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Students enjoyed a Winter Dance sponsored by the 8th Grade Dance Committee.

The Winter Dance

BY: ERIN RYAN

The gymnasium was a winter wonderland. There were snowflakes everywhere! Imagine having a party in a snow globe. That is exactly what it felt like. The dance started at 6:30pm, but people were lined up for the dance at 6:00pm. The dance had snacks, a DJ, and everyone had a whole lot of fun. The dance was very successful for the 8th grade Dance Committee, so successful, that there may be another dance in the spring. During the dance, people took pictures with friends and in the middle of the dance, a conga line formed which a lot of people participated in. The 8th grade Dance Committee sold pizza, Gatorade, Ring Pops, Airheads, and much more to raise money. One of the co-presidents of the 8th grade dance committee quoted, "The dance was a great success! We sold chips, Gatorade, bottles of water and candy. The biggest seller was the Ring Pops. The kids really enjoyed them. We're hoping to have another dance in the spring but we are not sure yet."



National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society is a nationally recognized organization that highlights the accomplishments of students.

National Junior Honor Society

BY: YASTIKA SINGH

Memorial School is honored to be the home to a new chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Seventh and eighth graders who achieved first or second honors in the first two marking periods of this year were called down to the cafeteria on Thursday February 20, and Friday, February 21st for a meeting regarding this coveted organization. Each student was given a white envelope containing their application, which comprises of sections to write about their in and out of school activities, community service roles, special accolades, leadership positions, and teacher recommendations. In addition to this, these students must write an essay that displays how one of their activities has instilled in them the qualities of leadership and responsibility. These applications are due no later than March 6th.

To add, this is the first year Memorial School is hosting a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Mrs. Barreto and Ms. Ament, who led the meeting, are also part of the council of teachers at Memorial School who will

review the applications and decide who will be accepted into the National Junior Honor Society based on a rubric mandated by the state. Furthermore, there will be an induction ceremony in May for anyone who is accepted into the society. The National Junior Honor Society is very prestigious and getting accepted can aid in receiving scholarships for college.

The National Junior Honor Society was founded in 1929. Our chapter of the club will meet in Memorial School once a month and will complete community service activities to make the community a better place. Also, a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be elected in the club to help lead the meetings. Outside of the club, accepted students in the eighth grade will have to complete four hours of individual community service this year, and students in the seventh grade will have to complete ten hours by the end of next year. In conclusion, Memorial School is excited for this opportunity That will benefit our school community and our outside community.

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Geocaching

BY: KAITLYN AMANULLAH

Geocaching is an outdoor activity that uses a GPS to find containers that are marked at specified locations around the world. Geocaching is similar to treasure hunting, but with the use of technology. To find a geocache, you must go to a popular geocaching website, such as geocaching.com, and you are given coordinates for one near you.

Once you find the location of the coordinates and are there, you must find the container. These containers come in all shapes and sizes but are usually a small metal or plastic box. You can also be given hints from the website as you scan the region for the container. Often, a five star system is used to rate the terrain and how difficult the containers are to find. Some are very difficult to find, and can give you great gratification if you find them.

There are many different things that can be inside of the geocache, but some things, such as a piece of paper and pencil, are found in almost all of them. On the paper, you can write your name, date and any comments you have. You can also see other peoples' names that have found the geocache before you. To add, most geocaches also include small and inexpensive trinkets. You are supposed to take one and replace it with an object, toy, or something meaningful to you. On rare occasions, a travel bug will be in a cache. A travel bug looks like a metal tag and you can take it and transfer it to another geocache that you find. Usually the travel bug will have a goal such as "visit 5 countries", "go to a different continent", etc.

To conclude, geocaching can be a great outdoor activity that you can do with your friends and family and could potentially evolve into a hobby for many.

Special Events of February

BY: AVA BEIRNE

On February 2nd, there was a coincidence! Both the Super Bowl and Groundhogs Day landed on the same day! Even better, February 2 2020, is the first palindrome since November 11, 1111. A palindrome is when you can write the date the same way forward and backward. The next time there will be a palindrome is on December 12, 2121.

To continue, on February 2nd the 54th annual Super Bowl was held. This year the teams in the super bowl were the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs. The Chiefs won by 11 points. The first Super Bowl was held on January 15, 1967. The teams in the first Super Bowl were the Kansas City Chiefs, another coincidence, and the Green Bay Packers.

On the same day, Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring. Punxsutawney Phil is 134 years old. If he sees his shadow there will be six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't see his shadow there will be an early spring. He has been predicting since 1887. This year he did not see his shadow.

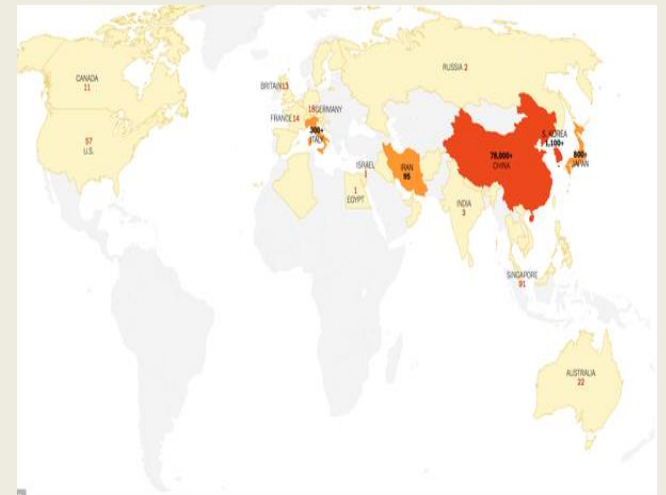
February 2, 2020 was a crazy day. Next year there will be the 55th annual Super Bowl and hopefully Punxsutawney Phil will predict an early Spring!



The Coronavirus

BY: PATRICK RYAN

Recently there has been a very deadly and contagious virus spreading around the world. It is called the Coronavirus and it started in the city of Wuhan in the Hubei province in China. The Coronavirus has spread across the globe which is similar to the SARS outbreak that happened around 2002 with over 75,000 confirmed cases worldwide. Cases of the SARS outbreak were reported in the UK, Germany, France, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, and the USA. Australian scientists have recreated the strain of virus going around to create a cure for it. The US has quarantined and evacuated citizens to military bases and Russia has evacuated people to Serbia. Some countries have quarantined cruise ships. One cruise ship has seventy plus confirmed cases.



A map showing the hot spots of the Coronavirus.

A Note from the Editors

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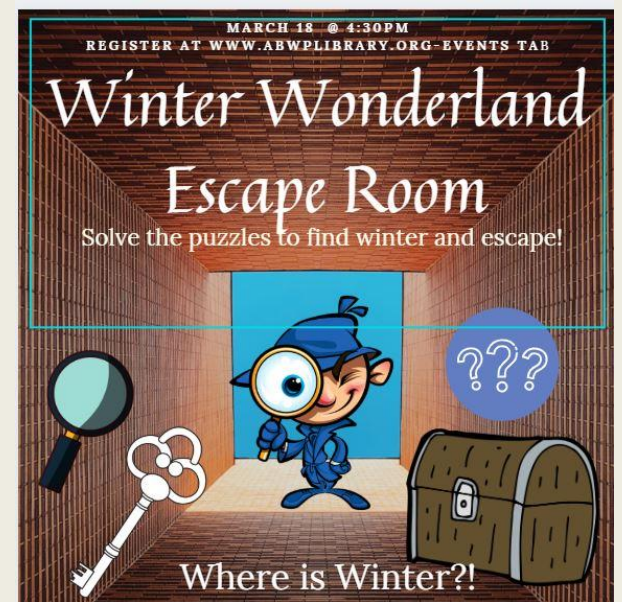
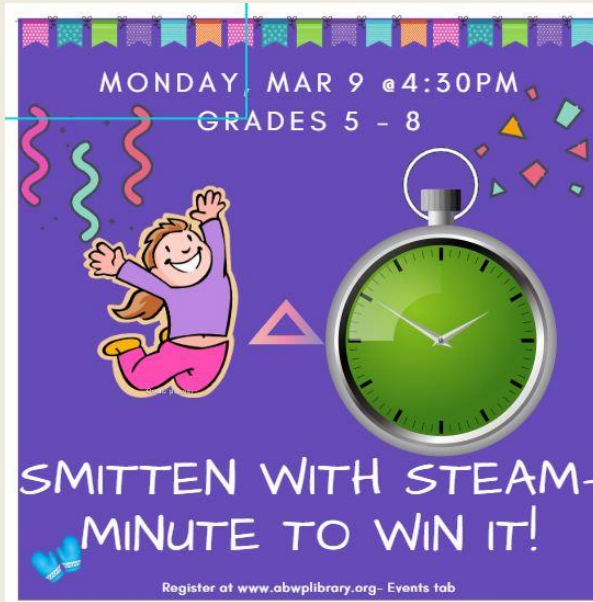
We are proud to present the third edition of the 2020 newspaper! Our team of reporters have been working very hard to present the best newspaper possible. In this edition, we have tried to incorporate some new material that are more candid, and we hope you see the variation and enjoy it. This month's edition will be filled with detailed articles with a fresh perspective. This month's edition also showcases information about cool, new programs at the library. To illustrate this point, we have worked hard to publish this edition and have added new information and varieties of articles.

-Kaitlyn and Yastika

LOCAL LIBRARY EVENTS

BY: WOODLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Make sure to check out these awesome events happening at the Public Library this month.



What We Like About 5th Grade

BY: JASON SYNDER AND KATHRYN RYAN

Fifth grade has been absolutely awesome so far this school year! Who knew it could be so much fun? Not only do we have fun, but we also learn a lot of cool, exciting, and new things! One of the best parts of 5th grade is the teachers. They are all nice. They include Ms. Tashayodi who teaches math, Mrs. Ayala who teaches language arts and social studies, Mr. Sans, who is the science and social studies teacher, Mrs. Donato who teaches math and science, and Mrs. Hawkins who teaches language arts. The worst thing is leaving 5th grade because you won't have your teachers ever again. Also you will have a ton of homework next year, or at least that is what the current 6th graders are telling us. We love school; it is fun!

Memorial school has started this new event with Houses. Every student is sorted into a House and they get to do things within their House to earn points. We cannot wait to see which House will earn the most at the end of the year! The food is also so good in Memorial for lunch time! There are so many options to choose from! It is different from the other schools because of the choices but also because we don't have to play in the media center at indoor recess. Instead we can go in the gym and play basketball.

Memorial School is pretty awesome so far. We cannot wait to see what other fun and exciting things are going to happen before the end of the year!



Riddles

BY: AMY MOYA

- 1.) I am the beginning of the end, and the end of time and space. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place. What am I?
- 2.) I am something people love or hate. I change people's appearances and thoughts. If a person takes care of them self, I will go up even higher. To some people I will fool them. To others I am a mystery. Some people might want to try and hide me but I will show. No matter how hard people try I will Never go down. What am I?
- 3.) Only one color, but not one size, stuck at the bottom, yet easily flies. Present in sun, but not in rain, doing no harm, and feeling no pain. What is it?
- 4.) What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?
- 5.) What has six faces, but does not wear makeup, has twenty-one eyes, but cannot see? What is it?

Answers: 1.) The letter e; 2.) Age; 3.) A shadow; 4.) The letter m; 5.) A die (dice).