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HEADLINE NEWS

SCHOOL 'ROCKS'

MS. AMENT



IMAGE CAPTION: INSPIRATIONAL ROCKS CRAFTED BY THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY CAN BE VIEWED IN THE ROCK GARDENS DISPLAYED OUTSIDE EACH SCHOOL BUILDING.

ADVISOR'S NOTE

MS. AMENT

This year marks my second year as the Memorial Times Newspaper Advisor. Last year my staff worked extremely hard to totally makeover the newspaper into a modernized format. This year we are continuing to update the newspaper and will be focusing on creating fun, informative, and engaging content that mirrors that of an actual newspaper. We will again be focusing on events happening within Memorial School but also branch out to bring you the news affecting our community and the world to keep our students in the know about everything that is going on.

The staff members have been working extremely hard on their research, writing, and photography skills as each student worked carefully to craft an informative piece of writing for our school community.

It is our hope that in the future all newspapers will be available within the school library and be printed on actual newspaper quality paper! In addition, the newspaper will be available on the school website as a digital copy. We want to provide the students and staff with the best reading option as possible in order to spread the great news of Memorial School all over! Enjoy!

The National Junior Honor Society wants to make sure every student comes to school each day with a positive mindset. Therefore, the students within the society spent the month of September and October crafting a rock garden to be displayed by the front door of each school building within the district.

The rock garden project originally began in the home of Julius Monochello. Last

spring for his individual service project, Julius came up with the idea to create a rock garden for Memorial School. After hearing about the project, the rest of the honor society members wanted to carry on the garden idea and spread the inspirational messages to the rest of the students within the district. Make sure to be on the lookout for these rocks later in the month!

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Wildfires

JASON SYNDER



IMAGE CAPTION: THE PICTURE IS SHOWING A WILDFIRE THAT TRAVELED THROUGH THE FOREST. [IMAGE TAKEN FROM GOOGLE IMAGES]

Wildfires have been occurring more and more throughout the United States with the most severe wildfire occurring this summer in California. Building a fire in the forest can be dangerous because if you do not take proper precautions, then you might accidentally cause a wildfire or be injured by one. For example, the California wildfires started with a pyrotechnic stunt during a gender reveal party. Currently, 3.7 million acres in California have been destroyed because of this. In addition, the destruction to the environment can be deadly. Air quality greatly declines with these wildfires and inhibits oxygen intake which can be severe for people with breathing problems. Not only do these fires affect the air, but the landscape as well. Countless people have been evacuated from their homes and their homes have been destroyed. These fires are no joke and should be taken seriously.

POETRY
CORNER

AMY MOYA

Pumpkins grinning from ear to ear, and flying
bats around
Children in their extravagant costumes
Running from house to house
The cackles of witches, the croaks of crows
A new holiday is here!
As you see candy on the ground, it's easy to tell
Halloween is here!

Beware the three witches' magic brew
For one sip of of it
Can turn you into a shrew
Beware their power too, for a look in their eye
Can easily turn anyone into
A whiff of smoke, blending in with the sky



LOCAL NEWS

A New Type of Halloween

ERIN RYAN

Trick or Treating this year was not cancelled in New Jersey, despite Coronavirus. As announced by Governor Philip Murphy, guidelines for this year have been put into place to keep everyone safe. Murphy said the best way to hand out candy is to arrange the candy in such a way that the treat is touched a limited amount of times. An article written by northjersey.com says "If homeowners choose to greet trick or treaters in person, the department suggests wearing a mask, social distancing, and washing hands properly after each treat is given out." Some of the other guidelines that have been put into place include wearing a mask - costume masks do not count. You should wear a real mask under the costume mask. An article from The Press of Atlantic City says, "the goal for this Halloween is to go quickly to each house and not wait around for fifteen minutes at every house." The guidelines put out by Phil Murphy are to keep everyone safe, and to be smart so if a house has 15 kids waiting to get candy maybe skip that house and go back. Some of the other guidelines to follow are to social distance with people who are not the same household as you, consider staying local and not going into neighboring towns, and try to limit the number of

houses you visit.

Although Phil Murphy said you could go trick or treating on Halloween night, many towns have decided to postpone Halloween or cancel Halloween all together. Mayor Adrian O. Mapp issued an executive order to cancel Halloween in Plainfield, New Jersey. Other towns such as Bound Brook and Glen Ridge have also made the decision to not have Halloween. Luckily for us, Halloween is on in Woodland Park!



LIFE STYLE

Home Sweet Home

ANTHONY BILLSON
JONATHAN HERRERA

As you know, during this pandemic you could not go out to see your friends. A few of us in Mrs. Skibinski's class downloaded the HouseParty app so we could video chat with each other in order to stay connected.

In HouseParty, you can video chat and play games with up to eight people. It is better than texting because you can see them laughing and see them smiling. You don't need a phone to use it like you do for FaceTime. You can use it on your chYou can get it in Google Play or the Apple App store. For example, Jonathan was using his iPad and Anthony had it on his phone.

Joining chats is optional. You get a notification when your friends go on the app, so you can choose to log in too and join them. If you were using just texting, you can get added to a group chat and you are stuck getting all the messages from that group.

You can only add friends to your chat from your contacts, Facebook or Snapchat. Random people cannot join your conversations, so it makes you feel safe that you know who you are talking to. When you are with a group of people you can lock the room so nobody else can join to interrupt you when you are playing a game or chatting. Again you can't do this with regular texts.

During virtual school we were able to talk to 6 classmates at once. We did our school work together and chatted. We were talking all the time at first because we missed seeing each other every day. It made us feel happy to see our friends.

"I was so glad to see my friends when we were home in the spring." - says Jonathan
"I got excited when I heard the notification that one of my friends was on" - says Anthony.

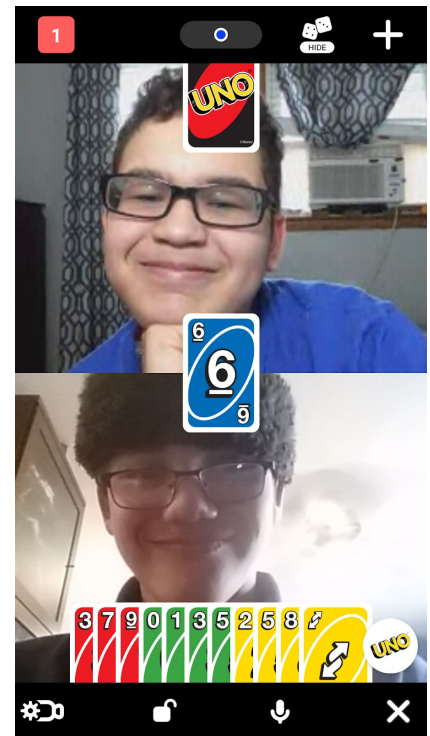
We found the games right away and started playing. Our favorite game is Quick Draw. You have to draw pictures

and the other person guesses. It's like the game Pictionary for those of you who remember that game. We also play Uno a lot.

When there are a lot of people in your chat you can send a private note to just one person if you want to tell them something. It's called "Pass a Note"

It's been so much fun to stay connected with our friends using HouseParty. We still find new things that we haven't used yet.

Image Caption: Student Reporters Anthony and Jonathan catching up using House Party



SCHOOL NEWS

Making This Year Count

ERIN RYAN

The eighth grade dance committee is run by a group of hard-working parents who work tirelessly to put together the end of the year eighth grade formal dance. This year the committee is run by President Trish Ryan, Vice-President Lina Stigliano, Secretary Damaris Noriega, and Treasurer Maisoun Mohammed. Each year the committee works super hard to fundraise to make a great eighth grade dance for all the graduating eighth graders. One of the committee's usual fundraisers, the Halloween Dance, was canceled this year due to the COVID pandemic. This may not seem like a big deal to some, but this dance usually brought in the majority of money to help make the eighth grade dance great. Unfortunately, the committee will need to come up with numerous other ways

to make up for that lost revenue.

Instead of fundraising with the Halloween Dance, the committee has been planning as well as implementing other fundraisers including selling mums and selling personalized lawn signs. Other planned fundraisers include selling Memorial Middle School facemasks, pura vida bracelets in the school colors, a Krispy Kreme donut sale, and discount cards for several local stores.

Any little contribution that any student can contribute would be greatly appreciated in order to help celebrate the graduating class and their time at Memorial Middle School. We need great things to celebrate during these difficult times.

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Graduation School Pride

Lawn signs available in two sizes:
18" x 24" = \$30 or 24" x 36" = \$40
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The 8th grade committee is now taking orders for lawn signs. Show your pride in your student by displaying this lawn sign proudly while also supporting the 8th grade committee in their goal to make the class of 2021's formal a success!

We will be placing orders with the company a few times during the upcoming school year. Please send in your order by one of the following dates. Be sure to fill in all information and return by the due date with payment in cash or check made payable to "Memorial HSA". Enclose order form and payment in envelope marked "8th Grade Committee Lawn Signs". Payment also accepted through VENMO: @MMS2021-Ryan
Any questions please contact Lina Stigliano at linastigs@optonline.net or 973-725-0820.

Please indicate your order date (orders will be delivered within 2 weeks after order date)
 1st order due November 13, 2020 2nd order due February 12, 2021
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Parent Name _____ Contact e-mail _____
 Contact cell _____ Student name _____ HR _____
 Name to be printed on sign (leave blank if don't want name printed on sign) _____

Select design and size
***if ordering banner indicate size wanted in feet** (ex: 2'x4'=\$60)*

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Thanks for supporting the 2020-2021 Memorial Middle School 8th Grade Committee!

ENTERTAINMENT

EMERGENCY MEETING: Among Us is the New Trend!

JOAQUIN VILA



You are on a spaceship deep in space either on the Skeld, a sky-high space ship, the Mora Hq, a triangular headquarters, or Polus, a large research area with a big gaping pit of lava on the top right. Among you there is an impostor, possibly even two or three and you have to perform tasks or get sadly eliminated by the impostor. This sounds like something straight out of a science fiction movie but instead it is the newest, trendiest, game for kids to play.

Among Us is a game about strategy, detective skills, and trust. Throughout the game, astronauts called crewmates are in a place where they are sent on a mission to complete tasks. The goal of the crewmates is to complete tasks and find out who the impostor is. There are varying tasks such as putting wires

together and fixing the reactor. But you always must remember that there is an impostor and he or she can take out other crewmates. Also while performing their tasks around the ship, crewmates can report suspicious crewmates who could potentially be the impostor. If a crewmate strongly believes he or she knows who the impostor is, they can press the button in the cafeteria to call an emergency meeting with all the crewmates and vote the impostor off of the ship which is the main goal of any crewmate.

Now the goal of the impostor is to get rid of all crewmates and blend in. As to not look suspicious you must complete “fake tasks” which is just to pretty much stand by a place where you would complete tasks to fake the other players out. The impostor can also sabotage. Sabotaging is when you cause disruption while crewmates are doing tasks. You can vote people out if this happens and you can try to blame it on other people. After the impostor brings the amount of crewmates low enough you win.

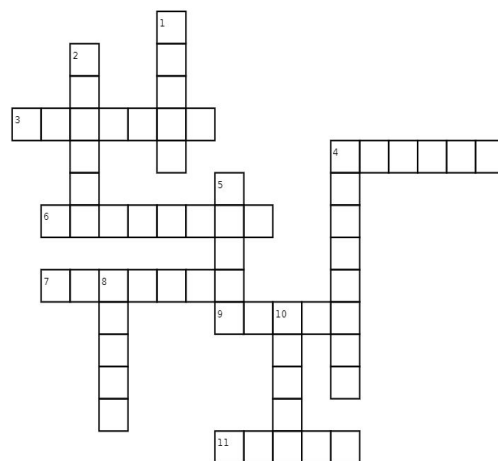
Among Us is very similar to other games such as Mafia or Werewolf. However, this game is top rated in most gaming websites such as Steam where it has 10/10 reviews. Many people enjoy and like this game. I myself have played it, loved it, and found it very enjoyable. I recommend it for people looking for a casual gaming experience. Happy hunting for the imposture!

PUZZLE CORNER

GONZALO VILA



October!



Down:

1. red horned personification of evil
2. an undead person
3. the internal framework of our body
4. creature from outer space
8. a dead Egyptian ruler wrapped in layers of line
10. the spirit of a deceased person

Across:

3. an orange fruit that are usually painted or carved
4. an 8 legged creature
6. half man and half wolf
7. an immortal bloodsucking monster
9. the opposite of day
11. and evil woman with mysterious powers

SPORTS

MLB Postseason Madness

DANIELE STIGLIANO

The month of October was filled with baseball excitement as Major League Baseball kicked off its playoff series. It started with sixteen teams, eight teams in each league. By the middle of October, only 4 teams remained.

The Tampa Bay Rays played the Houston Astros in the American League Championship Series (ALCS) while the Atlanta Braves played the LA Dodgers in the National League Championship Series (NLCS). Ultimately the Tampa Bay Rays and the LA Dodgers took the win in their respective leagues and are moving onto the World Series.

For the first time ever teams will not be able to play at their home stadiums for the playoffs or the World Series because of the COVID pandemic. The NLCS was played at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas while the ALCS was played at Petco Park in San Diego, California.

This MLB Season has been weird and strange because of everything going with the world and the COVID crisis. However, it has been nice to see professional sports making a comeback and a sense of normalcy return to the country. Let's see who wins!

STUDENT LIFE - OPINION

Virtual or In-Person Learning?

AMAYIAH PENA

When you envisioned middle school this may not be what you had in mind. We all know that this school year is different, whether it is behind a classroom door or behind a screen. Some of us have chosen to come to school in person and others have chosen to be virtual. As I asked around about what our peers had to say about this school year, I found some common feelings. Here is what students had to say about their 2020-2021 school year experience so far.

Some of our in-person peers shared the following statements:

--- "I don't like school because we have to wear masks even though we have plexi-glass shields in front of our desks. We don't have a snack break and going five hours without eating is really hard. It would be nice if we had a small break to go outside and get fresh air. We have to carry ALL our books back and forth just in case we have to go 100% virtual."

--- "As of now, I feel comfortable with wearing the masks, having the plexi-glass in front of our desk and with us being spaced out. As we continue, I'm getting accustomed to the system and I like it."

--- "I feel comfortable with the environment. I like my teachers and the staff. I don't like that we have to sit in the same desk for the whole day. Everything is at a much faster pace and classwork/homework is a bit harder as well. For example, in the spring we had more time to complete work and had extended due dates while now our work is due more often."

Other comments that were made by our virtual peers:

--- "I like it because I can be in my most comfortable clothes and environments."

--- "I still get to see my friends even though we are not in person."

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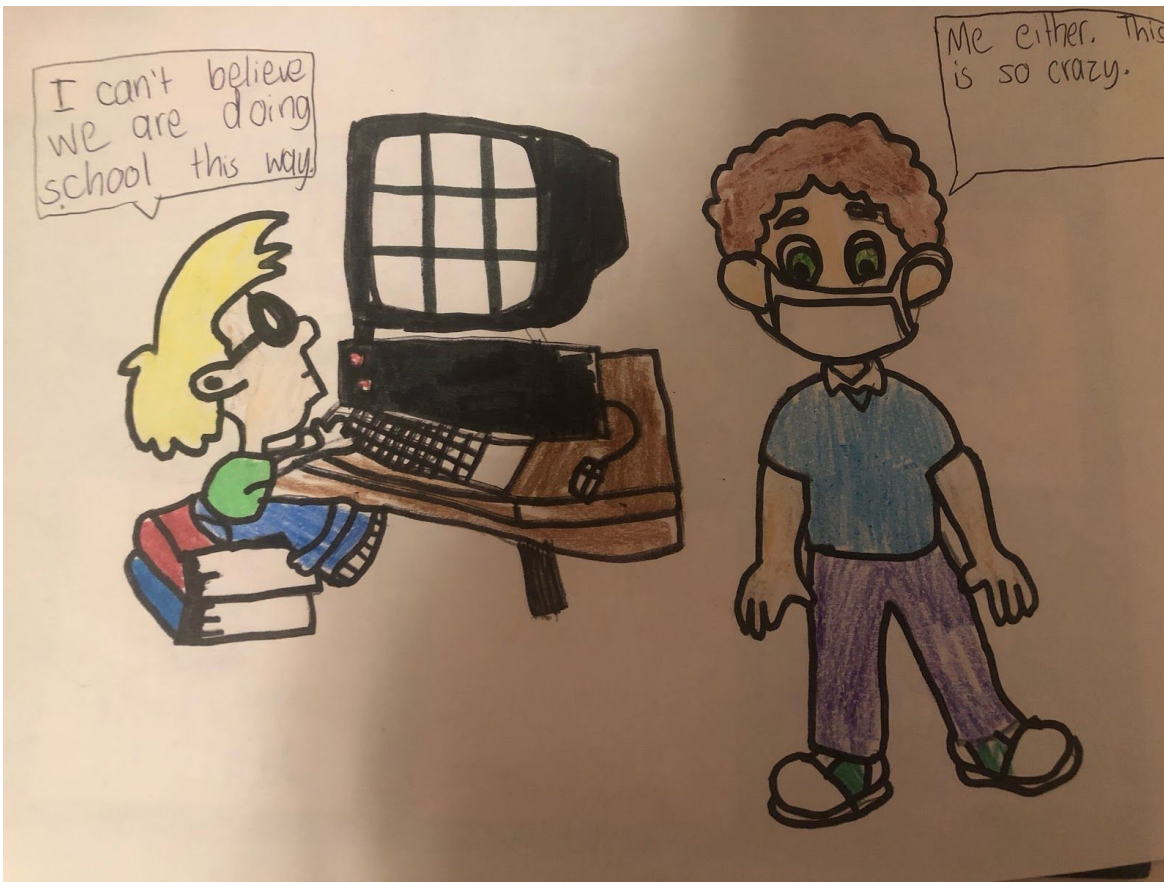
learning

--- "I have more access to food than being in school in-person."

--- "Even though I have a teacher behind the screen sometimes it is a little difficult to keep track of the subject, the assignments, and due dates. I do find that sometimes it is a little hard to focus."

As you can see that are mixed feelings about this school year. We will always find pros and cons to each situation but the best thing we can do is work together as a community. Keep up the great work and we hope to see new students coming in the next marking period.

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Memorial School is hosting a virtual book fair November 2 - November 15. Be on the lookout for more information!

DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support Memorial School National Junior Honor Society. Just come in to the Chipotle at **70 Willowbrook Blvd** in Wayne on **Wednesday, November 4th** from **4:00pm to 8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Memorial School National Junior Honor Society.

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