bottles in the green bin, we can help make the environment a better place.

Now to answer the question I know you have all been wondering since your first day at Unami: what goes in the green bins and what goes in the blue bins? All paper such as magazines, newspapers, catalogs and brown bags belong in the blue recycling bin. However, tissues, paper towels, and cardboard cannot go in the blue recycling bin. The green bin takes all plastic #1 to #7 (picture shown), aluminum, steel & tin cans, glass bottles and jars. Plastic containers and utensils cannot go into the green recycling bin. Now that you know a little about recycling club, you're aware that this club is extremely important because according to Recycling Across America, "Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours", especially for all of us.

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School News

One Book, One Unami and Some Great Books

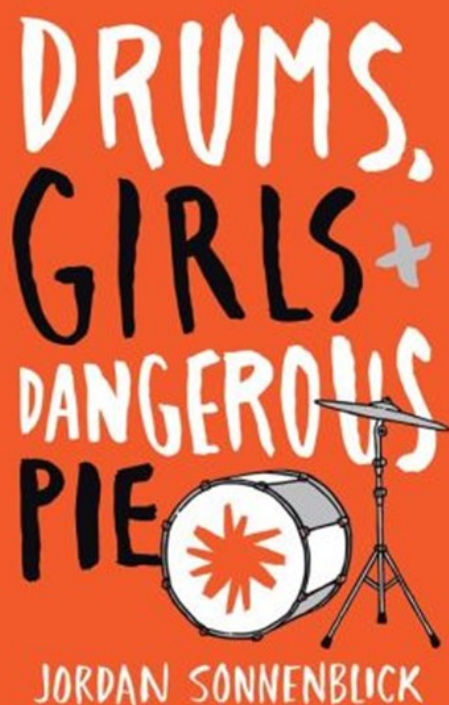
Anshul Shukla

As everyone knows, our summer reading book was *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie*, by Jordan Sonnenblick, and on October 18th he is coming to our school to talk to us about his book. But that isn't all. Jordan Sonnenblick is coming here to do. In addition to an assembly, he will be participating in a writers' workshop with 30 Unami students, and a book signing ONLY for the books bought through Unami; however, *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie* is not the only book he has written, Jordan Sonnenblick has written many other great books. For example, he has written the sequel to *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie*, and it's called *After Ever After*, and it features Jeffery in the 8th grade in recovery. You can find that in our library. The book covers in the picture are the special 10th edition, so if you have it don't scratch it otherwise it will ruin the cover.



Author Jordan Sonnenblick

Jordan Sonnenblick has his own website too, featuring many things. It includes a little bit on why he wrote a book, a blog, information about where he is going to, and if you want to you can write a letter to him. Did you know that he lives in our area? In the book we read in the summer, remember how Jeffery would go to CHOP, or when Steven went to the concert in Philly? The book *After Ever After* is set in the same town, but with different people. Just remember that he is coming on the 18th *not* the 19th so don't forget to buy your very own copy of his book!



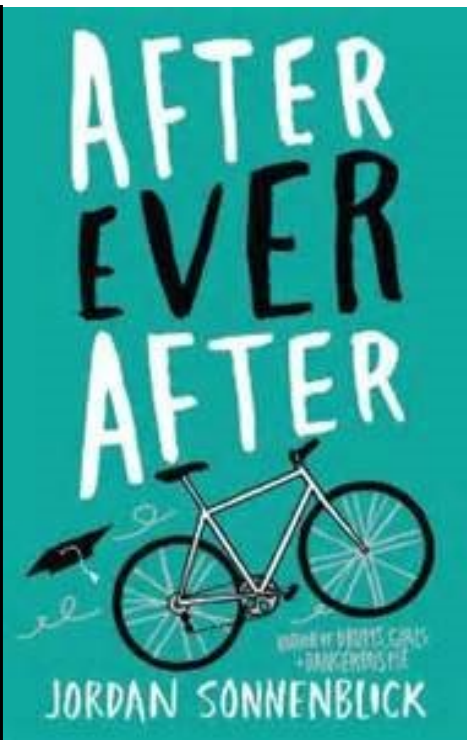
Two of Jordan Sonnenblick's Books

LEFT—*Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*

Published in 2004

RIGHT—*After Ever After*

Published in 2010



School News

Academic Awesomeness!

Jessica Tanhauser

This year, parent portal is better than ever! Now it gives you easy access to all of your grades, whether it's on the computer or your mobile device. Most of your teachers will import the grades as soon as they finish grading them, so there is a shorter wait to find out what score you got. It also makes it easier to see where you need improvement, and will keep you aware of where you may be struggling and where you might be excelling. When it comes to finding out what you got on your test early or keeping a firm grasp on your grades, Parent Portal is easy and handy!

Also, new this year is the Learning to Proficiency Philosophy. This lets you retake a quiz or test, if the teacher agrees and allows, if you did not do well. The two grades will then be compared, the original and the retake, and whichever is greater will become your final grade. This way, a bad test or quiz won't have ruin your grade—as long as you make the effort to reach out to your teacher—and you will know what you need improvement on for the next time.

Lastly, students are given the opportunity to use an app called Quizlet. This app is set up by some teachers and allows students to make and use flashcards on their device or on a computer. Not only can you use flashcards, this app lets you take tests, play matching games, and learn the information. You can change how you want to learn so it best fits your studying needs. Quizlet can be downloaded on your mobile device, making it easy to study when and wherever you are!

This year, Unami's curriculum makes it easy to keep track of your grades and improve them as well. A few other apps that are helpful to make this school year easier are Remind (if your teacher sets it up), Destiny Quest, Destiny Discover, the office 365 apps (Word, Outlook, OneNote, PowerPoint, OneDrive, etc.) and many more!



Pearl S. Buck

Anna McMoil

The Pearl S. Buck Leadership Program is something students should participate in if they want to challenge themselves and get out of their comfort zone. This leadership program strives to encourage kids to improve crucial life-long skills, such as confidence, ingenuity, diligence and many more. This 30 hour program starts at the beginning of October and ends in the middle of December, including a service project and graduation from the program. But exactly who is Pearl S. Buck? Why did they name an organization after her?

Pearl S. Buck was many things, but most people know her as an American writer and humanitarian; however, she wasn't just any writer or humanitarian. She won a Pulitzer Prize for one of her novels, The Good Earth, just two years after she wrote East Wind, West Wind in 1930. In addition to her writing career, she was a humanitarian, which is someone who focuses on advancing human welfare. She created the Pearl S. Foundation, a foundation that provides money for children in six Asian countries. Sadly, she died on March 6th, 1973 due to lung cancer, just a couple months before her eighty-first birthday. In conclusion, Pearl S. Buck definitely made her mark in history. Although she is not with us today, her legacy will live on for future generations.



Blend Club

Hope Shappell

The first question you might ask yourself when you read this title is, "What exactly is the Blend Club?" I thought the same thing. I went to an advisor for the club, Mr. Kline, and asked him to give me a synopsis for the Blend Club.

The Blend Club is a group that was created so students could come and talk about what makes them different, but special, such as their heritage or culture. This club "promotes diversity acceptance" and is considered a "safe space" so students can share what makes them unique and feel proud and comfortable about it. Some tentative upcoming events for the Blend Club are a Food Day where students may bring in a food from their culture. Another idea is a Diversity Mural where students will showcase and celebrate their personal cultures and backgrounds. The Blend club meets every Friday at resource in room 224. Don't forget to spread the word and we hope to see you there!



School News

New Club! *Heading South*

Miranda Song

Central Bucks South... what a *huge* high school! With this worry in the mind of the ninth graders anticipating attending CB South in just a few short months, they want to be able to learn more about the school before moving on into the large high school. The new club *Heading South* is educating the ninth graders about CB South, and hopefully gaining lots of knowledge when moving into the high school environment next year.

Behind the scenes, Erin Greer, the creator of this club, talked about her new idea last year with Mrs. Lang about how students here at Unami should be able to gain information about CB South before moving into the school the following year. Erin found her teacher coordinator, Mrs. Calderoni, who happily took the idea into action and put it onto the Unami morning announcements.



Throughout the whole year, there is a total of nine meetings for this club. Each meeting applies to a different group of people or subjects, such as sports & literature, community & diversity, music programs, etc. During these meetings, there will be students coming from South to visit this club at Unami to talk about the different topics at each meeting. Not only will there be students coming to Unami, select teachers will also attend certain meetings to further inform Unami students about the culture of CB South.

The purpose of this club is that Unami students can get insight on the certain aspects of CB South. Unami students don't need to attend every meeting to be a part of this club; if the meeting of the month particularly interests you as a ninth grader thinking about doing something related to the topic of the meeting, then ninth graders in that position should attend the meeting to further understand and get a gauge on the different aspects of South.

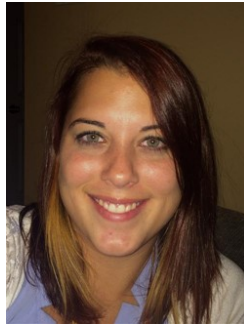


New Teachers

Let's Welcome Ms. Schollenberger to Unami!

Nicole Bruno and Kirsten Cluett

Ms. Schollenberger is the new art teacher at Unami, but she is not new to Central Bucks. She was in the Central Bucks School District as a kid and graduated from CB West. She says it has always been her dream to come back to the district as a teacher because she had many wonderful memories and always thought the teachers were awesome. Now, she is at Unami and looking forward to the upcoming year!



Ms. Schollenberger has been interested in art since elementary school. She explains that her desire to be an art teacher comes from the teachers that she had as a child. "Multiple art teachers that I had growing up made me want to be an art teacher. I always loved art, but having teachers who cared about me and pushed me to do my best helped me decide this is what I wanted to do."

Art has always been an outlet for Ms. Schollenberger, and something that she always connected with. "I found that as I grew up and got to high school, art was the one thing that I really enjoyed and wanted to do all the time."

Ms. Schollenberger's favorite artist is Leonid Afremov. "He creates these beautiful landscape scenes with oil paint and a palette knife. His works are absolutely stunning and the application of paint creates an awesome texture." She loves his work so much that in her free time she paints in the same style- painting with a palette knife.

Ms. Schollenberger's favorite art piece is one of her own paintings. It is a painting she created based on a family memory of her beach house. The painting was very important to her because the house was very special to her and her family. The painting is a reminder of all the memories they had in that house.

One of the things Ms. Schollenberger loves most about art is that "You can express yourself, your emotions, memories, stories and so much more. I am a very tactile person so creating art is a wonderful outlet for me. I find art to be my relaxation and a way to relieve stress. I love that art can be anything you want and that anything in your imagination can be created."

Ms. Schollenberger says that her time at Unami has been wonderful. "The teachers and students are one thing I love most about this school and they have been absolutely amazing. Being a new teacher has been an adjustment, but with such friendly and helpful students and teachers it has been an amazing experience so far." Ms. Schollenberger is looking forward to a great first year at Unami!

5 Things You Should Know About Mr. Kline

Tommy Balkir and Mehir Badlani

Hello Unami! This is Mehir Badlani and Tommy Balkir with an interview on our new 7th grade ELA teacher, Mr. Kline. Did you know he has a website? Find out more at <http://tylerklinepoetry.com/>. We present to you... 5 things you should know about Mr. Kline.



1) Introduction to Mr. Kline

First, you should know a little bit about Mr. Kline. He went to school in Central Bucks and went to Tohickon Middle School. He started writing exceptionally well in his senior year of high school. He told us he had a lot of great mentors who were poets in college who told him to submit his work in magazines across the country. He is still doing this today. He attended the University of Delaware. He wanted to come back and teach in Central Bucks and got placed in Unami and said he is fortunate to be here. He really likes everyone's attitude at Unami and is pleased to be teaching here.

2) Why writing?

Second, you should know about why Mr. Kline likes to write. Mr. Kline is a published poet and has been given the youngest poet laureate award. Quoting Mr. Kline, "It opens up a whole new world where you can express your feelings and view the world in a way that no other subject can. You can express your own opinions, it makes you more aware of yourself and your surroundings, allows you to communicate with others, express yourself, connect with others, and hopefully change the world for the better."

3) Published works

Third, you should know about Mr. Kline's published works. His first major piece of writing to be published was by ELJ Publications this past summer. It was a small book of poems called *As Men Do Around Knives*. It's a great book; check it out! Furthermore, some of Mr. Kline's favorite books are *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak and *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau. He also loves to read all kinds of poetry.

4) Teaching experience

Fourth, you should more about Mr. Kline's teaching experience. He has taught 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. He has only taught ELA (reading *and* writing). Mr. Kline has always liked writing- it was his favorite subject in school. He's continuing to learn more in this subject. Additionally, his favorite genre to teach and write is poetry, without a doubt.

5) Interesting/fun facts

Fifth, you should know some fun facts about Mr. Kline. I think everybody knows that he plays the banjo. But did you know he once shook Vice President Joe Biden's hand? Mr. Kline loves the way Unami students are enthusiastic, energetic, and loves their positive attitude. He thinks children make teaching fun and interesting.

New Teachers

Welcoming Miss Zerby to Unami

Mia Mason, Jessica Tanhauser, and Marissa Pereira



On October 7th, we interviewed a new teacher at Unami: Miss Zerby. We asked her a series of questions regarding teaching and her personal life.

Interviewer: What subject do you teach?

Miss Zerby: I teach 7th grade Pre-Algebra.

Interviewer: How are you liking Unami so far?

Miss Zerby: I love it! The students, teachers, and staff are so sweet, polite, and respectful. The teachers are supportive and welcoming.

Interviewer: Is this your first year teaching?

Miss Zerby: It is my first year teaching at Unami, but I have taught 5 years before in a Philly Charter school.

Interviewer: What is your biggest/most important rule for your classes?

Miss Zerby: You must be ready to learn, ready to think, and ready to participate.

Interviewer: What are you most excited about this year?

Miss Zerby: Growth academically and socially for all my students.

Interviewer: What is your favorite thing about math?

Miss Zerby: The feeling when you work hard at a problem and you finally have success. Also I love that there is sometimes more than one strategy to solve a problem, that it involves thoughts and many opinions, and many different strategies. And, we use it everyday!

Interviewer: What do you like to do in your spare time?

Miss Zerby: Hang out with friends or go running. I love all Philly sports. I am always busy, but I wouldn't want it any other way.

Interviewer: Do you have any pets?

Miss Zerby: No, but one day I might want a dog. At this time, I am too busy.

Interviewer: If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Miss Zerby: I would want to never be tired. I am *always* tired.

Interviewer: When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Miss Zerby: A teacher. I've wanted to be a teacher since 1st grade, and my dad is a teacher, so I wanted to be one, too.

Interviewer: What is your favorite food?

Miss Zerby: Oh, this is hard. I would have to say pizza, sushi, and pasta.

Interviewer: What is your favorite sport?

Miss Zerby: To play—field hockey and cheer. To watch—football.

Interviewer: What is your favorite color?

Miss Zerby: Pink, because it's bright. I love bright colors.

6 Fun Facts About the Presidential Debates, Continued.

Anshul Shukla

The 3rd Party Candidates Jill Stein, a physician, activist and a politician was actually the first woman who ran for president. She participates in the debates the day after. The TV show, *DEMOCRACY NOW!* has endorsed her and takes videos of her answering the questions. Also, her running mate, Ajamu Baraka has done the same for VP debate. Gary Johnson is also a 3rd party candidate, but has not done what Jill did; he has been protesting about him not being in the debates. His slogan is, *Let Gary debate!* Other than that, he did a interview on CNN when he first announced the campaign, one of his key moments was when he asked, "What is Aleppo?" But he is doing better in most states compared to the beginning of the Summer.

Differences. Comparing the primary and the general debates, there are a lot of differences. For example, in the primary debates someone sings the national anthem and the candidates get an opening statement. In the general debates, the two candidates walk on stage and start with questions. In the Primary debates, whoever hosts the debate is responsible for questions. In the general, the CPD (Commission of Presidential Debates) is responsible for making questions. After both types of debates, the winner is announced on Bing Political Index. Just keep in mind that the next president is partially decided when they are debating. Happy voting!

Black Lives Matter? Black Lives Have Always Mattered!

Abbie Havkin

2016 has had its many ups and downs. It may also be a wakeup call to those who don't realize how evident racism still is in our society. If you believe that racism ended on August 28th 1963, when Martin Luther King Jr gave his famous "I have a dream speech", then sadly you are wrong. Recently there has been an uproar caused by discrimination against the black community. Although this discrimination has been going on for over a century, it has only recently gone public on social media with tags such as #BlackLivesMatter. Black people have been protesting for their rights for decades, and they still are today.

The Civil War is an earlier and major example of a stand for equality. The Civil War, known as one of the bloodiest wars in American history, was between the Union and the Confederacy. Even though the war was caused by differences between the North and South, slavery was a root cause. The South depended on slavery, and feared that making it illegal would cause their ideal life to be halted. They felt threatened by the northern states and wanted to leave to form their own country called the Confederate States of America; however, Lincoln said that they could not leave and sent troops to stop them; since starting the first battle for slave freedom, The Civil War.

The next major occurrence in black rights history was the 1960s Civil Rights movement. This movement's purpose was to end racial segregation against black people. Between 1954 and 1968 many major events happened. Some of these include *Brown vs. Board of Education* (ended legal segregation in schools), Rosa Parks and the Montgomery bus boycott (repeal of a local ordinance that segregated blacks and whites), and the March on Washington (rally that demanded economic and civil rights for all black people). These and many more events between the fourteen years that the Civil Rights movement lasted were very effective, but did not permanently end racism.

Here we are now, up to date. Does that mean that forty-eight years later after the Civil Rights Movement we live in an equal society? No, it does not. Take a look at our news and you'll see why. Black people have accomplished many achievements and awards, but they are still not treated the same. Between the shooting of unarmed people of color, institutionalized racism, and black culture appropriation, it is clear that we have still have many issues with racism in our modern day society. As the next generation we should make attempts to fix these issues in order to set our future on the right track. Black Lives Matter could be our generation's civil rights movement.



6 Fun Facts About the Presidential Debates

Anshul Shukla

TV. Not until 1960! For the first time, a presidential debate was filmed on TV, and the candidates at that time were John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon. This happened in Chicago in a studio with no audience, they both talked about domestic and international issues. More than 66.4 million people tuned in for this debate, making it one of the most watched broadcasts in American History

One debate. 3000 miles away. In the third debate in the 1960 race, Kennedy and Nixon were separated by 3000 miles. Kennedy in New York City and Nixon in Hollywood. Both men were standing by the same looking podium, and they hear their opponents questioned the had a small speaker in their ear. And that was how the the 3rd and final debate in the 1960 race ended.

#audioproblems When Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford were battling with nine minutes left, the audio failed. While the technicians worked on the problem, the two candidates stood there frozen and not moving. Later, Gerald Ford said to PBS that "I suspect both of us would have liked to sit down and relax while the technicians were fixing the system." But later, he said that he didn't want to look physically and mentally incapable of standing for a long time.

Only two times. Only two times has a president been a no show to a debate. The first was in 1980 when Jimmy Carter didn't show up because he would be going against his enemy, Ronald Reagan. The second time this happened was in this election, Donald Trump didn't come to a debate because CBS anchor, Megyn Kelly was moderating. In the debate, she referred to Trump as the "missing elephant."

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Sports

Smashing the Season

Marissa Pereira and Mia Mason

Our Unami tennis team has been victorious so far, with only one loss out of seven matches. The varsity players have been working extremely hard to win championships this year. At the beginning of every practice, the varsity and junior varsity teams run a lap around the school along with two other laps around the tennis courts for their warm up. Then, the team does a series of stretches together, usually led by one of the varsity players. The teams practice every other day. The girls' coach, Ms. Roop, is an athletic and supportive coach who is always there for her team. Her biggest advice to the girls is to never be a sore loser, and always keep your head in the game. The boys' coach, Ms. Yerkes, is a great role model who encourages her team to do their best. To conclude, the Unami tennis team is coming to the end of a phenomenal season and we hope to bring home the trophy at championships!



Ferocious Field Hockey

Jessica Tanhauser and Marissa Pereira

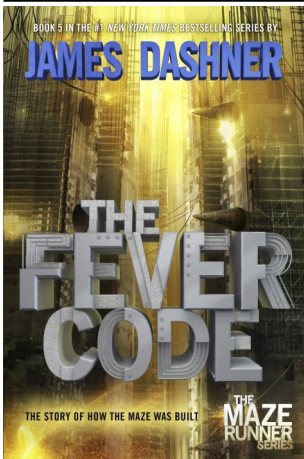


The 7th and 8th grade field hockey team is off to a great start! With Coach Adams and Coach Cooley leading the girls through difficult practices and fun games, everyone is improving and having the best time. The practices are tough, enduring and very challenging. The 7th grade team has practice every weekday after school, except Friday. The 8th grade team has practice every weekday after school. These practices are two hours and they prepare the athletes for their games. After interviewing several players, they agreed that the best part of being on the team is improving together and knowing you can count on one another.

The 7th grade season lasts from September 26th to October 27th, while the 8th grade team's regular season started on September 27th and lasts until October 28th. To prepare for a game, these fierce field hockey teams warm up by running two laps around the field, doing stationary stretches, running, stretching, and shuttles.

New Book Releases

Sydney Kang



The Fever Code by James Dashner

The newly released prequel for The Maze Runner series, *The Fever Code* is sure to be an exciting new adventure. *The Fever Code* fills some of the plot holes about The Maze Runner. The story is in the time when the world was ending, and everyone was dying. Then, WICKED—with the help of Thomas—built a maze that only Thomas can destroy. In this exciting new prequel, plot holes will be filled, and questions will be answered.

Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard Book Two: The Hammer of Thor by Rick Riordan

The newly released sequel to *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard Book One: The Sword of Summer*, tells the story of how Magnus Chase and his friends must embark on a quest to find Thor's missing hammer. Not only that, but time is ticking away—fast—and the fate of the Nine World may depend on their success. The only person who can make a deal for the hammer's return, is Loki—the Gods' worst enemy.



Where is the Headphone Jack?

Ethan Nieves-Sosa and Kush Lalwani

Unless you have been living under a rock for the past two or three months, you probably know that Apple has come out with two new devices called the iPhone 7 and the iPhone 7 Plus. Similar to the design of the iPhone 6, these two mobile phones have many people talking about the pros and the cons of the phones. Some of these pros are having a better camera and being water resistant. A few cons are that some colors can be easily scratched and finally, most important one, which everybody has been talking about, is that there is no headphone jack (shocker).

The camera is one of the most important features on the new iPhone 7 Plus. Apple has made it so the iPhone 7 Plus has a better camera. The new camera has a broad range of colors so when you take a picture it has a high definition resolution, thus leading to much clearer photos. The 2nd camera also has a 12MP Display with quad (4) LED flash with an F1.8 lens (\$330). The iPhone 7 Plus actually has two cameras one for wide angled photos and another for telephotos. The camera for wide angled photos may actually come in handy when you or somebody else is trying to take a picture with many people in it and you can't fit all of them with a normal camera. The normal camera is the camera that the iPhone6 and 6Plus had, and the 2nd camera can zoom to 10x the original display.

These new phones also have been made water resistant, unlike the other Apple phones like the iPhone 6 and the iPhone 5. They have also made the speakers water resistant so it is harder for any liquids to get in those vulnerable places. Many people have tried to break the iPhone 7 by testing the limits of the water resistance. A YouTuber by name of TechRax has tried and failed to destroy the iPhone 7, A few ways he has tried to destroy the phone is by boiling in water (212°F) for 7 minutes, soaking it in liquid nitrogen(-320.44°F) for 5 minutes. He also froze (32°F) them in Coke, Pepsi, Sprite, and Fanta for 24 hours. GizmoSlip, another YouTuber, water skipped the phone for 5 hours. Water skipping the phone would send water into the open ports at a much higher pressure. Although some of these YouTubers have failed at breaking the iPhone 7 we do not advise breaking your brand new \$700 iPhone 7.

The iPhone 7 has a variety of colors that you can choose for your phone. These colors include: rose gold (gold with pink tint), gold, silver, matte black (gray with a blue tint), and jet black (shiny). The jet black color may look very cool and shiny, but once you take it out of its packaging, there is no turning back from fingerprints, smudges, scratches and ticks on the phone. After having this phone for about two weeks you will probably regret getting that color because of how many scratches, smudges, ticks and fingerprints are on it. If you do want this color a good suggestion is to immediately put a case on the phone.

Apple was not afraid to tweak a few things on the new iPhone, even if it meant getting rid of the (extremely important) headphone jack. Although it is necessary not have the headphone jack for water resistance, it is worse because it is very inconvenient to need to switch to a different adapter. Apple had taken out the headphone jack because it would give room for a battery, camera, more speakers, and a Taptic engine (Vibration/3D Touch). The phone may come with a headphone adapter but if you break it or want an extra one you will have to pay about \$9. If you are still angry at Apple for removing the headphone jack and you have lots of money to spend, Apple has come out with blue tooth connected headphones called AirPods (\$159) which is Apples most expensive accessory.

In this new iPhone a lot of technical features have been added. Apple has made the phone to have a 5.5 inch display/1080p by 1920p. The device has an Apple A10 Fusion processor (3GB RAM), that can handle the latest and greatest operating system: iOS 10. The 8/16 GB storage phones are gone, instead replaced by phone with storage from 32GB-256GB. The iPhone has a battery of 960mAh, which lasts slightly less than other phones.



Mrs. Caldwell showing off her new
Rose Gold iPhone 7 Plus.

Mrs.Caldwell's PROS:

Better camera

"I got the Plus, so my eyes will
thank me."

Mrs. Caldwell's CONS:

No headphone jack

OVERALL RATING:



4.5 RATING

Tech and Entertainment

Legos and Gaming

Sam Quinn



LEGO Dimensions

I'm sure if all of you guys have younger brothers you have heard of the Lego video games (I have to admit I do play them myself, though). Well, Lego dimensions is an entire new Lego based of, for example Star Wars. Lego dimensions has a mix of a those Lego themes including Ghostbusters and Scooby Doo. In this game there are many adventures



you can go on by playing as all the characters you see in the sets. If you want to buy the game you have to buy the starter pack at the store.

LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens

This is another Lego game, I am sure all of you guys have heard of the latest Star Wars movie. This game actually leads you through the movie, but everything is made out of Legos. In the game you have to use all your Lego knowledge to solve puzzles, and go on an adventure through the Star Wars universe. The game is loads of fun and if I had to rate it out of 10 I would probably give it a 10. My rating may not be accurate, because I have not yet completed the game.



Forza Horizon 3

This game is a racing game. In this game you can choose from up to over 300 cars to drive in, and you can also play online with your friends. This game takes place in Australia near the coast, and its loads of fun. In the game you can choose either to race, or explore the huge open world. There are also a lot of other things you can do as well, for example you can also sometimes find barns that can have a rare car inside.

Minecraft Story Mode

If you guys have any younger siblings surely you have heard of Minecraft. For all of you guys who don't know, Minecraft is basically a giant "sandbox". On the game you can build anything you put your mind to, from Buckingham Palace, to a hut made out of dirt. So, basically in Minecraft Story Mode you can play from a variety of characters, and you follow along in a giant story. To me I think it's pretty cool to Minecraft in a whole new perspective. If you ever play the game you will see what a mean by this. Trust me, the game is lots of fun.



Snoopy's Grand Adventure:

I know this game probably might not sound like a lot of fun, and personally I kind of think it can be a little boring myself, but it could be something that your siblings would like. I bet you remember the Charlie Brown movie that you might've seen (If you were dragged to the movie or not). Well, for once this game is not based off a story from a movie; it's really just a bunch of levels. Personally I think the game is pretty lame, and I wouldn't recommend playing it.



The Long Ride to iOS 10

Chris Kline and Anshul Shukla

From iOS1 to iOS10, technology has advanced so much. It is so cool how it changed. In the summer, a popular thing was being a beta tester and I was one myself. iOS 10 has changed everything, including the sound of the clicking noise, some new backgrounds, more Siri languages, and a new setting where if you pick up your phone, it turns on. It is cool so far.

If you go to Siri Settings, you can click English and you get three options for accents, British, Australian, and American. For the backgrounds you can download an app to get more live backgrounds! They are pretty good. One good thing about raising the phone if you are checking the time in the night, you just have to raise up the phone and BAM you get the time. With the new texting system anything now seems possible you can send screen animations and you can send a text in your hand writing. Also you can add a personal touch with drawings. Typing is quicker than it used to be thanks to Contextual Predictions. For example, if you are emailing a friend and you say that you are taking an Uber to a certain place, options will come up. Finally, you can view photos and videos or respond to a message right in your notifications. From iOS 1 to iOS 10 its been a long ride but its worth the wait. And that is your little snippet of iOS 10. Enjoy!

Works Cited: <http://www.apple.com/ios/ios-10/>



District Technology Tips

Tommy Hetrick

CB provides so many forms of technology for us to use. So here are 7 helpful tips on how to take advantage.

Tip #1: Getting into Office 365.

This one may be a no brainer for some, but if you are in 7th grade, you may not have used Office 365 yet. Luckily, there is a short link to Office 365. Just go to cbsd.org/365 and click *Sign In*. It will automatically bring you into Office 365.

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Tip #2: How to collaborate through Office 365

This is one of the best parts of Office 365. By uploading a document or creating a new document, you can share it with people and easily work on the document at the same time. You can even open it in the normal office applications (Word, PowerPoint, etc.) and collaborate there. This is useful to speed up the workflow of any project. All you need to do is click the share button around the top bar.

Tip #3: The I-Drive problem

As handy and more time saving as it may be to save to the I-Drive, you can't access your I-Drive at home or anywhere outside of school. As well as this, it is more confusing for teachers to find your files if they aren't in Office 365. I would suggest working and completing your file on Office 365, and then if you want a copy for your I-Drive, download it and copy it there.

Tip #4: Sharing whole folders

Right now, I have folders for each subject, and they are shared with each of my teachers (although some aren't, because there's not actually any files in them). This way, any files I put in that folder for that subject get automatically shared with the teacher I want. I use this all the time, it's a huge time saver.

Tip #5: Links

This feature was recently brought to Office 365. It allows you to add links as files to your Office 365. As you can see in the picture, I have links, for example to each of my teachers, websites. This is so useful if you would like to quickly go to a website directly from Office 365.

Tip #6: Keeping old files

The way I currently have my folders set up, I have a folder called *Previous Years*. In this folder, I have folders for each previous year of school. At the end of each year, I move my subject folders into this folder so I will still have it the following year. This is great if I want to look back at my old documents, and I would suggest it if you are feeling the need to keep the years files for the future.

Tip #7: Use the website!

The website is an important part of the district's technology as a whole, you can use it for tons of purposes, checking your grades, getting school and district news, checking teacher sites, and more. You should be keeping up to date with what's on the website and using it frequently.

How To: Locker Decorations

Jackie Wells

Most people who have a locker are familiar with the idea of locker decorating, which is popular among many middle and high school students. However, there are some do's and don'ts to locker decoration. Here are a few:

DON'T over-decorate.

Many stores like Target and Walmart sell awesome and cool locker decorations, but don't add more than you need to. There are some people that will add so many decorations that they won't have room for their actual books and bags. Make sure that you do not fill your locker up with so many decorations that the point of having a locker is reversed. When you pick out locker decorations, keep it simple.

DO keep it simple.

Lots of people only want to buy the fanciest things for their lockers. However, a great look for lockers can be achieved without buying anything. A good idea is to grab ordinary magnets, cut out fancy paper, glue them to the magnets, and use the magnets to post things to the wall of the locker. Another thing that is popular is to use string and clothespins to hang up photos or objects from memories, like a movie ticket. There are many ways to decorate your locker without spending too much money.

DON'T use items that will jam the locker.

There have been many "horror stories" of students getting things to put on the floor or the side of the locker that jammed the locker shut. I have actually seen and tried to help people in this situation. In most cases, these people are my friends. It never goes well. This is why anybody that is decorating should not buy items that jam the locker; however, they should buy decorations that either fit or are smaller than the area you need to fill.

DO have fun with it!

However a person decorates their locker, they should have fun doing it. The key is for the locker to be stylish and fun-looking, so why not have fun while making it look that way? Lockers are not meant to be boring and brown. They are meant to be customized to the owner's discretion, which is why decorating lockers can be so fun.

Hopefully this guide to do's and don'ts is helpful among others and students looking to improve their locker decorations. Remember not to over-decorate, to keep it simple, not to use large items that will jam the locker, and to have fun while doing these decorations. There are lots of fun ways to decorate a locker, but you have to make sure you do it right.

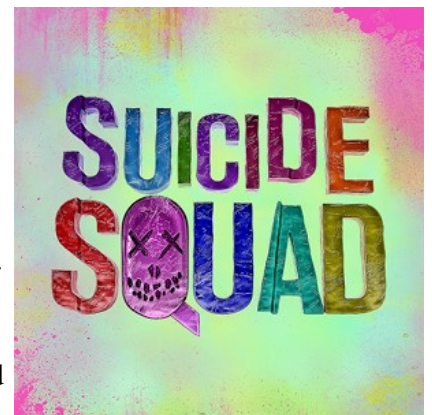


Suicide Squad

Holly Mirales

When I saw *Suicide Squad*, I had expected to see some horrible movie based on what the critic reviews said; however, I was pleasantly surprised when it turned out to be a good movie. It was very funny movie. Harley Quinn and Deadshot kept me laughing the whole time with well-timed quips and sarcastic comments. The movie let the villains be evil, but also gave them good qualities to make them more realistic. In most superhero movies, the villains are just the usual 'take over the world for no reason' evil, and forgettable characters that are evil just because the creator needed an antagonist. *Suicide Squad* made the characters not just inherently evil, but people.

Evil people, but people nonetheless. One thing I didn't like about the movie was the fact that they sugarcoated the Joker and Harley Quinn's relationship and made it cute. Throughout the comics and animated series, it is made clear that this is a toxic and unhealthy relationship. Both involved in it are manipulative and abuse the other. It is not an adorable and desirable relationship. I did not like that the movie did not stay true to its origins, and instead tried to romanticize that relationship. They should have stuck to the story, and I honestly think it would have made the movie more interesting. Overall, I give this movie 4 out of 5 stars, and I would recommend seeing it if you haven't yet.



Reviews

My Top Three Reads

Grace Neumann

#3: Fangirl By: Rainbow Rowell

Fangirl is about a girl named Cath who is going into college with her twin sister Wren. Because their mother abandoned them at a young age, Cath has become very dependent on Wren, but Wren wants some space in college. Wren spends most of her time with friends, and Cath's feelings of rejection and sadness force her to start her own life. A few things that make this book unique and worth the read include Cath falling in love with her roommate's boyfriend, she can't let go of her love for the book series Simon Snow, and she just can't seem to grow up.

This is one of my favorite books because it shows a girl's love for reading and how it's taking up her whole life. I love how at the beginning of every chapter there is an excerpt from Cath's favorite book series, Simon Snow. I would rate this book a 4 out of 5 stars because it is slow-paced, so if you are not an avid reader, it might be difficult to stay with it. But besides that, it is a great book, filled with nerdy fun.

#2: Pretty Little Liars By: Sara Shepard

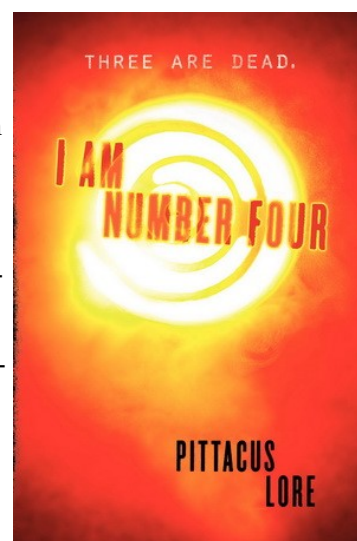
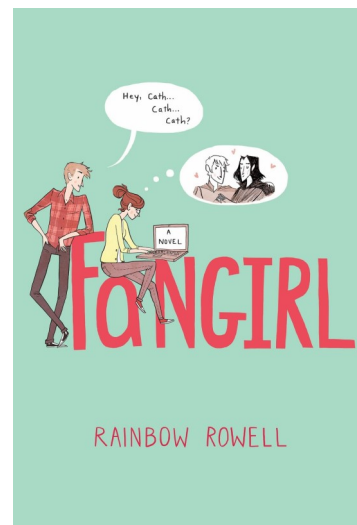
You've probably heard about the hit TV show *Pretty Little Liars*, well that show was based on this book. *Pretty Little Liars* is about four girls named Spencer, Aria, Emily, and Hanna. They all seem like nice people, but they all have secrets. Big secrets. They all used to be friends, before their best friend Allison went missing. Since then, they have parted ways, but soon find themselves back together again after getting mysterious texts from someone named "A".

This book is awesome because it is suspenseful and a mystery that will keep readers on the edge of their seats. I thought that the best, most unique part of this book was the texts from "A". This is because "A" knew EVERYTHING about the girls, and even things they didn't know about themselves. This made the book a thriller. I would give this fast-paced book, a 4.5 out of 5 stars. This is because I have only read one book in this very long series. I am looking forward to reading the next books.

#1: I Am Number Four By: Pittacus Lore

I love this series so much. It is so creative and suspenseful and will keep you thirsty for more. *I Am Number Four* is about nine aliens called Lorics from the planet Lorien. They were brought to Earth while their planet was getting destroyed by other aliens called Mogadorians. The Lorics are assigned numbers and can only be killed in that order, unless they meet, then the spell is broken. The Lorics possess powers and have to use them wisely. I love this book because of the amazing character development and how different all the characters are from each other. One of these awesome characters is named Marina. She is so brave because she never stops fighting for her kind, even when the people she loves tell her not to. She is a very strong female character. This is an awesome Sci-Fi fantasy series that will always be enthralling no matter what.

I feel like the author made this book so creative and different because you can never tell what is going to happen next. It's very descriptive and you can connect with the characters through all of their adventures. I give this book 5 out of 5 stars because of the amazing plot and characters. They just came out with the last book for this series called, United as One. I am so sad that this series came to an end.

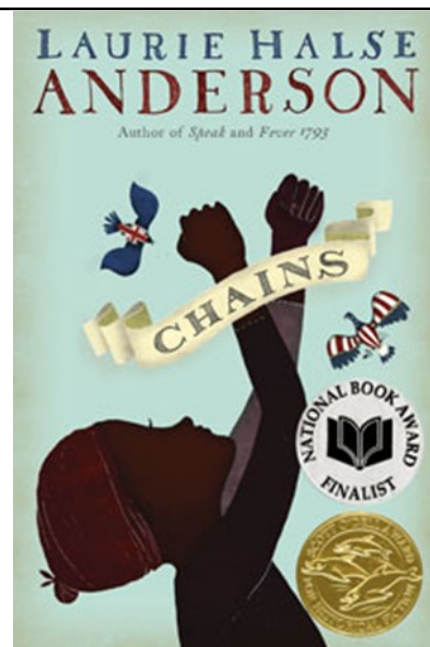


Reviews

The First Link of the Chain

Elizabeth Zuerblis

Taking place during the Revolutionary War in Colonial America, main character Isabel is a slave for the Locktons, a loyalist family in Manhattan. At 13 years old along with her younger sister Ruth, she embarks on her journey through the war. The two were sold to the Locktons at a pub in Rhode Island by the ruthless son of their previous owner, Mary Finch, upon her death. Promised freedom in Miss Finch's will, Isabel was hopeful looking into the future for they would be able to shed the chains banded to their souls and bodies in hope of a better life. However, Isabel was rudely snapped back to the cruel reality of the world. When the business man that was Miss Finch's son sold the two girls, he didn't say a word to Ms. Finch's lawyer, or a glance at her will. That brings the two girls into the Lockton's possession and to New York. Here, the two witness battles of the raging war for independence and meet new people; kind and mean, loyalist and patriot, soldiers and gentlemen, servants and slave. Most importantly, they discover secrets that could have the potential to change the outcome of the war and history forever.



As the first link of the chain of her Seeds of America trilogy, Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson is a captivating historical fiction young adult novel. Told from the point of view of a young slave by the name of Isabel, the book depicts her own fight for freedom as she lives in the colony of New York amongst the backdrop of the American Revolu-

tionary War. Well researched and outstandingly delivered, Chains is a truly amazing book that gives the reader a realistic and detailed look at the horrors of slavery in the United States at its very beginnings. This novel would be an ideal read for any avid young adult historical fiction reader or anyone looking to learn a thing or two about slavery. Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson is a wonderful piece of young adult historical fiction that shows the lengths we will go to remove the chains, both physical and spiritual.

Be sure to catch Laurie Halse Anderson's other books in the Seeds of America trilogy including Forge and her newest book, Ashes, to follow Isabel's journey through slavery accompanied by those in her path to freedom.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

Shreyas Ramku

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library is a book by author Chris Grabenstein that was published in 2013. The book is about 12-year old Kyle Keeley who wins a chance to visit the new library in town before anyone else. The library has games made by Mr. Lemoncello, who is a world-renowned game maker, so Kyle is very excited. I love this book because it has the coolest library ever! The library has a giant rotunda, and a giant TV that plays out images of the Dewey decimals. I also like this book because it's filled with riddles. Kyle loves puzzles made by Mr. Lemoncello, and I loved them after reading this book. The author also includes a puzzle at the end of the book. It's very interesting and fascinating to solve the puzzles and see what it says. If you like reading this book, I recommend the books Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics, the sequel, and I Even Funnier, another novel by this author.



Reviews

Can't Stop the Feeling

Kirsten Cluett

By now, you've probably heard Justin Timberlake's new song, "Can't Stop the Feeling!". It's a happy, feel-good song that makes you want to dance. The song was written and produced by Timberlake along with Max Martin and Karl Johan Schuster (aka Shellback) for the new movie, "Trolls".

Although you might not have plans to see this movie, you definitely should definitely listen to this song if you haven't heard it. It will cheer you up even if you got a bad grade or forgot to do your homework!

The song was released on May 6, 2016. According to Billboard.com, the song "reached the top spot in just its fifth week on the ranking." It was also mentioned that the song "ties for the fastest flight to No. 1, and marks the speediest rise to the top by a male artist in the tally's 20-year history." As of October 8, "Can't Stop the Feeling" is still on the charts at number 21.

If you are still not convinced to listen to the song, then take a look at the video. You definitely will smile when you see all different kinds of people dancing, and having the time of their lives all over town. You can see this video posted on YouTube by Justin Timberlake.



1960 vs. 2016: The Magnificent Seven

Abigayle Dwyer

As you may know, The Magnificent Seven was released not too long ago on September 23rd but, it was not the first time that it was released. This movie is a remake. The previous film, released in 1960, was a very popular western movie. But how are they similar and how are they different? Well each movie has their differing and similar qualities. These are the ones that stood out to me. First of all, the newer Magnificent Seven was more realistic than the older movie. This means that the quality was greatly improved, and the deaths in the movie look more realistic than the 1960 film. It is a western film and out of all the ones I have watched, not one has gone without a character dying. So if you don't enjoy violent movies, this is definitely not one for you. The roles are also somewhat different. In the 2016 version, there is a woman as one of the main leads. However, in the 1960 version there was one woman that had a name, but the rest of the women were just placed in the background scenes. None of the characters from either movie are the same, which also add a unique touch. Also, each movie has a different story line. One tells that heroes never die, while the other tells a completely different tale showing that to be a hero you must sacrifice things; maybe even your life. Both movies are magnificent, like the Seven, they aren't the same, but each have their own way of telling the story. You can view The Magnificent Seven in theaters today, or even purchase the older version to see which one is your favorite!



