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Dear NEHS members and others in the Herod community,

I am very excited to be part of this newsletter that was created by the Herod NEHS members. Though this year did not turn out as expected, we have all managed to continue with our lives in the best way we can. From working on the Herod Garden last year to the food drive we held earlier this year, I have enjoyed working with others to help Herod from the start to finish.

I would like to thank Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Rosenfield, Ms. Flanagan, Ms. Moses and Ms. Hoevelman for helping to coordinate our NEHS activities and meetings as well as making our time in NEHS special. I would also like to give a shout-out to our amazing principal, Ms. Turek, and all of the teachers, students, parents and Herod community members. Congratulations to the graduating 5th grade students and thank you to all of the NEHS members who made this newsletter possible! Go Jets!

– Kalyani Gifford
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A Glimpse Into Herod Soccer

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Soccer is known all over the world as a famous sport, where people defend the ball from entering the goal (defense), or try to get the ball into the opponent's goal (offense). The goalie is a defender that uses his or her hands, unlike the defenders. But today, we look at one great school, Gary L. Herod Elementary, and their unofficial 5th grade soccer team. This article you're about to read highlights the importance of working as a team, with interviews showing different views of the game.

Positions

At Herod, the positions are attacker, defender and goalie. Attackers are supposed to score most of the team's goals. When we play soccer at school, there are usually 6-7 attackers. Defenders are supposed to stop the opponents from scoring goals. There are usually 1-2 defenders when we play at school. Goalies are similar to defenders but they are allowed to use their hands and feet to stop the ball from getting past them and into the net, which basically means they are sort of like the last line of defense if the opponents get past the defenders. At school there is normally 1 goalie per team.

Different Views About Soccer

Soccer is a very popular sport. In fact, it is the most popular sport in the world! Many people (like us at Herod) play soccer. Since lots of people play, there are many views about soccer. A few different examples of them could be "I just play soccer for fun." or "Soccer isn't just a sport or fun activity, it is my passion, and I take it seriously." One example regarding competitive soccer players at Herod could be that we like soccer, and we all know that it is a fun sport, but that still doesn't keep us from getting a bit frustrated when we lose, or if we didn't try our hardest. Soccer is an amazing sport, and everyone has their own view.

Importance of Working As A Team

Soccer is a team sport, let's face it. You might be great at dribbling and handling the ball, but when you face an entire team of players, it's just impossible for you to win. The same rule applies with soccer at Herod. There aren't just two people trying to score on each other when we play. There are many different people on the field that are passing and working together to win. When the other team is about to take the ball from you, it is easier to pass to one of your teammates on the other side of the field than dribbling all the way over there and wasting a lot of your energy. It is also very important to include others no matter what, because at the end of the day, everyone out on the soccer field just wants to play. How would you feel if it was your first day at school, you figure out that you can play soccer at recess, and you're so excited because you love playing soccer? But, when you show up on the field and start to play, no one will try to pass or even talk to you, just because you're new. I don't know about you, but if that happened to me, I would never play soccer there again, which isn't exciting. Finally, working as a team and including others doesn't just help you win, it also makes playing much more fun, which is why we play.

Interviews

Q: What is the difference between soccer at Herod and organized soccer?

Answer #1

In my opinion, there is a big difference, because at school I don't try too hard. When I play soccer at school, everyone tries to get the ball and they all just follow the person with the ball. When I play organized soccer/club soccer, we are all spread out, have designated positions, and all of us are giving our all.

Answer #2

To me, playing organized soccer and playing soccer at Herod are very different. In soccer at school, there aren't exactly appointed positions, and everyone usually goes wherever the ball goes. Also, the teams are picked right before the game, so you won't be on the same team every time. Lastly, I personally take organized soccer much more seriously than soccer at Herod. However, even though Herod soccer is very different from organized soccer, it is still very fun to play.

Answer #3

Playing school soccer is very different from playing competitive soccer. At school, I am usually a lot less serious than competitively. For soccer at Herod, there are no actual positions (except for some competitive players). Everybody flocks after the ball. Lastly, you are on different teams with different people almost every single time we play! Herod Soccer may not be as great as competitive soccer, but it still is an amazing experience!

Q: What is it like being some of the only girls that play soccer?

Being some of the only girls who play soccer at Herod for recess has its pros and cons. One pro is that we are rarely guarded, so we have a better chance to score goals or pass. One con is that a lot of the boys usually do not pass to us a lot. But even though there are positives and negatives when playing soccer, it is still very exciting and a great thing to enjoy.

Thank you for reading this article. Hopefully you enjoyed having a glimpse of our school's unofficial soccer team!

Snow Much Fun In Colorado!

By Ethan Flores

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Ever wondered how it feels like to slide down and get some airtime on an Olympic hill? Well this is what I did during the first week of COVID-19 or Corona virus.

March was supposed to be a time for fun in the snow in Canada but because of COVID-19, we went to Colorado instead. While we were there my dad and I went hiking for six miles. You know what we found out? There's a lot of litter such as doggy bags buried in the snow. But it was also nice to know that even with COVID-19, people are exercising with their dogs. We saw roller-skaters, cross-country skiers, and bikers enjoying the snow. We saw water waders fishing and saw many people throughout the hike.



The next day my family and I went tobogganing on Howelsen Hill (Fun Fact: Toboggans were made by American Indians and then Edward Zamboni made them as a vehicle for the Canadian military). Howelsen Hill is an Olympic hill, and this is where Olympians train for the winter Olympics. I got some airtime while tobogganing on the big hill. If you go really fast and there is a small bump, you will go flying! The next day we went on the shorter hill and when we hiked to the hill, my feet would sink into the snow, like big foot was walking through. On the hill next to it, Chloe tipped over and scratched her face.

The next day, we all went on a hike at Fish Creek Falls to see a frozen waterfall. It was a short hike and Chloe was able to walk the whole hike. As we walked closer, when we stopped, we can hear the waterfalls. The top of the waterfalls was frozen, and it looked like icicles are hanging from the waterfalls. Some of the snow thawed and you can see the water coming down.

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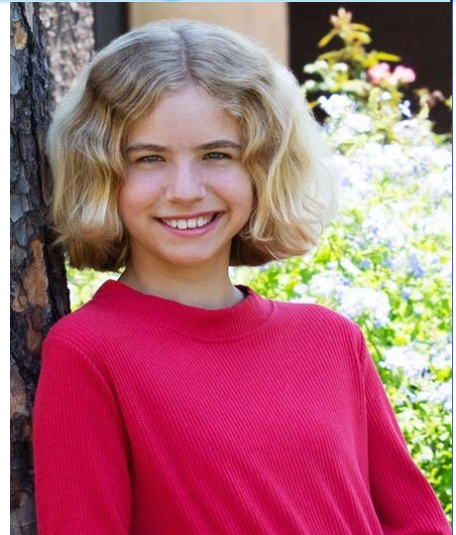
On our last day, our family walked on a frozen lake called the Grand Lake. We saw many people camping on the ice, and that looked awesome. We saw people ice fishing by making a hole in the ice and putting fishing rods inside. We also drove around the mountains and took pictures of the Rocky Mountain National Park. Overall, it might have started off in the wrong foot, but it all ended up making it right.

Rumors

By Madison fields

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Rumors have been spreading around Herod for a long time now. It's time for it to be addressed. It's mean and vicious and most people do it out of hate. People are being told lies and some people spread the lies in front of the people's faces. I'm not saying all of them are fake, but it is still mean and if you hear a rumor don't spread it. Rumors only make things worse. Parents, if you are reading this, talk to your kids about this and tell them it is wrong. Kids, if rumors are being spread about you, tell an adult and remember you're fine, as long as you did nothing wrong. Kids, if you're the ones spreading rumors, please stop hurting people and being a bully.



The Silver Woods

By Kalyani Gifford

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There was no such thing as magic, or ghosts for that example. Or at least that was what Andie had thought up to a few seconds ago. She could have sworn she had locked the windows before she had gone to bed. But here she was, with a broken mug at her feet and an open window beside her. All she had wanted was a glass of water! The thing was, she was sure she had heard the sound of a trumpet coming from the living room. But when she went to investigate, she caught a glimpse of a purple cape, gliding through the air into the back hallway, and an inch-thick layer of golden dust blanketing the base of an open window.



Before she could follow the purple-robed stranger, her mom came marching down the stairs, making Andie drop her mug in surprise! “Andie! What are you doing out of bed, it’s 2 A.M.!” “Well, um....” Andie stammered as she stared at the floor, her face turning bright red. She didn’t know if she wanted to tell her mom about the trespasser yet, for the fear of it just being her brother pulling a prank. But before Andie could say anything, her mom glanced at the open window. “Andie! How many times have I told you to do your art projects in your room?” “Art projects? What does art have to do with this?” Andie thought as she looked at the window. It took her a minute to realize why her mom was complaining about art. She must have thought that Andie was using glitter to make something and had forgotten to clean up. But before Andie cleaned up the dust and went back to sleep, she promised herself that she would find out who had entered her house, no matter how long it took.

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Chapter 2:

Andie woke up early the next morning to thoughts about the purple-robed person and the golden dust. She wondered if the person who had entered the house last night was still here! If so, she would be ready to catch them, or at the very least to get them out of the house. As she clamored down the stairs to get breakfast, she heard a huge crash from the kitchen. It sounded like somebody was tossing plates and cups at the wall! When Andie entered the kitchen she was shocked, everything was in ruins! There was glass scattered on the floor and all of the cabinets were open! As she was cleaning up the mess on the floor, and putting away the silverware, she heard someone close the pantry door shut. "Who's there? Show yourself!" Andie shouted as she grabbed a broken mug and walked over slowly to the pantry. Suddenly, someone showed up behind her! "Presenting... King Coswald the Third!" the stranger said.

Chapter 3:

"King Coswald the Third?" Andie said, forgetting all about getting the stranger out of the house. "Yes," he stated proudly, "I am quite well known from where I am from, perhaps you have heard of me?" Without waiting for an answer, he continued to talk. "I hope you are ready to go" he said hurriedly, "Mr. Merlin does not like dawdlers." Ignoring everything he said, Andie took a closer look at the intruder. He was an old man, wearing a knight suit with only a small tint of color on it. But the most astonishing thing was that the trespasser seemed to be levitating a foot off the ground. "You're floating!" she announced, bewildered. "Yes, I know that," King Coswald said, looking annoyed as he realized that she hadn't been listening to what he said. "For your information, I'm what you humans call a ghost," he stated, his pride hurt.

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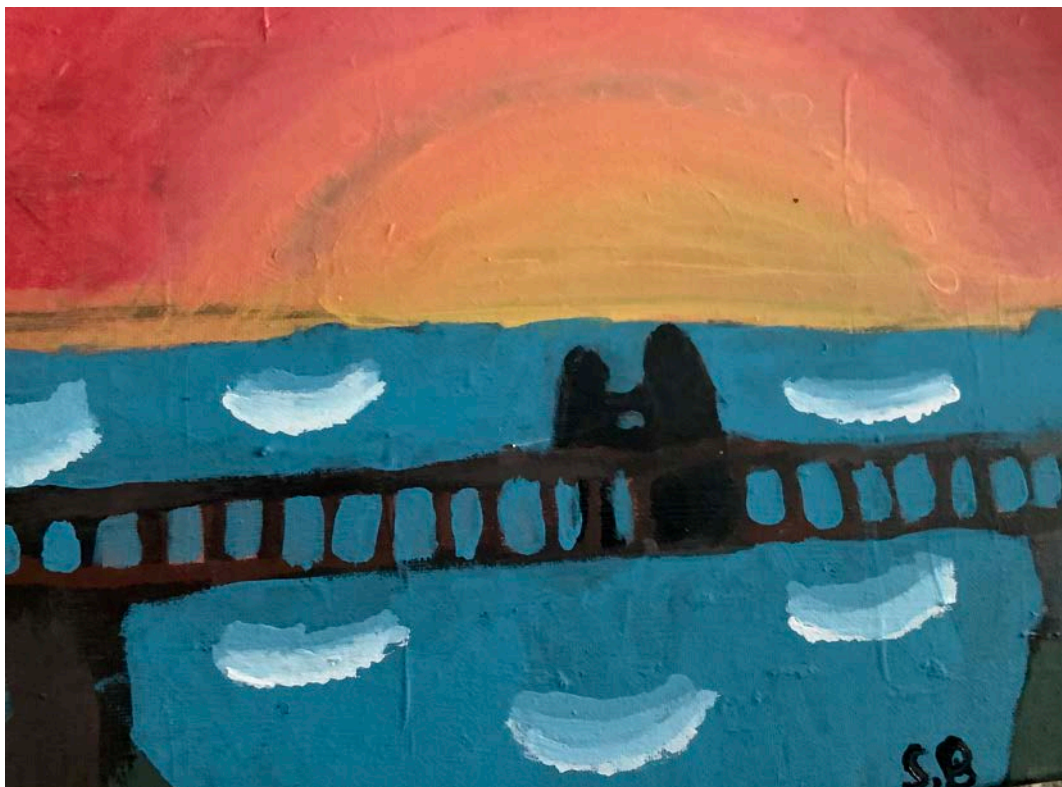
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“Now are you coming or not?” Just wait, who’s Mr. Merlin?” she asked, confused. “He is a slightly grumpy old man and your new co-instructor for illusions camp,” King Coswald explained. “ Now, enough chit chat, I told you already that Mr. Merlin does not like latecomers!” He pulled a device from his pocket and pressed a small, blinking button.” You might want to close your ears,” he warned distractedly, not looking up from the device he was fiddling with. “It can get very loud with this type of transportation.” “Do what? Where are we going?” Andie shouted as the room began to spin! ”The Silver Woods.” King Coswald said mysteriously, and then they vanished.

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Recess

By Emmett Freeman

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I figured since it's my last year at Herod, I would write about one of the things I remember most. Some of my best memories from Herod are from recess, so that is why I made this. I can only take credit for the ideas and the coloring. My sister, who also went to Herod, actually drew it. It's been a good year and a great experience, and I'll miss being able to tell everyone goodbye.

- Emmett Freeman



Why You Should Plant A Garden

By Cole Weatherly

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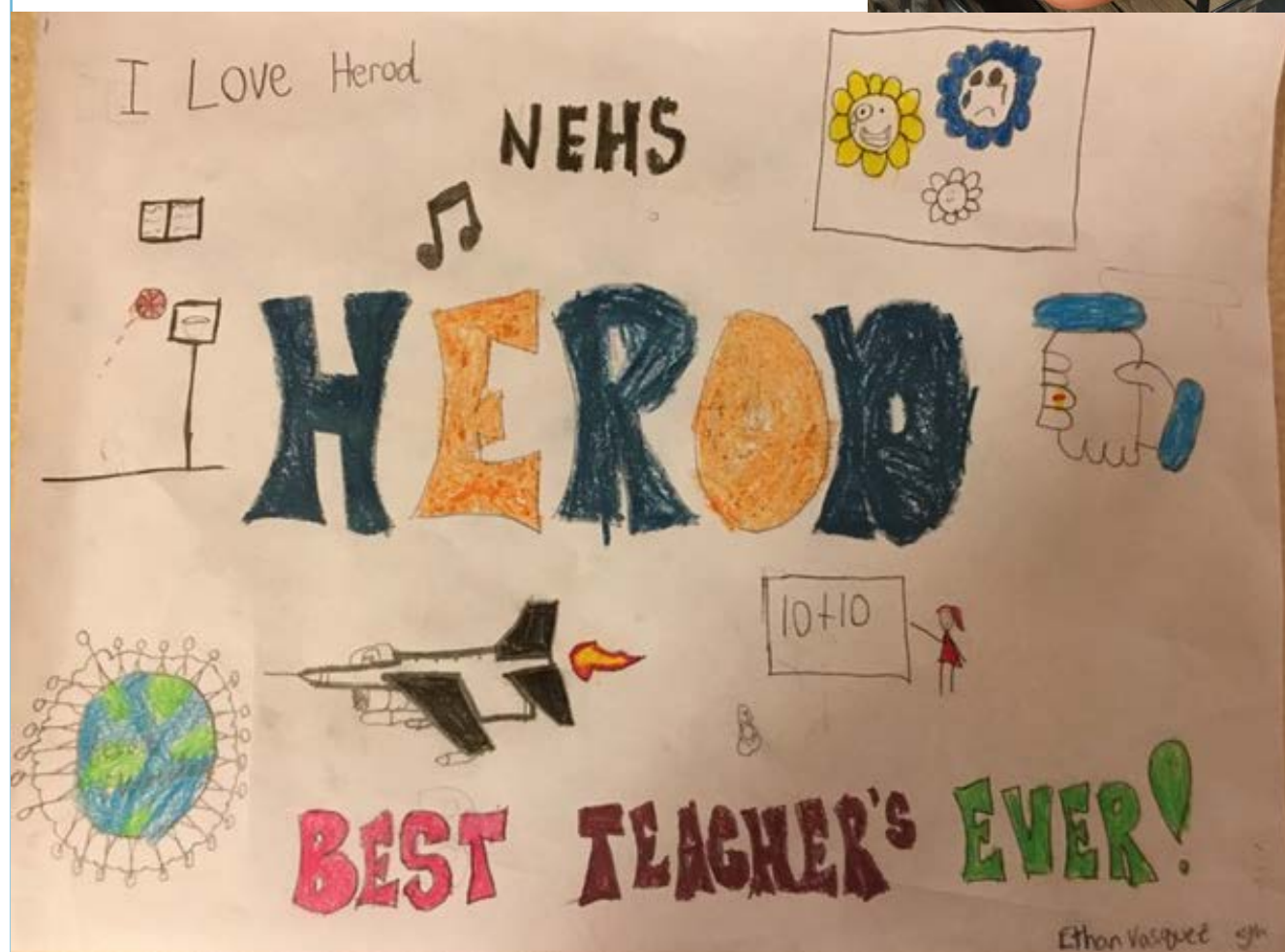
I would like to talk about a very important matter, the fact that you should plant a garden. You should start one especially in this pandemic time because it will give you something productive to do. Even if you aren't a "green thumb" person you should still at least try to do it because you can feel happy, like you are caring for it.

You don't always have to start big. Your first garden could maybe just be two plants. A good start would be to build a 4X8 wooden border and fill it up with dirt. Next you would plant your seeds. As for which seeds you choose is up to you. In my opinion though, the best plants to grow as a beginner would be bush beans or pole beans. Those are two types of green beans. The pole beans can grow up to 7 feet whereas the bush beans grow 1 to 2 feet tall.

These are good choices because, one, they are easy to grow. All you have to do is build your garden in a sunny spot and water it once or twice a day. It can be very calming to the mind. Two, they don't take long to produce. They only take about 50-60 days to produce a flower. When it does, believe me, it is a very happy experience. The flowers are white and look very beautiful. Three, they produce lots of green beans. They can produce 30-100 beans depending on how many plants there are.

A garden can also help you find a calm place in your yard where there is nothing but plants. Another fun thing about gardening is that your skill progresses every year, so you can plant more and more different plants every year such as tomatoes, peppers or maybe even carrots. Also, planting a garden does not just happen overnight, it is a process that can help you with patience. After all, it does take two or more months to grow one. 16





Poetry

By Maya Schwartz

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Controlling

Destiny? Not for me!

You can't cut my wings if I'm already free!

Soar through the air with the key in my hand,

While you try and bring me back down to land.

Destiny? Not for me!

I get to choose! Take it or leave it, I've got nothing to lose!

I get to think of my own path in life! Don't control me or I'll start some strife!

Destiny? Not for me!

Destiny can leave me alone, I don't need it, just go home!



Sunrise

The sun glows that warm glow I've known so long,

And the crickets chirp at the sight

The bees buzz through the day as the blue heron takes flight.

Drawing By Abigail Tan

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Drawing By Kalyani Gifford

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This was a drawing that I made for a contest from Scholastic. It was based on a character out of J K Rowling's new book, The Ickabog, which is coming out in November 2020. It was very exciting to make, and even though it did not win, it helped my art skills a lot!

- Kalyani Gifford



How I Got Into Cubing

By Harman Tripathy

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My First Cube

I was eight years old at the time. I was at my friend's house and all us kids were sitting in the living room chatting and playing. My friend's older brother who was on the couch and pulled out what appeared to be a colorful cube with tiles. I asked him what it was, and he responded with, "It's a Rubik's Cube." I saw him solve it (return the colors back to normal) and I was AMAZED!! I had never seen anything like it. I decided that I would try to solve one, too! After all, how difficult could it be?



Now, I'm sitting at home a few weeks later, with a Rubik's cube in my hands. I was doing what 99% of people would normally do with their first cube, turning it a few times, then trying to turn it back. I was very excited! I just turned it five times, and solved it. Now I was going to show my mom. So, I did my five-move mix-up, but then horror struck me. I forgot how I mixed it up. My Rubik's Cube was officially scrambled. After that, my family spent the next few days trying to solve it, but we had no luck. It was just beginner's luck, I guess!

The Second Try

So, I put my cube aside, and didn't really get back to it for some time. I was just into some other other things. Time flew, and few months later, though I don't know why, I got the sudden urge to try to solve the cube, but again, I couldn't solve it. My grandparents were coming over to visit us for a few months.

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By Harman Tripathy

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YAY! I told my grandparents all about the cube, and then my grandpa asked, "Harman, is there an easier version of this?". I really took that into consideration. The next day, I looked that up and realized that there was an easier version, the 2x2 Rubik's Cube. It looked like a mini 3x3 Rubik's Cube. The 2x2 was supposedly a whole lot easier than the 3x3. I found a good tutorial on YouTube, and (not as easily as you'd expect) learned how to solve it. That was a huge accomplishment, and I was stoked, but It wasn't as big as the one I would accomplish a few weeks later.

It was towards the end of the year, sometime around late November. I thought that since I solved the 2x2, the 3x3 would be a lot easier, and I was right! It took me ~ 2 weeks, but I got it done!!! I was SO proud, and so were my parents. I took the next week or so to memorize the few last steps to solve the cube, partially amazing people when I solved it at school with only looking at a few algorithms (sets of moves that you use to orientate the cube that usually only affects a few pieces) on a sheet of paper. But the real deal happened five days later, when I was sitting in the cafeteria with some of my friends. I whipped out my Rubik's Cube and asked them to scramble it up for me. Of course, I solved it. They were amazed and asked me to solve their cubes, and of course, I obliged. Then, over the next month, more and more people came to me, asking if I could solve their Rubik's Cube, even if I had no idea who they were. Even in that first year, I had solved more than 50 different cubes for friends and acquaintances. I guess I had earned my title as the Cube Solver.

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Different Cubes

A few months passed, and it was my birthday. I was very eager when I woke up. We ate cake and celebrated that morning. Before I knew it, I was reaching into a bag with excitement on the dining table. To my surprise, I pulled out a 4x4 Rubik's cube along with some other things. "Thank you so much, mom and dad," I exclaimed! That evening, I was trying super hard to solve my 4x4, but I just couldn't. I thought it was way too hard, and I just didn't have the patience. I kind of gave up. Another thing that I was excited about was the sleepover that I was going to have that weekend with my friends.

By then, my friends knew that I was into Rubik's cubes. I usually carried one to school every single day. That Saturday, I had my sleepover, and it was AMAZING (Other than the part where my friend Christopher was keeping us up at night till way past midnight). Before I went to bed though, I opened my friends' gifts for me. The last one that I opened up was my friend Charlie's gift, and I have to tell you, I was totally not prepared for what was inside. I opened it up, and I could not believe my eyes. He had given me four different Rubik's Cubes! He got me a 5x5, a 7x7, a Pyraminx (Triangle shaped), and a Megaminx (Dodecahedron shaped). As a lot of you would expect, we (and I mean "we" by my friends) scrambled up ALL of them. I literally got to hold them for less than a minute, but they were scrambled. I really couldn't do anything about it.

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Where I Am Now

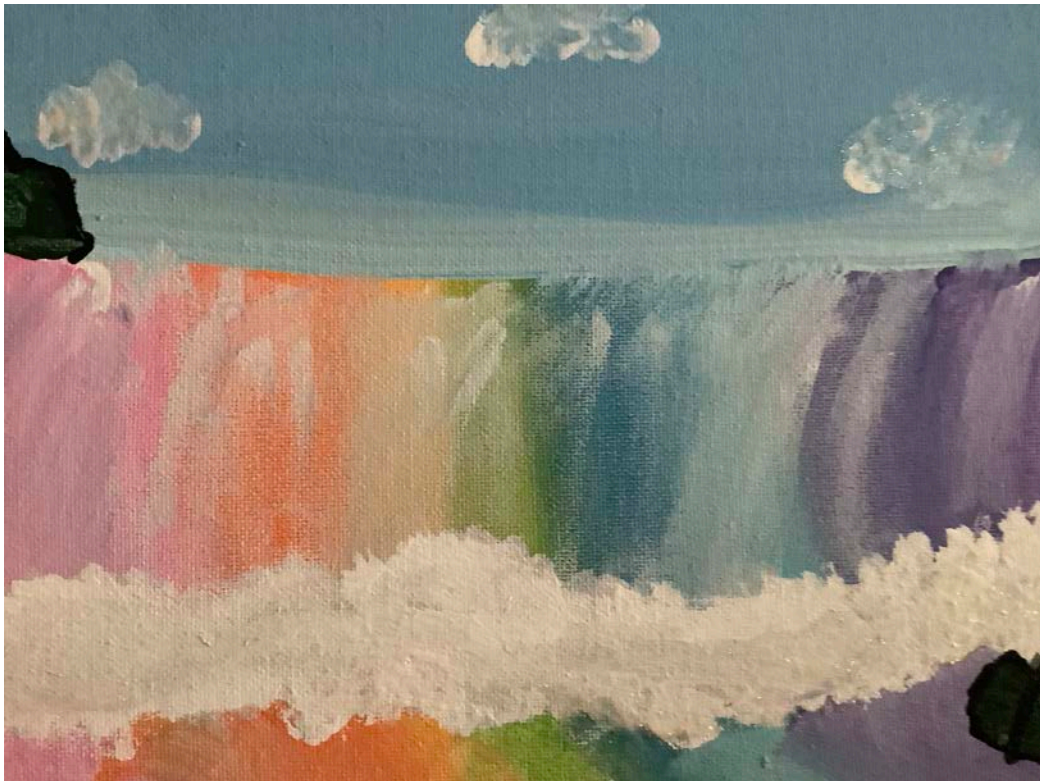
I have had Cubes for almost four years now, and I have been progressively getting better day by day. My time for solving the 3x3 cube has improved drastically. It has gone down from almost two minutes to fifty seconds. I can now solve all the cubes in my collection (13 and counting) except the 5x5, and the 7x7. Over the years, three more people (that I know) have learned how to solve a 3x3 Rubik's Cube; shoutouts to Cole Weatherly, Emmett Freeman, and Luke Weatherly. Right now, I practice for at least 30 minutes to an hour a day, and try to lower my time on the 3x3 to less than 30 seconds.

In conclusion, what I have learned over the past few years of cubing is that you can truly accomplish anything if you are persistent and put enough practice into it. No matter how hard it seems initially, but if you feel passionate about it, you will succeed.

- Harman Tripathy

Paintings By Shelby Brown

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Drama, And How To Avoid It

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By Maya Schwartz

In life, there are always going to be obstacles trying to slow you down, but you can do things to avoid some of these. I'm not saying all your problems are going to go away, but I can help.

Drama, to me, is one of the most annoying things at school. People spread rumors (read Madison's Article), hate, and lies, to make themselves feel better. First, if you find a person doing this, they might have problems back at home, or away from school, so don't yell at them.

Second, if you find out that your friend is doing this, you should tell them to stop. Just because you don't want to lose your friend doesn't mean to not try and stop them, they are hurting others feelings and starting conflict. If they refuse and keep hurting people's feelings, then it might be time to find a better friend or ask them if they are having any problems that they would like to talk about with you.

If you ever find yourself sinking into a pit of gossip, listening to every peep, or becoming the gossip yourself, its always okay to ask for help from a teacher, parent, or guardian. They can give you advice on how to stop listening to the entertaining lies, and how to ignore the rumors floating around you.

Just remember, most of the things you hear about other people is either not true, a secret that was supposed to go only to a trusted friend, or something embarrassing and harmful to the target. Try to help the person that is the subject of the lies in whatever ways possible, or, if they tell you to leave them alone, it's best to give them some space.



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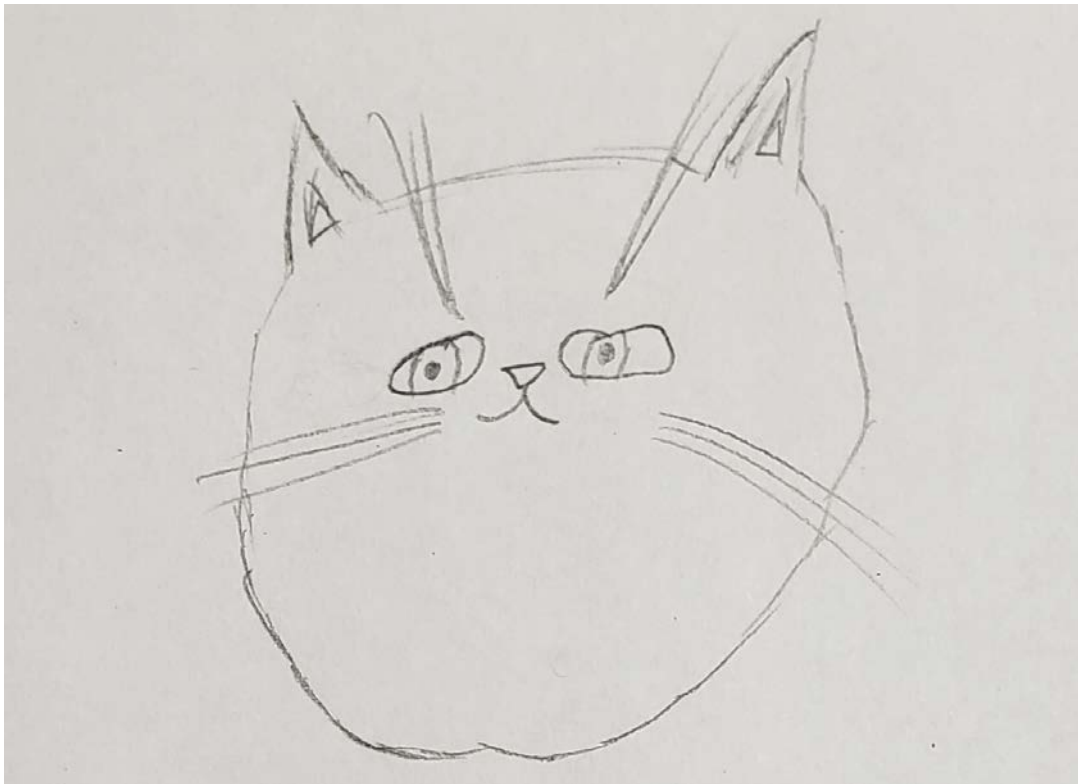
If all the drama is about you, then you can talk to a trusted adult about how you feel or ignore the drama. The people who are spreading them want you to rise to the bait so they can see your reaction, so don't give them that satisfaction. If you disregard the bait, then the fisherman will become bored, and eventually stop. The same goes for gossip.

The thing that I loathe most about drama is the (mental) fights inside of it. I have been in a lot of arguments with my friends, the deepest of them are about stupid nonsense. Like, accidentally saying this word instead of that word, or saying goodbye to your friend's siblings first. Friends fight the most because they know each other the best and having a friend teaches you forgiveness.

If you follow these suggestions, they will help you all your life. Always remember to be kind, study hard, and have fun at your school!

This is a cat named John, and he needs a TON of attention. When he was in school he had a lot of friends, but now, because of quarantine, he just wants to chill and be left alone.

-Matthew Vivens



Sports

By: Corey Palm

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Hello everyone! As you all know, sports were stopped by Covid-19. People are eagerly anticipating when sports will come back. I know how sports fans feel because I am a big sports fan. It has been extremely hard waiting for the action and fun to come back on! This is an update on three sports as of the middle of June.



MLB

The MLB was supposed to start this spring, but it couldn't. The MLB had to suspend their season. Luckily, the MLB is planning to start the 2020 season in July. Sadly though, fans will not be allowed in the stadium during games. If you play Little League baseball, you know that one of the best parts of the game is the cheering crowd. You also know that the MLB teams have a huge crowd. Imagine how hard it would be for the MLB players with no crowd! Regardless, I can't wait to see all the teams back in action.

NBA

The NBA was having a great season. Sadly, because of Covid-19, the NBA had to stop its season. Also, a couple of NBA players got the virus! One player who got the virus was all-star Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz. The NBA reported a week ago that its season would start back up again where it left off. Each team will get eight more regular season games and then go to the playoffs. The NBA will play all of their games in one stadium in Orlando, Florida, and the players will stay in a Disney resort. This season is going to be one of the craziest seasons of all time.

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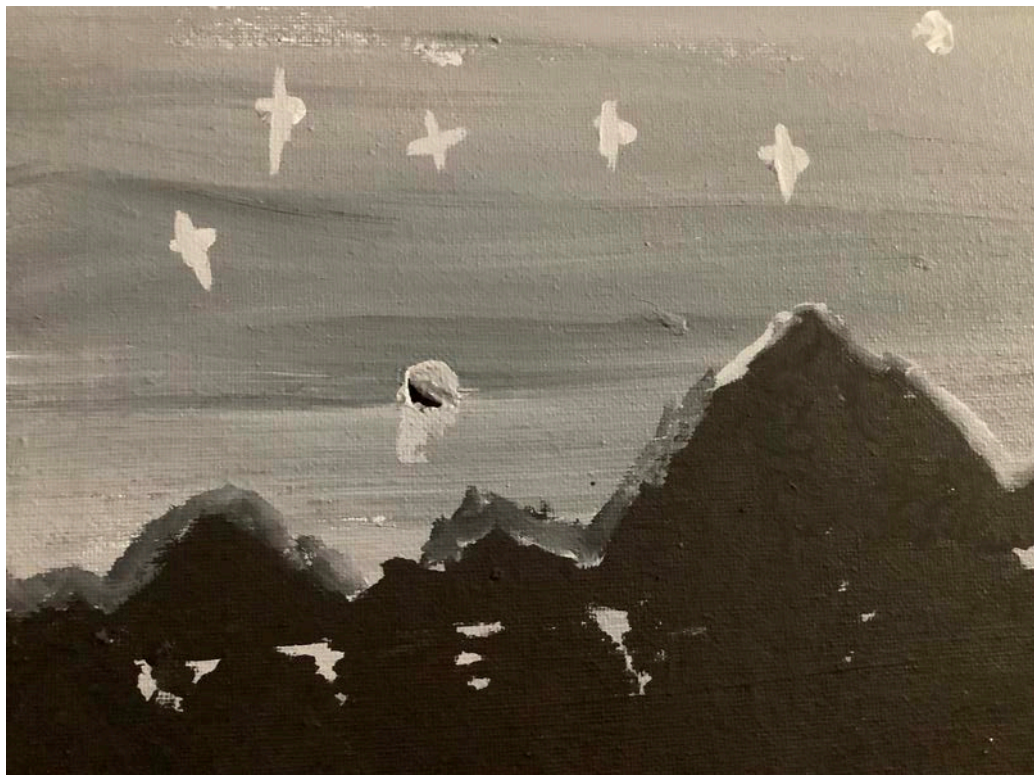
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NFL

The NFL season was over when Covid-19 struck. As I have learned, the NFL is planning to start their season at normal time. If Covid-19 is still affecting people, then the NFL will have no fans at the stadiums. If Covid-19 has died down, then the NFL will play games with fans. The NFL doesn't have to react soon because they still have until September to figure out a game plan.

This is a hard time for everyone in the community. We can all help in some way. I thank all the front line workers for being brave. They are making a difference. Sports are one minor setback that will eventually return. Some people out there just like me, will be happy to see sports again very soon.



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