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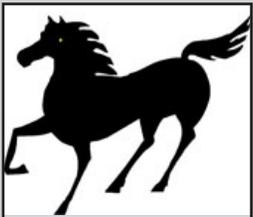
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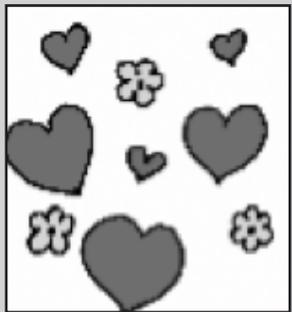


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Mardi Gras at CMM



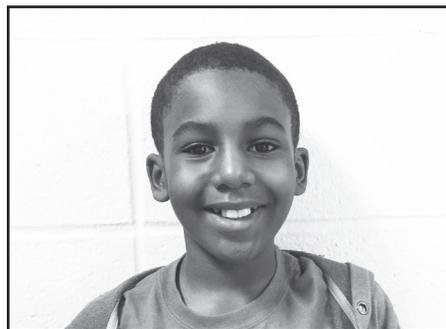
JONNAI JONES



For more than twenty-five years, the eighth grade students at CMM have had a grade-level festival to celebrate Mardi Gras. This year's festival took place on Friday, February 5th. Until four years ago it was known as a costume ball. Then the students decided to make it a more formal celebration by coming to school in Sunday best attire. Every year there is a court which consists of students that the eighth graders voted on. This year the court consists of 32 students. To be on the court a student must have a B average or better for both nine weeks in social studies, and cannot have had any disciplinary action taken against him or her. The students that met the requirements were voted on by their peers, and the highest numbers of votes determined the court royalty.

The girls on the court this

year were Anna Claire Johnson, Samantha Lau, Hillary Brown, Lucy Liu, Shaniah Hutcherson, Grace Matthews, Madison Sprague, LaMya Bailey, Audrey Tate, Madelyn Graham, Lindsey Landry, Karly Lafleur, Amber Salone, Ashley Hudson, Morgan Hughes, Lillie Johnson, and Emily Dunham. The boys on the court were Aden Woodard, Jake Harris, Ievan Adams, Alex Creighbaum, Nate Epp, Cody Deen, Chris Booras, Andrew Baker, Mannie Townsend, Joseph Lattier, Noah Susano, Slater Simpson, Athan Cosse, Vincent Sauseda, and Stewart Simon. Mannie Townsend was crowned King, and Anna Claire Johnson was crowned Queen. Duke and Duchess were Ashley Hudson and Cody Deen, and the Prince and Princess were Amber Salone and Athan Cosse. Congratulations to these students.



JOSH COURTNEY

This year, *Scholastic Kids' Magazine* chose eight of the coolest kids they met in 2015. One of those eight was CMM sixth grader Samuel Davis. Samuel's journey with *Scholastic* was absolutely amazing. Over the course of 2015, he served as a *Scholastic Kids'* news reporter and interviewed multiple people like

Davis reports for Scholastic Kids' Magazine

Ruby Bridges and William Joyce. His article on Ruby Bridges was even printed in the *Scholastic Kids' Newspaper*. He describes his journey as full of hard work, being busy, and lots of fun. Samuel said that he even made a trip to the White House, met the president, and sat by First Lady Michelle Obama. Samuel was

Morgan Hughes is CMM Student of the Year and Parish Finalist



AKITHMA FERDINANDEZ

Great job to the CMM Student of the Year finalists, and congratulations to Morgan Hughes who was selected as CMM's Student of the Year! Morgan is involved in numerous groups at CMM including CMM Advanced Orchestra, Newspaper, Peer Advocates, Talented Arts Drama Program, and she is President of Star Stallions. Morgan says, "It has been so exciting to be chosen as Student of the Year. I am so grateful for all of the support my friends and teachers have given me through this whole process." Mrs. Phelps says, "Morgan is an outstanding student that I have had the pleasure of teaching for two years. She is very deserving of the honor." Morgan was also selected as a finalist for the Caddo Parish Student of the Year. CMM is very proud of you!

interviewed twice: once by a girl named Abigail at the White House, and another time by phone with a *Scholastic News* Editor named Nicole Tacco. When Samuel was chosen, he described his emotions as amazed, excited, and unbelievable. Congratulations, Samuel, on this amazing accomplishment!

CMM Shines at Gator Games



MORGAN HUGHES

CMM students showed off their math smarts on January 23rd at the first annual “Gator Games,” a regional math competition sponsored by Captain Shreve’s Mu Alpha Theta Society. CMM had a total of 13 teams in the competition, with 42 students of various grades taking part. Students competed in an individual round and a team round, using both Kahoot and Jeopardy formats. Mrs. Choi, sponsor of the math teams, encourages all students to consider competing in competi-

tions like the Gator Games, saying, “Math competitions are not just for math whizzes only. They are for everyone. Everyone can challenge themselves and still have fun. Try some of them!”

The CMM students competing in this year’s Gator Games were: 6th Grade: Tuyen Chau, Kiara Smith, Amarige Yusufji, Jacob Rhodes, Jacob Frederick, Aryan Kumar; 7th Grade: Suyoung Kwak, Sumin Kwak, Patrick Simon, Yen Chu, Henry Jones, Joey Clary, Diya De-

sai, Sameer Tirumala, Arianne Graves, Aila Yurochko, Ameesha Paralikar; 8th Grade: Rohinton Dossahboy, James Rushing, Caymen Hawkins, Courtney Mobley, Chase Nelson, Aaron Hardel, Yutong (Lucy) Liu, Dazani Jackson, Arjun Yuauji, Morgan Hughes, Keegan Coon, Robert Lawrence, Sharon Li, Grace Sun, Stewart Simon, Grant Muslow, Armanda Smallwood, Cayla Garret, and Macie Meshell.

CMM swept at this year’s competition. The students who

placed in the group round were: Top 6th Grade Team: Gergely Szarvas, Neelie Lim, and Ashini Modi; 1st Place: Stewart Simon, Grant Muslow, and Sameer Tirumala; Runner-Up: Grace Sun, Sharon Li, and Diya Desai. The students who placed in the individual round were: 1st Place: Keegan Coon; 2nd Place: Chase Nelson; 3rd Place: Suyoung Kwak.

Congratulations to all of the students who represented CMM!



AREYON MCCLENDON

This year the CMM annual science fair was held on January 20, 2016. It’s sponsored by Mrs. Bass, one of the seventh grade science teachers, who has been sponsoring it for about twenty years.

The contestants were able to enter one of seventeen categories: Animal Sciences, Behavioral and Social Studies, Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth and Planetary Science, Engineering Electrical and Mechanical, Engineering Materials and Bioengineering, Energy and Transporta-

tion, Environmental Management, Environmental Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Medicine and Health, Microbiology, Physics and Astronomy, and Plant Sciences.

In order to know what science projects should go to regionals, Mrs. Bass asks college students, science educators, PhDs, MDs, people with science related jobs, and sometimes high school seniors who are strong in science to help her judge to projects.

The winners of the 2015-16 science fair, by categories, are: Animal Sciences: 1st- Morgan Hughes,

Congratulations to the Science Fair winners and to those advancing to regionals!

2nd- Katie Smith; Behavioral and Social Sciences: 1st- Ethan MacKowiak, 2nd- Merritt Shemwell, 3rd- Nylah Tolliver; Biochemistry: 1st- Ashley Gardenhire; Cellular and Molecular Biology: 1st- Grace Sun; Chemistry: 1st- Lilah Estes, 2nd- Natalie Miller, 3rd- Nicholas McCallon; Computer Science: 1st- Will Raney; Engineering Electrical and Mechanical: 1st- Joey Clary, 2nd- Sameer Tirumala, 3rd- Cameron Basinger; Materials and Bioengineering: 1st- Katie Claire Ferrier, 2nd- Mason Langdon, 3rd- Alex Creighbaum; En-

ergy and Transportation: Eshaan Tandon and Arianne Grave tied for 1st place; Environmental Science: 1st- Robert Lawrence; Mathematical Sciences: 1st- Diya Desai; Medicine and Health: 1st- Anna Sullivan and Ameesha Parlikar, 2nd- Caroline Carr; Microbiology: Alia Yurachko and Ceara Johnson both tied for 1st place; Physics and Astronomy: tied in 1st- Ashini Modi and Jackson Holoubek, 2nd- Raylie Carroway, as a team Mark Mitchell and Keegan Coon came in 3rd place; Plant Sciences: 1st- Molly McNulty, 2nd- Caroline Crittall, 3rd- Sharon Li.

The participants going to regionals are Morgan Hughes, Grace Sun, Joey Clary, Eshaan Tandon, Diya Desai, Ameesha Parlikar, Alia Yurachko, Ceara Johnson, Ashini Modi, Mark Mitchell and Keegan Coon, and Molly McNulty.

Congratulations to everyone who won and for the students going to regionals, good luck and make CMM proud.

Social Studies Fair Winners head to regionals



AKITHMA FERDINANDEZ

Social Studies Fair was held the week of January 4th-8th. Great job to all who participated and congratulations to the winners! In 1st place for History is Grace Anne Hodgson. Coming in 2nd is Ashini Modi and a tie for 3rd is Emily Watts and Josh Courtney. For Economics, 1st place is Joey Clary with David Yu in 2nd. In Sociology, 1st place is Katie Smith followed by Sara Martin (2nd) and Eva Riether (3rd). 1st place in Louisiana History is Evan Adcock.

1st place for Groups is Katie Abraham and Sarah Kate

Taliaferro; 2nd place is Camryn Lary and Claire Wolcott. Finally, in 3rd is Chiara Digilormo and Josie Brock. Amazing work!

The students who will be moving on to the LSUS Regional Fair are Ashini Modi, Ethan Mackowick, Grace Anne Hodgson, Emily Watts, Josh Courtney, Konchan Javalken, Joey Clary, Katie Smith, Katie Abraham and Sarah Kate Taliaferro, and Camryn Lary and Claire Wolcott. Let's give a round of applause to these outstanding students. Good luck, Stallions!

Student Council members attend LASC State Convention and bring back honors



MORGAN HUGHES

CMM's leadership was represented at the annual Louisiana Association of Student Council (LASC) Convention. On January 16-18, five members of CMM's Student Council attended the 66th Annual State Convention at Pineville High School in Pineville, Louisiana. This year's theme was "LASC ... How Sweet It Is!" and involved many contests surrounding this theme. CMM competed in the essay contest, oratory contest, poster contest, photography contest, and the gingerbread house

contest. LASC also participated in a backpack service project to collect food for elementary school level children who typically go hungry over the weekends. LASC ended with a sock hop dance Sunday night and voting for state seats.

When asked why it is important for CMM to attend this convention, Mrs. Phelps, Student Council sponsor, said, "State convention gives students an opportunity to connect with other student leaders from around the state. They participate in

Download the Brytewave App and Read On!



SARAH QUARLES

Our school has signed up for a new app called Follett Brytewave. This app allows students to read digital books that are already in the CMM library. Basically you just download the app and log in. The app asks you for your location, which would be the state you live in and your school. It will also ask for your username (your student number with the "0"), and the password will be your last name. The app is available for Windows phones, Android phones, iPhones, Kindles, and Nooks. Once you are logged in, you click on "eBooks." After that, search the book you would like to read. You can read the book or check it out. The two week rule applies for these books too, so after two weeks the book will automatically turn itself in. The books that are available are the same books that we have in the library; while not all of the books are available, there is a wide variety. Mrs. Carscadden said, "The app offers both fiction and nonfiction books, and we recently added a number of titles to our collection of eBooks." Every book available has already been paid for, so the app is completely free to use. To download books you need to be connected to wifi or a data source, but after the book has been downloaded it does not require wifi or data. So next time you're sitting in a car on a road trip, take out your phone and read a book!

Eighth graders make decisions on high school

ELLIE COX

School is halfway over, and for 8th graders, that means high school is not far away. Most 8th graders want to go to Byrd, but others want to go to Magnet High, Loyola, Shreve, or Southwood. 8th graders can print the applications from the school's website or obtain one directly from the school. The deadline for applications to Byrd was February 26, 2016, the Magnet High application was due by February 5, 2016, the Loyola application was due February 1, 2016, and applications for Shreve are still being accepted. Also, you can visit any of these schools' websites for more information.

Kaiya Phillips says, "I want to go to Byrd because most of my friends are going there and Byrd gives a good education." On the other hand, Alexis Nuban says, "I plan to go to Magnet High because they have high education standards and lots of extra-curricular activities." Others are going to certain schools because their parents want them to go there. Thomas McCrary says he is going to Byrd "because my mom is forcing me to..." Sometimes, they go because their older siblings go there or have gone there. Ravdeep Warar is going to Magnet High "mainly because my sister is going there." There are many choices and you just have to pick the one that is best for you.

workshops, seminars, and get to take part in a traditional roll call voting session." The students chosen to attend this year's convention were Grace Sun, Ceara Johnston, Robert Lawrence, Will Wright, and Baileigh Picou. Robert Lawrence served as CMM's ranking officer at the convention. These students were also joined by Mr. and Mrs. Phelps, the Student Council sponsors. CMM won several contests at this year's convention. Grace Sun won second place in the essay contest, and Ceara

Johnson won third place in the oratory contest. Caddo Middle Magnet was also elected as the Vice President of District IX. The CMM Student Council was also honored by being named a Gold Honor Council, as well as being recognized for hosting a Student Council Week here at CMM and for donating to the state charity (Louisiana State Troopers Make-A-Wish Foundation). Congratulations to all of these students and to CMM's Student Council!

TAPS Spring Performance: Legally Blonde, Jr.

MORGAN HUGHES

CMM Talented Arts Program (TAPS) students are gearing up for their annual spring play. This year, they will be performing *Legally Blonde, Jr.* in the PAC on February 25 at 6 pm and on February 26 at 3 pm and 6 pm. Tickets are \$5 general admission, but teachers and their families attend for free.

Legally Blonde, Jr. has a very large cast involving lots of CMM students: Elle Woods: Audrey Tate; Margot: Kennedy Carey-Prescott; Serena: Corbyn Maguire; Pilar: Anna Thompson; Kate: Peyton Turner; Grandmaster Chad: Cameron Cason; Gaelen: Grace Roberson; Store Manager Jennifer: Emmagayle Dahlman; Saleswoman Courtney: Rebecca Brown; Jet Blue Pilot: Paul Vassar; Emmett Forrest: Lucas Mainiero; Warner: Robert Lawrence; Professor Callahan: La’Zaron Goodman; Vivienne: Lauren Lindsey; Enid Hoopes: C’elcey Carpenter; Sundee Padamadan: Raylie Carroway; Aaron Shultz: Andrew Black; Whitney: Abigail Schmidt; Wallace Winthrop: William Humphreys; Lorna Lowell: Laura Catherine Moffitt; Francessa Pforzheimer: Leslie Johnson; Paulette: Amber Salone; Kyle: Cameron Cason; Kiki the Colorist: Anna Claire Johnson; Stacy the Stylist: Mary Beth Gaines; Candice the Cashier: Grace Parker; Dewey: Elliot Cochran; Bookish Client: Lainey Smethers; Brooke Wyndam: Ceara Johnson; Chutney: Morgan Hughes; Sabrina:

Ainsley Tujague; Judge: Savannah Rust; Prison Guard: Lacie Johnson; Bailiff: Jada Foreman; Choreography Team: Lillie Johnston; Hannah Hanish; Madeline Haynes; Ceara Johnson; Ensemble: Maci Picou; Ashini Modi; Katie Claire Ferrier; Gabby Meaux; Emma Cate Dailey; Maggie Evans; Lia Cherinet; Diya Desai; Claire Sanders; Nick Mackowiak; Stage Manager: Luke Celli.

Legally Blonde, Jr. follows the plot of Elle Woods, a preppy college student who is convinced that her boyfriend, Warner Huntington, III, will finally propose to her. After being shockingly broken up with instead, Elle decides she must win back Warner the only way she knows how: by following him to Harvard Law School! What follows is a musical adventure that you won’t want to miss!

Mrs. Bouquet, director of *Legally Blonde, Jr.* and TAPS teacher, urges everyone to attend this musical; she said, “We would love for everyone to attend! This musical is a combination of music, dancing, and lots of fun! I feel like it truly showcases my students’ talents and is not a show to miss.” TAPS can’t wait to see you and your family on February 25 or 26 for *Legally Blonde, Jr!*

Students Perform Well in American Mathematics Contest



CASEY LEONE

Back in November, 18 CMM students took the 2015 American Mathematics Contest, and the results are in. In the **Gold Level:** Grace Sun; **Silver Level:** Sumin Kwak, and **Bronze Level:** Grant Muslow, Chase Nelson, and Diya Desai. Also, Grace Sun scored in the top 5% nationally and received an honor roll award from the Mathematical Association of America. Grace says, “AMC was

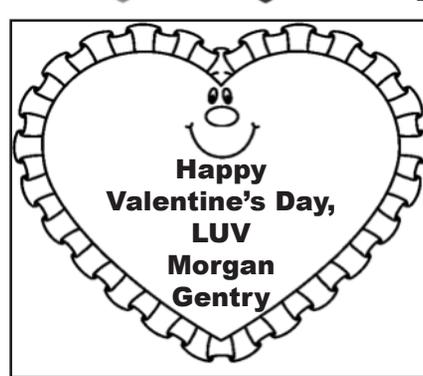
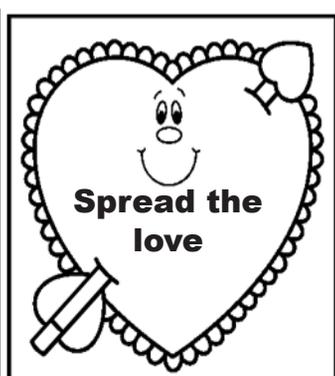
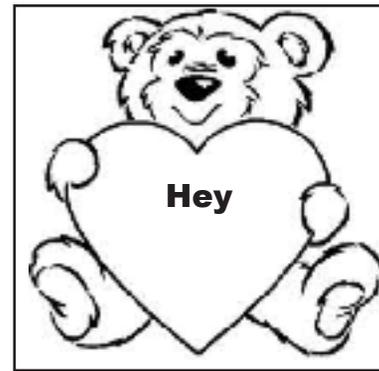
hard, but I got through it.” The AMC is a 25-question, 40 minute, multiple choice examination in middle school mathematics designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem solving skills. Every year the contest is held in the month of November. If you are interested in learning more about the AMC please check with Mrs. Choi.

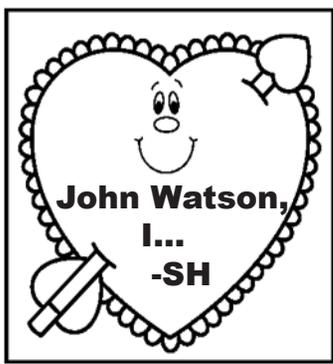
Students Win Seedlings Awards

JONNAI JONES

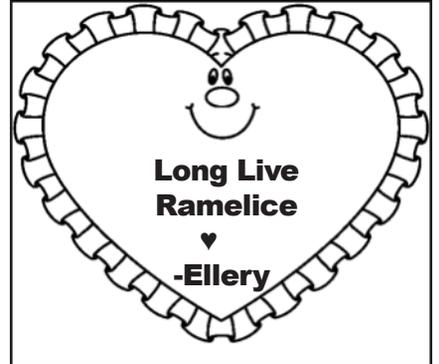
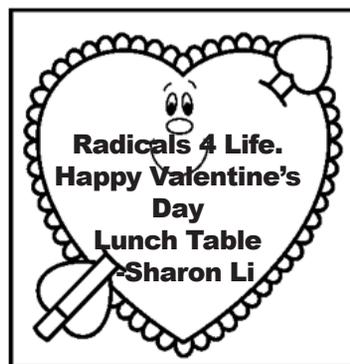
Congratulations to the students who won awards and were featured in *The Seedlings*, an annual publication of writings by students from throughout Caddo Parish. CMM students receiving first place awards were Treat Judlin, Abigail Prymek, and Natalie Schafer. In second place were Nicholas McCallon and Morgan Hughes. In third place was Lavender Blackston. Receiving honorable mentions were Will Johnson, Merritt Shemwell, Landry Cooper, Spencer Payne, Dounia Ali,

Samantha Jones, and Kaili Taylor. The students with entries published were Cameron Basinger, Lilah Estes, Hannah Hobson, Treat Judlin, Suyound Kwak, Samantha Gould, Allyson Holloway, Reece Maguire, Kalli Matlock, Sebastian Tabor, Gabe Talley, Brandy Williams, Kevin Zheng, Amiyah Frierson, Claire Guinn, Georgia Hilburn, Ashlynn Kelly, Morgan McGuire, and Niam Smith. Congratulations to these star students!

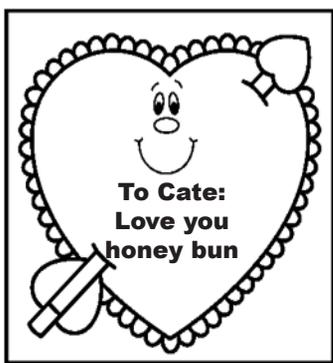
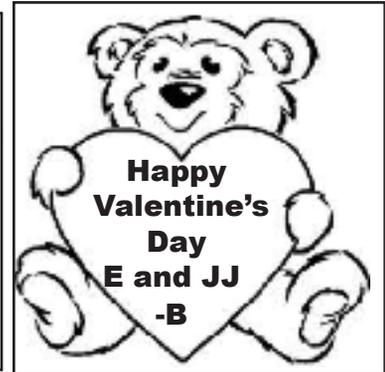
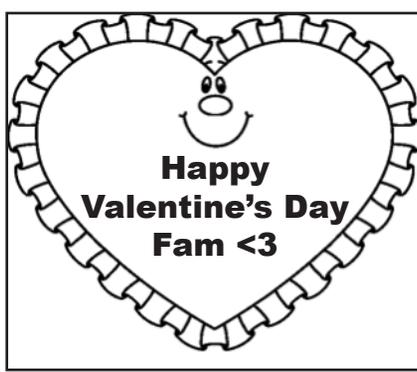




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spaceship!

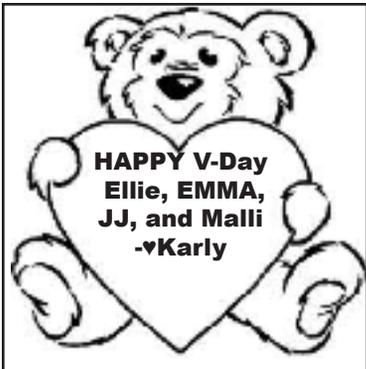
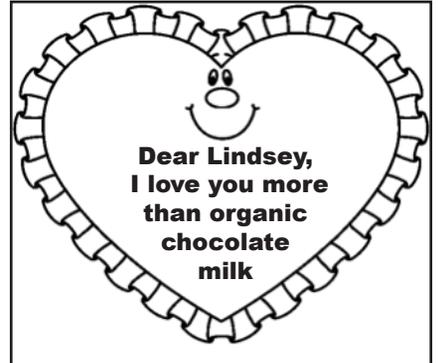
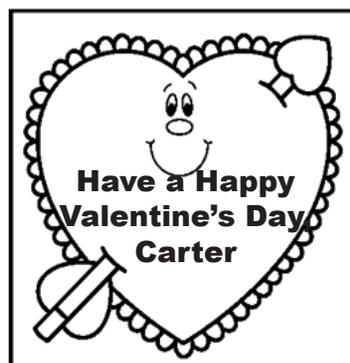


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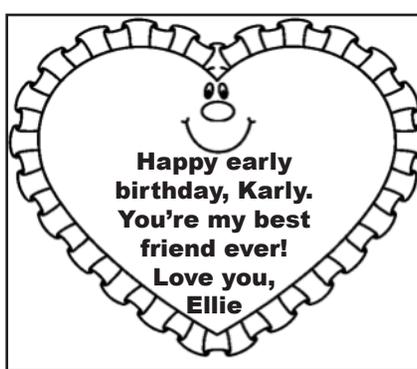


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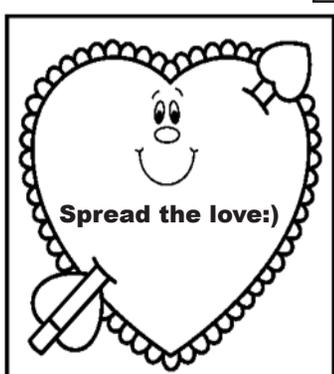
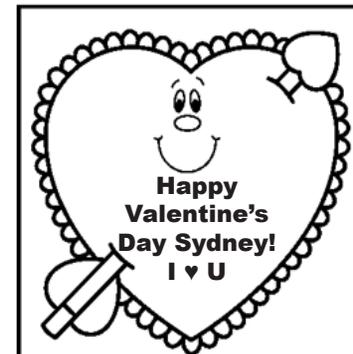
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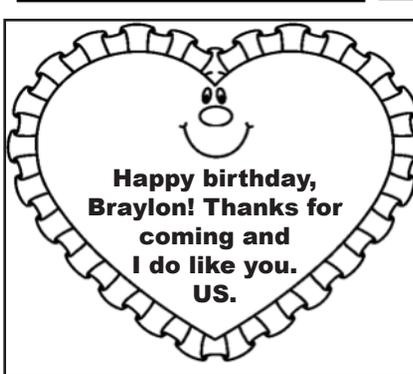
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Happy
Valentine's
Day,
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Chance Lafitte
so much, but
Josh more.
☺ SQ



Groundhog sees his shadow; an early spring is predicted!

REECE MAGUIRE

Everyone knows the old traditions, stories, and history about popular holidays like Christmas and Thanksgiving, but what about the other holidays? Holidays like Groundhog Day are typically ignored, until now. It's time to dig deeper into the story of this overlooked holiday. When did we first begin celebrating Groundhog Day? Who first introduced the idea of Groundhog day? How long have we been celebrating Groundhog Day? The results are typical, but with a slight twist.

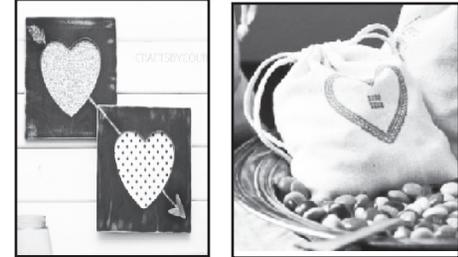
Groundhog Day comes from German tradition Candlemas Day when German settlers arrived in the United States in the early 1700s. Between the Winter and Equinox Solstice (February second) the superstitious believed that if the weather

was fair, the remaining period of winter would be stormy and cold. If the weather was not, the remaining period would be short and bearable. While this has been happening for far longer, the earliest evidence of Groundhog Day is from 1841 in James Morris's diary entry. In more recent years, the tradition today is to gather around the famous groundhog Punxsutawney Phil in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania or watch him on television to decipher how our winter will end. The average lifespan for groundhogs living in the wild is expected to be three to six years, but if they are in captivity they can live upwards of nine to fourteen years. Regarding this information, there have been close to forty groundhogs playing the famous roll of Phil.

If you ask Phil's keepers they'll tell you Phil is immortal and it's been the same one the entire time. This production can be viewed all across the nation, for this is a very special event. The saying is that if Phil happens to see his shadow it is said that winter will last for six more weeks. If Phil doesn't see his shadow, then an early spring is expected. In the German tradition a badger is used instead of a groundhog, though both the badger and the groundhog have similar characteristics. For the rest of the year Phil lives happily in Pennsylvania on a diet of dog food and ice cream. On February 2, Phil took a break from his hibernation to predict our weather. Phil saw his shadow, ladies and gentleman; we can expect an early spring.

source:groundhog.org

DIY Easy Valentine Gift Ideas



AKITHMA FERDINANDEZ

Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and some of us are having trouble selecting what to get our valentine's. Perhaps this will help you out.

The first gift idea is a chalkboard heart frame. The materials you will need are wooden heart frames, chalkboard paint, sandpaper, and white chalk. The first step is to apply two coats of the paint on the frames and allow to dry for twenty-four hours. The second step is to go over the frames with sandpaper to give it a rustic look. Once you're done with that, wipe down the frames with a cloth to remove the paint dust. Next, rub the frames with the chalk to set the chalkboard. Then, wipe the excess chalk off with a cloth. For the finishing touches, add some scrapbook paper for the background, stick in a photo, draw on the frame with chalk, and voila, you're done!

The second gift idea is simple yet cute. All you need to do is gather rocks, draw hearts on them, and apply a layer of mod podge. This is great for someone who likes to garden or just anybody in general.

The final gift idea is a muslin candy bag. Sweet-tooths will love this. Simply stamp a muslin bag with a heart motif and fill it up with their favorite candy. Hopefully this helped you make up your mind on what to get your valentine. All of these ideas were from www.buzzfeed.com. You can find even more cute Valentine's Day diy gifts there. Have a happy Valentine's Day, Stallions!

It's a Mystery!

Staff Member!

GIRL!

BOY!

VICTORIA MAINIERO

The mystery staff member for the last issue of the Mane Line was Mrs. Berry in the office, but no one guessed who she was! The mystery staff member for this issue loves the color burgandy and eating at Red Lobster. This staff member also loves reading and watching tennis. This person was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, is married and has one child and no pets. If you have any guesses for this mystery staff member put them in the box outside of Mrs. Phelps' room B-101, on a full-sized sheet of paper between classes.

JONNAI JONES

Sadly, no one guessed last issue's mystery girl, Jayden Morgan. This issue's mystery girl is in 6th grade. She has long brown hair and brown eyes. Her favorite T.V. show is Grey's Anatomy and her favorite movie are the Harry Potter series. Her favorite teacher at school is Mrs. Sitton who teaches art. She has two pets: a cat named Pumpkin and a dog named Sandy. In her free time she enjoys soccer, gymnastics, and acting. If, you think you know who this issue's mystery girl is, turn your guess into Mrs. Phelps in room B-101. Make sure to include your name, the date, and your guess on a full sized sheet of paper. Who is it?

LAINY PRESLEY

This issue's Mystery Boy is an eighth grader whose favorite color is blue. His favorite store is Best Buy, and he loves the Captain America movies. The Flash is his favorite TV show. Drake's song "Hotline Bling" is his favorite. He doesn't read much so he has no favorite book, and has a dog and a kitten. Mrs. Fanning is his favorite teacher at CMM, and his favorite food is, well, anything. Dogs are his favorite animals, and the subject he loves most is gym. He also plays soccer for Cabosa. If you think you know who the Mystery Boy is, please write your guess and your name on a full-sized sheet of paper and return it to Mrs. Phelps in B-101.

Tennis Teams Forming Soon

AREYON MCCLENDON

Did you know that CMM has a tennis team? Our very own Ms. White has been sponsoring the team for four years. Former CMM principal, Mr. Burton, influenced her to sponsor the team. "Mr. Burton knew that I played tennis and really enjoyed playing the sport, so he asked if I would sponsor the team."

There are four teams of 7-8 students each, which totals up to around 30 members.

All tennis matches will be played at Querbes Tennis Center. There will also be a middle school tournament in April/May where the teams will play against other private and public middle school teams.

Tennis team members and a schedule of games will be posted in mid-February. For more information, see Ms. White in B-207.

What's Your Favorite Social Media?

REECE MAGUIRE

Technology is one of the biggest evolutions mankind has ever been through. We use technology every day without thinking about it. That would have been called crazy a few hundred years ago. With technology comes everyone's favorite thing: social media.

Teenagers especially tend to use social media the most throughout the entire day. We check our Twitter notifications when we wake up, we scroll through Instagram while we wait for the bus, and we send Snapchats to our friends while we do our homework. Out of all of the social medias out there, our CMM students tend to prefer a certain one. After analyzing a few survey results from sixth, seventh, and eighth grade, these were the results.

From Mrs. Brown's eighth grade third hour, 90% of the students said they frequently used

Professor Perplexed

Dear Professor Perplexed,

I broke one of my mom's favorite plates and I haven't told her yet. How do I break the news to her without getting into too much trouble?

Sincerely,
Plate Destroyer

Dear Plate Destroyer,

Your mom deserves to know the truth. You broke something she likes and now you have to face the consequences, no matter how severe.

Sincerely,
Professor Perplexed

Dear Professor Perplexed,

I am having a huge problem with my math grade. I study every night and work as hard as I can, but my tests and worksheets say otherwise. Any advice on how to improve?

Sincerely,
Mathematician Failure

Dear Mathematician Failure,

You should talk to your teacher before school or after class. You should also consider getting a tutor, whether it's from your teacher or someone else.

-Sincerely, Professor Perplexed

social media, while the other 10% said they didn't really use social media that frequently. Out of every social media to choose from, Snapchat took the win with more than half of the votes. Instagram took second place and Vine made it into third place. When the students were asked why they loved Snapchat so much one student replied, "I like getting pictures of friends as I talk to them." With Instagram one student replied, "I enjoy seeing pictures and videos from all over the world."

From Mrs. Phelps's seventh grade third hour, 95% of the students said that they frequently used social media and only 5% of the students said that they didn't. When the students were asked which social media app/site was their favorite, Snapchat took the prize again with 60% of the votes. Instagram took second place once again with Pinterest coming in third. One student

Art Show will be held in March

ELLIE COX

Here at CMM, school wide involvement is important. The CMM Art Show is one way to get involved. Consisting of 8th grade Art Lab students, and sponsored by Mrs. Sitton and the CMM art department, the art show has always been a success at CMM. This year, the production is entitled: "The Arts Are Always In." It will be held on March 3, 2016 at 6 pm in the PAC and the cafeteria at CMM. Tickets are \$5 each and 20% of the funds that are raised from the show will be donated to the Shreveport Regional Arts Council. "We want our community, civic leaders, and school family know that the arts are valuable and important to students," says Mrs. Sitton, "The event will showcase CMM's talented artists and provide attendee opportunities to participate in art activities."

Golf Team Selected

CASEY LEONE

The golf season is beginning at CMM. Mr. Hobson is an 8th grade Gateway history teacher and also the coach for the golf team. Last month Mr. Hobson had a meeting to discuss all the things that will be happening in the season and what you would need to be able to qualify for the team. To participate and stay in, you must have decent grades and a clean discipline record. Tryouts were February 1st through 3rd. The members of the new CMM Golf Team are Landrum Wallace, Carson Johnson, TJ Quarles, Calloway Gosslee, Will Rainey, Michael Sistrunk, Cameron Basinger, Hallie Phillips, Andrew Reeves, Craig Carlson, and Sydney Moss.

Dr. Depressed

Dear Doctor Depressed,

Do you get depressed when no one writes? I also have a more serious question. My cat died recently. How do I cope with this?

Meow

Dear Meow,

I do get depressed when people don't write! I am very sorry about your cat. If your parents will allow it, maybe you could get another cat or get a stuffed animal that looks like your old cat. Talking to your family also might help cope with your loss.

Doctor Depressed

Dear Doctor Depressed,

I like a girl, but I'm too afraid to tell her. What should I do?

Lover Boy in Shreveport

Dear Lover Boy in Shreveport,

You should try just talking to her first. She might have the same feelings as you. You just need to talk to her. Don't be nervous about it. Not much can go wrong.

Doctor Depressed

Dear Doctor Depressed,

I just ruined a pair of really expensive shoes. I am hiding them from my mom, but how do I show her?

Scared Shoe Ruiner

Dear Scared Shoe Ruiner,

You should just tell her. Don't hide it, and don't lie about it either, because that will probably only make it worse. Say "I'm so sorry about this, but I messed up my shoes."

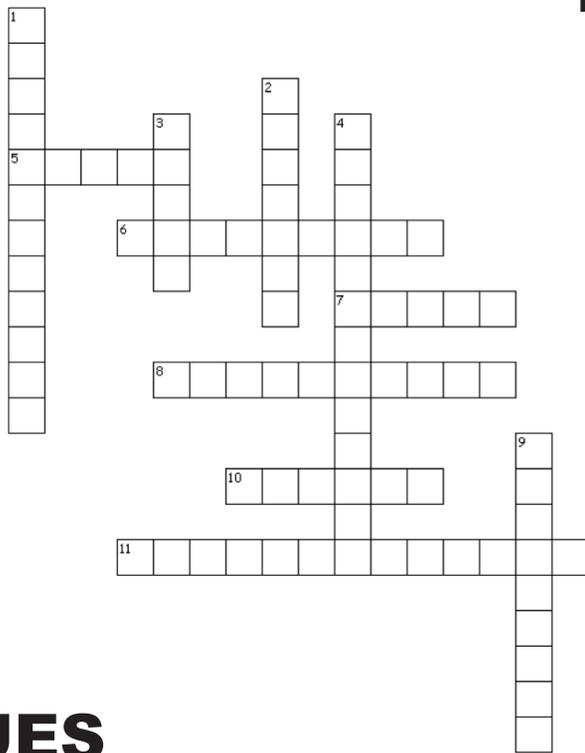
Doctor Depressed

wrote, "I love Snapchat because I can send my friends funny photos and get updated on what my friends are doing by watching their story." Another student wrote, "I like Pinterest because you can find cool project ideas."

From Mrs. Fulco's sixth grade third hour, only about 60% of the students said that they frequently used social media while about 40% said they did not. When the students voted for their favorite social media, the winning social media was Instagram. Snapchat took second place and Twitter took third place. One student wrote, "I like Instagram because you get to see and learn more things about the people around you." Another student wrote, "I like Twitter because I like seeing all of the silly celebrity tweets." Social media is only going to get better and better as the days go by, so keep taking your selfies, students!

Valentine Crossword

Ellie Cox



CLUES

Across

5. One of the plays coming up at CMM.
6. CMM teacher of the year.
7. The nine weeks we just started.
8. His birthday is in February.
10. One of the days we get off in January.
11. The other play coming up at CMM.

Down

1. CMM student of the year.
2. His birthday is also in February.
3. Well-known symbol for Valentine's Day.
4. February 14th.
9. The holiday the south celebrates on the second Tuesday of February.

Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!

MORGAN GENTRY

Down south there is a long history of Mardi Gras celebrations, and parades are one of the biggest. People on floats ride down a street throwing out beads, stuffed toys, and sometimes food for the people on the streets to catch. In Shreveport, there are several parades that happen through January and February. The Krewe of Sobek parade was held on Saturday, January 16, 2016. The Krewe of Harambee parade was on Monday, January 18, 2016. The Krewe of Centaur parade was on Saturday, January 30, 2016, Krewe of Barkus and Meoux was on Sunday, January 31, 2016, the Krewe of Gemini was Saturday, February 6, 2016, and the Krewe of Highland was on Sunday, February 7, 2016.

A survey was done to find out what the most popular parades are and what people do to celebrate Mardi

Gras. The most popular parades are Gemini, Highland, and Centaur. It was a close tie between the three parades, 34% of people go to Centaur, 30% go to Highland, and 28% go to Gemini. The other 8% go to other parades or they don't go to any. Mrs. Brossett said, "To celebrate Mardi Gras, my family goes to as many parades as we can."

Another way that many people celebrate Mardi Gras is to eat king cake. Mr. Fox even collects doubloons from Mardi Gras, and he will buy one from someone if he doesn't have it already. Some students even get to ride on floats in parades, like Cate Engle and Amelia Clark. Mardi Gras is fun, family, and food. Remember to let the good times roll!

Star Wars Saga Continues

MORGAN GENTRY

There's a new movie in the Star Wars series! The original *Star Wars* came out on May 25, 1977. *Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back*, and *The Return of the Jedi* were the original three movies to be released. Then *Phantom Menace*, *Attack of the Clones*, and *Revenge of the Sith* were released as prequels to the trilogy. The new movie, *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, takes place after the original three.

For the new movie, 90% of those who rated it said that they loved it. In the movie, a new band of rebels rise up and fight the First

Order. There are some new characters that help the allegiance such as Rey, played by Daisy Ridley, and Finn, played by John Boyega. They have a new droid that's bound to be everyone's favorite, BB-8. You also have your old friends that stay by your side like Luke Skywalker played by Mark Hamill, Princess Leia played by Carrie Fisher, Han Solo played by Harrison Ford, Chewbacca played by Peter Mayhew, and the voices of Anthony Daniels as C3PO and Kenny Baker as R2-D2. As for right now, may the force be with you.

New Year, New You?

LAINEY PRESLEY

It's a new year, and that means a new you, or does it? Around New Year's Day, the "New year, new me," term is said a lot. But does anyone really mean it? Thomas McCrary, an eighth grader, disagrees because, "People that say that either go back on it in two days, or they change one or two small things about themselves that no one notices." Instead of saying, "New year, new me," Thomas says people should "Make a resolution

to set time aside to do something good for yourself, your friend, a neighbor, or community." On the flipside, Alexis Nuban, also an eighth grader, feels differently. She says, "I believe this because starting the year off fresh helps me get organized and ready for the new year." One of Alexis' resolutions is to cut down on eating fast food. Are you a new you because the year's a new year?

The History of Valentines

MORGAN GENTRY

Valentine's Day is a day known for love that more than 62% of Americans celebrate. Some one may send flowers, gift cards, candy, and some people may enjoy a romantic dinner. Valentine's Day has the second highest number of greeting cards sent next to Christmas, and six million people get engaged on Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day goes back to the 5th century when Pope Gelasius declared February 14th St. Valentine's Day. Nobody knows who Saint Valentine is, but some people believe that he was a Roman priest. He held secret marriage ceremonies, then he got arrested because

King Claudius believed that single men made better soldiers. Many people believe that the celebration lands in the middle of February because the Romans had a celebration called Lupercalia. They held the celebration on February 15th to praise the god of agriculture, Faunus, and to celebrate the founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus. In the middle ages in France and England it was believed that February 14th is the day that birds begin mating, which plays a role by showing love. Valentine's Day was then spread all around the world and that's why people celebrate it.