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The Search for Atticus

Quincy: Why do we want dogs in a classroom?

Ms. Amoro: First, I love dogs and they are fun to be around with. Secondly, Atticus is good for therapy. When I am stressed, I come by Mrs. Smiley's classroom to pet him for a little while and this interaction helps me to continue my day. Our school community will benefit from having Atticus in the classroom.

Santia: When I was younger and I was mad, he would come over and he would cheer me up. When he licked my hand, I would not be angry anymore. He would always warm me up on a cool day.

Valencia: I used to fear dogs, but Atticus is special. My parents were not dog lovers either and whenever I came home from school, I would always be talking about all the things that Atticus can do. Sometimes kids need dogs.

Ana: What is the difference between a therapy dog and a service dog?

Ms. Smiley: Service animals are trained to aid one person and act as their helper. For example, a seeing eye dog is trained to work as someone's eyes. A service animal who will alert its human when they may be about to have a seizure may poke its human to tell it to lay down. A therapy animal team is trained to go into settings where they may bring comfort, or teach a skill, or help with manipulation skills such as putting on or taking off a collar or leash. Therapy teams typically go to hospitals, nursing homes, and schools.

Ana: What are the benefits of having a therapy dog in the classroom?

Ms. Vasquez: The benefit of having this wonderful dog is that when anyone pets the dog it brings a sense of calmness.

Ms. Bennett: I think that one of the main benefits is that students may feel more comfortable with a therapy dog. The animal can provide comfort and feelings of safety that will help the student be more comfortable in their environment and can ease anxiety so they are able to participate and learn during instruction.

Quincy: Do you think that Atticus would ever hurt anyone?

Ms. Smiley: One of the first things we learn about when interacting with Atticus, or any animal, is that they have teeth. 'Will he bite?' I lift Atti's lips and show everyone his large teeth. WOW! Then we talk about what an animal (including human animals!) does if scared or worried. Of course, he could bite. But my job as a team partner is to make sure he is NOT scared or worried. And, he has been with Black Rock School students and teachers since he was 4 months old. He LOVES you!

Lunar: How long has Black Rock School had a therapy team in school?

Ms. Smiley: I have trained and been certified as a Therapy Animal Team with 2 dogs. They have been invited into Black Rock School since 2004! So, for 18 years.

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Favorite Cafeteria Foods

We surveyed 3rd-6th grade students about their favorite cafeteria foods!

Mozzarella Sticks 31 votes
Curved Pizza 12 votes
Chicken Tenders 47 votes
Chicken Drumsticks 12 votes



By Lunar and Valencia

Piranha

There once was a piranha named Piranha. He lived in a small town named Piranha Town. His parents were named Piranha. His 499 siblings were also named Piranha. All the Piranhas in Piranha Town were named Piranha. One day Piranha was going for a swim when he saw a pufferfish. He asked the pufferfish what its name was. The Pufferfish said, "My name is Bobby." Piranha was shocked he thought everyone's name was Piranha. Piranha went for a long swim around his town. He thought about Bobby and his name. The next day Piranha asked his mom why Bobby's name wasn't Piranha. His mom said that creatures could have a different name than Piranha. The next day, Piranha was not Piranha anymore, he was Teddy.

By Aly

Christmas Gift Ideas

Have you ever wanted to get someone a gift for Christmas but did not know what to get them? Well, these are some things you could get them. If you have a brother who plays sports you could get him a basketball, baseball, football, or soccer ball, or a hat. If you have a sister, you could get her a doll, makeup, or some cute duck slippers. If you wanted to get something for your mom, you could get candles, blankets, or a heating pillow. If you wanted to get your dad something you could get, heart chocolate, bow tie, fruit baskets, or a coffee cup. For other family members and friends, you could get Ugg slippers, a card, money, Apple Watch, bracelets, or a handmade card.

By Anyla



10 Winter Facts

1. Some animals change colors in the winter. Ex. arctic foxes, snowshoe hares, and some weasels go from grey or brown to white.
2. About 1 septillion (1 followed by 24 0's) snow crystals fall every winter.
3. In 1887, some snowflakes were 15 inches long, that's longer than a piece of paper!
4. When the snow melts there is less water than snow.
5. Snow and ice cover 12% of earth's land.
6. The average number of snowstorms in a year is 105 and they can last 2-5 days.
7. Winter doesn't start until December 21st.
8. The Earth is closer to the sun in the winter.
9. The Winter Olympics first started in 1924.
10. Thundersnow is a thunderstorm but with snow instead of rain.

By Kayden

The History of the Addams Family

If you haven't heard of Wednesday Addams, she is a fictional character from a comic strip drawn by Charles Addams in 1938. Then in 1964, a TV show about the Addams Family came out and ended in 1966. The next movie was created in 1991 and starred Christina Ricci. Afterwards, there was a spin-off called The Addams Family Values. Next up, was the Addams Family that came out in 2019 and had 3 parts. The newest show is called Wednesday and stars Jenna Ortega as Wednesday.

By Valencia

Top Winter Snacks

Here are some of my favorite snacks for winter:

Food:

- 1) Roasted marshmallows
- 2) Sugar cookies
- 3) Popcorn
- 4) Brownies

Drinks:

1. Hot chocolate
 2. Eggnog
 3. Apple cider
 4. Any type of tea
- Enjoy!

By Lunar



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The Man in the Black Cloak

The snow fell upon the man in the black cloak, but he stood unbothered, staring at the house. It was dark out now, though it was only about 4pm. He had unfinished business at this house and he couldn't go on without it. So, he approached the steps, taking careful notice as to not slip on the ice, and rang the doorbell. The sound vibrated throughout the house. There were no rushed footsteps coming towards the door to let the visitor in, only icy silence broken by the short breaths of the man coming out in white puffs. No one was home it seemed. Perhaps they had gone out to run some errands. They couldn't be gone forever, the man decided. And so he walked back down and disappeared into the shadows of the afternoon, a watchful eye placed upon the house, careful as to make sure no one slipped by unnoticed. It was night when the man reemerged and much darker than before. He walked to the house yet again, cloak billowing in the cold wind, just as before, but something was different. There was movement, laughter, lights, coming from the old creaky house. Yes, this house was full of joy. They were finally back! The man pulled his dark cloak tighter around him, and sped up, trying to get to the house as quickly as possible. He climbed the frozen steps again, reaching out for the doorbell, so close yet so far from his only goal at the time. But just as his finger pressed the button, he lost his footing and tumbled down the few steps, with his dear cloak and all. This wasn't all in vain though. Someone, a woman, with a pretty smile and wonderful black hair, had opened the door. She looked shocked to see this man lying on the floor, struggling to get up, but then did something quite unexpected. She burst out laughing. Walking down the steps carefully, all while chuckling fondly, she gave the strange man her hand, and pulled him up with surprising strength. "George, how many times have I told you not to run up the stairs?" She asked in a pleasant voice. "Remember when we were kids and you fell and broke your arm? That was an exciting Christmas." "Mary, I've missed you constantly telling me off, those were the better days of my childhood." Mary laughed again and called out, "kids! Uncle George is here." Children ran from the house, smiling and laughing and calling his name. He greeted them warmly and walked inside. It was time for Christmas dinner, and the man in the black cloak was starving.

By Zoya

Gingerbread Boy

The kitchen smelled of holly and baking gingerbread the night before Christmas. A tall woman in a pretty red dress bent over to check on her cooking gingerbread. "5 more minutes," she said to herself. When the timer gave a small ding she pulled out the crispy gingerbread men. She took out bags of frosting and cut holes in the bottom, she piped buttons and smiles onto the little men. Only when she had set them up on a red plate had she turned off the lights and gone upstairs. An awfully slow hour passed and the house stayed quiet. Then at 12 o'clock the sound of jingle bells drifted down the chimney. Not a minute later a black boot came through the fireplace and a large old man in a red suit climbed out and into the lit-up living room. He looked around at all the lights and his eyes landed on the plate of cookies, "Mmmm," he murmured. As he held a particularly well-done gingerbread man to his mouth, he heard a quiet scream. "No don't eat me, I'm just a boy!" Santa smiled and lowered the cookie from his mouth. "Are you lost?" He asked and the gingerbread boy nodded, "I'm alive Santa, but none of the others are." He sighed sadly, "that's because you're the favorite, she put more happiness into you than the others. Let me bring you back to the North Pole with the others." He grinned and gently picked up the cookie. He set down the presents he had been holding, each addressed to a different family member. He tapped his nose and he and the gingerbread boy flew up the fire-lit chimney, to live happily ever after.

By Maya



Crossword Puzzle Day: December 21st

December 21st is Crossword Puzzle Day. This is a cool day to talk about because we are doing a newspaper with a lot of puzzles. So, on crossword day uh... I don't know what you would do on this day, do a lot of crossword puzzles, I guess. The first crossword puzzle ever published was in New York World in 1913. The crossword puzzle was created by Arthur Wynne, and at first, the crossword puzzle was called "Word-Cross." So, on this day if you see a crossword puzzle in this newspaper and if you know who made it, wish them a Happy Crossword Puzzle Day (and tell them how awesome their crossword is).

By Ana and Quincy

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Palm Tree's First Friend

It seems I'm friends with a ghost. I didn't really know about them until the moment my lights were flickering and things in the house were tipping and falling. Not to mention the way the strange voices from the hallways. Although this doesn't seem to be a malicious ghost but rather a friendly ghost who is just looking for a roommate. I do wonder if it would ever stop following me. But this ghost isn't just a friendly one, but a playful one at that. It likes to make my books and belongings fall out of my bag. No wonder I can't find stuff around here. Later I find out that this ghost is not only haunting me but this house. Sometimes I wonder what would've happened if we just moved out, would it have followed me? Or would it have stayed for a new roomie? Curiosity was overwhelming me, and I would do anything for just an answer. I don't think I'm going crazy with the whole there's-a-ghost-in-my-room thing. But I wouldn't doubt it. After a couple of years the same ghost is still here following me wherever I go. I'm not sure if I should do something about it. They're not bothering me so I'm sure I shouldn't bother it either. Either way they're rather nice and sometimes help me occasionally. The paranormal doesn't catch me off guard anymore, at least I don't think so. I guess however long this thing follows me for is unknown. But I'm having a little fun. Sometimes I'm having so much fun that I think I might just keep living with it forever.

By Alexandra and Zoya

History of Grinch Movies

The first Grinch movie came out in 1966 titled, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". It was an animated movie and based off the Dr. Suess book. The second movie was called, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and it was live action. It was released in 2000. The third movie was made in 2018 and was also animated, it was quite like the first movie but better quality. The newest movie is a horror movie called, "The Mean One" (Just looking at the pictures from the movie scares me!) It is coming out on December 15. Enjoy the holidays!

By Valencia

The Warrens

Have you ever watched the Conjuring? What about The Nun? These movies are based on the true cases investigated by Ed and Loraine Warren. The Warrens were American paranormal investigators associated with prominent cases of alleged hauntings. Throughout their careers, the two said they had investigated over 10,000 paranormal cases and published several books on demonology. They duo claimed to have encountered vampires, werewolves, ghosts, demons, and even Bigfoot. The Warrens have collected quite a collection of unholy objects throughout their journeys. The most famous being the Annabelle doll. These artifacts have been collected and exhibited at The Warrens Occult Museum in Monroe, CT.

By Nilah

UConn Huskies

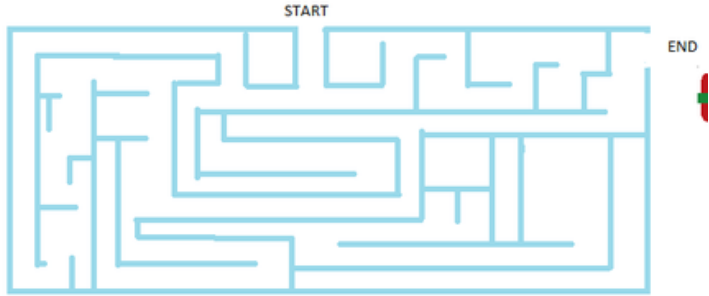
The UConn Huskies woman's team is a college basketball team. They play for UConn and last year they made it to the semifinals. They won the finals on March 08, 2021. These are some players on the team, Paige Bueckers, Olivia Nelson-Ododa, Aaliyah Edwards, Paith Gabrial, Amari DeBerry, Azzi Fudd, Niki Muhl, Lou Lopez Senechal, Abrey Griffen, Christyn Williams, Dorka Juhasz and Ice Brady. November 6th was their first game of 2022-2023. They won 115-42, which means they won by 73 points! They also had a game on November 10th, where they won 98-39. On November 20, 2022, they won 91-61. Their first loss was on December 4, 2022, against Notre Dame, they lost 74-60. They had other games but those were the big wins and first loss. Their last game is supposed to be on April 3, 2023. Now that you know more about the Huskies you should watch their games yourself to see them play.

By Kayden



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Maze



By Kennedy

The house next door vs.
my house during Christmas



By Valencia



Christmas Word Scramble

By Karina

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