

SEEING SPOTS

LIME KILN MIDDLE SCHOOL

EDITION 3

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Orienteering

By: Alexis Merka



You are probably reading the title of this article and wondering what in the world orienteering is. Other than the fact that orienteering is my favorite sport, orienteering is a great individual/small group activity that not only tests one's physical ability, but also one's mental intelligence. Simply speaking, orienteering is not a sport for idiots.

Now, what really is orienteering? A quick way to explain the sport would be to say that it's running in the woods while using a map and a compass to try to find all the required checkpoints, called controls. However, the map is different than a typical road map you would look at, or one you would look at in the mall when you can't find the food court. An orienteering map has thin brown lines all over the place; those are contour lines, showing the topography of the area, like a topographic map. Orienteering maps also show vegetation. White represents clear forest that is easy to run through and has good visibility; the greener the area, the thicker the undergrowth, the harder it is to run through, and the lower the visibility. Yellow represents fields. Black dashed lines represent foot trails; solid black lines are either paved foot trails or unpaved roads, and any beige areas outlined with black are paved areas.

There are 7 different courses. The easiest is the white course (beginner), which is short and only on trails. Then the yellow course (beginner) is a little longer, and the controls are slightly off trails. After that, the orange course (intermediate) is also longer and takes routes along obvious features. Then there are the advanced courses: brown, the shortest advanced course, then green, then red, then blue, the longest

Cuphead

By: Sapphira Myers



Cuphead was released on September 29, 2017 and many people have been enjoying the cool old styled game play. The game can be played on Xbox One, and Microsoft Windows. Although the creators are possibly making the game for Ps4 users as well. Cuphead is about the two characters Cuphead & Mugman, who go to the Devil's Casino and gamble. The Devil appears and gives them the challenge of going to get all of the souls that people owe him, by sundown. The Cuphead gameplay is kind of like a old 90s cartoon, in this game you can run around, explore, fight enemies, and play with another person for a two player gameplay.

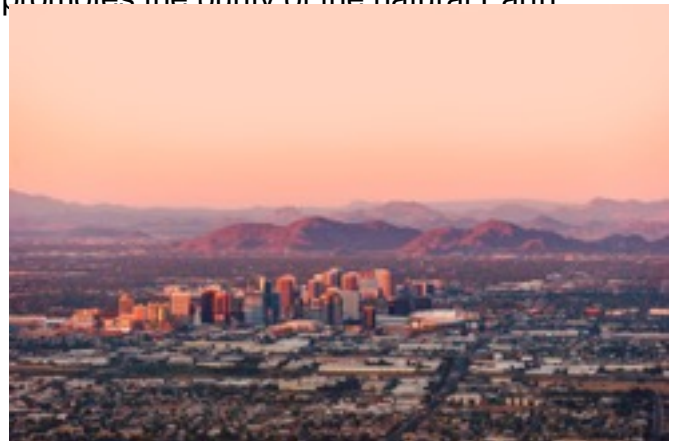


Make sure to check out Cuphead!

City of the Future

By: Clare Chung

The city of the future is hidden away in the vast deserts of Arizona. Developed in 1970 by Paolo Soleri, the town is built on the idea of arcology, a mix of architecture and ecology. This town is called Arcosanti. The goal of Arcosanti is to provide its residents with experiences similar to those in a normal city, but with minimal use of outside resources and more access to the natural environment. It is a sustainable development because it uses a lot of renewable resources, unlike most cities. Global warming and pollution is a growing concern in large metropolitan areas. Sustainable cities like Arcosanti use the sun and wind to provide their energy which greatly reduces the waste the city produces. For example, the architecture of the buildings are structured to heat as well as cool down the rooms. There are about 80 permanent residents and over 500 people have lived in Arcosanti. Hopefully, more towns like these develop because they advocate social interaction as well as preserve resources and promotes the purity of the natural Earth



A Wrinkle In Time: Adaptations

By: Elena S. Walter

A Wrinkle In Time by Madeleine L'Engle, published in 1962, is a novel from the perspective of Meg Murry. Meg, her younger twin brothers Sandy and Dennys, her little brother Charles Wallace, and her mother have been missing her father for the past few years. Already. Meg was an outcast but a genius, and a little emotionally unstable, but those flaws are heightened when she meets Mrs. Whatsit on a dark and stormy night, laden heavy with colorful shawls and fabrics of all colors. She and Charles Wallace are whisked into a world with the Mrs. W's: Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, and Mrs. Which. With their help, they discover the theory Meg's father had been studying before his disappearance, tessering. Tessering is a concept where you bend time and space to travel anywhere in the universe in less than a second. Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe, a popular boy from school, travel to multiple planets where they are introduced to the darkness, and the IT. They eventually travel to Camazotz, the planet that is home to IT, the source of all darkness, and where Mr. Murry is being held captive. Meg goes through many trials in her quest to save her father, and learns more about herself than she ever thought. The story is a wonderful read that pries into the world of science fiction, even if it is a bit dated. The movie, however, is a different story. While it does feature Meg, Charles Wallace, and the other main characters, Sandy and Dennys are nowhere to be found. They also change the fundamental plot, because the book implies that Meg not only journeys to save her father, but also to help battle against the IT and the darkness, but the movie is solely focused on her father, and not IT. There are many creative differences as well, such as the appearance of the different Mrs W's. The most irksome difference that I found was that Calvin in the movie was more or less there just to be the significant other to Meg, with only a few character developments, and no major presence in the climax. He actually tessered away from all of the action in a last-ditch effort from Mr. Murry during the movie, so he wasn't even there during the end. In the book, he had a much more prominent feature, as he played a major role in saving Charles Wallace from IT using his skill of communication. While some changes are inevitable in adaptations, such as the look of settings or characters' outfits, changing most of the plot and making a character almost useless takes away from the glory of it being an adaptation.



Even More Spring Jokes

Emma Li

1. What season is best for jumping?

Answer: Spring!!

2. If April showers bring May flowers, then what do Mayflowers bring?

Answer: Pilgrims.

3. Why are people exhausted by April 1st?

Answer They just finished a 31 day March.

4. Why are frogs so happy?

Answer: They eat whatever bugs them.

5. Name a bow that can't be tied.

Answer: A rainbow.



A 14-Year-Old Orca Can Repeat What Her Trainer Says

By Lana Gordon

Have you ever heard of a talking killer whale? Well, this is not exactly true, but a 14-year-old orca named Wikie is repeating her trainer Amy when saying "Ah ah," "hello," "bye-bye," "one-two-three," and "Amy". Even though we cannot understand the killer whale very well, the words Wikie is trying to pronounce are still very good for a orca to say. Since the killer whale does not understand what humans are speaking about to her, it is amazing how Wikie figured out how to pronounce words and that she can get rewarded for it. It is fascinating for an animal to repeat what a human says, and do it for a little prize or treat.

Do It Yourself Nexus from Keeper of the Lost Cities

By: Anna Strub



Before you start creating your DIY Nexus, you may not know what a Nexus is. In the book series “Keeper of the Lost Cities”, Nexuses are used when kids or teens in the Elvin World light leap. Nexuses will

keep you together in a light leap so you don’t fade into the light and disappear forever.

Materials-

- Paper towel roll - 3 paint brushes - Scissors
- Large rubber band - 2 colors of paint - white paint
- Self adhesive gems and/or clay
- Glue if you chose clay
- One black sharpie

Assembly

- 1: Cut your cardboard tube two inches thick.
- 2: Cut your 2 inch thick cardboard band in half
- 3: Grab your paint and brushes and paint the band a different color. Then, wait until dry.
- 4: Grab a different brush and paint a pattern on your now colored cardboard band. Wait until dry.
- 5: Attach a large, self adhesive gem to the center of the band. If you don’t have gems use a piece of clay, create a shape and let it harden.
- 6: Attach the clay shape.
- 7: Use your white paint to make a square on the back. Let dry.
- 8: Use the sharpie to outline the white square and draw lines on the inside to make it look like a bar graph. Let dry.
- 9: Place your completed DIY nexus from “Keeper of the Lost Cities” on your wrist and put the rubber band on top and double it.
- 10: Enjoy and show off your Keeper of the Lost Cities Nexus!

Nike Grind

By: Anna Strub

What is Nike Grind? Nike Grind is the new program Nike is doing, to help the environment. Nike is collecting old athletic shoes of any brand and type to turn into Nike Grind and using it to create athletic fields and basketball courts. Across the world, there are many locations where you can put your old athletic shoes. Nike will take apart the shoes and grind them up giving them a new life as a athletic field. Nike Grind can also be used to make playground padding, carpet padding, athletic fields, tracks, and basketball courts. Lime Kiln Middle School is collecting student’s old athletic shoes that still have a little life still left in them. LKMS will then donate them to a location for Nike Grind. Nike Grind will take any brand of athletic shoes, but they will not accept dress shoes, or trashed old athletic shoes.

Trashed athletic shoes

- have holes
- no life left in them
- no threads left
- no soles



Bonuses for Bullets

By Aiai Calmer and Ava McGee

On Wednesday, February 14, 2018, seventeen students and teachers were killed during a school shooting in Parkland, Florida. It was a horrific and traumatic event for all, not just the victims.

As the public attempted to gather their wits, President Donald Trump, who is a strong advocate for gun rights, has publicly supported the opinions of the NRA's (National Rifle Association) proposal for teachers to carry around guns with them in school. President Trump has even gone as far as saying that teachers deserve a bonus for carrying around guns.

However, public opinion on the idea is mixed. While proponents of the idea say that with proper regulations, armed teachers could be an effective security measure; critics point out that more guns in school would lead to more accidental shootings involving children. This public debate lead us to seek out what our own teachers feel about wielding weapons in school. Out of 15 teachers at Lime Kiln Middle School, two said that they would support arming teachers while the 13 others felt that arming teachers would be a bad idea.

In this time of uncertainty for our country, only one thing can be known for sure, everyone just wants what is best for our children. Whether that be having increased security in schools or increased gun control, we can all agree that the future of America lies with the students of America, and that the pattern of violence in school cannot continue on its vicious path.



Destiny 2



Destiny 2 is a first person shooter game made by Bungie. It came out in September 2017. It is available on Xbox, Ps4, and PC. The game has different classes such as Hunter. A character based on stealth and agility. There is also a titan (a more tanky character). The Warlock is a support based character who can also be deemed the healer of the group. There is a story campaign as well as a multiplayer gamemode called Crucible. When players complete the story campaign they can do world quests and some of the quests can give you exotics! The ranking of rarities of gear and weapons are grey; common, green; uncommon, blue; rare purple; legendary, and gold/yellow; exotics. You can put a lot of hours into this game and still have fun. If you want to do something with a group of friends you can do a strike, it requires three players. And if you want to do a big challenge and a lot of coordination. There are also dlc's that will come to the game over the next few years. At the moment there is the Curse of Osiris dlc. People predict that the next dlc will be called Gods of Mars.

Link to the game. https://www.amazon.com/Destiny-2-PlayStation-4-Standard/dp/B06XPNX59W/ref=sr_1_3?s=videogames&ie=UTF8&qid=1518710494&sr=1-3&keywords=destiny+2

Keeper of the Lost Cities Flashbacks!

By Anna Strub

Shannon Messenger has a new book release coming out November 6th, 2018, Flashback! The new book has a cover release if you've been checking out her website like me. However, if you haven't, here's the link!

<http://ramblingsofawannabescribe.blogspot.com/p/keeper-of-lost-cities.html>

All of the books in the Keeper of the Lost Cities series are, Keeper of the Lost Cities, Keeper of the Lost Cities Exile, Keeper of the Lost Cities Everblaze, Keeper of the Lost Cities Neverseen, Keeper of the Lost Cities Lodestar, Keeper of the Lost Cities Nightfall, and, finally, the Keeper of the Lost Cities Flashback! Keeper of the Lost Cities is about a elf named Sophie and her friends' adventures to defeat Sophie's rival, the Neverseen! Keepers is a fantasy series and can be bought in a fair amount of bookstores including Barnes and Noble, and Books a Million.

Keeper of the Lost Cities Flashback is about Sophie and her friends on a epic journey(Like usual)! One of her friends is in danger and she knows that her abilities can only protect her friends and herself so far. Will she take a huge risk to distract the Neverseen and protect her friends or will the Neverseen win, destroying the black swan? Go to Barnes and Noble, Books a Million, or Amazon to preorder Keeper of the Lost Cities Flashback! The release of Flashback is November 6th, 2018, so go preorder one!



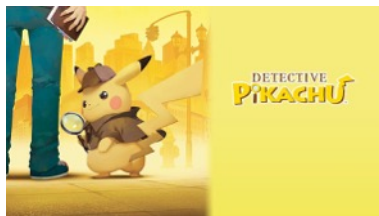
Roaring Leopards and Our Every Move

After losing a loved one it is hard to admit that they are really gone.

Going to school and having 5 tests in one week is stressful. Trying to talk to your crush is nerve racking. Having a busy schedule after school, going to sleep after 1 AM because of homework, or simply just not having a good day are just a few things that us middle schoolers go through. There are so many problems in this world but we can strive to alleviate them by treating people with kindness, love, and care. I ask you to complete a challenge, and not the PBIS challenge... try to do one act of kindness a day for anyone. This will not only make their day better, it will make yours better too. We never know what anyone else is going through, so when being kind you might just be the thing someone has been looking for. If you would like to share your act of kindness, or share what someone has done for you write it down and give it to Mrs. Spillman. I, Leo the Leopard, will ask to put your story on the news (anonymously). Remember you never know what someone is going through, but a single positive action can turn someone's day, or week around!

Detective Pikachu

By Anna Strub



Many people know and love this send off for the end of Pokemon 3Ds generation 8 on the switch, Detective the Nintendo EShop recently released a free demo. The game costs \$38.99 on amazon prime, but if you go to Gamestop, (It's my recommendation) then you can buy a preowned one for a couple dollars less if you want to save money. In addition, at Gamestop if you have a sun and moon or ultra sun or moon, go to Gamestop while buying your Detective Pikachu and ask whomever is at the counter for a Make 2018 Legendary event card. Every month, there's an exclusive pokemon that you can get such as in June a SHINY ZYGARDE. You play as a talking Pikachu in Rhyme City. In order to get special hidden cut-scenes, get a pikachu amiibo! To learn more, Click here! <https://www.nintendo.com/games/detail/detective-pikachu-3ds>

iconic pokemon Pikachu! As a possible games and into the start of the new Pikachu came out on March 23rd and

Which teacher are you?

1. What is your favorite color?

- a. Gold
- b. Dark purple
- c. Teal
- d. Violet
- e. Blue

2. What job would you want?

- a. Teahouse owner
- b. Motivational speaker
- c. International event planner
- d. Tap dancer
- e. Animal sanctuary worker

3. What is your dream vacation?

- a. Cruise on the mediterranean
- b. Tahiti
- c. Hawaii
- d. Switzerland
- e. Galapagos Islands



4. What is your favorite animal?

- a. Lion
- b. flamingo
- c. leopard
- d. Dolphin
- e. Turtle

5. If you could go back in history and meet one person, who would it be?

- a. Martin Luther King jr.
- b. Elanor Roosevelt
- c. George Washington
- d. Abraham Lincoln
- e. Alexander the Great

6. What is your favorite electronic?

- a. Samsung phone
- b. Nothing, I'd rather read!
- c. other cell phone
- d. Apple watch
- e. iPhone

If you got mostly a's, you are most like Ms. Alston.

Miss Problem Solver

Dear Miss Problem Solver,

One of my best friends had turned on me and called me a snitch! I didn't talk to them for a week, but I miss them! Please help!

- Please Help

Dear Please Help,

Everyone has friend fights, so don't feel like you're the only one out there. Although you didn't tell us the source of the problem, the best thing to do is just tell her/him how you truly feel. Chances are, they feel the same way, but they might not want to show it. My best advice to you, is to just have a one on one without anyone else to influence him/her. As much as I hate to tell you, it's best to apologize even if you feel you did nothing. The words 'I'm sorry' always help.

- Miss Problem Solver

Parts of this letter have been edited and removed, but the response is based off the original letter.

Dear Miss Problem Solver,

Though it is rarely talked about among the kids of my generation, I would like to address the silent and growing problem of depression. I have seen a large bulk of it and so too have my friends. Not only does depression cause an intense problem among people, so does the distribution of 'Pawisitives'. 'Pawisitives' are used to reinforce good deeds. I had strived to get one for years. Then, a disgracefully crude person did the things I do every single day and gets rewarded for it.

- Insignificant Student Who **HAD** Dreams

Dear Significant Student,

First of all, I'd like to tell you that your problems are real; depression and depressive episodes are a real problem that we should all work to un-taboo. The best people to help someone with depression are (**complete honesty here**) professionals. The school counselors are always here (and quite frankly they're awesome!), if not them, talk to your parents. If not your parents, there are people who dedicate their lives and their careers to helping people with depression move forward.

Second of all, do *not* throw your life away. Anyone that hasn't noticed what you strive for is someone that should be frozen out of your mind. Keeping up your passions, hobbies, and good reputation will pay off in your life so much more than if you rid yourself of your personality for a few people who are truly insignificant.

Another thing- Pawisitives. It is, of course, disappointing when you put yourself out there with a goal and some troublemaker takes the prize. But think about this yourself; according to teachers, they give Pawisitives to troublemakers because they have *finally* accomplished a task that you seem to have mastered from the start; being a good student. If anything, I hope you find comfort from that, because it means that you are obviously the better and more advanced one. And knowing that, I don't think you need Positives for validation, because you know you're just that awesome. Try to talk to the S.G.A., they can help you. This is where students have a voice and discuss issues that affect our school.

Again, depression is a real problem, and I'm really glad you reached out to someone. It shows that you really have potential to overcome depression in the future, but until then, please do your best to have a healthy, and potent life. It'll do worlds of good. And remember, you are a very smart and good student and you get recognition from us. :)

-Miss Problem Solver

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