

# The Lenagazette

...a paper for the students, by the students.

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Lenape Middle School, Doylestown PA

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## Meet Mr. Melvin!



Mr. Melvin recently became our new Assistant Principal at Lenape Middle School! Here at the Lenagazette, we got the opportunity to put Mr. Melvin in the hot seat.

Q: How long have you been in education?

A: I taught at CB South for 8 years. Before

then I had always worked with kids at camps and things like that.

Q: What did you like to do as a middle schooler?

A: I played soccer and was on the swim team. I enjoyed going to the movies, hanging out with my friends, and reading. I also have a big family so I was always going to family gatherings, which were all fun.

Q: Do you have any hidden talents?

A: I can quote directly from any episode of "The Office."

Q: If you could compete in any sport in the Olympics what would it be?

A: I would want to do the swim relay or maybe curling.

Q: What is your favorite sports team?

A: The Eagles.

Q: What is your favorite band or artist?

A: I like the Dave Matthews Band and Mumford and Sons.

Q: If you could have any animal as a pet what would you choose?

A: I would want to have a monkey.

Q: What's your favorite quote?

A: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

Q: What do you want the students of Lenape to know about you?

A: I want students to know that I want to get to know them and that school goes by fast. You should live in the moment and enjoy everything.



## Upcoming Dates

Dec. 7th Winter Orchestra Concert

Dec. 8th Winter Band Concert

Dec. 14th Winter Choral Concert

Dec. 23rd Early Dismissal, Winter Recess

Dec. 19-21 Spring Musical Auditions: Guys and Dolls

January 6th First Snow Sports Club Trip

January 9th Boys Basketball begins

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## 9th Graders See the Big Apple: The Jenkins Twins Take on NYC

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 100 students from the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class got a chance to go to New York City. The students got the option of going to the United Nations or the Natural History Museum. Afterwards, students explored the National September 11th Memorial and Battery Park.

### Katy Jenkin's take:

I was one of the 50 students who went to the Museum. It was my favorite field trip! We got to pick our groups and where we wanted to go. My group walked around the different levels of the Natural History Museum, looking at everything from moon rocks, dinosaurs (there sure are a lot of funny looking ones), artifacts from Indians, and Dum Dum from *Night at the Museum*. (Of course my friends and I had to get pictures with Dum Dum)! There was also an exhibit on mammals that displayed hundreds of different animals. As our trip to the museum came to a close, we stopped at the gift shop. One of my friends got some "space ice cream" which was surprisingly good—kudos to the astronauts.



Next, we went to the National September 11th Memorial and Battery Park. From the park we could see Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, which was the first time I had seen it. We walked around and watched the ferries dock. We also got food before boarding the buses again. I must say the fries and ice cream there were really good. After spending a little longer there, we boarded the bus and made our way home.

### Veronica Jenkin's take:

50 students also visited the United Nations or UN, where they took a tour through the headquarters. Students saw beautiful artifacts and gifts from around the globe, such as an interesting mosaic illustrating the golden rule from Italy. It was humbling to know that some of the most powerful leaders in the world had met where I was standing to converse about peace and international conflict. There also was a gift shop and food court, which featured world cuisine and signature country items. I tried the sushi which, note to self, was not very good, but I did hear the dumplings were good. I especially loved the breathtaking views of the towering buildings of Brooklyn across East River.

On the trip we also got to see the 9/11 memorial in Manhattan. There were 2 reflection pools in the park, where the Twin Towers once stood, which left many students touched by the courage rescuers, victims, families, and citizens demonstrated on September 11, 2001. We also saw the only surviving tree left after the tragedy, a symbol for hope and unity in America.





## Open Mic Night Another Success! *By Emma O'Reilly*

On October 21st 2016, Lenape Music Department hosted its 6th annual Open Mic Night. There were about 20 student performers, featuring songs by various artists, bands, and musicals as well as some instrument accompaniment like guitar, fiddle, piano, drums, saxophone, trombone, and violin! Not to mention wonderful performances by Lenape Music Directors Jamie Rogers, Susan Steen, and Jessica Tosti. Chamber Choir preformed "My Shot" from the hit Broadway musical "Hamilton". Our music teachers Mrs. Totsi, Mrs. Rogers, and Mrs. Steen say of the event, "Open Mic. Night is one of our favorite events of the year. We love giving students an opportunity to perform a song that they love or sometimes one that they have written. The talent is incredible every year! Thank you to everyone who performed this year."



### Battle of the Fall: Apple Music or Spotify? Both costs \$9.99 per month... which should you use?

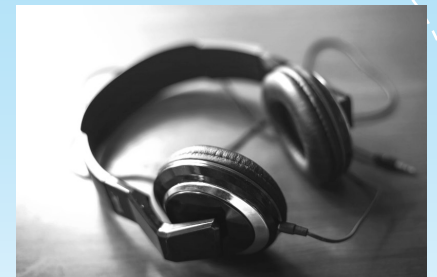
by Kieran Cooke

#### Apple Music

Apple music is better than Spotify if you're into exclusive music and sharing your own music. Apple gives you a free three month trial to see if you like it or not. It also allows you access to 30 million songs, which is the same as Spotify. Except Spotify only gives a 30 day trial, and it costs the same as Apple Music. And if you are a musician wanting to share your music to the world, Apple Music is accepting submissions, and it even tells you how to get started. It also has exclusive artists you can't find on Spotify. Apple Music, as of September 2016, is reported to have at least 17 million subscribers! Although that is less than Spotify's paid user base, it's impressive when you consider that Apple Music went live in June of 2015, nine years after Spotify did.

#### Spotify

When it comes to subscribers, the undisputed king of on-demand music is Spotify. It has way more subscribers than Apple Music- a whopping 55 million. The advantage? It is the only service allowed to stream free, on-demand music with advertising. So even though you can pay \$9.99 for an ad-free premium membership, over 66 percent of Spotify's overall users don't pay the premium membership. You can also create playlists and share them with friends, or have people follow you and your playlists. So, if you're looking for the best user experience and communities, Spotify is where you should put your money.



## Did the Transit Strike Skew the Results of the Election? by Lenagazette Staff

Protests by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) workers have caused people in Philadelphia to have to scramble to find ways to travel. The protests began on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Buses, trolleys, and subways that provide about 900,000 rides a day stopped running. The workers are part of a union, or a group of organized workers who join together to have their voices heard. They are fighting for things such as better health care and higher wages. SEPTA said it is hopeful that an agreement will be reached before Election Day, November 8<sup>th</sup>. They were right! On November 7<sup>th</sup>, just in time for election day, SEPTA members placed an injunction on their strike, finally allowing travelers to... well, travel again.

## Personality Quiz: Predict your Future Career

Find out what field your career will be in by answering the following questions and tallying up your points!

Written and configured by Sofya Pelevkina

1) How would your friends describe you?

- A. Outgoing
- B. Inspired
- C. Sensitive
- D. Rude
- E. Determined
- F. IDK...Ask them!

2) What do you like best about yourself?

- A. Connection, I guess I'm very open to people
- B. Everything or nothing
- C. I can be whatever I want
- D. Strength, sometimes I'm too energetic
- E. Creativity, I can design things
- D. My imagination, I'm always in my own world

3) What do you do in your free time?

- A. Draw
- B. Listen to music
- C. Watch something/ go

to the movies

- D. Sleep
- E. Read/update journal
- F. Play sports with friends

4) You have the most energy at...

- A. Night
- B. Morning
- C. Noon
- D. Evening
- E. Afternoon
- F. All day

5) Do you think that love is a valuable thing?

- A. Yeah, it's alright
- B. It's one of the most important things you can have
- C. If it's love for me, then yes
- D. No
- E. It could be
- F. I'm not sure

6) Which Job would you prefer?

- A. Teacher

B. Lawyer

- C. Engineer
- D. None
- E. Military
- F. Artist

7) Which website do you like the most?

- A. ESPN or Yahoo Sports
- B. Instagram or Pinterest
- C. The Millions or Twitter
- D. Pandora or Spotify
- E. Netflix or YouTube
- F. None of the above

8) At a party, everybody likes your...

- A. Karaoke skills or the music you provide
- B. Sense of Humor
- C. Life stories
- D. Quick sketch portraits
- E. Weird presence
- F. Challenging comments to others

### WANTED:

### WRITERS AND DESIGN ARTISTS!

Get involved, take on a role, and be a part of the Lenagazette Team!

We have more upcoming issues. Don't miss out! Our meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month and will be announced on Lenape Live.

Please join us for our first meeting of the New Year on Thursday, January 5th in Room 503. We look forward to seeing you!

-Miss Mooradd, Staff Advisor

Your Future Career is in...

0-60 pts: Self-Employed

70-150: Sports

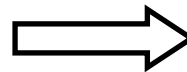
160-240: Actor

250-330: Music

340-420: Art

430-500: Writing

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## The Last Time America Had A New President...

By Katherine Schulz

It was the year 2008.

- \* The iPhone 3G came out.
- \* *The Kardashians* aired their second season.
- \* Thirty-two million American were without healthcare.
- \* The Philadelphia Phillies were World Series champions.
- \* *High School Musical 3: Senior Year* came out in theaters.
- \* "Viva La Vida" by Coldplay, "Live Your Life" by T.I. (feat. Rihanna), "So What" by Pink, and "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)" by Beyoncé were the most popular songs.
- \* The most popular baby names were Jacob and Emma.
- \* Same-sex marriage laws only existed in one state (Massachusetts).
- \* Lenape students were ages four to seven (7<sup>th</sup> graders being only four and five years old).

## 2016 Election Results

Winner: Donald J. Trump

290 trump 

clinton 232

Presidential Popular Vote:	Hillary Clinton	2,846,252
	Donald Trump	2,913,885
	Gary Johnson	142,782
	Jill Stein	48,934
	Darrell Castle	20,963 votes

US Senate:	Pat Toomey	289,383
	Katie McGinty	279,366
	Edward Clifffors	230,562

House of Representatives:	Brian Fitzpatrick	206,607
	Steve Santarsiero	172,571

### Central Bucks Kids Voting Results:

Presidential Popular Vote:	Hillary Clinton	7,442 votes
	Donald Trump	6,175 votes
	Gary Johnson	693 votes
	Jill Stein	381 votes
	Write-ins	638 votes

Electoral Vote:	Hillary Clinton	254 votes
	Donald Trump	283 votes


US Senate:	Pat Toomey	3,255 votes
	Katie McGinty	2,825 votes
	Edward Clifffors	428 votes



House of Representatives:	Brian Fitzpatrick	3,918 votes
	Steve Santarsiero	2,683 votes


## Current Event: Food Crisis in Yemen By Sarah Walters


Last year, a war started in Yemen, a country in Western Asia, between forces loyal to the internationally-recognized government of President Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi and those allied to the Houthi rebel movement. This ongoing conflict has left thousands dead as the Saudi-led coalition continues its defense against Houthi rebels.

### Facts About Yemen

 More than 26 Million people live there

 Girls only stay in school an average of 9 years 

 51 out of 1000 children die before their 5th birthday

A parent earns an average of just \$3 a day 

This battle has left many food shortages. The UN program says that they need more than \$257 million to give food assistance until March. Ishan, a 26-year-old mother, told the World Food Program that she borrowed money from neighbors to take her malnourished son to a hospital.

Of her son, Ishan says, "he is slipping away from us and losing more weight every day. I hardly have food to feed my children, let alone to eat well."

**What you can do to help:** Visit [savethechildren.org](http://savethechildren.org), the first international group in Yemen which works to promote children's rights with programs in education, protection, and survival.

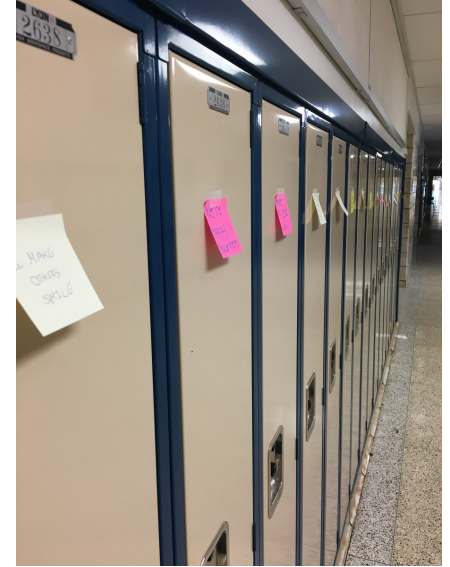


# Kindness Found this Fall

by Lenagazette Staff, special thanks to Mrs. Young's 3rd period class

## Plethora of Post-its

On the morning of November 18th, we were greeted at our lockers by a sticky note. But this wasn't the normal sticky note reminding us to remember our instrument, or telling us what we owe from being out of school. Instead, we found ourselves face to face with an inspirational quote, something to make us smile, to teach us that we matter. "My sticky note said 'You're Awesome,'" said Blake Barklage, seventh grader at Lenape Middle School. "It made me feel happy," said ninth grader Dana. "It was cool to start our morning on a positive note," added Evan Drollette. Of the signs, Emma Myers said, "It was a break from the usual morning routine." "I liked the way everyone got a sticky note," reflects seventh grader Kate Matteson. Usually we are really tired in the mornings, so thank you to all the teachers that reminded us for all the reasons to be happy!



## Suspicion raising over Random Acts of Kindness Drawing

For several consecutive weeks in a row, Mr. Marttila has been the winner of the weekly and monthly Random Acts of Kindness drawing. What does he say about his suspicious amount of victories? "As my friend DJ Kahle says, 'All I do is win win win no matter what.'" His streak was finally put to an end on November 11, when Mrs. Ventors and Mrs. Lapergola stole the crown. "As two of the many truly randomly kind individuals in this building, we were overcome with emotion to hear that our names were selected to be the first co-winners of the 2016-17 school year. We are so randomly kind, that we didn't even mind sharing the honor. It meant even more to us to overthrow the reigning champion, Mr. "win, win, win no matter what" Marttila. We, as co-winners, disregard the "win no matter what" philosophy and instead embrace the organic random acts of kindness we bestow on our students and witness throughout the building. We encourage the Lenape community to "nominate, nominate, nominate" and keep being kind "no matter what."

## History Comes Alive for Veteran's Day

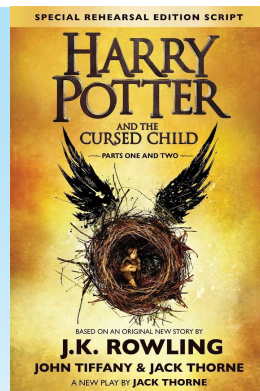
On Friday, November 11, Lenape hosted 22 Veterans in commemoration of Veteran's Day. In Social Studies classrooms, we heard their stories from war, their experience learning about themselves and the world, and what it means to truly serve one's country. The Lenape Middle School History department, History Corps, and Student Council organized and showcased photos of Veterans connected to our community in the hallways when the Veteran's arrived. There was also a birthday party held for Mr. Vickers in the library to celebrate his 101st birthday! He also came to honor his friend, Mr. Hollis, who passed away last spring at 101 years old.



## Critics Corner

### Harry Potter and The Cursed Child By Emma O'Reilly

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child is the eighth book in the Harry Potter series, but the one unique thing about this book is that it originally started as a play in London's West End. Unfortunately, the tickets were ultra expensive, so not many Potter fans were able to see it. Luckily, J.K. Rowling decided to make it a book for those who couldn't see the play. The book starts out on Kings Cross platform 9 ¾, with Harry and Ginny sending their youngest son, Albus Severus Potter, off to Hogwarts for his first year. Along with them is Ron and Hermione, who are seeing their daughter, Rose, off as well. After saying their goodbyes, Albus and Rose board the train. Rose reminds Albus that their parents met on the train, and should be careful where they sit. Much to Rose's irritation, they end up sitting in a compartment with another 1st year, Scorpius Malfoy. Even though Rose and Scorpius get off to a shaky start, he and Albus become friends. When they arrive at Hogwarts, they have to split up because they need to get sorted into their houses. Rose hopes Albus will end up in Gryffindor with her, and Scorpius hopes Albus will end in Slytherin with him. But when one of Albus and Scorpius's little escapades goes wrong, it's up to the three of them to fix it. I recommend this book to any Potter fans who want to find out what happens after book seven. I give this book 4 stars out of 5, because it was a good read, but not as good as the original!



### Ouija: Origin of Evil By Roni Endres

An old legend, with a new twist. Director, Mike Flanagan, takes on the creepy story of the Ouija Board as his new project. While weaving in a bit of humor, the writers maintain the spooky concept of the "afterlife" in this Halloween fright-night-flick. Doris, the youngest out of the two daughters, becomes possessed, after playing around with one of her mother's "props" for her séance business. Ouija: Origin of Evil was a frightening and wonderful mix of a normal, 1960's family of three, and a series of not-so-normal events. 4 1/2 stars!

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## RECIPE OF THE SEASON:

### Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Squares

These moist pumpkin bars studded with chocolate chips are simply irresistible.

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, (spooned and leveled)
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin-pie spice
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 package (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips



#### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line bottom and sides of a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with foil.

In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, pie spice, baking soda, and salt; set aside.

With an electric mixer, cream butter and sugar until smooth; beat in egg and vanilla until combined. Beat in pumpkin puree.

Mix in dry ingredients until just combined. Fold in chocolate chips.

Spread batter evenly in prepared pan. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes. Cool completely in pan.

Lift cake from pan (using foil as an aid). Peel off foil, and use a serrated knife to cut into 24 squares.

Submit your recipes to  
[Lenagazette@cbsd.org](mailto:Lenagazette@cbsd.org)

## NOVEMBER PRECEPTS

Submitted by Katherine Schulz

### Mystery person is here in the Lenagazette! by Sam Bayless



Below are three unique facts about an anonymous staff member in this school.

1. Children are exactly 11 months apart
2. Has been on 17 cruises
3. Used to teach 2nd grade

Submit your guess to Miss Mooradd via e-mail or stop by room 503!

"WE CAN'T HELP  
**EVERYONE**  
— BUT —  
**EVERYONE**  
CAN HELP SOMEONE.  
~ RONALD REAGAN

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WHEN SOMETHING  
GOES WRONG IN YOUR  
LIFE, JUST YELL,  
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AND MOVE ON.