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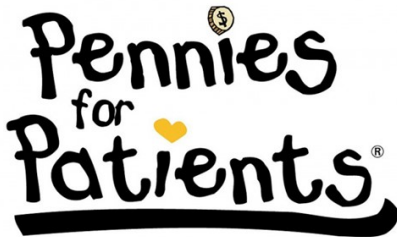
Jeanette Lim

With determination and effort, we can do great things for the world. Thank you Unami for achieving such high standards and collecting a great amount of money for our Pennies for Patients fundraiser. Unami has collected over \$2,000 for families who have a child that has been affected with cancer and for research for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Cancer Research Society. The money we have gathered will help children under the age of 12 who have been diagnosed with leukemia or lymphoma.

For more in-depth information, leukemia is a type of blood cancer that affects the blood and bone marrow of one's body. Leukemia is diagnosed when a single cell in the bone marrow undergoes an alteration that makes it dissimilar from the other cells, leaving the single cell to multiply and survive exceptionally better than other cells. As for lymphoma, lymphoma is another type of blood cancer that impacts the immune system, lymphatic system, liver, bone marrow, or lungs. Lymphoma starts in the immune system with an infection-fighting cell called a lymphocyte. Lymphocytes can be found in various parts of the body such as the lymph nodes,

spleen, thymus, bone marrow, and other areas in the body. Similar to leukemia cancer cells, lymphocytes undergo changes that makes it divergent from the other cells, causing it to grow and spread without control.

The cancers can be treated, but it can be very costly. Yet, thanks to Unami, we will be providing aid to the affected families as well as funding researchers with the goal to find other ways to treat the patients. We hope we will be making a difference in the lives of these children. Once again, thank you Unami for pitching in and helping the boys and girls in need!



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Unami's 2019 Musical Grease

Marissa Periera

This year, as many of you know, Unami performed the musical *Grease*. I interviewed Kiara Beckett, Anshul Shukla, and Megan Magee to learn more about the rehearsals and everything that went into making the play happen. This version of *Grease* was not *Grease Jr.*; instead, it was the school version of *Grease*. That means the play was twice as long as last year's. The cast is huge with a total of about 90 students in total. The main roles were Sandy (Zoey Schug), Rizzo (Kiara Beckett), Marty (Megan Magee), Jan (Emmy Rutberg), Frenchy (Holly Mirales), Danny Zuko (Gavin Donlevy), Kenickie (Logan Ross), Rodger (Sean Burke), Doody (Brad Castle), Eugene (Anshul Shukla), and Sunny (Michael Rehmet). The cast members did an amazing job at the Broadway Cares event and worked very hard to put on an amazing performance. Broadway Cares is an event in which all middle schools and high schools in the CB district come together and each perform a couple minutes of their school's musical. To prepare for these events, the cast practiced on Saturdays from 10 am- 2 pm and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30-5:30. At these practices they first looked over the



scenes, went over the songs, then blocked them out (each character's moves and where they are going to stand is planned beforehand). The cast members had about 2-3 costume changes which they were fitted for. We hope you had a chance to see Unami's 2019 musical, *Grease*, it was outstanding!

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WSUP at Unami

Mehir Badlani

The second marking period is now over, and we are now moving into the third marking period. Everyone is finishing up their midterms and enjoying their new elective classes. The second marking period lasted from November 9 to January 28.

Here is a brief recap of all the events in the second marking period:

1) We celebrated Veteran's Day and heard from 3 special guest speakers: Jim McComb who spoke with the 7th graders about his experiences in Vietnam, Robert Boquist, and George Uhl, from our local Chalfont VFW.

2) On November 17th, Link2Unity was held at Unami. This is an event that happens twice a year at Unami—once in the fall and once after the winter break. Link2Unity helps build character and teaches the importance of kindness and friendship, and highlights various traits involved in teamwork and leadership through fun and engaging activities. Various 7th, 8th, and 9th graders are invited to learn and participate. A few high schoolers from CB South come to visit and share information about Link2Unity at the high school. This is a great event if you get the opportunity to be invited!

3) Unami held a pep rally on November 20th with many fun activities involving both teachers and students. The 9th Grade Orchestra played a few pieces, and everyone was looking forward to the Thanksgiving break.

4) On December 4th, 9th grade had their Pano picture event!

5) On December 5th, 11th, and 12th Unami held their Winter Concert and featured the 7th Grade Orchestra, 8th Grade Orchestra, 9th Grade Orchestra, String Ensemble, 8th Grade Chorus, 9th Grade Chorus, Select Chorus, 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band, 9th Grade Band, Jazz Band, and Lab Band.

6) On December 8th, 9th graders celebrated the completion of their studies and research on the 1920s time period by dressing up as historical figures like Charlie Chaplin, Amelia Earhart, Charles Lindbergh, Scott Fitzgerald, Pablo Picasso, and many more. Students learned to dance the Charleston, watched Charlie Chaplin movies, and participated in fads from the '20s and enjoyed some snacks!

7) On December 19th, 7th grade had the opportunity to enrich their reading of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. They saw a play of the story at the Walnut St. Theater.

8) On December 20th, 9th Grade went to Hatfield Ice (ice skating rink) for the day and watched a movie when they got back. It was a nice break before the winter holiday.

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9) On January 10, 9th graders got to visit South in the evening to view their courses for next year. Almost all of the grades are done their course planning by now. Course planning can be tough. It is important to challenge yourself, but not add too much to your workload.

10) On January 11, 9th graders went to visit MBIT, the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology. 9th graders can choose to go to MBIT, a school which teaches hands-on experiences in major career clusters, like law enforcement, health, and engineering and design. MBIT is a great school and we are lucky to have the opportunity to go there!

11) The new rock wall in the renovated Aux Gym and Fitness Room became ready for use!

12) Unami raised \$2,774.72 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through our Pennies for Patients fundraiser! Mrs. Siegel's advisory raised the most money. Congratulations to Mrs. Siegel's advisory and great job Unami!

13) On January 22, the Unami String Ensemble held a private performance for the CBSD School Board.

14) Congratulations to all of the Unami Students who are featured at the CBSD Art Show! 7th graders: Sarah K, Audrey W, Madison E. 8th graders: Connor H. 9th graders: Tommy B, Aastha G, Felicia O.

Third Marking Period Events:

15) There was a 6th grade parent orientation on February 19th, and was hosted by our 9th graders.

16) The Unami String Social was held in late February. It was meant to be interactive and to encourage more involvement among the visiting 6th graders and the Middle School Pops Concert orchestra. 6th graders had the opportunity explore the school, talk with current orchestra students, and hear a few pieces of music.

17) Grease had a legendary performance! Many tickets were sold to the show.

18) Math Family Fun Night was held on Pi Day, March 14th, from 6 - 7:30 PM. Students from around the district came to visit our Unami Math Department and play some fun Math Games!

19) On March 20, 9th Grade went to NYC to see a Broadway show: Come From Away. It was an amazing show!

That's WSUP at Unami. Looking forward to a great 4th marking period!

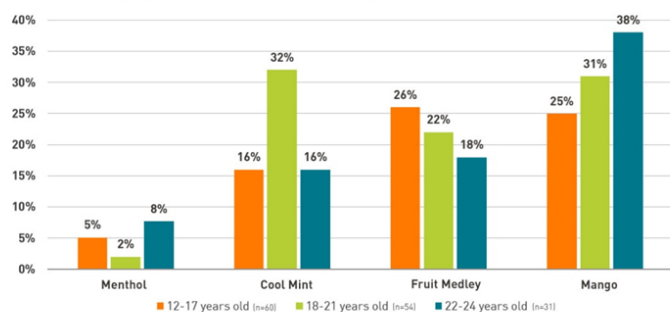
The Dangers Of Vaping

Allison Zhuang

I'm sure you all know this already, but vaping is a serious health hazard, especially to teens. These adolescent years are times of important brain development, which doesn't stop until about 25 years of age. Nicotine exposure during adolescence and young adulthood can cause addiction and harm the developing brain. Furthermore, E-cigs and vape pens typically contain other chemicals, as well as nicotine, that are known to damage health. Ultrafine particles, flavorings (ex. diacetyl, which is a chemical that has been linked to serious lung disease), volatile organic compounds, and heavy metals (ex. lead and tin) can all be found in the e-liquid that is inhaled. Vaping may seem like an exciting way to have some fun, with flavors (DISCLAIMER: These flavors were taken from JUUL's website) like fruit medley, cool mint, mango, crème brûlée, and cool cucumber. The health risks certainly outweigh the fun. Unless, of course, nicotine addiction and lung disease seem like a fun and exciting way to ruin your life, because then, by all means, go ahead and vape.

Popularity of JUUL flavors

Most recent flavor used by JUUL users who used the device in the past 30 days



Save the Tigers: Siberian Tigers

Rishi Raghav Suresh

It is estimated that the wild population of Siberian tigers is around 350 to 450 tigers worldwide. Almost all of these wild tigers live in the Southeast corner of Russia in the Sikhote-Alin mountain range, east of the Amur River. However, their former habitat included northeastern China, the Korean Peninsula, and as far west as Mongolia. They are the largest of the tiger species and can grow up to 13 feet in length and weigh up to 700 pounds.

The Siberian tiger, or Amur tiger, is a critically endangered species, with the primary threats to its survival in the wild being poaching and habitat loss from intensive logging and development. Tigers are most commonly poached for their fur and for their body parts, which are used in Traditional Chinese Medicine. It is estimated that in 1991 alone, one-third of the entire Siberian tiger population was killed to meet the demand for their bones and other parts used in the Chinese practice. This practice is now unlawful in China.

In 1993, the State Council of the People's Republic of China issued a notice declaring the use of tiger bone for medicinal purposes to be illegal. The Chinese government encouraged the Ministry of Public Health and the pharmaceutical companies to seek substitute medicines for tiger parts. However, because it is such a profitable trade -- a single tiger being \$50,000 on the international market -- the practice is still flourishing. The other vital concern for the survival of the Siberian tiger in the wild is habitat loss. Research has demonstrated that the Siberian tigers require vast forest landscapes to survive. However, this habitat destruction is threatening the tigers' homes by fragmenting their habitat, thereby isolating them from each other. In addition to this, the continuous creation of new logging roads provides poachers with access to formerly remote areas.

For the Siberian tiger to survive in the wild, and no longer be considered as an endangered species, habitat encroachment must stop. Secondly, the thousands of years old tradition of using tiger parts for medicinal purposes must also end. There is so much that can be done to stop the extinction of this tiger species.



2020 Presidential Election Candidates

Chakrika Aluri

With the 2020 presidential election right around the corner, it would be beneficial to get to know the candidates that are up for the job. This way, voters can make an informed decision about who they want as president. A few of the notable candidates include Cory Booker, Pete Buttigieg, Julian Castro, John Delaney, Tulsi Gabbard, Kirsten Gillibrand, Kamala Harris, Elizabeth Warren, Andrew Yang, and current leader: President Donald Trump. Now, those are just their names, but more information will be needed to make a thoughtful decision. Here are the details:



Cory Booker: DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The United States senator from New Jersey announced that he was going to be running in the 2020 election on February 1st, 2019.

Pete Buttigieg: DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The mayor of South Bend, Indiana announced that he was running for president on January 23rd, 2019.

Julian Castro: DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The former secretary of housing and urban development and San Antonio mayor formally announced his candidacy on January 12th, 2019.

John Delaney: DEMOCRATIC PARTY

This former United States representative from Maryland filed to run for president on August 10th, 2017.

Tulsi Gabbard: DEMOCRATIC PARTY

U.S. representative from Hawaii. Announced that she had decided to run for president on January 11, 2019.

Kirsten Gillibrand: DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Senator from New York, announced that she was running for president on January 15, 2019

Kamala Harris: DEMOCRATIC PARTY

This U.S. senator from California announced that she was running for president on January 21, 2019.

President Donald Trump: REPUBLICAN PARTY

Filed to run for re-election in 2020 on January 20, 2017

Elizabeth Warren: DEMOCRATIC PARTY

U.S. senator from Massachusetts. Announced she had formed an exploratory committee on December 31, 2018

Andrew Yang: DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The entrepreneur from New York, filed to run for president on November 6, 2017.

U.S. Endures Longest Government Shutdown in History

Holly Mirales

On December 22nd, 2018, the longest government shutdown in United States history began after the federal spending legislation did not allocate \$5.7 billion to a border wall between the United States and Mexico. The border wall has long been a point of contention between Democrats and President Trump. Ending on January 25, 2019, the shutdown was a record 35 days long.

While most government agencies have been funded since October 1st, 2018, when the budget year began, other aspects of government have been scraping by on temporary extensions. The 33% of government agencies not covered by the October 1st appropriation bills to the federal budget included Trump's campaign promised border wall. Congress had until December 21st to negotiate and debate the wall along with creating the budget for the other government functions still needing funding. Congress did not concede to Donald Trump's wish for \$5.7 billion for border security; therefore, Trump did not sign the federal budget plan and the country was plunged into a partial government shutdown.

The partial government shutdown had a massive impact on the United States, as multiple government agencies were left without funding. One such agency was the FBI. The shutdown halted sensitive investigations and basic operations, and impacted important criminal, counterterrorism, and intelligence work. Members of the United States Coast Guard, people who work in our military to protect and serve our country, were forced to rely on food pantries and donations for food. The expensive coastline housing Coast Guard members need is usually offset by federal housing subsidies, but these were missed due to the shutdown.

The government shutdown left official U.S. websites sensitive to hacks. More than 80 security certificates were not renewed, including NASA's website, the Court of Appeal's website, and the Department of Justice's website.

Many Food and Drug Administration inspections were suspended if they were not considered high-risk, which caused many Americans to worry over the safety of their food. Luckily, it does not appear that any of these missed inspections caused any harm.

According to a study by Syracuse University, 42,000 immigration cases were delayed indefinitely as of January 11th, and they predicted this number would increase by 20,000 for every subsequent week of the shutdown. The Smithsonian museums were forced to shut down, losing revenue from an estimated 1.2 million visitors. Two-thirds of Smithsonian employees were furloughed.

The National Parks suffered some of the most extreme losses due to the shutdown. With barebones staff it was impossible to keep the parks functioning and safe. The Washington Post reported that at least seven people died in the parks. Waste built up and roads became unsafe. In Joshua Tree National Park, vandals cut down several of the namesake trees, which are currently in review to become an endangered species. It is still unknown how many trees, which are crucial to desert life, were cut down. Some of the damage done in Joshua Tree is permanent and others will take two hundred to three hundred years to repair. Along with the devastating loss of Joshua trees, park administrators are concerned about the possibility of vandalized historical sites and valuable artifacts being looted.

Preparation for the next hurricane season was delayed, with important experiments, emergency trainings, and forecast model updates all being postponed. These new upgrades may now be postponed until 2020. NASA also suffered similarly. Repairs for the Hubble Space Telescope were compromised, and hundreds of staff were unable to attend and present their discoveries at the biggest U.S. astronomy conference. Other federally funded scientific endeavors suffered, with a plethora of experiments being ruined or set back significantly, such as cancer drug trials.

Many Americans who rely on food stamps went hungry during the shutdown. Numerous government employees were either furloughed or worked without pay for the duration of the shutdown, making it difficult for them and their families to stay afloat. In total, delayed federal employee compensation totaled \$9.5 billion.

The partial government shutdown wreaked havoc on America. Worst of all, another government shutdown is possible if an agreement is not made by February 15th, 2019, which could cause yet more problems. Trump has also threatened to declare a national emergency if need be. It remains to be seen whether Trump and Congress can reach a compromise regarding the border wall and the federal budget.



Sports

Super Bowl LIII

Gianna Grumer

6:30 p.m. was the start time for kickoff at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia. At that moment, Super Bowl LIII started to make its way to NFL history, becoming the lowest scoring title game. In what many felt was a boring Super Bowl, the New England Patriots defeated the Los Angeles Rams 13-3. This game was the first Super Bowl to go into the fourth quarter without a single touchdown scored by either team. The MVP was the Patriots' wide receiver, Julian Edelman, who had 10 catches for 141 yards. Many consider Tom Brady, quarterback for the Patriots, to be the greatest of all time. He won a record 6th Super Bowl as a player! Bill Belichick, age 66, became the oldest coach to ever win a Super Bowl, beating the youngest coach in NFL history, Sean McVay, age 34.



For many, Super Bowl Sunday's most exciting parts are the commercials and the halftime show. The average price for a 30-second commercial during the Super Bowl is \$4 million. There were mixed reviews on this year's showings, but a few were highly rated. This includes "We All Win" by Microsoft and "More Than OK" by Pepsi. "We All Win" promoted an Xbox adaptive controller, making gaming easier for kids with disabilities. The Pepsi commercial starred Steve Carrell, Cardi B, and Lil Jon. The halftime show starred Adam Levine and Maroon 5, and according to many critics, they didn't put on a good performance.

How Can We Fix NFL Refs?

Varun Rao

By now, everyone knows what happened. There's video evidence of it. The question is, "Why? How? What?" Here's what happened. Drew Brees, the future Hall of Famer, was driving the New Orleans Saints down the field to try and win the NFC Championship. 13 yards away from a ticket to the Super Bowl with 1:41 left in the game, Brees decided to loft a ball to the right side to receiver Tommylee Lewis. But before the ball reached the player, a Los Angeles Rams defensive player came out of nowhere to flatten Lewis. It was a completely illegal hit, a play that should have cost the Rams the game. But instead, the NFL refs in the game said that it was okay. The head coach of the Saints, Sean Payton, was absolutely furious, and with good reason. But this was nothing compared to the Saints fans who have held massive petitions and parades to protest the call. Because of the call, the Saints would have to kick a field goal and lose 4 possible points. The Rams eventually tied it up to take it to overtime, and then won in overtime to go to the Super Bowl.

Over the 2018 NFL season, there have been many idiotic, head-scratching calls. Many have cost teams their games. But if the players spoke up about it, the players would get fined. Not many people cared about it though because it was only the regular season. This wouldn't happen in the playoffs, right? Nope. And the Saints ended up missing the chance to go to the big game. So, what's next? The NFL said they might allow specific penalties and possible penalties to be challenged and reviewed, but doing that might mean the games will be slowed down exponentially.



But these refs cannot be doing what they are doing, willing to stop the play so no one gets hurt, even if that means that everything after the whistle will be dead. But after that play and the reactions from fans, it will be hard for the NFL refs to get away with bad calls. Hopefully, after that massive screw-up, the league comes up with a solution. Otherwise, who knows? It might be the Super Bowl that's next.

Technology and Entertainment

Upcoming Oscars

Katherine He

It's that glamorous time of the year again: The Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars. For those who are unaware, it is an award show dedicated to honoring cinematic achievements from the previous year, in this case, 2018. It features categories such as best actor, actress, costume design, directing, editing, makeup and hairstyling, music, writing, visual effects, picture, and many more. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awards the Academy Award of Merit, the famous golden statuette, to each winner. Every year, the biggest names in film walk the red carpet, dressed in extravagant and classy attire. This year, the Oscars aired at 8:00 PM eastern time on Sunday, February 24th. It was the 91st annual Academy Awards. Leading up to the event, there was a great deal of controversy as Kevin Hart, who was scheduled to host, stepped down due to backlash about homophobic tweets and comments from his past that resurfaced. This was the first time in 30 years there was not an MC. It was held at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, California. There were several musical performances including "Shallow" from Best Song nominees, Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper. Notable films such as "Roma" (especially extraordinary considering it is a foreign language film) and "The Favourite" each have 10 nominations! "Black Panther" is the first ever superhero movie with a nomination in Best Picture. Regardless of who won, a great deal of history was made. By the time this article is read, the show has already happened, and the winners announced. It was interesting to see who was victorious and wonder whether there would be any unexpected surprises this year.



Technology and Entertainment

Annual Grammy Awards: Highlights

Diya Hundiwala

On February 10th, 2019, the 61st Annual Grammy awards were hosted by 15-time Grammy Award winner, Alicia Keys, at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, California. Camila Cabello opened the Grammys with a theatrical and elaborate performance of her hit song, “Havana”. She was joined by Ricky Martin, Young Thug, Arturo Sandoval, and J Balvin in her playful rendition of her top song. J Balvin performed a bit of his smash hit “Mi Gente”. After Cabello’s performance, Alicia Keys invited some significant women on stage to speak about how music improved their lives. This group of women included Lady Gaga, Jada Pinkett Smith, Michelle Obama, and Jennifer Lopez.

Lady Gaga accepted the first award of the night for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance for "Shallow", her duet with Bradley Cooper from their hit film, *A Star Is Born*. In her acceptance speech, she went on to speak about mental health issues among fellow musical artists and other celebrities. Janelle Monáe performed her single “Make Me Feel”, from her newest album, *Dirty Computer*. Monáe’s performance radiated vibes similar to those of her mentor, Prince. Her performance had it all: guitar playing, fancy foot-work, and her trademark black-and-white look.

Childish Gambino’s “This is America” made history by winning Song of the Year. It was the first rap song to ever win this award. Presenters John Mayer and Alicia Keys had to accept the award for the controversial song on behalf of the rapper, since he did not attend the event. The Song of the Year award goes to the song’s writers, rather than the artist. In addition to Song of the Year, it also took home Record of the Year. Once again, it made history by being the first rap song to win in that category. Post Malone performed his hit song, “Rockstar”, without the featured rapper 21 Savage. Instead, he took the stage with the rock band Red Hot Chili Peppers. The song had earned 2 Grammy nominations.

A tribute to Dolly Parton was also featured in the show on Sunday night. Artists from all ages joined Parton to perform some of her top hits, including “Jolene” and “9 to 5”. Chris Cornell won a Grammy for Best Rock Performance, almost two years after his death. Cornell's song "When Bad Does Good" received the award. The award for Best Rap Song was presented to Drake for “God’s Plan”. Producers cut Drake off midway through his speech for commercials!

The representation of women in this year’s awards was much higher than in preceding years. Performance by performance, various female artists stole the show. Cardi B’s performance was an example of one of the memorable performances at the ceremony. 15-time Grammy winner Alicia Keys did not fail to impress, playing two pianos at once and inviting the audience to “Club Keys”. Lady Gaga slayed in her solo performance of “Shallow”. The song is slow and mellow, but she performed an energetic rendition of the track.

Diana Ross’s 75th birthday was celebrated at the Grammys with a heartfelt performance of "The Best Years of My Life" and "Reach Out and Touch (Somebody’s Hand)". Her 9-year-old grandson, Raif-Henok Emmanuel Kendrick, who introduced her, stole the show with his cuteness.

Travis Scott went on to perform his hit “NO BYSTANDERS”. His performance started out a bit mellow, singing another song with James Blake and Philip Bailey from Earth, Wind, and Fire. He then performed “NO BYSTANDERS” in a cage, surrounded by swarms of people. He crowd-surfed on stage during his performance. Jennifer Lopez lead the controversial Motown tribute, joined by Smokey Robinson and Ne Yo.



Cardi B made history by becoming the first solo woman artist to win Best Rap Album. She won the Grammy for *Invasion of Privacy*. Dua Lipa won the Grammy for Best New Artist. A tribute to Aretha Franklin was also included in the three-and-a-half-hour show. Andra Day, Fantasia and Yolanda Adams sang "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman". Country singer Kasey Musgraves won the Grammy for Album of the Year with *Golden Hour*.

Once again, this year’s Grammys did not fail to impress.

Reviews

Aquaman: An In-Depth Review

Alexa Haidacher

I, like most other people invested in the superhero realm, am a die-hard Marvel fan. DC series such as Superman and Batman have been underwhelming in character development, and the plotlines often leave more to be desired. I cannot say the same when it comes to the franchise's newest movie: Aquaman.

This thrilling adventure of a film takes you right to the beginning when a humble fisherman falls in love with the Queen of Atlantis. Together, they have a son by the name of Arthur, better known as Aquaman. Arthur's younger brother has claimed the throne of Atlantis after his mother was forced away. Once he takes over all seven seas, he is deemed Ocean Master, the mightiest being in all the world.

With this power, he can avenge all the creatures in the ocean by destroying the human race for wreaking havoc on the seas. It is up to Arthur to defeat his brother and claim his rightful place atop the Throne of Atlantis. Will our hero succeed, or will he succumb to the dangers of the journey he takes? To find out, check out DC's newest film Aquaman! I found this movie to be on the better side of superhero movies. What really stood out to me were the visual effects. The underwater creatures were beautifully crafted and just seemed extremely life-like.

There were also amazing moments played by Amber Heard, Nicole Kidman, and of course, Jason Momoa. These three actors really seemed to bring their characters to life on the big screen. Although, personally, I did find parts of the plotline to be fairly cliché at times, there were also new twists around every corner. Overall, I would recommend this film to any action movie fan, or anyone looking to go on an adventure!



Reviews

The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part Review

Luke Mingacci

The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part, is an amazing new chapter to the Lego universe!

This installment of the Lego Movie follows a mysterious new foe named General Mayhem kidnapping all of Emmet's friends and taking them to the Systar System, where they meet Queen Whatevra Wa'Nabi. She tries to get them to participate in a wedding. Simultaneously, Emmet goes on a journey to save the others while bumping into a new friend, Rex Dangervest.

In this part of the story, we re-visit all of the old characters including Emmet, Lucy, and Batman, while also adding new faces like, General Mayhem, Queen Whatevra Wa'Nabi, and Rex Dangervest.

One cool fact that some people don't know, is that Chris Pratt plays both Emmet and Rex. At the end of the day, *The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part* is a fantastic sequel and I highly recommend going to see it.



Into the Spider-Verse: An Animated Masterpiece

Carter Forman

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse is groundbreakingly animated, with unforgettable characters, plenty of Easter eggs, and an impressive story. *Into the Spider-Verse* has an unbelievable animation style that contributes to the fantastical elements of the story. Spider-Man has many distinct and stylish characters, which the comic-book style animation played off of in a mesmerizing way. There are lots of remarkable characters in the film, with three prevalent main heroes. The main protagonist is Miles Morales, a young child who begins the story by transferring to a new private school. He is charismatic, funny, and grows and learns a lot throughout the film. The second main character is 40-year-old Peter Parker, who serves as a mentor to Miles. He was a standout part of the movie, with his father-son-like relationship with Miles being my favorite dynamic of the whole film. The last main character is Gwen Stacy, a spunky young girl who has a snarky sense of humor that carries throughout the film. She, much like Miles, has huge character growth, along with forming an amazing friendship with Miles that makes the time we spend with them very enjoyable. While there is not an obvious main plot, the general idea is that many universes, all with different versions of Spider-Man, have merged and made the Spider-Verse in one universe that contains many different iterations of the hero. They must team up to defeat Wilson Fisk and stop him from destroying all the universes. *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* is a wacky, exciting, fun to look at, and brilliant ride for the whole family that I can wholeheartedly recommend.



Reviews

The Kid Who Would Be King Review

Vibha Iyengar

The story of Arthur is one that many people know well. It talks about chivalry, kindness, and the value of having a good heart. The movie *The Kid Who Would Be King* uses the story of Arthur to create a new story. *The Kid Who Would Be King* is about a boy named Alex Elliot who is struggling in his new school. Him and his friend, Bedders, are being bullied by two other students named Lance and Kaye. Alex ends up getting in a fight with Lance because of the bullying. The next day, Lance and Kaye attempt to harm him further, when he runs away and finds a sword lodged in a stone. He then pulls it out and takes it home. Eventually, Bedders and Alex discover that it says it is the sword of Arthur. The next day, they meet Merlin who informs them that they must defeat Morgana, Arthur's half-sister who is rising because of lack of good leadership in Britain. Alex and his team of knights must defeat Morgana and her monsters before the solar eclipse, or she will attempt to enslave all of Britain.

I think that as far as the message of the movie goes, it was a good one. The movie combines politics and a strong message into an adventure story incredibly well. It touches upon the corruptness of the world, Brexit, and bullying without making it seem too forced. It did an excellent job of showing characters who have flaws – even if they did show the flaws too blatantly and remove the aspect of figuring it out yourself. More often than not, I found myself laughing or smiling whenever they did something funny.

However, while the jokes were excellent, the rest of the movie was not. Many moments that were intended to be epic and incredible simply were ridiculous and made me laugh even when that wasn't the intention of the creators. Certain aspects of the movie – such as Merlin's ridiculously extravagant hand gestures every time he cast a spell – seemed like they were meant to be jokes at first. However, as time went on, they were repeated so often that you realized that it was supposed to be taken seriously. Many things about the movie were meant to be taken seriously, but looked so absurd that you couldn't help but laugh. The movie felt like lost potential. It would have been incredible if it had been a comedy and didn't take itself too seriously, but many of the moments that were meant to be awe-inspiring and cool simply weren't. If *The Kid Who Would Be King* had followed the example set by *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*, and aimed to be funny instead of heroic, then it would have been something hilarious and wonderful.

In conclusion, I don't recommend going to the theaters and watching this movie. It would simply be a waste of your time and money. However, if you are bored one day and have access to a copy of *The Kid Who Would Be King*, it's not a bad movie to watch with friends at your house. *The Kid Who Would Be King* is a movie that is not best enjoyed when you are making fun of it alongside friends.



The Longest Government Shutdown in History

Vibha Iyengar

On December 22, 2018, the 21st government shutdown began. A government shutdown happens when the government cannot agree about funding for something. Most government shutdowns only last for a few days, usually a week; sometimes two at the most. Employees are rarely furloughed, and the problems are usually solved fairly quickly. Before the 2018-2019 government shutdown, the longest government shutdown was from December 15th, 1995 to January 6th, 1996 and lasted for 21 days. The 2018-2019 government shutdown lasted for 35 days, ending on January 25th, and employees were furloughed. This meant that government workers were not paid for 35 days. On January 15th, the Trump administration declared that government workers must come back to work. However, the government workers would not get paid. They would instead be working for free.

The fact that Donald Trump did this was upsetting to some people. People went without pay for 35 days for no other reason than lack of funding for the wall – a wall that may bring nothing but harm. The wall that Donald Trump proposed will cost 5 billion. It might harm the ecosystem and cause more animal species closer to being endangered or extinct. This appears to be an absurd idea that has been proposed by our presi-

dent. The government shutdown cost the American economy money as well. Government shutdowns cost a lot of money. Rand Paul once said, “[it] cost us more to shut the government down than to keep it open.”

Government shutdowns not only hurts the livelihoods of federal workers, but they cost the country money as well. So far, Donald Trump has had 3 government shutdowns in his years of presidency. To put that into perspective, before Donald Trump, there were 3 government shutdowns in the past 25 years. Of those 3 shutdowns, employees have been furloughed for 38 out of 39 days of shutdown. Donald Trump is starting his 3rd year of presidency and he has shut down the



government more times than most presidents do in 8 years. In fact, there are only 2 presidents who have shut down the government more times than he has. The fact that this has happened is upsetting to some people.

Get To Know The Staff

Mr. Fox

Julia Schofield

Julia: When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Mr. Fox: I always wanted to be a police officer.

Julia: What were your favorite and least favorite subjects when you were in school?

Mr. Fox: My favorite subject was probably Tech ED, working with metal and wood was the best part of it. My least favorite was most likely English.

Julia: What are your talents/hobbies outside of school?

Mr. Fox: Hmmmm.... I do a lot of fishing. I also like going on runs with my two pet dogs and walks with my two daughters.

Julia: Tell me something very cool about you.

Mr. Fox: I actually refinish bathrooms as a side job.

Julia: How did you end up at Unami?

Mr. Fox: I had a career change and I really wanted to get more into Tech ED and teaching. Unami had a job opening for it so I joined Unami to become a Tech ED teacher here. I really like Central Bucks.

Julia: What do you like the most about teaching?

Mr. Fox: Making a difference and working with students. Helping students succeed.

Julia: Thanks Mr. Fox, I had a great time interviewing you.

Mr. Fox: No problem, anytime.



Get To Know The Staff

Meet Mr. Mitnik!

Tommy Balkir

Where did you attend middle/high school?

"I grew up in Doylestown, PA where I attended Lenape and West. It's fantastic to be teaching at the district I went to!"

What was your favorite subject?

"I always loved Social Studies for its debates and analysis of historical tales. We had many discussions on controversial topics, and it taught me the importance of developing thoughtful opinions. I also enjoyed taking various computer classes. We learned to keyboard as well as how to use Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint professionally. These skills have been incredibly beneficial to me as an adult. Additionally, I have certifications to teach both subjects!"

What did you want to be growing up?

"In elementary school, I aspired to be a professional baseball player; specifically, a shortstop for the Yankees like Derek Jeter (yes, I was a Yankees fan before a Phillies fan, ha-ha). However, this changed when I attended a high school where I decided I wanted to become an educator!"

Where did you attend college?

"I attended West Chester University of Pennsylvania. It's a beautiful college campus with many educational opportunities for most professions. I highly recommend checking it out when you're ready to start the college hunt."

How long have you been working at Unami?

"This will be my third year working at Unami! In the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, I was the building substitute. It's wonderful to be back once again as a classroom teacher."

What class/grade do you currently teach?

"I teach Integrated Technology I and II to 7th and 8th graders where we learn about digital citizenship and how businesses professionally incorporate technology into their operations!"

Have you taught at other schools?

"Before working at Central Bucks, I taught for 4 months as a long-term substitute for Carl Sandburg Middle School (Neshaminy School District). There, my classes consisted of Business, Computer, Information Technology (BCIT) courses for 5th, 7th, and 8th graders."

What do you like about Unami?

"Unami is an excellent school with wonderful students and staff. I admire its camaraderie as well as the many extracurricular activities, such as sports or clubs, students can participate in. Each day is an enjoyable experience and I am proud to call myself a teacher for the Warriors!"

What motivated you to create the Unami Esports team?

"I wanted to provide a unique, new experience for all students to enjoy. I wanted to create a learning environment where students can acquire new knowledge about Super Smash Brothers then apply it in tournament competitions. Unami's Esports Team has been going strong and I encourage anyone who's interested to join!"

What video games do you enjoy playing?

"I enjoy a wide-range of video-games from Super Smash Bros. Melee/Ultimate to Rocket League. Though, I will say my favorite game series of all time is The Legend of Zelda."

Fun Fact: favorite movie?

"It is, without question, Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King. I grew up with the LOTR trilogy and adored the story, characters, acting, climactic battles, and music. It's so captivating, and no other film has come close in my list of top films!"

Is there anything else you would like Unami to know about you?

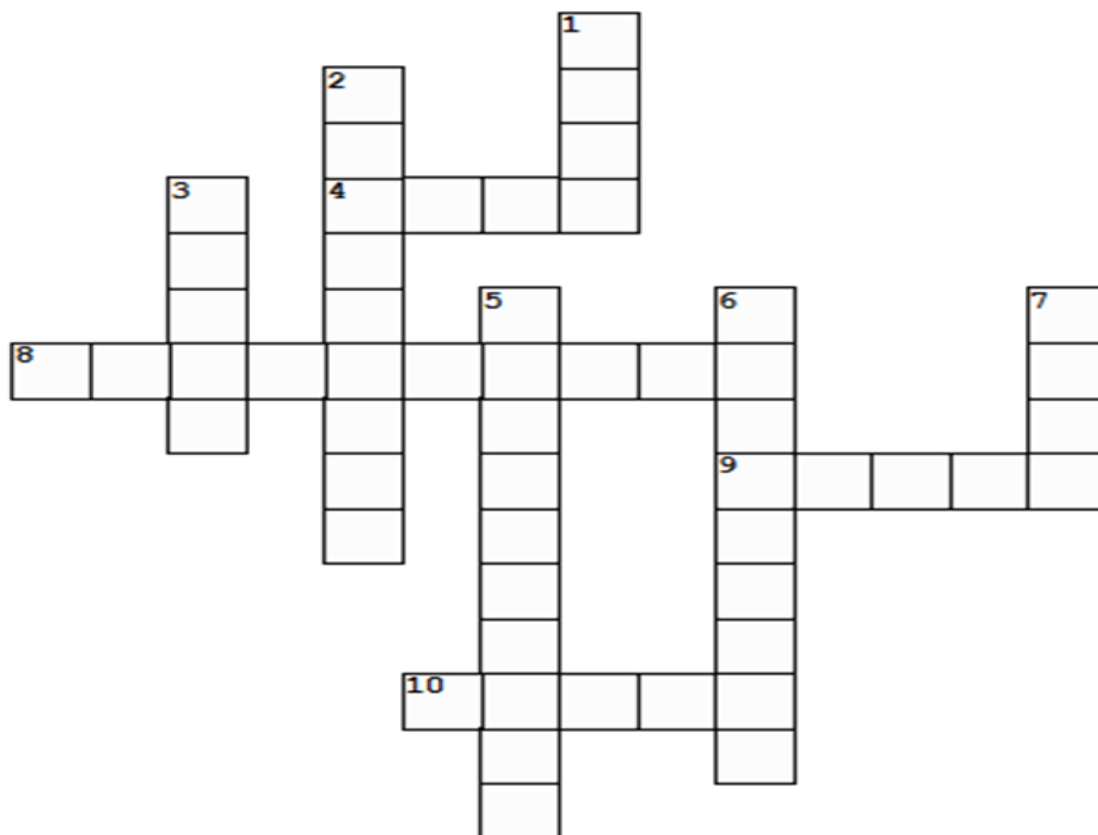
"I just want to thank the Unami Times for reaching out to me to do this interview! Thank you, guys, for doing such an awesome job of keeping the school informed!"



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Valentines Day Crossword Puzzle

Grace Neumann

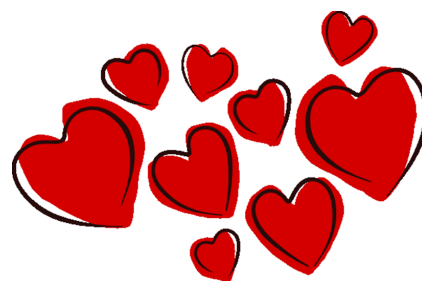


Down

1. Fragrant flower
2. Someone you love is called your '' (Hint: There is day named after it)
3. French word for number 1
5. A soft, plush gift (There is a space between the two words)
6. Treat you give to someone you love on the holiday
7. You send these full of words to people you care about

Across

4. Feeling associated with Valentine's Day
8. Valentine's Day is on February...
9. Angel who shoots arrows
10. Symbol of the day



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