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INTERVIEW WITH A ZOOKEEPER

BY LYLA DAVIS

The Houston Zoo is home to more than 6,000 animals and over 900 species. The Houston Zoo supports wildlife conservation projects in 20 countries outside of the USA. The newest exhibition is the Pantanal. The Pantanal is located in South America, and it is home to the jaguar and many more animals.

In my latest visit to the Houston Zoo, I had an opportunity to interview a zookeeper named Megan. She is part of a team that is responsible for taking care of the carnivores in the Pantanal exhibit, including the jaguar.

Q: What exhibitions do you work on at the zoo?

A: I take care of all the carnivores. We take care of lions, tigers, and bears, as well as our cheetahs, ocelots, clouded leopards, fossas, and cougars.

Q: That is a lot of animals! What's your favorite exhibit out of all of them?

A: That's a tough one. As far as the habitats go, I probably like our new Pantanal habitat for the jaguar. But as far as animals go, I really like our little female fossa.

Q: How long have you been working here?

A: I have been working here at the Houston Zoo for about two and a half years now. I've been working in the zoo field for almost five.

Q: Can you share with us an unforgettable moment you had in the zoo?

A: I am most proud of the fact I actually helped hand raise the little clouded leopards. I've been taking care of them since they were a day old. I had to hand feed them with little bottles until they were able to feed by themselves.

Q: Are there other zookeepers who work on the same exhibit with you?

A: We have a carnivore team right now of about seven keepers. We can have anywhere from about seven to 10 keepers, as well as the

Have you ever heard of "Name That Book"? There are two different teams, K-2 and 3-5. I have been fortunate enough to have been on both teams so I would like to tell you about them. The books are selected by HISD and usually contain all the Bluebonnet books for the 3-5 team and five extra books to make 25 books. K-2 has more books (30) because their books are shorter.

In the fall, anyone interested in "Name That Book" can attend a book club. At the book club, you review the books and do quote practice. Quote practice is when the librarian (3-5) or parent volunteer (K-2) says something that was written anywhere in any of the 25 (3-5) or 30 (K-2) books and you need to recall it from your mind. At the end of the fall, you try out for the team, which has six members and one alternate. The team practices once a week and then twice a week when it gets close to the competition.

The "Name that Book" competition is different depending on what team you are on. If you are on the K-2 team, you do one competition and the winners get a gold medal. With the 3-5 team, it's more complicated. The winners of the first round go to a finals competition and compete with all the winners from the first round competitions in HISD.

The K-2 team consists of Ryan Atha, Isabella Chen, Zoya Jethani, Nandini Kapoor, George Linquin, Ritvika Mohanty, and Mason Grahmann. The 3-5 team consists of Emeka Ndefo (that's me!), Kenenna Ndefo, Sam Atha, Toby Yip, Sophia Kim, Clement Ding, and Henry Friedman. Both competitions are on Thursday, February 25. Ms. McMillan has been working super hard to get us ready in her spare time. Wish us luck!

supervisor who kind of leads us. And then she has a supervisor who leads us as well.

Q: How can one work in the Houston Zoo?

A: Typically zookeepers require a college degree. You need to go to school, study up on your animals, and then getting experience is really, really important. Even someone as young as you can get experience. You can come to kids' camps and learn about all the animals. You can volunteer once you get old enough. You can intern. So all these things are what can lead you to become a zookeeper.

You can see Megan and the Pantanal exhibit at the Houston Zoo. For more information, you can go to the Houston Zoo website (www.houstonzoo.org).

BOOK AND MOVIE REVIEWS



The Emperor's Riddle by Kat Zhang *Reviewed by Naomi Fan*

The Emperor's Riddle is a book written by the author Kat Zhang. Kat is a very talented author. One of her books, What's Left of Me, has been made into a movie.

The Emperor's Riddle won a 2017 NCTA Freeman Award Honorable Mention. She went to medical school and is now doing her residency. This book embarks readers on an adventure in China. Mia Chen and her family live in the United States. Mia goes on a trip that her mother calls a Grand Adventure to China. It is a family trip for that summer. She's not sure what to expect during this family trip. She doesn't want to leave her friends for the summer, but she is excited about the plan of spending

the time with her Aunt Lin, the only adult who truly understands her.

Then Aunt Lin disappears, right after Ying, a man who was acquainted with her, comes to visit. Mia knows that, years ago, Aunt Lin and Ying worked in a labor camp in the Fuzhou countryside. The two had searched for an ancient treasure together--one that still hasn't been found.

When looking inside Aunt Lin's room, Mia discovers an old map filled with riddles in her room. She's suspicious that Aunt Lin's disappearance is linked to a mystery hidden in the riddles. She has to solve the riddles, find the clues, and save her aunt. Mia, along with her big brother, Jake, must act quickly for the rescue.

I recommend this book because it is filled with interesting events mixed with cultural sightseeing and an unexpected ending. To find more go to <http://katzhangwriter.com/>

Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster *by Jonathan Auxier* *Reviewed by Lyla Pichon-Garcia*



The story Sweep is about a girl who cleans chimneys; her name is Nan Sparrow. She lives in London with a master named Crudd, who is rude, cruel, and cold-hearted. She also has other sweepers with her. Nan has a rival/competitor in that group of chimney sweepers named Roger. He always wanted to take Nan's place, and he hates her with his whole gut. He always wanted to be the favorite and wanted a better job with Crudd.

There is also a new person named Newt. He is small and pale. Since he is new there, he has many questions. One of his main questions is this: "What happens if I get stuck in a chimney?" They tell him the three main ways of how you would get out or how they would get you out. Roger wants to tell him about "the Devil's Nudge," but Nan tells him he is too young to know.

Until one day, Nan needs to clean a chimney from a classroom in a school, but it is small and probably not big enough for Nan to fit through and clean. She thinks it is okay...until she gets stuck. She calls for help until Roger and Newt come. Roger is happy that Nan is stuck because he knows that it is finally his chance to take over Nan's place.

So, he uses the worst possible way to get her out, "the Devil's Nudge." He figured it was time to tell Newt what the "Devil's Nudge" was. Nan begs and pleads, but the only thing Roger does is light the match and throw it in. It starts getting hotter and hotter by the second, and the char in her pocket starts burning the side of her leg. It feels like 1000 degrees. She passes out and wakes up on the roof somehow still alive. She notices that this is the time that she could escape from that wicked master, Crudd. So, she starts running. She runs to the house of 100 chimneys where she knows no one will go because that's the only place every chimney sweeper fears. Read to find what happens next to Nan.



I recently saw Enola Holmes and was v e r y

pleased with this movie. It is a delightful and funny mystery about the search for Enola Holmes's missing mother, Eudoria.

The movie takes place in England in 1884. Enola Holmes is the youngest sibling of the famous Sherlock Holmes who wakes up on her 16th birthday to find her mother, Eudoria,

missing. Her eldest brother, Mycroft, attempts to persuade Enola to go to finishing school, but she resists. I like this movie because Enola is strong and independent and doesn't want what all the other girls have.

Meanwhile, Eudoria leads Enola on a detective's case throughout London. On her way to London, Enola meets Lord Tewkesbury who has run away from his own family to escape the stuffy royal life they have planned for him. They embark on an adventure together, trying to follow their own independent destinies.

I give Enola Holmes a 5 star review.

OSTIA RESTAURANT REVIEW BY SYDNEY DEFREHN

Have you been looking for an outside patio to eat at? I recently got to eat at a new restaurant called Ostia with my family. Ostia is owned by Chef Travis McShane, who happens to be my uncle. Chef Travis moved back to Houston from NYC to open Ostia. The restaurant specializes in Italian food. It is not far from West U, only about 15 minutes away. While the menu changes slightly each month to focus on seasonal foods, you can always find pasta, pizza, and the signature chicken on the menu. It is a

very kid and family friendly place. They have valet parking and a small parking lot. It is a very safe place. They include gluten-free foods, and it has a good variety of food. There are no children menus, but it has all the foods children will like. There are both plastic and glass cups. They have very friendly servers. The meals are designed for family-style serving, so you may want to share a few selections with your group. Also, you can reserve a table for a party or for just lunch and dinner. Ostia is the best new restaurant in town!

**CARROT CAKE RECIPE** BY ZARA ALOUSI

This is a great recipe for spring time! It is kid friendly to make, although you may want to ask an adult for help. Enjoy!

Ingredients**Cake**

- 1 1/3 cups oil
- 2 cups Granulated Sugar
- 4 Eggs
- 2 1/2 cups All-Purpose Flour
- 2 teaspoons Baking Powder
- 2 teaspoons Baking Soda
- 2 teaspoons Cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon Salt
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 3 cups Grated Raw Carrots
- 1/2 cup Chopped Nuts

Frosting

- 8 tablespoons Butter (softened)
- 12 ounces Cream Cheese (softened)
- 5 cups Powdered Sugar
- 2 teaspoons Vanilla Extract

Directions

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Grease and flour three 9-inch round cake pans.
- Beat oil, eggs, sugar, and vanilla together. Sift flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, and cinnamon together into a medium-sized bowl. Add flour and oil into the egg mixture until well combined. Stir in carrots and nuts.

Bake for 30-40

minutes or until the toothpick comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes. Then, turn cakes out onto cooling racks.

While cake bakes, blend the butter and cream cheese together. Slowly add the powdered sugar and vanilla.

After cakes cool, begin stacking the layers. Put icing in between layers and then on top of the final layer and around the sides. Top with sprinkles if you like. Enjoy!

**SUPPORTING LOCAL WEST U BUSINESSES: LITTLE MATT'S MR. TIM** BY KELSEY YIP

Little Matt's is a local business. During COVID, many local businesses did not have a lot of customers. It's important to help them so that we can enjoy them for a long time. I spoke to the general manager at Little Matt's (Mr. Tim) to learn more about him and this neighborhood restaurant.

- Q: Why is this place named Little Matt's?
A: The previous establishment (Matthew's Motors) was owned by the Matthews family and we kept the name while adding "Little" because this is a kid-friendly restaurant.
- Q: What year did this restaurant first open?
A: 2009
- Q: How long have you been working here?
A: Five years

- Q: When you first started working here, how did you feel?
A: Very excited because I love kids
- Q: Do you like your job? Yes, no, or kind of?
A: Huge yes
- Q: What are the three most popular foods at Little Matt's?
A: Kids' Tenders, Kids' Mac 'n Cheese, and Adults' Cheeseburgers
- Q: What is your favorite food at Little Matt's?
A: My favorite food is the Ahi Tuna Salad
- Q: What is your least favorite food at Little Matt's?
A: Nothing
- Q: What is your favorite color?
A: Blue
- Q: How many days a week do you work here?
A: Seven days



- Q: What is your favorite animal?
A: A German Shepherd
- Q: How many kids do you have?
A: Two. One boy and one girl.
- Q: If you had to get rid of one thing at Little Matt's, what would it be?
A: I wouldn't get rid of anything.
- Q: What's something special that most people do not know about Little Matt's?
A: All profits go to Texas Children's Hospital and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, both children-focused organizations.

SPRING BREAK IDEAS BY LAUREN CHEN

Spring break is coming up, so what are you going to do? If traveling is off your list due to COVID, I have a few suggestions. For the artsy people out there, try making origami, slime, rainbow loom, or a clay figure! If you want, you can try to make a collage with what you find around the house. If you are tired of being cooped up in the house, here are a few outdoor activities. You can go to a park, try backyard camping, play balloon tennis, or draw with chalk on the sidewalk. Longing to catch up with your friends? FaceTime is the perfect solution. Craving to watch that movie you heard about? Binge watch those movies so you can cross them off your "want to watch" list. Want to go even further? Make your own movie! I use iMovie, and it is the best! If you are a fan of Roblox, like me, try an iD Tech virtual camp where you can create your own game! They have virtual camps for Minecraft, YouTube, and Scratch. Family activities are always fun, why not try some of these? You can

make a book for your family to enjoy, perform a magic show, bake



something and enjoy, or try a blanket fort! The last activity idea, also my favorite, is to read a good old-fashioned book anytime, anywhere. No matter what you choose to do, have a great spring break!

THE PETRIFIED FOREST NATIONAL PARK BY LILA COOLEY

means something has been turned to stone. At the Petrified Forest National Park, these ancient trees fell over, and, over time, they turned to stone. They turned to stone by falling into rivers and being covered by layers of mud, sand, and gravel. When they were in the river, they filled with water like a sponge. The volcanic ash in the water turned the log into silica. That took over 10,000 years.

Then, the logs left the water and became solid quartz. That took tens of millions of years! And then, the petrified logs broke up into smaller pieces through erosion and the uplift of the land. The reason why they look like they have been sawed is because quartz breaks apart at its shortest area across the log. It's kind of like when you snap a piece of chalk in half.

There are lots of beautiful trails in the park. You can walk through where all of the logs are. You can even see a house made out of the petrified logs! There is also the Painted Desert Rim Trail in the park, which is especially beautiful to walk on at sunset! My mom and I loved walking on that trail at that time of day. I hope that, if you go to Arizona, you will visit the beautiful Petrified Forest National.

Some people go to Arizona to go to the Grand Canyon National Park or Sedona. Some people might miss the Petrified Forest National Park when they visit this state. They might think the Petrified Forest National Park is just a bunch of old logs, but it is not just a bunch of old logs!

The park has awesome logs that have been petrified. Now, you might be thinking, what does petrified mean? It

BOSTON! BY BRAYDEN LIM

Boston is a great place to visit. You can see important places in American history, there are many yummy foods that you can eat, and you can do lots of fun winter activities.

Boston is like a museum of American history, and many Founding Fathers came from Boston. You can visit the Boston Commons, which is the oldest public park in American history. Also, you can visit Paul Revere's house, which is the oldest house in downtown Boston, and you can see Boston Harbor where the Boston Tea Party happened.

In Boston, you can taste yummy foods like cannoli, lobster, and apple cider donuts. You can get very good cannoli at Mike's Pastries in the North End. You can get

there by riding the subway, which is called the "T." Also, you can get lobster at many stores, or you can just get it from the ocean. In the fall, you can go apple picking and eat hot apple cider donuts.

If you go to Boston in the winter, you can do lots of snow activities, such as sledding, skiing, and ice skating. You can go up on a hill and sled down the hill. Also, when you go skiing, you can go up the ski lift. Skating is also fun because you can go around the ice rink really fast. There are many outdoor skating rinks around Boston.

For all these reasons, I think Boston is an amazing place to visit. Plus, I was born in Boston and lived there until I was seven. I hope you will visit Boston soon when the coronavirus ends!



SHOULD SOCIAL MEDIA ADMINISTRATORS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DELETE POSTS?

BY CLEMENT DING

Social media is full of good and bad critics. When people post negative statements or false facts, some platforms do not have the capability to remove them. Social media administrators should be able to delete unconstructive posts and messages because of cyberbullying, false rumors, and hurtful politics.

One reason social media administrators should be able to delete a post is because an unscrupulous post could be screen captured and inappropriately passed on. "Peers and future generations could be impacted by the post." Administrators should ban cyberbullying, hacking, and harassment. According to Zur, when children receive hurtful or harmful messages from other users, "they tend to gradually become isolated and experience eating disorders or other harmful behaviors."

Social media users, including politicians, can spread false information. "One example of this fabricated information would be when people tell the general population that they do not need to wear masks but to take self-responsibility and

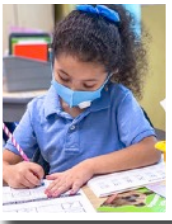
immunity to fight Covid-19. These hoaxes have a drastic influence on people's lives and health during the pandemic." Another good example is when some people spread rumors about other people. This can cause the victims to feel hurt and left out. Social media administrators should be able to delete bad rumors because they can negatively affect people's lives.

Social media influences the way people see the world. It has a large impact, especially on politics and elections. When a person supports a particular political group by posting negative speech and fake news about the other party, an explosive argument can occur.

Social media should be able to delete offensive posts. Cyberbullying, hoaxes, and fabricated political accusations should be banned. Offensive or racist comments should be prohibited. Political arguments should not be insulting or negative. Codes of conduct and digital etiquette should be well established and reinforced. Social media administrators should ban cyberbullying, false rumors, and hurtful politics because they can hurt other users. With these strategies, our online community will become greatly improved.

IN-PERSON VS VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

BY KAYAN SHARMA



I wrote this article to compare the in-person experience vs virtual experience, so I decided to interview a virtual student who came in-person. I would like to thank Grace Badenhorst for letting me interview her.

Q-What do you like about being virtual?

A-I like not having to rush to school.

Q-What do you like or not like about being in-person?

A-Nothing, I love in-person. It's so fun.

Q-Which do you like more: in-person or virtual?

A-In-person, definitely.

March Poem

by Caroline Benitez

March is here, so much fun.

A green spring is to come!

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner,

maybe a leprechaun will find his pot of gold!

Spring break just sounds so fun.

We could go by the beach or in the sun.

Either way, spring break will be so much fun!

Keep rolling through the school year, 'cause it's almost done.



WHY DO WE HAVE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME? BY KAVAN PANDYA

Have you ever wondered why we have daylight saving time? The story of daylight saving time is much more fascinating than you think. First, it's "daylight saving time" and not "daylight savings time." Benjamin Franklin first proposed the idea in an essay called "An Economical Project." William Willet formally proposed the idea in the document "Waste of Daylight," but the British were not ready to implement the idea. Germany was the first country to use daylight saving time (DST) in 1916 during World War I to conserve electricity. In the United States, DST was not intended to benefit farmers as many think when it was implemented in 1918, but rather as a wartime measure. Agricultural interests actually led to the repeal of DST in 1919 as farmers were used to the sun dictating their schedules rather than the clock. From the repeal in 1919 to 1966, there were no national rules for DST. States and localities could implement and end DST whenever they pleased, a system Time magazine described in 1963 as "a chaos of clocks." That meant that passengers on a 35-mile bus ride from Steubenville, Ohio, to

Moundsville, West Virginia would pass through seven time changes! In 1966, the United States formalized DST by enacting the Uniform Time Act, which standardized DST from the last Sunday of April to the last Sunday of October. States had the option of remaining on standard time, which was selected by Hawaii and most of Arizona. (The Navajo Nation uses DST.) The Energy Policy Act of 2005 changed the start of DST to the second Sunday of March and the end to the first Sunday of November. Now, 70 countries around the world use DST with over one billion followers!

You may not like waking up an hour earlier, but the great Benjamin Franklin said "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."



THE ROAD TO 1,000 BY GAVIN ANDRES TERRAZAS

Last school year, I got 1,000 AR points. AR is short for Accelerated Reader. For those of you who don't know what that is, let me fill you in. It is a type of quiz app. You answer questions on books that you have read. You get tags when you reach a certain number of points. You get tags when you reach 10, 50, 100, 250, 500, and 1,000 points.

In my classroom last year, we had a board that showed how many AR points we had. It only went up to 100 points. In a month, I had above 100 points. After I got 250 points, things got a whole lot harder. I had to get 250 more points. I managed though. I finished while virtual. My teacher, Mrs. O'Dell gave me an envelope that had a note with my tag inside it. This is the story of how I got to 1,000. You will learn about the books I read and a lot more. Enjoy!

I started off with small books like Flat Stanley and Dog Man. I had reread those books a lot. One book series catapulted me to over 100 points. The series was called Percy Jackson. It was written by Rick Riordan. Today, he is one of my favorite authors. He has written a lot of books. A lot of them are awesome books. Percy Jackson is about mythology. I have learned a lot about mythology from Percy Jackson. Now I love Greek, Egyptian, and Norse myths.

There are different books in different series, but some are connected. Five series are connected, and they all include one guy named Percy Jackson. He is the main character in only one series. Can you guess which series it is? That's right: it's Percy Jackson.

My favorite series is The Kane Chronicles. It is fun and exciting, and you can learn about Egyptian mythology. I learned some Egyptian words (I forgot all of them). There are also bonus story books, so you can enjoy more stories. I learned some of the Egyptian words I once knew from these bonus stories.

Other books I really liked to read were the Harry Potter books. I failed two AR quizzes on these books. My favorite book was the last one: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. That book is really exciting and breathtaking. Spoiler alert! If you haven't read the book, skip to the next paragraph. There is a part where you might think he is dead. I think that is really cool.

I am going to tell you about another book series that I love. I learned this one in the winter break of 2020 (so it's kind of recent for this article). It is called the Wings of Fire. I'm sure you could guess it's about dragons. There are 13 books in the series, but a new one is coming out on March 2, 2021 and I can't wait! When you finish every book, you really want to read the next one. No spoilers this time. Read it if you want to find out the ending.

Out of all the books I told you about in this article, I liked The Kane Chronicles best. I hope you read all the books I wrote about, but when the last Wings of Fire book comes out, don't take it from the library before me. I am trying to reach 1000 AR points again this year. Right now, I have above 700 points and I'm reading The Mysterious Benedict Society. Do you have any book recommendations for me?



VIDEO GAME REVIEW BY TOBY YIP:

“Undertale: The Friendly RPG Where You Don't HAVE to Hurt Anyone”

Undertale is a role-playing game based on puzzles that is different from all the others. In Undertale, you are a human who has fallen into the Underground. You learn about a war between humans and monsters and a barrier that keeps the monsters from going to the surface. Down in the Underground, you must try to get back to your home, and you must go through the barrier. But the king needs seven human souls to destroy the barrier and eliminate all the humans. So far he has collected six. Along the way, you meet characters such as Toriel, the former queen; Papyrus, a skeleton royal guard in training; Sans, Papyrus's lazy powerful brother; Undyne, the captain of the royal guard; Muffet, the spider queen; Alphys, the royal scientist; and Alphys's creation (and my personal favorite), Mettaton, the quiz show robot.

There are four areas in Undertale that each contain different monsters and a boss. Encountering a monster starts a battle. When it is your turn in a battle, you are given four main options: Fight, Act, Item, and Mercy. Each option leads to different options where you can choose how to specifically carry out that option. Every time you eliminate a monster, you get EXP. If you have enough EXP, your LOVE increases.



Depending on how many monsters or which bosses you eliminate, your ending changes. There are three different main endings that you can get in the game. The Neutral Route is where you destroy some bosses and monsters and spare others. There are actually 15 different Neutral Route endings depending on which bosses you eliminated or spared. The True Pacifist Route is where you never destroy a single monster or boss and hang out with three of the main characters (Papyrus, Undyne, and Alphys). In the end, everything turns out okay, everyone gets to the surface, and everyone lives happily ever after until the next game.

In all, Undertale is the most unique and best game I've ever played. I rate Undertale 10/10. Even though it is rated for people 10 and up, it is a very fun game

A CHOCOLATE MUSEUM

BY MAXIMILIAN DORN

Who does not like the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory? Who doesn't love chocolate? While we all might not be lucky to work in a chocolate factory, we can still enjoy a visit to a chocolate museum! There are plenty of museums worldwide, and you can find chocolate museums in Canada, Cuba, Cologne, Barcelona, Bruges, Paris, Prague, Vienna, New York, Orlando, and, of course, in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

While I have many on my list, I can just tell you about my experience in a chocolate museum called Hachez Chocoversum, in Hamburg, Germany. I think the experience might be similarly sweet in all museums! So, let's go!

It is a very interesting and tasty place. Being from a family of chocolate lovers, we go there every summer. There are lots of children and parents. One learns about the origin, history, and distribution of chocolate, e.g., the influence of the Inca and Maya and how they considered a cocoa drink as a "drink of the gods." The English word "chocolate" (via Spanish) stems from the Aztec word "xocolatl." When the hot cocoa was introduced to Europe, it was considered to be so exclusive that only aristocrats



were able to afford it. In the museum, there are other interesting questions discussed as well: How do you make chocolate? Where do cocoa trees grow? How do we use the cocoa beans exactly? What does Fairtrade mean? How does one produce white chocolate? The best part of the tour: we could eat samples all the time! My favorite part was the workshop in a little attached chocolate factory where we could make our own chocolate bar! We almost ate everything in the car on our way back home!

We also enjoyed the shop; there was everything made from chocolate! It was crazy--chocolate spoons, chocolate noodles, chocolate beer, chocolate tea, chocolate popcorn, chocolate mustard, tons of chocolate sweets, and chocolate board games! I liked the Monopoly edition. So hopefully, the pandemic is over soon and we all can visit this or another chocolate museum (again) as soon as possible!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

BY JOHANNA DORN

Spring forward, fall back." We all know this saying. We turn our clocks one hour forward in the spring and one hour back in the fall. We have one 25-hour day in the spring and one 23-hour day in the fall. But, why is that?

British-born New Zealand astronomer and entomologist George Hudson came up with this idea in 1895. He worked in shifts and could collect insects in his leisure time. He thus valued after hours daylight and considered changing the clock accordingly. Hudson published papers in this matter and got the attention of a wider audience. It was proposed to change the clock in the summer months, so people could enjoy the long, bright evenings. The first countries that adopted the idea of Daylight Savings Time (DST) were the German Empire and her ally, Austria-Hungary, in 1916. In the midst of World War I, the DST ("Sommerzeit" in German) was considered a way to conserve coal, an important resource for the ongoing war. Many other European countries soon followed, as well as Russia in 1917 and the United States in 1918 – and after the war the idea of DST remained.

Today, the European Union conducts coordinated changes

each year. As a result, all DST changes in all time zones in the EU remain constant. But there are many exceptions worldwide. For example, Morocco observes DST all year long except for the holy month of Ramadan. DST begins in the US and the EU on different dates. For a few weeks, there are even more different time zones between the US and the EU. And finally, the US does observe DST, except Hawaii and Arizona, while Africa and Asia do not observe DST all.

There are good reasons for DST. One argument could be reducing energy consumption, meaning that there is less need for lighting and heating. Another argument could be that we, as industrialized people, live by a strict clock and do not pay attention to the schedule as given by the natural length of the daylight. So, when the sun rises later in the morning in the winter, we could start the day later too.

However, there are good reasons against DST. The complicated time changing can disrupt travel, record keeping, or medical devices. Many people also claim that DST changes disrupt sleep patterns. There are currently huge debates in the EU to end DST.

RILEY'S PETTIPS AND TRICKS HOW TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY BY HELPING YOUR DOG BY RILEY REID

Everybody loves their dog. They love their community too. West U is a wonderful place that everybody wants to keep safe and clean. One of the many ways to do that is to follow laws about responsibilities owners have for their dogs.

One way you can do that is to keep your dog on a leash; it is a city law and also just common sense. You should do this because your dog (or another) may get scared, hurt or frighten people, or injure another dog. They could even run away or get hit by a car. If you're having trouble with your dog pulling on the leash too much, then you may want to consider getting them a harness, gentle leader, or professional training.

You can also keep your community safe and clean by picking up your dog's poop. This is also a law. If you don't pick up your dog's poop, then it could spread diseases,

contaminate groundwater, and make a stinky mess on shoes. Poo is just gross.

The last thing I'm going to cover is to keep your dog off school campus. This is a law as well. If you don't keep your dog off campus, they could bite, scare someone, or may poop. Being at school with a bunch of people can make a dog very scared and overwhelmed. These are rules that are there for a reason.

You should always make sure to keep your dog on a leash, pick up their poop, and keep them off school campuses. I hope you learned some ways to help your community. And remember, you can help your community by helping your dog.





NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT!

BY ALEXIS CHEN

As we know, last month was an exciting one. We got to elect the new student council members. This is a very important job. We know that Hunter DeFrehn and Kayla Bayazitogolu are our new president and vice president for the 2020-2021 school year. Here are some of their plans, ideas, experience, etc.

Q: Why did you choose to be on the student council board?

A: Kayla: For my last school year, I wanted to make the school better for future generations to come.

A: Hunter: I just really enjoy helping people in many different situations.

Q: How many years have you been on student council?

A: We both were on the student council last year. Kayla ran for treasurer and Hunter ran for historian last year. They did not win last year.

Q: Any ideas you are planning to do?

A: Kayla: We have not done that much yet. Next meeting, we will come up with more ideas and review the ideas.

A: Hunter: We have a Gmail for students who want to give ideas. I think that only the president and vice president can see the Gmail ideas because it would not be safe. It would also be more organized. Here is the Gmail:

wuesideas@gmail.com

So far, Sydney DeFrehn wants bigger fields.

Q: Anybody out there that inspires you to lead and why?

A: Kayla: I am really into soccer. Julie Ertz is a soccer player and inspires me because she trains every day on her weaknesses to get better. I really want to be like that.

A: Hunter: Bethany Hamilton inspires me. She says just because you have obstacles does not mean you should give up. My great grandmother, who died this past year, inspires me to try new things and believes in me.

Q: Virtual and in person improvements?

A: Kayla: I want to have kids from virtual class get to have what in-person kids get.

A: Hunter: I really want to get iPads because I want to have in-person kids interact with virtual kids. Mr. Higgs has a bunch of iPads and Mr. G has none.

A: Hunter: Chats that we could call and chat on. We could interact with and not talk about something that is personal that everyone can see.

A: Kayla: I think the lunch buddy we used to do was nice. I want to bring it back because you got to see the virtual kids. Also, they used to do it in person and virtual, which is not fair because in person kids can see each other.

A: Hunter: I also want a notice for the lunch buddy, so I know who to pick or choose to talk with. I would also like to notify the virtual kids, too.

I am looking forward to their ideas coming to life. The student council is under great leadership!

MEET MRS. MCLAMB

by Mary Plumb

Have you ever wondered what some teachers would say to some crazy questions? Well, you don't have to wonder what Mrs. McLamb would say. I interviewed her, and here are some hard-hitting questions and awesome answers!

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: Puppies--lovable small dogs!

Q: When is your birthday?

A: August 12th

Q: Who is your favorite author?

A: Janet Evanovich, Nora Roberts, and J.D. Robb

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Italian

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: Sleepless in Seattle

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: I like lacrosse or soccer.

Q: Who is your hero?

A: Eleanor Roosevelt was a hero of mine when I was growing up. She was the wife of President Franklin Roosevelt and was one of the most active first ladies in history. She worked for political, racial, and social justice. She was, in her time, one of the world's most widely admired and powerful women.

Q: What was your favorite subject in school?

A: Math and history

Q: What is your hobby?

A: I have a couple. I like to read, run/walk, and do crossword puzzles or Sudoku.

Q: Why did you become a teacher?

A: I initially earned my college degree in accounting. I worked as a CPA and in other financial jobs for 15 years. Then, I decided to stay home to raise my five children. I was very active in volunteering at WUES. After my youngest started Kindergarten, I became a substitute teacher at WUES. I liked teaching so much that I went back to college at age 50 to take the courses necessary to become a teacher.

Q: What is your favorite quote?

A: "There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs."

Q: What are you doing for Spring Break?

A: Staying home and fixing the garden because of the freeze.

Q: Where is your favorite place to travel?

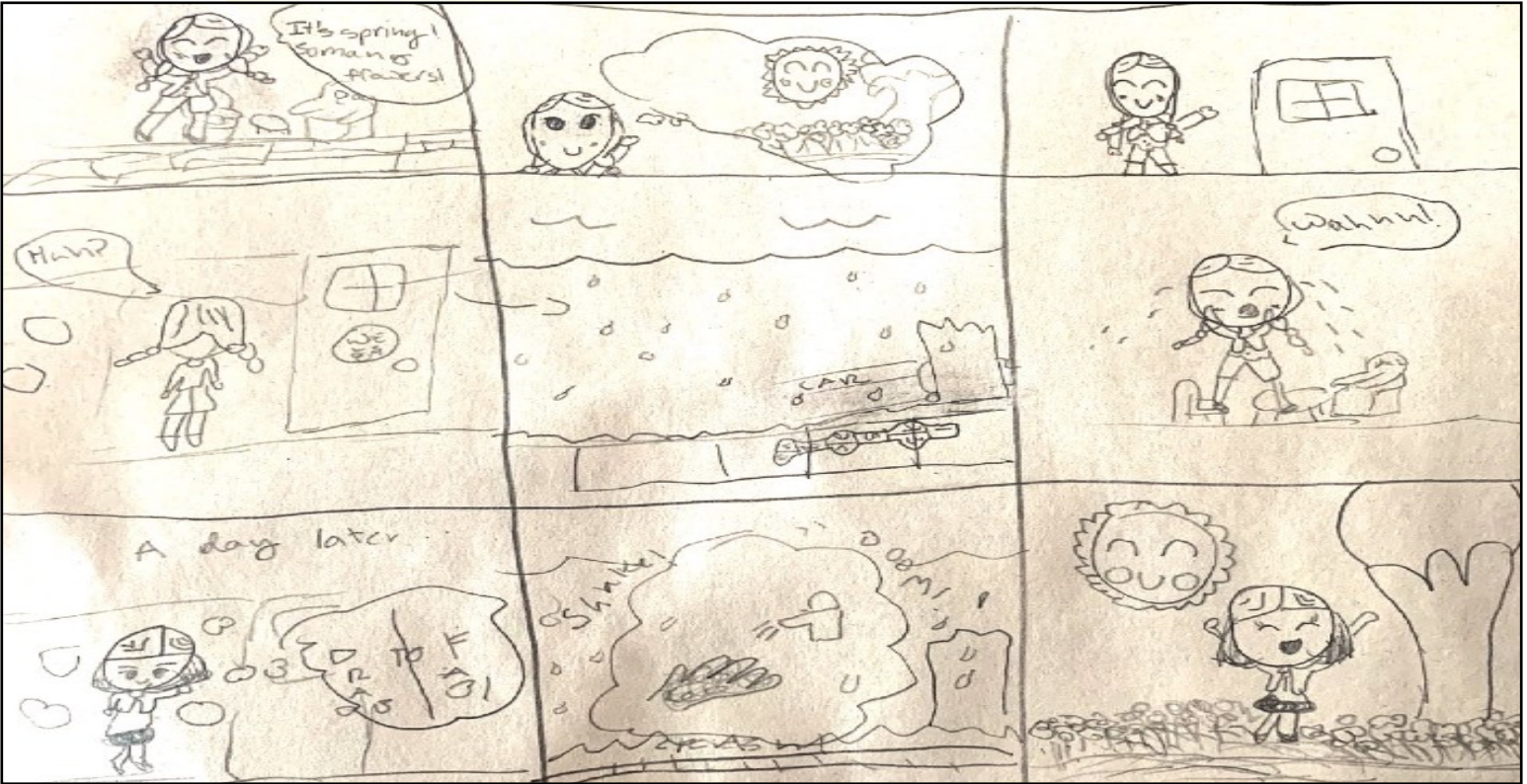
A: I have traveled a lot, but I have to say new places in Europe...and there is always Paris!

Q: Where were you born?

A: New Orleans



SPRING by Larene Brown



Guess Who? Who is Save Me?

Save Me

By Ana Sofia Munoz

Black and white Save Me!
 Bucked me off Save Me!
 Brush off my pants Save Me!

Get back on Save Me!

Canter now Save Me!

Jump Save Me!

Go, go, go, go, go Save Me!

Jump the oxe Save Me!

Have to go home Save Me!

Save Me

Answer: My horse,





ST. PATRICK'S DAY JOKES THAT WILL TURN YOU GREEN!

BY HUNTER DEFREHN

Why do frogs love St. Patrick's Day? (Because they're already wearing green!)



good time? (He is Dublin over with laughter!)
Knock Knock Who's there? Irish!
Irish Who? Irish you a happy St. Patrick's Day!

a French fry!)
Where can you always find gold? (In the dictionary!)
What do you call a fake stone in Ireland? (A sham-rock!)

How can you tell if a leprechaun is having a

When is an Irish potato not an Irish potato? (When it's

St Patrick's Day Themed Word Search: By Rhea Morani

There are 15 words hidden in the word search below, the words can be found across, down, diagonally, backwards and can overlap with each other. The hidden words are listed beneath the word search puzzle. Circle the words in the word search as you find them and cross them out from the list.

Bagpipe
Green
Ireland
Leprechaun
Parade

Emerald Isle
Holiday
Irish
Luck
Shamrock

Gold
Horseshoe
Legend
March
St. Patrick

