

SEEING SPOTS

NEWSPAPER: EDITION 2

Sweden's Ice Hotel Is Now Open 365 Days A Year

By: Serena Goyal

You may have heard of an ice hotel before, but does that hotel stay frozen even when summer comes along? Unlike other ice hotels, Sweden's Ice Hotel has been designed to remain open year-round, it never melts! The permanent hotel covers an area of 22,600 sq ft and has 20 rooms. Guests can choose to stay in a deluxe suite, featuring bathrooms and saunas or opt for one of the beautifully sculpted art suites. Regardless of the room and time of year, guests will have to endure the hotel's 21° F temperature. Ice Hotel 365 is built entirely from snice — a combination of ice and snow. According to the ice hotel website, it took 1,000 cubic meters, or the equivalent of 20 million snowballs, to build the impressive structure! While the permanent hotel is a great addition, it is the original ice hotel that remains the star attraction. That's because its transient nature lends itself perfectly to artists desiring to express their creativity!



Mannequin Challenge!!

By: Emma Gouker

I'm sure that by now everyone has seen, or at least heard of the mannequin challenge. If you haven't, it is where people film themselves staying perfectly still, like mannequins, in different, interesting poses. You might have tried this for fun, like all of the sixth grade a little while ago, but did you know that celebrities have joined this latest craze? This challenge has spread worldwide, to everyone of any social standpoint. Even Hillary Clinton has joined in, on an airplane, while on her trip along the campaign trail. You would have to see the mannequin challenge in a video or witness it in person to actually believe the pictures. You can watch videos of the mannequin challenge on YouTube, of course, but this link may be more convenient than searching: <https://www.dogonews.com/2016/11/14/video-of-the-week-have-you-taken-the-mannequin-challenge>



Ask Leo

Hey everyone! It's Leo the Leopard! ^.^

In this edition, I will be covering main events and questions which have recently surfaced in our school.

So, Outdoor Ed. I've asked a few 8th graders to speak their mind. "It's a three day trip to North Bay, it was five days for us, and it is ABSOLUTELY NOT WORTH IT. I'll try not to be too biased, but I'm telling you it's not worth the money. One good thing is the ice cream. Though overpriced, it tastes really, REALLY good. The bus ride was pretty cool too. The zip-line, obstacle course, and huge swing were a lot of fun. But it's extremely gender-biased. Girls can't go on flats and play frisbee and can barely go on the beach. Guys barely learn anything nature related, and are limited to buying two pieces of candy. The food is artificial, and is powder-based. Also, you have to line up in three straight lines outside the cafeteria, and they make you wait forever in the scorching heat. Plus, the bathrooms are unsanitary, with [big] spiders, and multiple cabins shared one joined bathroom. The whole place is a nightmare. They lock your phones in a safe and only let you use them to call your parents, and you can't call them unless you can find a signal. People get ticks and bugs 24/7, and there are spiders in the showers.

From 9 to 10 o'clock pm, there is a tasteless show called North Bay Live. The best part is watching a North Bay made "movie" about a high school wimp in a horrible school system, who gets the guts to stop a fight between his friend and a bully and ask out the one girl who also happens to be the only girl in the school besides the teachers.

The souvenir shop is expensive, and sells a variety of hats, pennies, t-shirts, hoodies, sweatpants, cheap jewelry, and miscellaneous small toys, such as yo-yos. But why go to North Bay when you can stay at school and eat free popsicles?"

Remember guys, speak your mind and don't let haters tell you what you can or cannot say. Make school different; mix things up a bit; change it from the boring six hour cycle of work it is.

Groundhog Day

By Aiai Calmer

No, I don't mean the movie! I mean the day that the groundhog comes out to tell us whether spring will come soon or six more weeks of winter. Such an exciting, fascinating and important day, isn't it? Mm, not really. But still every year, thousands of people in Punxsutawney come to see this rodent meteorologist. Maybe not a huge thing on T.V. but we still manage to incorporate this animal into many movies. Remember *Bambi*? Within the first ten minutes, a groundhog sees his shadow. Whoops, I guess there's going to be six more weeks of winter.

Many people asked if Groundhog Day bears such an important role in movies and people's lives in Punxsutawney, what historical importance does it hold? We can safely say that we're definitely more modernized than the pilgrims were what with our technology doodads and doohickeys, but pilgrims, practically had nothing to predict the weather. So instead they used an animal with instincts to predict the weather. In the end, Groundhog Day may not be a very important day, but still it marks the pilgrims' harsh first days in America.

Punxsutawney Phil



Should all 6th graders get to go on an Outdoor Education trip?

By: Mitra Aminian

Outdoor education was positively a fun experience for past 6th graders- but is the money too much for some counties to afford? Outdoor education is a good way to socialize and to learn about the outdoors, but not all kids get to go on the trip nowadays. Other counties shorten the trip to a couple days (like our county). However fun it is, the money seems more important to the counties. Don't you think that everyone should have a positively fun experience in outdoor ed.? To persuade counties to spend money on 6th grade students' fun, you can write letters including facts about 6th grade socializing better with them going to outdoor education.

NorthBay

**JOKES & RIDDLES BY: YARA
AYACHE (I DID NOT MAKE THESE UP :)**

RIDDLE #1

RIDDLE #2

JOKE #1

JOKE #2



You draw a line.
Without touching
it, how do you
make the line
longer?

A house had 4
walls. All of the
walls are facing
south, and a bear is
circling the house.
What color is the
bear?

What does
h.o.m.e.w.o.r.k
stand for?

Can a kangaroo
jump higher
than a house?

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DONATE...CHANGE LIVES...REPEAT

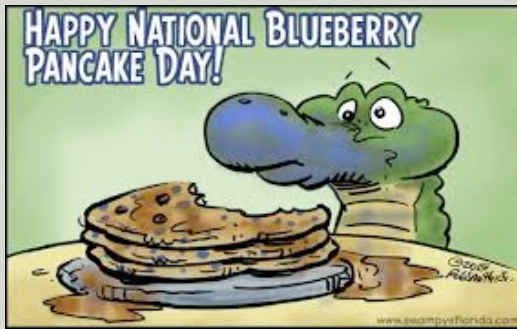
By: Madeline Kim

Homelessness is a huge problem in Maryland.

Homelessness is a
problem that is not yet solved.

Homelessness destroys
millions of lives every years.

This is why Lime Kiln Middle School MUST donate to the Change Matters program, in which the funds go directly to Grass Roots, a foundation that helps to end poverty. About 1.56 million people, or about 0.5% of the U.S. population, used an emergency shelter or a transitional housing program (Grassroots) between 2015-2016. Around 44% of homeless people were employed. Imagine if LKMS could be a part of changing the world; this is how Lime Kiln can make a difference in Howard County, in the nation. We can *change* the lives of others. Last year, although the donations were outstanding, this year, the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades should put all of their efforts in to help stop homelessness. Donate, and change lives.



By: Clare Chung

After-school activities include anything such as sports or music that you do outside of school. Usually, kids who take part in these optional events are much busier because they have to keep up with what they do inside of school, and outside of school. Most people would think extracurricular distracts kids from school work and that they are more likely to fall behind in school. However, recent research says otherwise. According to “Child Trends”, extra activities outside of school can help students better manage their time. When kids don’t have a lot of time of their hands, they work quickly and more efficiently because they have a strong motivation to finish the task. Next, after-school activities help students set goals. For example, if you play a sport, you probably want to win all your games. You work hard during trainings and practices to achieve your goal of winning. Kids who have the goals out of school are more likely to set goals in school. They have a deeper focus about doing well in school and strive to try their hardest. In conclusion, after-school activities have a positive effect on kids in school.



GRASSROOTS
CRISIS INTERVENTION

World's Deepest Underwater Cave By: Aminah Malik

Krzysztof Starnawski had been fascinated with the Hranice Abyss since 1999. He went on many dives and held the world record for the deepest dive (283-meters) with a closed circuit rebreather. He observed a cave that had an unusual limestone formation, which lead him to think that the cave to what was much deeper than it seemed.

With a grant from a National Geographic, Starnawski was able to dive 200 meters into the cave, to what he thought was the bottom. However, he discovered a small gap big enough to squeeze through that led deeper. He was unable to make his way through the passage that day, but returned in 2015 to dive 265 meters with no bottom in sight.

The diver and his team returned to the cave once again in 2016 with a remotely-operated underwater robot (ROV). The team watched as the ROV travelled a record breaking 404 meters deep into the cave. Although this cave has already broken records, Starnawski and his team believe it is still deeper, and that there is more left to explore. Whether or not this is true remains to be discovered, as the team has not yet returned to continue their adventure.

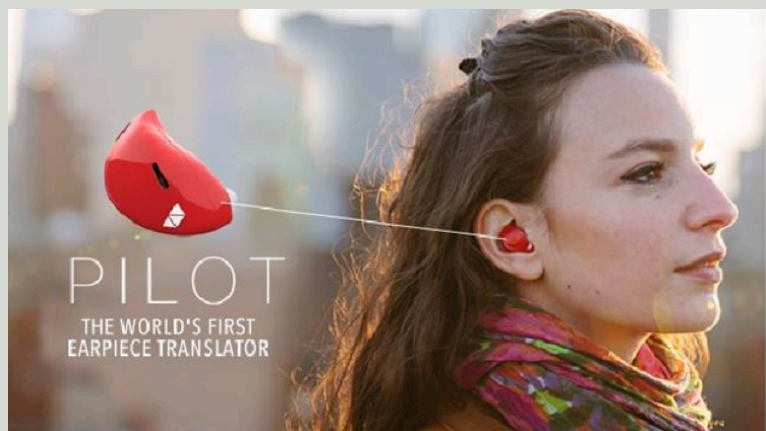
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Pilot: The World's First Language Translating Earpiece By Maya Vibhakar

If you've ever travelled to another country, you know that the language barrier can be hard to cope with. If you don't speak the native language: requests, questions, and conversations are just about impossible. However Pilot, the world's first language translating earpiece, can change all that. Pilot instantly picks up the spoken language, sends it to the listener's phone to translate it, and then "whispers" it back into your ear. The pilot is currently equipped with English, Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese, but more languages are in development. To help you focus on the conversation, the earbud also cancels out any background noise. And as if it can't get better, the piece also can be used to listen to music. Andrew Ochoa, the CEO and director of the company Waverly Labs, says he thought of the idea for the pilot when he "met a French girl". Pilot comes with two earbuds, one for each person, and will be available in stores in May 2017 for around \$200.

For more information about Pilot, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojzCYgli1t0>



The Latest in Sports

By Nick Orlando

In the National Hockey League, the Washington Capitals and Montreal Canadiens are sitting at the top of the Eastern Conference and the Minnesota Wild and Anaheim Ducks are leading the Western Conference. The Caps' Alex Ovechkin recently reached a milestone, scoring his 1,000th point. Fans chanted "Ovi! Ovi! Ovi!" as the superstar left winger became the second-fastest active player to reach 1,000 points. Lots of local fans are hoping this will be a breakthrough year for the Caps, with a real chance at the Stanley Cup.

The NBA season is underway with All Star Weekend approaching. In the Western Conference, the Warriors are at the top of the standings with the Spurs and the Rockets trailing. In the Eastern Conference, the Cavs and Raptors lead the standings. Hometown team the Wizards are doing better than expected, mostly because of All Star point guard John Wall. Wall has been averaging career highs in points per game, steals per game, and player efficiency. With new coach Scott Brooks and great play from Markieff Morris, Otto Porter Jr., and Marcin Gortat, the Wizards are on a serious win streak at home. Watch the All-Star weekend on ESPN, TNT, and NBA TV, Feb. 17-19. I will be polling people about who will win the NBA championship this year... What is your prediction? WNBA fans are also looking forward to the season, set to begin on May 13 (local favorite the Washington Mystics first game is at home on May 14th).



ROARING Leopards and Our Every Move

Hey guys it's Leo here! After the new year people say, "New year, new me!" Do people really stick with their resolutions, especially when it has to do with working out? The answer is- not really. Here are some easy tips on how to stick with resolutions:

Build your self confidence, and staying healthy and fit! This is as simple as getting a piece of paper and creating a chart including the days of the week and 3-4 columns. Label the columns; abs, push-ups, pull-ups and plyos plyometrics which are exercises in which muscles exert maximum force in short intervals of time, with the goal of increasing if you can do each one. You don't have to do a lot, maybe four different types of ab exercises will do! Twenty five counts of each exercise is reasonable. You can do research for which exercises are best. If this starting point is too hard don't feel bad. Try to increase and beat your number of abs from the past week. The same principle applies to push-ups and pull-ups.

Be sure to copy your charts for future usage, and write your data down each day! You can do this whenever and with whomever you want. Before you start your chart, search up a motivational quote and after each set or exercise say it aloud to help with your perseverance and determination to keep on working!

Good luck Lime Kiln Leopards.

The Next Evolution in Gaming: Nintendo Switch

By: Winston Park

The Nintendo Switch is the recently released gaming console from Nintendo. It connects to your TV and acts like a regular game controller, but can undock from its holder and convert to handheld mode. Then you can travel away from your main screen and play. While in TV mode, the Switch uses a J-Con controller grip in an X-Box controller-looking frame. When switching to handheld mode, the J-Con grips slip out of the frame and reattaches on opposite sides of the Switch. The Switch can also be used on a flat surface like an iPad by propping it up in its stand. It can connect to other switches via Wifi. The Two J-Con grips can be shared among two players, adding another cool feature to this new device. Battery life on this system, however is shorter than other devices; lasting anywhere from 2 to 6 hours on a single charge, depending on the game. The screen is also equipped with a touchpad. New games for the Switch are already in the market, and include The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild and Mario Kart 8 Deluxe.



Two Winter Desserts by Mollie Raymond

Do you ever feel yourself getting bored inside during the winter months? Combat cabin fever with baking! Here are two easy recipes perfect for the wintertime...

1) Molasses cookies

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 cup white sugar

Directions:

1. In a medium bowl, mix together the melted butter, 1 cup sugar, and egg until smooth. Stir in the molasses. Combine the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves, and ginger; blend into the molasses mixture. Cover, and chill dough for 1 hour.
2. Preheat oven to 375 degrees°F (190 degrees°C). Roll dough into walnut sized balls, and roll them in the remaining white sugar. Place cookies 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets.
3. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, until tops are cracked. Cool on wire racks.

recipe from: <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/9311/molasses-cookies/?internalSource=recipe%20hub&referringId=17223&referringContent>



2) Sugar Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups butter, softened
- 2 cups white sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Stir in the flour, baking powder, and salt. Cover, and chill dough for at least one hour (or overnight).
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Roll out dough on floured surface 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Cut into shapes with any cookie cutter. Place cookies 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets.
3. Bake 6 to 8 minutes in preheated oven. Cool completely.

Recipe from:

<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/10402/the-best-rolled-sugar-cookies/>



Riddle Answers:

Riddle 1: Draw a shorter line beneath it!

Riddle 2: The house is on the north pole, so the bear is white

Joke 1: Half of My Energy Wasted on Random Knowledge

Joke 2: Yes, houses can't jump

An Interview with Miss Clark

Q: “Could you describe the science award you won, how do you feel, are you really proud of it?”

A: “It was for 1st and 2nd year science teacher, I feel proud because I was nominated by my peers, and the 1st year of teaching is very hard.”

Q: “How do you like being a science teacher?”

A: “I love it! Because it is easy to engage students.”

Q: “What interests do you pursue outside of the classroom?”

A: “I like to visit friends and I like to volunteer.”

Q: “What do you like most about teaching as a career?”

A: “I like connecting with students.”

Q: “What led you to winning this wonderful award? In other words, tell us your secrets!”

A: “I like feeling organized, and I think that helps me prepare for class everyday and meet the needs of my students.”

Q: “What is your favorite subject in science to teach?”

A: “My favorite subject to teach is the Ever Changing Earth Unit because I like volcanoes.”

Q: “I heard that you were recently engaged. Congratulations! Are you happy?”

A: “Ecstatic!!”

Q: “Do you like traveling? If so, could you describe a country or city you would love to visit most of all?”

A: “I would love to visit County Cork in Ireland.”

Q: “If you had a time machine, what time and place would you like to see and visit?”

A: “I would love to live in colonial times for a day, just to see what life is like.”

Q: “Who inspired you to be a teacher? If nobody did, then how did you choose this profession?”

A: “My 4th grade teacher, because she respected her students and cared about her kids.”

Q: “I think Lime Kiln would improve a lot since it has great teachers like you...Do you try hard to educate and engage students?”

A: “Exceptionally”

Q: “Last question, and this one is for me, if you read Harry Potter, what house would you be in?”

A: “I would be a Hufflepuff.”

Haters Back Off!

By: Anna Winterson

To some people she is weird and obnoxious, but for others under all that lipstick she is a sweet and kind person. Miranda Sings has become a popular sensation all over YouTube. She has actually been on the Jimmy Fallon show too. Miranda has become so popular that she also has her own Netflix show called “Haters Back Off!” She is not actually as wacky as most people think, she has another life besides being Miranda. Her real name is actually Colleen Ballinger. In her everyday life she looks and acts way different than she does being Miranda. Miranda’s YouTube channel is intended to be humorous. She enjoys singing popular songs and when she sings she uses a funny voice to keep the feel of her channel amusing. So if you enjoyed this article make sure to subscribe, if you didn’t, then remember haters back off

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