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Unami Lights Up A New School Year!

Tessa Miller

This fall, Unami students got the chance to dance at the Neon Dance Party! As I looked around, all I could see was people chatting, laughing, dancing, and having a good time. With the ability to suggest songs, the amazing DJ, the displays, the food, and—most importantly—the neon lights, the dance was an absolute success. Everywhere you went, you could see people dashing around with glowing necklaces, bracelets, and glasses. The snack bar had a great selection of free



snacks and drinks like chips, water, lemonade, hard pretzels, soft pretzel bites, and even Hershey kisses. Those were only a few of the options they had; you could even get pizza for a dollar. The DJ was super friendly and ready to take music requests, and he had a great light display going on the dance floor. If you didn't get the chance to come out for the Neon Dance Party, make sure you try and get to the next school dance! If it's anything like this past one, it will guarantee you a good time!

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An Art-Filled Field Trip

Tommy Hetrick

On November 10, 9th grade art students got the chance to go to Philadelphia for a field trip. The whole trip was based around art, and really inspired creative thinking. I went on this trip, and it included many events and places we visited.

The first place we visited once we got into Philly was the Kimmel Center. We were mostly there to get ready to go out in the city, but there were multiple art pieces out in the lobby of the center we got to look at. After that, we passed multiple art and theater centers and schools, and got to look at the many art pieces dotted around Philly. These include a paintbrush sculpture (as pictured), and a sculpture of a plane. Next, we went to the Love Sculpture, and took a big group photo in front of it. Although it was relocated due to construction, it was still really cool to see it in person. Next, we ate in the Reading Terminal Market.

There were many options to choose from, many different styles of food packed into the one building! There was also a candy shop, and multiple other dessert food shops. Then we went to the main part of the show, the annual PMA Craft Show. There were local artists from Philly, as well as artists from around the US and abroad! There were many different things to see, some artists working beautifully in wood, others with glass or fabric. There was even a man who made big versions of many objects such as a bucket and a valve that were completely ceramic.

Overall, I think everyone loved the show and the field trip. Everyone had a blast and got to see so many different inspiring art pieces.



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School News

Bon Appétit!

Sydney Kang

On Friday November 18, the members of the French Club participated in the 'Action de Grâces' or a French Thanksgiving. Everyone brought in plenty of food, varying from hoagies, to chocolate strawberries, and even cookies. Eating wasn't the only thing that everyone was doing; while we were eating, everyone was participating in a competition to see who had the best French manners.



On arrival, each person was given a set of five manner cards, and during the feast, everyone was on the lookout to see who was breaking the French manners. Whoever had the most manner cards at the end, was the winner, and was given a prize. The winner this year, had 26 manner cards in total, and got a \$10 Starbucks gift card! Everyone had a great time, and enjoyed the event very much.

'A Christmas Carol' Live!

Tommy Balkir

Hello Unami! This December 19th and 20th, the 7th grade will be witnessing a live performance of the classic book *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. For the past month, 7th grade's Team Gneiss has been reading both the novella and drama version of *A Christmas Carol*. The story is about a cru-

el, old, money-hoarding man named Scrooge who treats others very poorly and does not keep the joy of Christmas in his heart. However, on the night of Christmas Eve, Scrooge is visited by three spirits, the Ghost of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Through these visits, Scrooge begins to change and develop into a new, kind-hearted character. These students have studied and analyzed the novella and drama very hard, and are extremely excited to have the opportunity to see a live performance of the drama. In years past, the 7th grade has gone to see a performance of *A Christmas Carol* at the Civic Theater in Allentown, Pennsylvania, which was always a great trip. However, this year, we are trying something new.

A few other middle schools in the Central Bucks School District have gone to watch a live performance of *A Christmas Carol* at the Hedgerow Theater in Media, PA, which is a bit farther of a drive than to the Civic Theater. Unami has decided try out this new theater, therefore the current year's 7th graders will be the first to experience it.

The Hedgerow Theater is very unique and is different from the Civic Theater, which has a traditional layout. The Hedgerow Theater is circular and has a stage in the middle, so the actors will constantly have to change direction. But it is also small, so half of the grade is going to be taking the field trip on the 19th, and half is going to be taking it on the 20th. The students are very interested to see how the live performance will compare to the novella and drama they read. The contrasts of the different interpretations should definitely make for good discussion. The 7th grade can't wait to be the first from Unami to experience a live production of *A Christmas Carol* at the Hedgerow Theater, and are hoping that it will be a fun and memorable cap to their unit!



School News

Model Congress

Safiya Dodoo and Nandini Kasibhotla

Model Congress is a group of people from different schools in Central Bucks. They come together at a designated school to pass bills, as they would in Congress today. 9th graders are only allowed to join. Student are placed in different groups based on the topic they are given. For example, some topics could include Healthcare and Ways and Means. In the groups, students come up with ideas for bills, and debate on it. It's a very interesting event if you are interested in seeing how real life Congress works. Model Congress is exactly what it says. A model of how our real life congress works. At the end of the session, all of the groups come together and look over what bills got passed, and if passing them was the right thing to do. Student who partake in Model Congress miss a day of school, since they have to go to a different school for the actual event.



Sounds of Winter

Tessa Miller

The Winter Concert is happening this December! Come out and see the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade Chorus, Band, and Orchestra perform onstage. There will be classics like 'Hallelujah,' and songs with a bit of a twist like "Jingle Those Bells", plus "Stand Together" and many more. Whether you like instrumental pieces or songs with great lyrics, there is something for everyone. The concerts will be on the 6th and 14th of December, each with a slightly different program so you can enjoy it twice! Everyone has worked very hard on their performances so please come out and support us. Happy Holidays!

Turkey Bowl

Sam Quinn

Hello fellow students! If you are in Gym this marking period, you must have seen the postings throughout the school hallways, so you probably know about the turkey bowl. For those of you who don't know what the turkey bowl is, I'll tell you. The turkey bowl is a school-wide football tournament. All the P.E. students are divided up into different teams. Later on, all of the teams will compete against each other.



Gobble! Gobble! Thanksgiving Grams

Miranda Song

Just around this past Thanksgiving holiday, members of Unami's student council came together to brainstorm ideas about how Unami students can spread their ideas of friendship and gratefulness to one another. One member had a very interesting idea: Gobble Grams!

Since Halloween is now in the past, the Thanksgiving tradition at Unami of Boo Grams was very successful as many students at Unami bought Boo Grams to be sent to people of their choice at the school. The Boo Grams with handwritten notes to the recipient were attached to a piece of candy. For instance, students could send their best thoughts and wishes to another friend, an admirable teacher, or a teacher can even send one to a student! These Gobble Grams were extremely successful because one small thought was a huge help because the profits went to our United Way. One Gobble Gram was 50 cents, a thoughtful donation that could also help out the school.

Coming up, student council is planning on extending this "Gram" tradition to our holidays with candy canes and other sweets! Look out for Holiday Grams to send to your favorite teacher or best friend to let them know how much you appreciate them.



School News

On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!

Elizabeth Zuerblis

Reading Olympics is a county event in which two teams of students from separate schools compete by answering questions about books from a provided list. Out of the 45 books on the list, students must only read five. On this list, there is a variety of books on all levels and on all interests. All participating students from our school are divided into multiple teams where they work together to answer questions about the books they have read. A typical round in Reading Olympics consists of the moderator first asking a question to one of the two teams, and if they correctly answer, their team receives a point. If they answer incorrectly, the question moves on to the other team, getting a chance to steal the point. Within a round, there is a total of 40 questions, 20 questions for each team. The questions asked revolve around the content of the book featured in the question, ranging in topics from character names to important plot events to a character's background story. This continues for three rounds wherein each team competes against a different team. After all the questions have been asked, each team's total points earned throughout the three rounds are combined to determine a final score. Ribbons are then distributed to all participating team members. Students will receive a blue ribbon after scoring at least 50 points. If a team does not score 50 points, they will receive a red ribbon if they accumulated at least 40, then 30 points for a green and 20 for a yellow. Overall, Reading Olympics is an enjoyable and exciting event in which students can exercise their love of reading and highlight their marvelous memories. Good luck to all Unami 2017 teams and readers! Keep on reading!



Get Linked!

Jessica Tanhauser and Mia Mason

On November 12, Unami hosted an enjoyable experience for all students to participate in. This was Link 2 Unity (L2U). The two of us wanted to become a part of this program because we heard such great feedback from others about it. We both had lots of fun at this retreat and would like to attend the next one in January.

First, everyone was split into random groups of all grades. Each group had an energetic and excited high school Link leader. All the leaders had joined Link for a few years already. Then, the leaders would lead their groups to several stations throughout the school. At the stations, we did many different types of team building fun! These activities taught us about leadership, teamwork, kindness, and much more. After we completed the stations, everyone returned to the aux. gym to eat, talk, take pictures, etc. We then went to a classroom to go over and discuss everything that we did that day. Mrs. Lang joined us to converse about what L2U means to us, how we can incorporate what we learned into our everyday lives, and how we can continue this terrific club through high school. On Monday the 14, you may have noticed Post-It Notes on lockers saying positive complements. They were from us! Our goal was to spread kindness in Unami.

If you wished to join this L2U retreat but could not make it, don't worry. You can still come to the next one in January. Make sure to check the scroll/announcements in January or late December for information regarding the next event.



New Teachers

Interview With Ms. Schuck

Marissa Pereira and Jessica Tanhauser

Interviewer: What subject do you teach?

Miss Schuck: I teach Health and Physical Education.

Interviewer: What grade do you teach?

Miss Schuck: I teach ninth grade.

Interviewer: Have you taught at other school? If so, which?

Miss Schuck: I taught high school at Central Bucks East. I also taught elementary at Pine Run, Doyle, Linden, Barclay, Jamison, and Buckingham.

Interviewer: Who/what inspired you to become a gym teacher?

Miss Schuck: I had two teachers in high school that taught gym and their passion inspired me to become a gym teacher. They made gym interesting and even the health aspect was fun.

Interviewer: How are you liking Unami so far?

Miss Schuck: I love Unami and it is one of my favorite schools I have been to. All of the teachers and students have been very welcoming.

Interviewer: Do you think being healthy and fit can help your daily life?

Miss Schuck: Yes, being fit can help you with staying active and be more focused. It can also benefit your brain health, as well as the rest of your body's health.

Interviewer: In your opinion, what is the most important part of fitness?

Miss Schuck: I think that liking what you're doing and having fun while exercising is very important. Finding what you like to do in fitness, whether it is by yourself or with a team, is also important.

Interviewer: What is your favorite sport to watch/play?

Miss Schuck: I like to play softball because I played in college, and I like to watch football and hockey.

Interviewer: What is your favorite exercise?

Miss Schuck: I like to run because it gives me time to be alone and listen to music. I like to run marathons with my mom.

Interviewer: What is your favorite thing to do outside of school besides fitness?

Miss Schuck: I like to watch television and especially Netflix. My favorite television shows are Office and Parks and Recreation.

Interviewer: Do you have any pets?

Miss Schuck: I do not have any pets, but I would like to get a dog.

Interviewer: If you could meet anyone, past or present, who would you meet?

Miss Schuck: I would like to meet Amy Poehler and Tina Fey.



New Teachers

Interviewing Ms. Majewski!

Mia Mason and Abigail Dwyer

Q: When did you start teaching?

A: I started teaching 5 years ago.

Q: What motivated you to become a teacher?

A: I was a teacher for General Education kids first. Then I went back to school to get my Special Ed certification.

Q: What's your favorite part of Special Education?

A: Watching students make progress, seeing all their differences, and getting to know the students' families.

Q: Do you like Unami?

A: Yeah! It's a place that's working to incorporate Special Ed in the community of students and staff.

Q: Why did you choose to be a Special Education teacher?

A: To be able to expand my experience teaching. The challenges and being able to teach kids with different backgrounds is fulfilling.

Q: What challenges do you face as a Special Education teacher?

A: Every student is different. Being able to meet all of their needs socially, emotionally, and physically can be very difficult.

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: I enjoy yoga, horseback riding, being outside, being with my family, and reading.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: I have a cat named Duke. I used to have a one-eyed horse and a one-eyed cat too.

Q: Have you played any sports or are currently?

A: I played basketball from elementary school to college and threw javelin in high school and college.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be?

A: In a bungalow on a tropical island in the middle of nowhere.

Q: Do you have a favorite princess?

A: Mulan, because she's powerful; she went to war disguised as a man for her dad.



Everything You Want to Know About Mr. Dannin

Anna McMoil and Miranda Song

Sports, sports, and more sports. Whenever Mr. Dannin has free time, it seems like that's all he does! Besides math, of course.

Mr. Dannin is from Bucks County, and now lives in Langhorne. Although he has never been in Central Bucks, he has played sports against them. Mr. Dannin went to Penn State, and he is still planning on attending graduate school after being a math teacher. He currently teaches ninth grade mathematics- including courses in Algebra 1B and Geometry. Previously, he has taught seventh graders Math 7, Pre-algebra, and Algebra 1 at Tamanend middle school. He described the Unami school environment as a good change with very nice teachers to help him get used to our school. The thing that Mr. Dannin loves most about Unami is its positive school energy. After attending the pep rallies, Mr. Dannin mentioned that the school's pride is admirable and fun. He also mentioned that the biggest environmental change before Unami was the age difference since he has moved from teaching seventh graders, to ninth graders. Overall, he thought that the change was very little to him. Other than teaching, Mr. Dannin is a die-hard sports fan. He spends his spare time attending sporting events, and even coaches a baseball team in Bensalem. Aside from teaching and sports, Mr. Dannin loves to travel and spend time with his family and friends. Mr. Dannin describes himself as being a loud, energetic and enthusiastic teacher. He is always encouraging students to do their best and helps students if they are struggling.



Spaced Out!

Grace Neumann



You all have probably heard about the 2016 super moon, but do you know what a super moon is or how it happens?

A super moon is the point in the moon's rotation around the Earth, when the moon comes closest to the Earth, therefore appearing large. The scientific name for this is a perigee. The moon does not travel in a perfect circle, but rather an elliptical shape. A full moon at perigee is up to 14% larger in diameter and glows 30% brighter than when it is at its farthest point, or apogee (farthest point). If you are a frequent stargazer, like me, you might have noticed a slight difference in size and an immense difference in brightness.

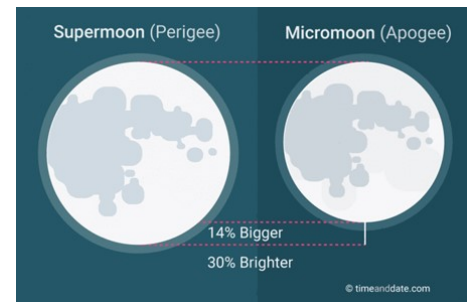
Because of the moon being closer, the tides sometimes

shift and there is a more likely chance of earthquakes and volcanic eruption.

"Super moon" is not an official astronomical term. It was first named by an astrologer, Richard Noelle, in 1979. He called it 'a New or a Full Moon that occurs when the Moon is at or near its closest approach to Earth in its orbit'.

This super moon was special because it was the biggest moon since 1948; however it will not be this close again until 2034. In fact, that super moon will be bigger because it will be 50 miles closer over the span of time.

Super moons occur approximately one time per year and we are so lucky that the one we got this year was so beautiful! Astronomers predict there will be three super moons in 2016, which is super rare. I hope that you learned a couple interesting facts about the super moon. Happy stargazing!

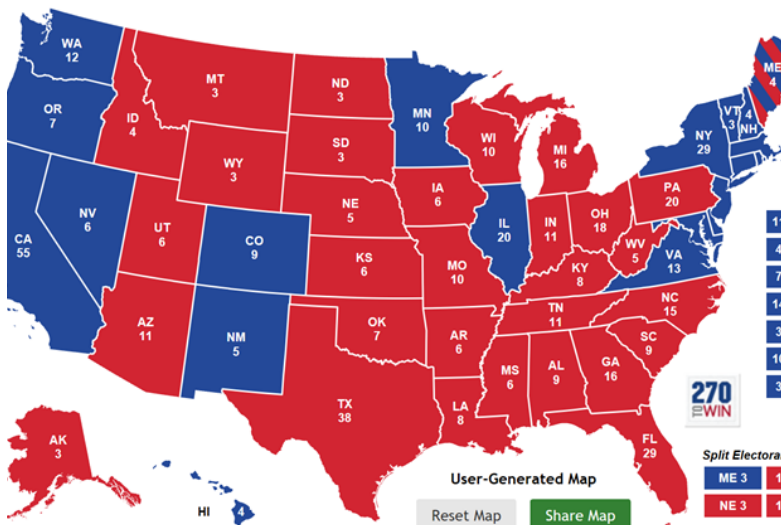


Election Party or Protest?

Anshul Shukla

On November 9th, CNN projected that Donald Trump will be the 45th President of the United States. With an Electoral College result of 306 to 232 he easily won the presidency. Mr. Trump delivered his victory speech at 2:00 A.M. Many Republicans were excited about a new change with Trump. Democrats were very disappointed about the outcome of the election. Madam Secretary delivered her concession speech the next day, she was very quiet, but she was ready for a new America. Jill Stein demanded a recount in three states, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Michigan. It was just so unbelievable. The state of Michigan finalized that they will go to Donald Trump. After the election, Donald Trump chose the Governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley to be the ambassador to the United Nations. She accepted the role and is very honored to do it. Trump's cabinet will be finished by the inauguration.

In seven cities, many protests have started; such as Philadelphia, Seattle, Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, Baltimore, and New York City. The protests in New York City usually happen right in front of Trump Tower! It is where First Lady-to be, The President-Elect, and their son, Barron Trump happen to live. Trump told everybody in an interview to stop the nonsense. Some phrases used in the protests are, "Not my president", "Make America Kind Again!", and "Thank you President Obama." The President-Elect has promised to unify America. Let's see if he keeps his promise.



Election Madness

Samuel Quinn

Hello Unami Middle School. As most of you know, Donald Trump has recently won the national election against Hillary Clinton. Some of you probably know a lot about Donald Trump from what he says on live television and what he plans to do. In this article, I'm not going to talk about my personal opinion about the election since I don't want to cause any trouble. I'm going to talk about all the protests going on around the country from the election outcome.

Around 30 cities throughout the country have had to deal with major protests in their communities. So far over 124 people have been arrested because of these protests. In New York City, they had to close down part of highway 101, and loads of protesters gathered in front of Trump Tower (which happens to be the home of Trump in New York, NY). In Oakland, the protests got so bad that people made small fires in the streets and broke windows.

There have also been protests at some universities throughout the country, too. For example, huge amounts of students from the University of Pittsburg recently marched through the streets of Pittsburg. The students chant negative things about Donald Trump. Surprisingly in cities such as Portland, Oregon and Charlotte, North Carolina police had to use tear gas to disperse crowds of protesters. All these protests got very violent and crazy-- parts of some highways got shut down, because of these protests. My message to all of you is don't get in on the violence (if it's still going on), and just go with the flow. Not everything goes the way it's planned, but it can always be resolved.



Dakota Access Pipeline Disaster

Abagael Havkin

The Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) is a 1,712 mile, 30 inch diameter pipeline that is supposed to connect Bakken and Three Forks production areas from North Dakota to Patoka, Illinois. The pipeline will allow domestically produced light crude oil from North Dakota to larger markets in a safer, more environmentally friendly way. It is supposed to transfer 470,000 barrels per day with a maximum capacity as high as 570,000 barrels. What is the problem? It will be constructed near Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, which is right in Native American country.

Recently a large group of protestors have spoken out against the DAPL. There have been reports of potential water contamination,



and disruption of the sacred and peaceful aspects of Standing Rock. Alongside that, since 1776 the U.S has taken more than 1.5 billion acres of land from the Native American tribes. 1.5 billion is not a small amount of land. A lawsuit from The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe was filed against the U.S Army Corps of Engineers for violating the Natural Historic Preservation Act.

It is yet to be decided what will happen with the Dakota Access Pipeline, but whatever does happen will create an important event in history. Whether that is an advancement in oil mobility, or Native Americans fighting back for their land, District Judge James Boasberg be the one to decide.

Update: As of December 5th, The Army Corps of Engineers has denied a permit for the construction of a key section of the Dakota Access Pipeline.



Sports

Unami B-Ballin'

Jessica Tanhauser and Abigayle Dwyer

This year, Unami girls' basketball is off to a great start! The JV team has practice every day after school until 4:30, except Fridays. The varsity team has practice every day after school until 5. This season is definitely going to be exciting, with games every week! The coaches are great, and everyone is learning and having fun as well. We are all looking forward to this spectacular season, and you won't want to miss it!



10 Ways to Stay Active Over The Holidays!

Anna McMoil

1. Snowboarding
2. Snow tubing
3. Sledding
4. Hiking
5. Shoveling snow
6. Shopping
7. Skiing
8. Household chores
9. Ice-skating
10. Dance to your favorite Christmas song!



Sports

8th Grade Football Championship

Ethan Nieves-Sosa and Chris Kline

The Unami Warriors faced the Lenape Indians Monday November 21st 2016 for the district championship title. The eighth grade Unami football team was off to a decent start to the season with three wins, three losses and one tie. Our fighting Warriors made it to the playoffs with a will to go on. At the championship game the Warriors were determined to win and bring home yet another trophy for our school.

While freezing in the frigid forty-degree weather, Unami started strong keeping Lenape from the goal line. The defense held Lenape's strong offense back not letting them pass the thirty yard line holding them from any scoring opportunities for much of the game. Unami defense did well at getting sacks and tackling in the back field.

Unami's offense also played hard doing their best to drive the ball down the field. The Unami team didn't take a moment of hesitation between passing and running the ball. "The best play was probably the double pitch, this is when our full back got the ball and then right before getting tackled he would toss it to the halfback," says Ashton Bender, "but the best play to watch was Jason Christainsen turning the corners on a pitch and having a glimpse at more yards, it was like using Gronk in Madden, it was unfair and almost impossible to stop. " Lenape's defense pushed back not allowing Unami to score.

Parents, friends, and fans lined the bleachers to watch the overwhelming game. The Warriors had fought and lost against the Indians before. It was tough the first time but they were encouraged to win this game. "After a great season with our team it was an honor to be able to play in a game like that. We gave it all we had and fought Lenape on both sides of the ball till the end; unfortunately we came up a little short. That being said it's a season we will never forget." Ryan Schaub #21 linebacker and running back commented.

The Warriors were able to hold off the Indians for the first three quarters of the game, but then the Indians started to gain points for their team. In the end Unami lost 14-0. They played hard but in the end it was not enough to beat Lenape. "I am sad we lost, but we got to the championship and it was fun getting there." Austin Nieves-Sosa, #57 special teams and tight end replied.



The Future

Kush Lalwani

Apple has been working hard to create the new MacBook 2016. It is the first MacBook in the past 18 months. The new product would be considered: Faster, Thinner, lighter, and Brighter. This laptop comes with two color options, silver or space gray.



Once you pick up the computer you will notice that it is lighter than other MacBook generations, not MacBook Air level light, but lighter than other previous generations. It is Thinner and smaller than other versions, but in order for the more compact size, Apple had to remove the glowing apple logo from the back. No more Fiddling with the power button to figure out if it is in sleep mode or off, opening the screen will start the auto-boot (turns on by itself). The Mac has 16GB RAM and runs on an Intel 7 processor. The screen display has become so much brighter, almost like a phase of dullness has been wiped away. Instead of being standard with touch screen, Apple made the touch bar. The touch bar comes with shortcuts (copy, cut, and paste), word suggestions, and adaptations to the activity you are doing. For example, if you are watching a video, the touch bar would have play, pause, rewind, and fast forward. The touch bar comes with Touch ID, which acts as a power button. There are no more Clicks and Clacks when you are typing your next essay for English class, the New MacBook has eliminated the typing sound of the keyboard. There is no need to worry about usb cables, Apple has replaced them with Lightning cables. The down side to this is you are going to need lots and lots of adapters. Apple has removed the SD card slot, which is another thing to complain about, but at least they kept the headphone jack. Yippee! We are all saved.

Overall the MacBook has lots of new and interesting features. You might not like the new MacBook; after all, Apple's perspective on the future might not be right for you. If you do end up buying it please note that, this is another apple product so it will probably end up breaking within the next 2 or 3 years. Ha Ha!

The Greatest Microphone I Have Ever Seen!




Tommy Hetrick

The Blue Yeti

A few years ago, for my birthday, I received the one present I wanted the most: a Blue Yeti. A Blue Yeti is a very versatile USB microphone. It costs just over \$100. There are many reasons to choose it over other microphones. First of all, it is USB, meaning it can plug into just about anything, a Windows computer, a Mac or really any other computer that has a USB port. I use it to record crystal-clear sound quality when doing videos for my YouTube channel. If you want a cheaper (but still very high-quality) microphone, I would suggest Blue's other microphone, the Blue Snowball. Overall, the Blue Yeti delivers great audio quality, and will really look great!

Accessories

Having A Blue Yeti is really great, but there are some accessories you can purchase to even further improve the microphone quality. Here's a table defining accessories for the Blue Yeti, cheaper ones, and more expensive options.

Name	Cheaper Option	More Expensive Option
Pop Filter	<p>Pop filter from Auphonix:</p> <p>This pop filter is the one I personally use. It costs only \$22 and is great to remove popping noises you get from making certain letter sounds.</p> 	<p>Blue's "The Pop"</p> <p>This pop filter is the one for the Yeti that is actually made BY Blue Microphones. It goes for \$70 and is just a superior version of the Auphonix pop filter. I haven't personally used it, as it is a bit pricey, but I'm sure it delivers great pop sound canceling.</p> 
Boom Arm	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Rode PSA1</p> <p>For a Boom arm for the Blue Yeti, there really is only one. That is The Rode PSA1. It can swivel, so you can move the microphone just about anywhere. As well as this, it uses a clamp, so you can put it just about anywhere. Overall, it works, and it also looks great!</p> 

Reviews

Why You Should Watch “The Flash”

Mehir Badlani

From action to superheroes, and from heartbreak to heroic scenes, “The Flash” has it all. Remember *Batman versus Superman: Dawn of Justice*, the movie that came out earlier this year? “The Flash” takes place in the same universe. This show airs every Tuesday on The CW at 8/7c. So far, two seasons have been released of “The Flash”, and the 3rd season is currently on air. You can watch the first two seasons on Netflix and watch the current one free on the CW app. Not too long ago, there was a four-show ultimate crossover. It started on Monday, 11/28 and ended on 12/1. This crossover included “Supergirl” on Monday, “The Flash” on Tuesday, “The Arrow” on Wednesday, and “DC Legends of Tomorrow” on Thursday. Sneak-Peek of the “Crossover”: They will all team-up to stop some Aliens.



Here is some background on The Flash: The Flash is a regular CSI Forensic for the Police until he is struck by lightning. When he wakes up from comatose state after nine months, he teams up with his friends and tries to figure out what happened. While he was in coma, a car comes swerving towards his sister and time slows down as he puts her a safe distance away. In season one, Flash receives his powers and discovers why he got them and helps to stop people who have powers like his and are misusing them. In season two, The Flash learns how to time travel and run between different universes in this new adventure. In season three, the Flash is trying to fix the world that has been damaged as a result of his time travel. Watch the Flash’s adventures every Tuesday on the CW.

Marvel’s Revamped “Harry Potter”: Dr. Strange

Shreyas Ramkumar

Imagine you are a surgeon. You’re travelling down a quiet hillside road, checking an MRI scan report on your phone. Suddenly, your car flips over and tumbles down the solitary road into the sea. Good job, you just lost your hand’s functionality. This is exactly what happened to Dr. Stephen Strange, an excellent surgeon who lost his job. But luckily, he hears of a man who mysteriously healed his legs so he could walk. Stephen talks to that man and learns that he has to go to a spiritual school called “Kamar-Taj”. He hopelessly roams around at Kathmandu when a mysterious man directs him to a door that will change his life.



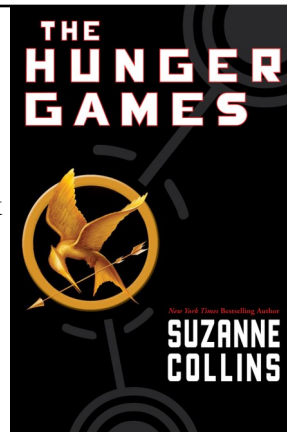
I like this movie a lot for a lot of reasons. These include the special effects of the movie, which were spot-on. Instead of making the magic symbols look cheesy and bad, the director made the graphics look professional and very good in general. Also, the story in general was very good. The accident made me move to the edge of my seat, and Strange mastering magic left me in awe for remaining duration of the movie. All in all, I recommend this movie if you like magic-themed movies and superhero movies. If you still want more, check out *Inception* and *The Matrix* trilogy.

Reviews

The Hunger Games

Julia Schofield

I have just finished the Hunger Games series and just could not put down the entertaining and adventurous books. The Hunger Games book series is probably my favorite (after Harry Potter, of course). If you have read the Harry Potter books or Percy Jackson series, this book is probably right for you. The Hunger Games books are full of adventure and rebellion with a little bit of romance and drama. I will give you a sneak peek (*shhhhhhhhh*) of the beginning of this amazing tale. In the story, the Hunger Games are held every year by President Snow to entertain the wealthy who live in the Capitol. In the lower districts, two-twelve (where the less fortunate and less wealthy people struggle to survive) two kids from each district, one boy and one girl, from the ages 14-18, are forced to enter the Hunger Games. In the book, main character Katniss Everdeen lives in district 12. Her sister is selected to enter the Hunger Games, but Katniss volunteers to replace her. In the Hunger Games, you have to survive everything the Game Keepers throw at you and fight to the death in the arena. The last one standing wins. Will Katniss survive? I can't tell you that, but if you are curious, I strongly suggest you read the book.



Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

Holly Mirales

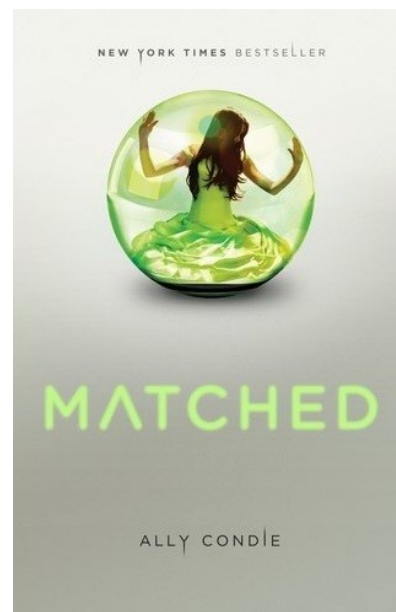


The magic of *Harry Potter* returns in *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*! In 1920s New York City, Newt Scamander arrives with a case of creatures. After causing mayhem with the Muggles (or No-Majs as we call them here in America), Newt is taken in by MACUSA employee Tina Goldstein, and we get to see how the magical world works in America. We meet Tina's sister Queenie, a Legilimens, and Jacob, a No-Maj swept up in all the craziness. The four try to rescue Newt's creatures and save New York in the process. I think this movie did a great job in bringing back the magic, and I loved it so much that I read the screenplay! It has lovable characters and cute creatures, but can be darker when needed. J.K. Rowling did a great job on writing the screenplay for this movie. One thing I didn't like was that they used CGI for the goblin, and it looked unnatural. It would have looked better if they used makeup like in the original movies in my opinion. Overall, I thought it was a great movie, and I highly recommend it.

Matched by Allie Condie

Jackie Wells

Matched is a long book, so if short books are more your type, this one may not be for you. However, this is one of the best books that I have read in, and I have been planning to read the sequel, Crossed, as soon as I finish it. This book, with the cover themed in green and gray, circles around a girl named Cassia in a futuristic United States, where the government controls EVERYTHING. In fact, the government even controls who you are married to! Seriously. On Cassia's seventeenth birthday, she is Matched (hence the book title) with the person she will eventually marry, according to the government, and I'm not spoiling anything, but things get interesting. Has something gone wrong with the Matching system? Was Cassia meant to be matched with anyone at all? Cassia is forced to think these things as she progresses through a very important time in her life, and with stress coming at her in all shapes and sizes, she tries to find a way to think out of the box and into the solution. This book has so much depth and meaning, and it kind of reminds me of Hunger Games without the bloodshed, although that's just my opinion. I definitely recommend this book, and I'm sure that you will love it if you are a fan of any major futuristic novel like The Testing series, Divergent, and other favorites. Thank you for reading and have a wonderful day!



Reviews

Top Three Movies to Watch Over the Holidays

Mehir Badlani and Anshul Shukla



Need some good movies to watch over the holidays? You have come to the right place. With lots of good movies this year, it can be hard to choose. These are the top three movies along with some other options. Enjoy!

Captain America: Civil War:

Captain America is a very well-known character and has been in some great movies. If you go to the fan list of the best Marvel movies ranked in order, Captain America is at the top. This Epic movie includes all the Avengers, new and old, except for Thor and Hulk. This movie debuts, Black Panther, Spider-Man, Falcon, Winter Soldier, Ant-Man, War Machine and Scarlet Witch. The movie has lots of action and surprise. According to the website Rotten Tomatoes, the movie got a

four out of five star rating.



Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them

This Prequel to the Harry Potter Series is a must see. With new characters to new spells to mind-blowing beasts, it extends beyond what we already knew about Harry Potter. This movie takes place in the United States instead of the United Kingdom, as we follow an easily likeable wizard, Mr. Scamander in his adventures. If you prefer the books, you can read the book by J.K. Rowling or the original Screenplay. This got a 6.8 on Rotten Tomatoes.

Ice Age: Collision Course



Scrat is back at it again! Last time the Foolish squirrel thought the center of the earth was an acorn and tried to take it and caused Pangaea to break into smaller continents, sinking Atlantis. This time his acorn gets stuck in an Alien ship and he fools around with it causing a Giant meteor to head towards the earth. Watch our three favorite characters from ice age, Manny the Mammoth, Diego the Saber-tooth Tiger, and Sid the Sloth save the world with their family and friends. This is a family movie everyone can enjoy over and over again.

These are the three must watch movies from this year, other movies you might want to watch are: Dr. Strange, Trolls, X-Men: Apocalypse, Star Wars: Rogue One, and Finding Dory.

The Only Thing to Fear is Fear Itself

Shreyas Ramkumar

As you realized, this article is about the book, The Only Thing to Fear, by the author Caroline Tung Richmond. Taking place in a chilling America ruled by the Nazis equipped with genetically modified humans with superpowers, Zara St. James, a peasant, has ties to the revolutionary group, The Alliance, which is trying to liberate the US from Nazi rule. What no one knows is that Zara has a super power to offer to the Alliance that will result in her execution if revealed to the Nazis.

I really like this book because it takes place in a world very different from the present day. It's interesting to see what the Nazi world would be like, although I wouldn't want to experience that firsthand. It's also interesting to see how the people are treated under the new regime. It makes me think. *What if the Axis did win WWII? What would the world actually look like with humans artificially modified and racism spreading like wildfire?* If you like alternative histories, I would recommend the book Front Lines by Michael Grant.



Games

Riddles for the Holidays

Anshul Shukla

1. I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest man can't hold me for more than 5 minutes. What am I?
2. The more I appear the less you see. Riddle me this: What could I be?
3. What is something you can give away as many times you want without losing it?
4. What part of a bird isn't in the sky and can swim but not get wet?
5. What did the farmer say when he lost his tractor?
6. What color is the black box on an airplane?
7. Twelve pears hanging high, twelve men passing by. Each took a pear and left eleven hanging there. How can this be?
8. You use me once a year, plug me in and I'll shine your house with delight. What am I?
9. I have hands but I can't clap. I have a face but I can't see. I have numbers but I can't count. What am I?
10. What is a dog's name with one letter and one number?



Answers:

1. Breath!

2. Darkness.

3. Your name.

4. The Shadow

5. "Where's my tractor?"

6. It is orange and really easy to find!

7. Each is the man's name!

8. A Christmas tree.

9. A clock.

Games

Word Search

Anna McMoil

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