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# STRIVE Gets a Win!

Ms. Ament



### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Erin Ryan

Hello again and welcome to the 4th edition of our newspaper. There are many interesting things to read about and things to do to pass time in this edition. Everyone has been working so hard on this edition to produce the best newspaper possible. We have been meeting every Tuesday after school to come together and write our articles and give input on our classmates articles. Some things you will find in this edition are recipes to cook, a word search, and a virtual school learning summary. I hope some of these articles could spice up the at home learning and who knows you may even have new recipes to make after reading the newspaper! Sadly we did not get to go back to school on January 11th but that is not stopping us from putting out a great newspaper. Let us hope we go back to the school soon and this edition will lighten the mood!

The seventh grade STRIVE team recently took part in the first competition of the school year. Three Woodland Park team members - Tanush Patel, Joseph lannacone, and Kayla Valer - participated in a virtual quiz bowl competition against students in three different schools. Joseph lannacone took second place at the event! Congratulations, Joseph, and great job to all the students who participated!

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# A Small Sign of Hope!

#### DANIELE STIGLIANO

The coronavirus is spreading around the world and not stopping. However, there is a sign of hope in a new vaccine. This means that there is finally something that can stop this virus. The vaccine has been released for approximately the last three weeks. Hopefully everyone will receive the shot and help out the world.

You might ask why we need the vaccine? You need the vaccine because it is the safest way right now to prevent the virus. You do not necessarily need it, but people and scientists suggest you take it in order to help others. Scientists say that it will not prevent the virus, but it will protect you from it.

People might ask why would a person get the vaccine if it is not necessary? Getting the vaccine is the best thing to help everyone with COVID. The more people that get the vaccine, the less likely the virus is to spread.

The vaccine is a step towards the right direction in getting back to the "normal" world.



# POETRY CORNER

#### Amy Moya

#### Winter

Lakes frozen over, mounds of snow piled everywhere to see

Snowmen are built. snow angels, too

By children so carefree

Icicles hanging, fires blazing

A new season's taken over!

With the chilly breeze, and snow at my feet

Winter has arrived, meaning fall is officially over



#### Amayiah Pena

# A Wintery Night

The sky is pitch-black and the ground is white The world is peaceful on this cold, wintery night No person around, not a single sound to be heard.

Not a laugh, not a car, not even a bird For one moment, it's just the snow and me. I smile inside. I feel so free.

#### LIFE STYLE

# Joy of Cooking

#### JONATHAN HERRERA

There can be many forms of cooking; I will explain the most known and the most I have experience with. For starters, I like baking a lot. It is extremely popular, and I do it half of the time, from cookies to cakes. My three favorite cooking styles are baking, frying, and grilling. Before we go any further, I want to say that if you are going to do this, make sure an adult is supervising, I would not want to have anyone injured; now, let us continue!

Baking is one of my favorite ways of cooking because it can bring up many opportunities. For example, it is fun, and it is a good stress reliever. You get to eat what you baked. Also you can impress, surprise or make anyone happy! For example, I made something called an Oreo mug cake, and I gave it to my mom. She enjoyed it and called it a great success.

My next favorite style of cooking is frying. It is fun and a lot easier than baking since it uses fewer ingredients depending on what you are cooking. You can fry almost anything from frozen store products to making homemade donuts and fries. You can get inspired and make cooking a hobby. The last and final style of cooking I love is grilling, which is also an easy one and a lot more fun since you can do so many things. In addition to that, you have such a wide range of options that it is surprising. It may not be as easy, but it's always worth it in the end, you can always do anything with cooking as long as you put your mind to it.

To wrap it up, cooking could be a fun hobby; you should try it. It could bring many opportunities and a whole bunch of fun.

Grilling, frying, or baking are all great ways to

cook. Also, you could contribute to the community by giving food to shelters, making a lot of people happy.



Finally, below you will find one recipe easy to make with just two ingredients that I tried and love: "Oreo Mug Cake." Enjoy.

#### **Oreo Mug Cake**

#### Ingredients:

4 Oreos

3-4 tablespoon milk

#### **Directions:**

Crush 4 Oreos (or more if you want more cake!) in a bowl until you have an ultra-fine consistency. If you want to make your mug cake fluffier, add 1/4 teaspoon baking powder.

Add 3-4 tablespoons of milk and mix well. Place in the microwave for about 90 seconds, and that's it! Sprinkle with your favorite toppings if desired. Enjoy!

Want to fancy up your Oreo Mug Cake? Transfer it to a bowl and top with fruit and nuts!

#### SCHOOL NEWS

# **Reopening of Schools**

#### ERIN RYAN

Sadly we did not go back to in person learning on December 11th or January 11th and now we are hoping to go back February 1. We went virtual November 9, 2020 and that was due to "unrelated individuals within the Woodland Park School District [who] have tested positive for COVID-19. This is not unexpected, given the recent rise in COVID-19 cases across multiple counties in New Jersey and the country" as quoted in the letter that went out to parents on November 9, 2020. The school district had to close for the health and safety of the student and teachers. We were expected to first go back on December 4. However,

another letter went out saying "In and effort to protect the health safety and welfare of students and staff, all Woodland Park Public Schools will remain closed until January 11th." Again this wasn't the last notice we received and on January 7, 2021 another letter was sent out explaining that "As you know, the number of COVID-19 positive cases continue to rise across multiple counties in New Jersey, the country and most specifically within our community. With the uprise in cases, the schools will be opened back up on February 1, 2021."

Our schools district isn't the only one still closed. Passaic Valley is set to go back the same day as Woodland Park - February 1, 2021 and PCTI is

supposed to go back February 16, 2021. Now by the time you are reading this article a new plan or date could have come out but this is the information known currently. Let us hope we can go back on February 1 and get back into school because virtual learning is hard on everyone - the teachers, the parents, but especially the students.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

# The Return on iCarly

#### AVA BEIRNE

iCarly was a Nickelodeon show watched by millions of people. It premiered in 2007 and ended in 2012. The series told the story of Carly Shay, a teenager who created her own web show with her best friends in the apartment loft that her and her brother lived in. Since the ending of the show, fans were upset and wanted more seasons. In December 2020, the cast announced that there will be a reboot. The main cast of the original show was Miranda Cosgrove (Carly Shay), Jennette McCurdy (Sam Puckett), Nathan Kress (Freddie Benson), Jerry Trainor (Spencer Shay), and Noah Munck (Gibby Gibson). The cast will stay the same, except for Jennette. This reboot will premiere on CBS All Access when it comes out. Filming will begin in March, but an official premiere date has yet to be revealed. iCarly fans are very excited and ready for this reboot!



# **PUZZLE CORNER**

#### KATHRYN RYAN

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#### GONZALO VILA

If you like to play or watch soccer and pay attention to it, you may have heard the name Pele before. Pele is a Brazilian soccer player who was born on October 23, 1940. His full name is Edson Arantes do Nascimento. While he played soccer, it was possible he was the most famous and well-paid athlete in the world. During his time at a minor league club (Santos Football Club) he joined in 1956, he helped his team win 9 league championships. He had also won the Libertadores Cup in 1962, and the Intercontinental Cup in 1963. And he was just a young adult at this time.

Later, after the 1958 World Cup, Pele was deemed a national treasure by the Brazil government, so other European clubs wouldn't offer him large sums of money and make sure that he would stay in Brazil. Pele has, in total, won 3 World Cups. In addition, he is one of the third all time scorers in the World Cup. Also, Pele has scored a total of 1281 goals out of 1363 games, making him one of the most abundant soccer players.





# Lending a Helping Hand

#### Ms. Ament

To commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Alfred Baumann Library, Mayor Kazmark, Junior Girl Scout Troop 96790, and the School 1 Early Childhood Advisory Council have launched a toiletry drive for babies and children in the community. The launch was promoted by a video featuring our Girl Scouts and Director of Early Childhood Education, Dr. Irizarry.

Running through Feb. 19, new toiletry items for babies and children can be dropped off at the Library, 7 Brophy Lane, or School 1, 665 McBride Ave. Items being collected include formula, diapers, pull-ups, wipes, washcloths, soap, shampoo, conditioner, hairbrushes, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, etc.



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#### STUDENT LIFE

### **I Miss School**

JASON SNYDER

As COVID is hitting the world, students have had to complete their schooling online. It has been a fun, but weird experience for all. It has been fun because we get to stay home but weird at the same time because you are home and not in the school building. It has been really hard not seeing any of my friends. Sometimes I do get to see them at home, but it is not the same.

When we do eventually go back to school, I am sure some people will like it and some will not. I know kids like waking up at 8:12 am and not



having to do anything after all their work is complete. I personally liked it sometimes. However, this whole experience has been super weird and it would be so cool to be back in school.

# Comics

JOAQUIN VILA

