

# The Memorial Times



Woodland Park Memorial Middle School

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## Principal's Corner

The first marking period has ended and the second has begun on a very positive note. Most students have done well and I am sure you will continue to do so. For those who haven't I expect you to do better and start now! If you need help, ask your teachers, Ms. McGlame, Mrs. Barreto or myself and we will arrange for you to be tutored. Be reminded that tutoring is also available during both lunch periods for Language Arts and Math. I also want to compliment the 5th graders for their rapid thorough adjustment to Memorial School.

As the holiday season approaches, we should give thanks for all we have and the good health God has bestowed upon us. We wish our troops stationed around the world a safe and healthy holiday season. May all of your wishes and hopes come true. To all the students and staff, have a happy and healthy holiday and peace to your and your families always.

- Mr. Silverstein



### A Note from the Advisor:

The holiday season is upon us! At this time, we at Memorial Middle School are glad to present the latest edition of the Memorial Times student newspaper! The young journalists in the club have worked hard to investigate and research topics of a great variety. All members of the Newspaper Club have worked together to help write, edit, document, and publish the articles that the Woodland Park community is able to read today! This edition of the newspaper is one that is unique, yet fun and festive. We wish a very joyous holiday season to our Woodland Park families and very happy reading!

~Ms. Riviera



Try to find all five mustangs throughout this edition!



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### Letter From the Editor:

On behalf of the entire newspaper staff, I would like to invite you to enjoy the latest edition of the school newspaper! This year, we have welcomed members both new and old, and have worked extremely hard the past few months. The newspaper contains an article for everyone to read. We hope that you have had a wonderful beginning to the year, and that things will only get better from here. Happy Holidays!

Your Editor,

Grace Martinez

## by Patrick Ryan

A photograph of a red barn with a gambrel roof and a red tractor in a green field. The barn has several small windows and a large double door. The tractor is red with white wheels and is parked in the foreground. The background features a line of trees and a blue sky with some clouds.

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# Is it Necessary to Have Daylight Saving Time?

by Abdul Abdallah



In the United States, we observe Daylight Saving Time annually, during November to March. In the spring, the time rotates clockwise one hour. Then, around fall, the clock falls back an hour, back to normal time. This fall, November 4th was the day the clock reset. At 12:00 pm, the time suddenly became 11:00 pm. Many people think that daylight savings is unnecessary. The states of Arizona and Hawaii also want to do away with it. The current state of the question at hand is: do we really still need Daylight Saving Time?

Daylight Saving Time is both negative and positive. For example, it can affect our health. Your body might get used to one time of waking up, say, 7:00 am. Once the time changes, your body might over sleep, since you sleep at the same time. The quick change can ruin your routine, and throw your body out of whack. Research shows that because of Daylight Saving Time, your body is put at risk of being disturbed and you will be very tired. This is why most people disagree with Daylight Savings time. On the other hand, Daylight Savings has the advantages of more daylight, less use of electricity, and more exercise. Exercise is a key measure in preventing obesity. Also, you will notice that electricity bills will go down with more daylight shining through your windows.

Daylight saving can be very useful. An eleven year old boy named Aaron Lopez said, "Daylight Saving lets kids and grown-ups be more active outside after school or work. This means they get more exercise. Daylight Saving Time also saves energy. With more daylight hours, we use less electricity." As daylight saving sets the clock forward an hour, this has advantages. As you can see, there will be more daylight, so we can exercise more, use less electricity, and do more activities.

However, Daylight saving has disadvantages, too. A ten year old girl, named Aayushi Kothari, said, "When daylight saving time was adopted by several countries during World War I, it was meant to cut down on the use of artificial light. But now, all it does is deprive us of sleep." This affects us. It may make us in deep fatigue, and it is unhealthy. Also, a study in 2014 said that daylight saving time can put adults for risk for certain health problems.

In conclusion, Daylight Saving Time can be very useful, but can affect us negatively too. On a recent study, it turns out most people don't want Daylight Savings. It might affect your time or health. It can also cause us to wake up too early, or late. To sum up, Daylight Savings is a time where people lose sleep but, they will have more daylight. So what's your opinion on Daylight Savings?

## The 2018 World Series

by Kaitlyn Amanullah

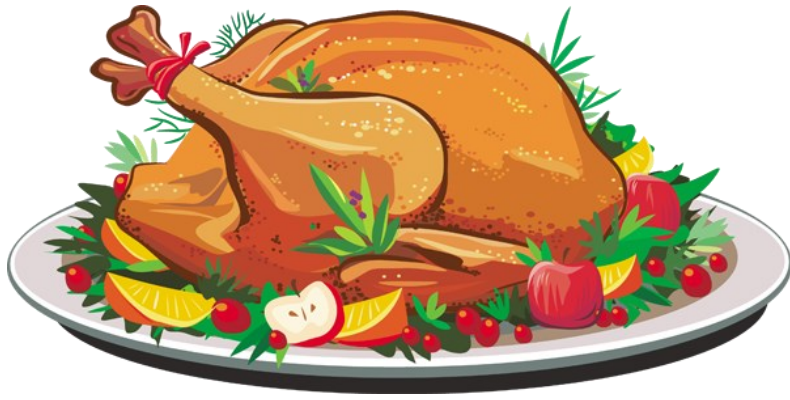
The 2018 regular season was very exciting, but the playoffs were truly amazing. Throughout the season, every team fought for the chance to be in the playoffs and hopefully win the World Series. The teams in the playoffs consisted of the Oakland Athletics, New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, Cleveland Indians and Astros in the American League, along with the Rockies, Cubs, Brewers, Dodgers, and Braves in the National League. Each team deserved to be in the playoffs because of their record in the regular season. Ultimately, the Red Sox and Dodgers won their respective leagues.

To start off, since the Red Sox and Dodgers won their leagues, they get to compete in the World Series. The World Series consists of seven games and whichever team wins four games first, is declared the winner. In addition, there were many records broken in the 2018 World Series, especially in game three. The game consisted of 18 innings which is the equivalent of 2 regular games. The game was tied until the 18<sup>th</sup> inning when Max Muncy on the Dodgers hit a go-ahead homerun, or hit a homerun in the beginning of the inning, which won the game for the Dodgers. This game was the longest World Series game ever and was on television— seven hours and twenty minutes. Also, 18 pitchers were used in the game, nine for each team, which is tied for a postseason record. Furthermore, Nathan Eovaldi on the Red Sox came in as a relief pitcher, and threw 97 pitches— also a record. As you can see, the Dodgers won in game three with a numerous amount of records set.

The World Series ended in the 5<sup>th</sup> game on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Although the Dodgers were impressive in each game, especially the third, the Red Sox ultimately won the series. The first year manager, Alex Cora had led them to victory. Red Sox players Mookie Betts, Jackie Bradley Jr. and Ian Kinsler won the Gold Glove Award this year as well. In conclusion, the World Series was amazing to watch, broke many records, and the Red Sox were crowned champions.



The Red Sox celebrating their 9th World Series



## The Feast

by Betule Zaher

I run downstairs to sneak a peek to  
see my mother prepare the *Feast*  
I smell the turkey with my senses heightened  
and instantly my mood brightened

The kitchen was bright but not  
with lights and streamers  
But my mother's beauty that  
shines a light

Her emerald eyes that brighten the room  
like a star in the middle of the night  
Her light blond hair that's almost white  
Her smile to brighten up my life  
her teeth a pearly white

I walked into the living room and found  
my father reading the paper and  
my sister reading The Great Fish Caper  
I went and sat next to her my  
head on her shoulder

She kept reading as always sometimes  
it felt like she was reading non-stop  
she wouldn't even look at the clock

She looked like my mother with the same  
emerald eyes the ones that brighten the room  
and in the corner my father loomed  
We both had the same ice blue eyes like  
shards of ice that reflected the winter sky

My dad's a real nice guy he doesn't  
really need to try  
He's tall with jet black hair and  
behind it pokes out his big ears

Then the dinner bell rings  
and the *Feast* is ready  
I ran off the couch my stomach rumbling  
my heart the opposite of steady

I ran to the dining room and  
met my mother's eyes  
Then I realized after all this time it was her  
family that made my mother's eyes gleam

So we sat down for the feast  
one of many more to come

## Guess the Teacher!

by Grace Martinez

Use the clues to try and guess what teacher  
we interviewed! The answer can be found on  
page 7. Good luck!

**Question One: Where did you go to college?**  
I went to Rutgers University.

**Question Two: What subject(s) do you teach?**  
Math and language arts, because I'm that  
awesome!

**Question Three: What's your favorite sports  
team?**  
Yankees and the Devils.

**Question Four: How many years have you  
been teaching at Memorial?**  
This is my sixth year.

**Question Five: What is your favorite part of  
Memorial?**  
The library.



**Question Six: What is your favorite color?**  
Purple is my favorite color.

**Question Seven: What is your favorite cereal?**  
Life cereal.



# Toby Fox's New Game "Deltarune" Shocks the Gaming Community

by Mohammed Abualouf

October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018: Toby Fox, an American video game developer, composer and creator of the world-famous 2015 RPG Undertale, released a series of mysterious messages on his Twitter account. It stated that he needed the user for something, and to return to the posts in twenty four hours. Twenty-four hours later, he thanked the user for their consideration, and posted a link, named [deltarune.com](https://deltarune.com). This link led to a game download called "SURVEY\_PROGRAM". The program asks if you are there. If you are connected. A red heart, AKA the soul of determination, appears, and the survey begins. You create your character. You answer some questions, such as your favorite food, favorite blood type, etc. You name your character and the creator, you acknowledge the possibility of pain and seizure. They complement your wonderful creation, and the fact that your lifeform... **"Will now be discarded. In this world, nobody can choose who they are."** Now, your adventure begins.

You play as Kris, a quiet student at a nice school, and you are ordered to get some chalk from the supply closet with the ruthless Susie, AKA emo Barney. When you and her fall into a world of darkness while in the closet, you start to contemplate why you are going through so much just for some dang chalk. You later meet Ralsei, the Prince from the Dark. All three of you have just one goal: to seal the fountain that has recently appeared along the horizon. According to The Prophecy, aka "Legend of Delta Rune": *"For millennia, LIGHT and DARK have lived in balance, bringing peace to the WORLD. But if this harmony were to shatter... a terrible calamity would occur. The sky will run black with terror, and the land will crack with fear. Then, her heart pounding... the EARTH will draw her final breath. Only then, shining with hope... three HEROES appear at WORLDS' edge. A HUMAN, A MONSTER, and a PRINCE FROM THE DARK. Only they can seal the fountains and banish the ANGEL'S HEAVEN. Only then will balance be restored, and the WORLD saved from destruction."*



Along your adventures you will meet as many as 3-4 lovable characters, for the game is still in a demo version. The game, right now, with only Chapter 1 available and many hours of gameplay, is currently about 0% complete, and it is unknown if it will EVER come out as a full game. Toby has vowed to give himself about 7 years to complete this game, for he doesn't want to stay so long working on the game that he'll get bored. The main issue with Deltarune is that he, unlike Undertale, must create a full team to back him up. Sure, when creating Undertale he had some helpers, such as artist Temmie Chang. But, Toby has never had a full team. But if it never comes out, at least we'll always have one thing: memes (oh yeah and here is a link to said meme: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ukg1vjj6he>). Finally, here are a few things our fellow students had to say about Deltarune:

## **The Top Soccer Player and Team in the World!**

by Helena Thompson

Who likes soccer? I know I do! Did you ever find yourself wondering "Who is the best team in the world or the best player in the world?" I never thought much of that and I bet you didn't either. I interviewed my step-dad, who loves soccer, and in his opinion he said that Lionel Messi is the best player, and the team he plays for, Barcelona, is the best team in the world. I wanted to find out how true this was, so I have been researching to find proof that Lionel Messi is the best player in the world and that Barcelona is the best team in the world. Here is some evidence I found.

Lionel Messi stands number one out of the top ten players in the world. Lionel Messi made 371 goals in his career so far. That is a lot of goals for one player! And get this: Lionel Messi is on the Barcelona team ranked number one in the world right now. It's really cool that Lionel Messi is the best player in the world and he is on the best team in the world. Additionally, Barcelona has won 14 trophies in the last 4 years. They really worked hard on getting those trophies. I encourage sports fans and non-sports fans to watch Lionel Messi and Barcelona the best soccer player and soccer team in the world!



Lionel Messi in his Barcelona jersey



Barcelona 2018 team

## **School Grown Veggies Coming To the Cafeteria Soon**

by Yastika Singh

You might have noticed an alien looking contraption inside the cafeteria recently. Have no fear though, because this latest edition to the cafeteria will bring fresh, healthy vegetables right to your lunch table. The S.T.R.I.V.E. program, taught by Ms. Ament, has taken on a new project: growing vegetables to serve in the cafeteria through the process of hydroponics.

Hydroponics is a branch of agriculture that grows crops without the use of soil. Instead, plants are grown using water, air, and a nutrient rich medium that takes the place of soil. The S.T.R.I.V.E students used rock wool, a spongy cube made of heated and melted granite and limestone that is spun into threads and shaped as a cube, as a nutrient rich medium. The plant seeds were first put in the rock wool which was soaked in water for twenty minutes.

The rock wool has the nutrients that soil would have so it feeds the seeds. On top of the seeds they placed pieces of vermiculite which is another nutrient rich material. The seeds are being kept in the rock wool in an incubator for 7-10 days until they grow sprouts. From there, the sprouts will be placed in a tiny basket and placed in the contraption in the cafeteria.

There are small pockets in the machine that will hold water and the plants, in the baskets will be placed in these pockets. In addition, there are bright lights on the machine that will help the plants grow. The S.T.R.I.V.E students planted the seeds and when they are placed in the machine, they will regularly keep tabs on the pH levels of the water and how well the plants are doing. So far, they planted rainbow chard, bok choy, tomatoes, and lettuce. There are big plans ahead for these veggies. The benefits of hydroponics are numerous. For example, it reduces the amount of harmful pesticides in the atmosphere, allows plants to be grown in dry and cold climates, and is efficient. So be sure to be on the lookout for this fresh taste in the cafeteria!

### **Here's an interview with Ms. Ament:**

Q: What company sponsored this project?

A: "Pomptonian purchased the system."

Q: Why do you think kids in our school should take interest in this project?

A: "Students will be able to see their food growing right before their eyes. It will be cool to see the café take the veggies right from the tower and use them."

Q: What are your future plans regarding this project? Do you like the idea of it?

A: "Moving forward the STRIVE classes will partner with other classes to track and graph the growth of veggies and monitor pH levels. We will grow a variety of veggies that students may not be typically exposed to."

### **Here's an interview with Mrs. Koch:**

Q: What are your thoughts on this project?

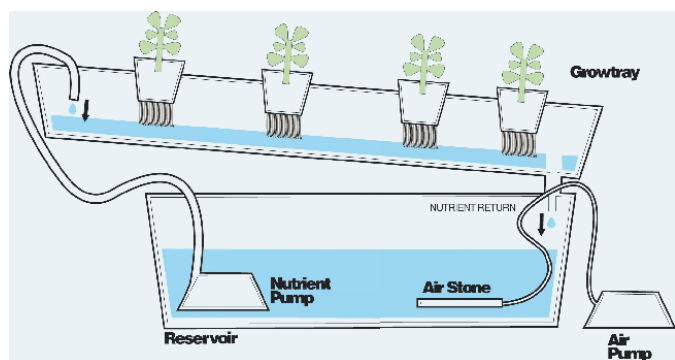
A: "I think it's a wonderful idea. We'll be able to have fresh grown fruits and vegetables that we can serve right here. There won't be any chemicals; they'll be organic."

Q: How will the vegetables be used in the cafeteria?

A: "The lettuce will be used in the salads. We'll incorporate everything that's grown."

Q: Why do you think healthy eating should be emphasized in the middle school years?

A: "Because it's healthier for your heart and your body. It wards off diseases. It helps you live longer and we all want that!"



A diagram of a hydroponic system



A photo of Memorial's own "alien-like" system



# **Grow Vegetables From Leftovers!** **A Guide to Propagating Vegetables At Home**



by Yastika Singh



Growing your own vegetables can be very satisfying, especially if they taste good after you've cooked them. But, you know what can be even better? Growing vegetables at home without having to buy seeds or fertilizer. So essentially, you can grow vegetables without having to spend extra dollars on seeds all the time. There is a secret weapon anyone can use to accomplish this: propagating vegetables. I myself have propagated two different vegetables, basil and carrots, and they turned out to be tasty and healthy. And the best part is that these vegetables can be grown without any inorganic substances, it's just all natural goodness. I propagated basil with Kaitlyn Amanullah for my sixth grade science fair project

and my interest has been sparked ever since. Propagating is, in other words, cloning!

To clone basil, first you must cut a stem of basil with about two or three leaves on it from a basil plant. Next, fill a clear glass with water and put the stem inside so the leaves don't touch the water. In about 3-4 weeks, long white roots should appear at the bottom of the stem. Lastly, just plant the stem in soil and watch it grow and the leaves multiply. My basil plant was very tall and was used for pesto sauce. The science behind this is the end of the stem contains a mass of cells called a callus. When put in water, the cells specialize into making roots and leaves so that is how the new parts of the basil plant forms. Carrots can be propagated by first cutting the top of the carrot off. Next, you must stick three toothpicks in the carrot so that it stays on top of the water and doesn't sink. Fill a small bowl with water and place the carrot on top so the toothpicks rest on the edges of the bowl. Be sure to change the water every few days so the carrot always touches water. The carrot will grow long green leaves in a couple of weeks. Thereafter, it will be ready to be planted in soil and grown. Propagating is not only healthier, it is less wasteful of materials you would normally throw out, so make sure you don't throw away those vegetable scraps!



## Christmas

### WORD SEARCH

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Guess the teacher answer:  
*Ms. Riviera!*



# **SIX THINGS THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT CHRISTMAS**

by Sohum Shah

## **1.) INSANE SHOPPING SPREES**

America is known to have the most consumer culture. 1/6 of all purchases are for Christmas or related to Christmas. About 30% of people will spend about \$1,000 or more on Christmas items.

## **2.) CHRISTMAS GETS BANNED TWICE**

In 1644 Christmas got banned in England because of the fact that it was a “merrymaking” holiday. Christmas got banned again, however, in the 1700s. This was in America and was because, again, Christmas was “too merry”.

## **3.) TRAFALGAR SQUARE CHRISTMAS TREE**

Every year since the year 1947, Norway has sent a Christmas tree to London. This is to express their gratitude as The United Kingdom helped them a lot in World War II

## **4.) UPSIDE DOWN CHRISTMAS TREES.....NEW FASHION?**

In department stores, such as Home Depot, they sell Christmas trees. To save floor space these department workers put the Christmas tree upside down. However, people actually bought and put up their own upside down Christmas tree.

## **5.) HOW EXPENSIVE ARE THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS?**

Have you ever heard the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas”? If you ever heard the song, you should know that every day you give your true love a gift and you give them the amount of gifts based off of the day until Christmas. You also give the gifts from previous days along with the new gift. Example-

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me:

A Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me:

2 Turtle Doves

and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

If you were to give your true love these items you would have to give them 2 turtle doves, and 2 partridges in pear trees.

If you were to add up all of the gifts there would be 364 gifts in total. The average price of all of items would be about \$18,300.

## **6.) EVER GOT A LETTER FROM SANTA BACK.....**

Have you ever sent a letter to Santa when you were little? Well it actually might have been replied to if you put a return address. 1,600 volunteers in Alaska have made an effort to reply to almost every letter that has a return address.

These fun facts are really cool. Try to ask your friends if they know these facts.





## What Cat Breed are You?

Take the Quiz to Find Out!

Have you ever wondered what cat breed you fit in? This quiz will answer your question!

by Rania Abdallah



### 1) It's the weekend! What do you do?

- A) Go shopping with friends
- B) Help out with fundraisers and volunteer
- C) Try out that new book
- D) Call your friends and play some video games
- E) Soccer, football, basketball, you name it

### 2) Your dream job is most related to-

- A) Fashion Designer or Makeup Artist
- B) A job that helps people (Doctor, Teacher, etc....)
- C) Author, Editor, Publisher
- D) Something social
- E) A professional sports player

### 3) What's your favorite way of communication?

- A) Texting, Social Media, etc.
- B) Depends
- C) I don't really like talking
- D) I love talking, texting, talking, talking, calling, and talking
- E) I don't really talk – I'm too busy with sports

### 4) How would your best friend describe you?

- A) Social
- B) Loud with them, quiet with others
- C) Shy
- D) Friendly and chatty
- E) Athletic

### 5) Who's your role model (from these)?

- A) Billie Eilish, Ariana Grande, Drake (and other singers)
- B) Everyone who makes a difference
- C) J.K Rowling, R.J Palacio, Rohl Dahl (and other authors)
- D) COMEDIANS!
- E) Michael Jordan, Cristiano Ronaldo (and other athletes)

### 6) What's your favorite subject?

- A) Any subject with my friends
- B) Science and Social Studies
- C) I like all of the subjects
- D) Lunch!
- E) Gym and recess – where I can run around and play sports

#### You're a...

**MOSTLY A's-** You're a dainty ragdoll! Ragdoll's are known for their good looks, luxurious fur and high price. Although you can be *catty* sometimes, you're fun to talk to.

**MOSTLY B's-** You're a kind Persian! You're a bit quiet, but your friends will describe you as modest, generous, and kind, although you can be a bit grumpy sometimes.

**MOSTLY C's-** You're a smart American Shorthair! You're very quiet, shy and smart. But if people get to know you, you're a really fun cat.

**MOSTLY D's-** You're a talkative Siamese! You loooooove talking, and you have no trouble starting a conversation. You get in trouble for talking too much though.

**MOSTLY E's-** You're an athletic Abyssinian! Throwing, catching, and running – your 3 favorite hobbies.



**We hope you  
enjoyed! Season's  
Greetings to all!!!**