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## Best things to do at Dorney Park (For the daredevils)

By: Nitya R.

### 1. **DEMON DROP**

Warning: This ride is not for the faint-hearted.

Description:

If you are an extreme daredevil, the **DEMON DROP** is for you! In this ride, you will be dangling around 131 feet (about 10 stories) above the ground, and then without warning, you will be dropped 60 feet. And as science starts doing its job, you will enter a pull-out curve and end up lying down.

Constraints: Must be at least 48” inches

### 2. **ENTERPRISE**

Warning: Not for the faint-hearted.

Description:

There is a trend going on in this article, but again this ride is for people who love the adrenaline rush you get on rides and aren't scared. This ride will start pretty innocent, just spinning without flipping or anything yet. And then you will start spinning, faster, and faster until you get tipped up by the 80-foot hydraulic arm. It doesn't end there, you will keep turning even if flipped upside down. Once everybody starts getting way too scared and wants to get off the ride, it will stop.

Constraints: Must be at least 54” inches

### 3. **REVOLUTION**

Warning: This ride might be okay for the faint-hearted but it does spin in a circle, so if you have motion sickness, stay away.

Description:

This ride will start slowly, and then you and 31 other riders will experience a gravity-defying moment. Revolution swings you and the other riders at 65 feet in the air, around 6 stories high. The ride will fling you 120 degrees in both directions while it is rotating. And since everyone will be facing the inside, you'll be able to see everybody's terrified faces.

Constraints: Must be at least 48” inches

\*\*For more information about rides, visit: <https://www.dorneypark.com/rides-experiences>

## *Harrington 2022-2023 Memory Reflection*

By: Rose N.

Looking back on the 2022-2023 school year, we've had so many exciting events, experiences, and occasions. For our 8th graders who will be graduating soon, and the 7th graders who had their first year at Harrington, it appears to be a mostly successful school year. I asked a 7th and 8th grade homeroom class what their favorite memory from this school year was, so here are some of the responses.

There were some common responses such as the winter formal. Many students in both 7th and 8th grades enjoyed the dance. Another answer that came up multiple times was playing on school sports teams. Some of those answers were:

- "My favorite memory this year was playing for the Harrington field hockey team and being part of a group of people that all loved playing the game."
- "My favorite memory from the school year is playing school soccer for Mr. Corrado and Mr. Gearheart."
- "Going undefeated for the school basketball team."
- "Volleyball club."

The most frequent answer was making new friends. It's awesome how we can meet new people in our classes, on school sports teams, at lunch, and in clubs and become great friends at the end!

Other responses of favorite memories I received included:

- "The lunch table, friends, my science teacher/class, and my math class at the beginning of the year."
- "Mr. Lubin's fake run for presidency and how much of a big deal people made about it."
- "My favorite memory from the 2022-2023 school year is the day before winter break where we didn't do any work and I could hang out with my friends the whole day."
- "When the music team did concerts, and pajama day."
- "My favorite memory was P.E."

Let's finish this school year strong, and have an awesome summer!

### **PTSD Awareness Month**

By: Aarav S.

The month of June is PTSD Awareness Month. It was created to try raising awareness about PTSD and to encourage people with PTSD to get the help which they need. One way to

raise awareness for PTSD is to update your social media accounts and show you care! Also, you can inform your friends and family about PTSD. Another thing which you can do is organize a community walk or run for PTSD.

PTSD is where a person has trouble recovering after experiencing a traumatic event. Some events which can lead to PTSD include natural disasters, assault, combat and car accidents. If you have PTSD you are not alone. Millions of people worldwide suffer from this condition. PTSD is treatable by clinical psychologists and psychiatrists. PTSD does require a professional diagnosis. Some side effects of PTSD include the inability to maintain healthy relationships, the inability to trust others and low self-esteem. The types of PTSD include Uncomplicated PTSD, Complex PTSD and Comorbid PTSD. Some other conditions which are related to PTSD include Bipolar Disorder, Clinical Depression and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD). Some treatments include Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing and SSRIs.

## **FUN THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER**

*By Siena Slepian*

Summer vacation is almost here. There are only a few days left of school. This is a good thing, but summer can become very boring, especially if you have nothing to do. Therefore, here are some fun things to do, so you don't become bored this summer.

### **1. HAVE A TRAMPOLINE SLEEPOVER**

This is one of the most fun things you can do in the summer. The number 1 thing you will need for this is a trampoline! If you don't have one, try asking your friends that have one if they want to do this with you. To set this up, put blankets or sheets around the net or the outside of the trampoline. Next, put fairy lights over the sheets. Then, set up some blankets and pillows to sleep on. Now everything is complete! Grab a computer or tablet so you can watch a movie. Before you fall asleep, turn off the fairy lights so you can stargaze.

### **2. SET UP A SLIP N SLIDE**

This activity can be super funny! All you need for this one is soap and water. Most people usually use a tarp but if you don't have one that's fine. You can just put soap and water in the grass. It's fun to become all soapy and dirty, especially with your friends. It's also funny to see people wipe out and slide all over the place.

### **3. GO ON A HIKE**

This is the easiest thing to do on this list. All you need is your legs. You don't even have to go hike a mountain, you can just walk around in your neighborhood. If you want, you don't have to walk with anyone. You can just go by yourself, especially if you need to clear your head.

#### 4. MAKE A CANDY SALAD

Making candy salads have been pretty popular recently. They are delicious too. All you have to do is buy a bunch of different candy, cut it up, and put it in a bowl. This might be unhealthy, but who cares! It's summer!

#### 5. PLAY TWISTER WITH SHAVING CREAM

Playing twister with shaving cream may sound weird, but it can actually be really fun. Just put shaving cream on the spots, and play normal twister! It definitely is messy, but don't worry, it's easy to clean, and it's worth it.

## Country of the Month

By: Nitya R.

The lucky country for this month is Côte d'Ivoire!

Fun Facts about the Côte d'Ivoire(also known as The Ivory Coast):

1. Côte d'Ivoire's name comes from the 15th to 17th-century ivory trade.
2. It is the biggest cocoa bean producer in the world, producing over 2 million tons.
3. The country's most dominant and famous ethnic group, Baoule, was founded by Queen Poku. She was also known as Awura, Aura, or Abla Pokou.
4. Football is the country's national sport. The men's football team is nicknamed "the Elephants."
5. Côte d'Ivoire has two capital cities; Yamoussoukro and Abidjan.
6. With a population of 4,800,000; Côte d'Ivoire is the world's third-largest French-speaking city.
7. It has one of the world's shortest life expectancies, at just 57.4 years.
8. Côte d'Ivoire's official currency is the franc and 1 euro equals 655.957 francs.
9. Islam is the most dominant religion and has been present since the 11th century.
10. Independence Day is August 7th.



# June Happenings!

June 1- Dare Day	June 16- Bloomsday
June 2- American Indian Citizenship Day	June 17- Bunker Hill Day
June 3- National Bubbly Day	June 18- Father's Day
June 4- International Corgi Day	June 19- National Garfield the Cat Day
June 5- Constitution Day	June 20- National Ice Cream Soda Day
June 6- D-Day	June 21- Go Skateboarding Day
June 7- Daniel Boone Day	June 22- National Chocolate Eclair Day
June 8- National Best Friends Day	June 23- International Olympic Day
June 9- National Donald Duck Day	June 24- Farmer Day
June 10- National Egg Roll Day	June 25- Global Beatles Day
June 11- National Cancer Thriver Day	June 26- Forgiveness Day
June 12- Brazilian Valentine's Day	June 27- Decide to be Married Day
June 13- International Albinism Awareness Day	June 28- National Insurance Awareness Day
June 15- Global Wind Day	June 29- Fisherman's Day
	June 30- Cream Tea Day

## **Celebrating Juneteenth**

By Aarav S.

Known also as African American Independence Day, Jubilee Day, or Freedom Day, Juneteenth is a celebration of the emancipation of enslaved Black people in America. The reason why the holiday is specifically celebrated on June 19th is because on June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger informed the people of Galveston, Texas that the Civil War had ended and that all enslaved people were considered free. In Texas, Juneteenth has been an official holiday since 1979. In 2021, it was made a federal holiday. By 2019, 48 states including the District of Columbia recognized Juneteenth. By 2020, only Texas had adopted the holiday as a paid holiday for state employees. As of 2021, more states declared Juneteenth a paid holiday for state employees in Minnesota, Illinois, New York, Washington, and Virginia.

One way to celebrate Juneteenth is to have cookouts. Another way to celebrate Juneteenth is to serve red drinks. The red color symbolizes the blood shed by the slaves. You can also attend rodeos because the holiday originated in Texas. Attending street fairs is another popular method of celebrating Juneteenth. Slavery tore many families apart so family reunions are another way to celebrate. Juneteenth is such a wonderful holiday!

## **Father's Day**

By Jules G.

The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. Its existence was created mostly to follow up Mother's Day and include fathers. The interesting thing

is that men didn't even like the holiday. According to one historian, men "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself."

Throughout the next couple of decades, there was a push to try to merge both holidays together to make Parent's Day. However, that time was during the great depression, and it was better for the economy if there were two separate holidays. When WWII began, advertisers brought patriotism into the rink, saying that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

It was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father's Day 2023 will occur on Sunday, June 18. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts.



Here's some card ideas if you need some:

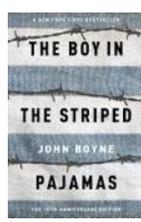
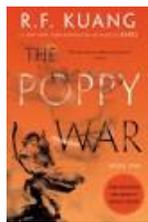
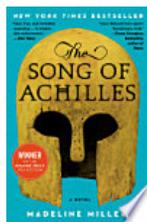


Happy Father's Day

## Comic by Jayden



# Perfectly Lighthearted and Totally Beach Read



## Books To Read

By: Joanna L.



### 1. *The Poppy War* trilogy by R.F. Kuang

There is absolutely no violence and no death and no devastation. Totally not a book about war and discrimination where the main character slowly loses her conscience.



### 2. *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner

A super fun memoir about the daughter reliving the adventures of her and her mom grocery shopping before she chased her dreams to be in a band.

### 3. *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller

Greek mythology is always a short and sweet read (mainly because the characters don't live that long).

### 4. *The Silence That Binds Us* by Joanna Ho

Mother and daughter bonds. The brother is definitely not dead. And the entire community is definitely not committing hate crimes to their family and all Asians.

### 5. *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher

Thirteen reasons why life is so amazing and why you should never give up, told via voice recordings by Hannah Baker.

### 6. *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne

The son of a Nazi officer and a Jewish prisoner in a concentration camp become friends, and change into striped pajamas before running away and living happily ever after.

# This Month in Science

By: Sanchita S.

## *Women in space...*

June 16, 1963: Cosmonaut (Russian astronaut, too many people don't know what a cosmonaut is) and parachutist (is that even a word...?) Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman in space when she flew aboard the Vostok 6.

Her trip lasted for three days - 70.8 hours - and during that time she made 48 orbits around Earth. Upon returning from her flight, she was recognized as a Hero of the Soviet Union, the union's highest honor for heroic deeds (yes, this was seen as heroic to them).

Look forward to more of *This Month in Science!* The last one of the school year! (Unless someone replaces me next year T - T). If you have any suggestions, please email

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## **2023 Girls Softball**

The 2023 Harrington Girl's Softball team just finished a very successful season. The team ended this season with an 8-2 record and made it to the playoffs. The Quarterfinals were played on May 11th against Beck Middle School and HMS walked away with a win (3-1). The girls then moved on to battle against and defeat Rosa Middle school (16-6) on May 16 in the semifinals. Unfortunately the season ended in a devastating loss in the championship game against Glen Landing. The members of this year's team were 8th graders Aileny A., Hanna A., Morgan E., Emily M., Erin S., Julissa G., Mackenzie S., Makenzie K., Kambry J., Sierra C., and 7th graders Casey W., Emma M., and Madison K. Great job, girls!! Good luck with your summer softball seasons!



# Taylor Swift: Aye or Nay (an opinion essay)

By Anika V.

Taylor Swift is a roaring success, and she's been monetizing millions from her recent Eras Tour. Taylor is beloved by her millions of adoring fans, but recent decisions have them questioning how far their loyalty should extend.

She has allegedly broken up with her longtime boyfriend of 6 years, Joe Alwyn, and now there's a new man in the picture supposedly. Member of the renowned band, The 1975, Matty Healy has been reportedly seen in Taylor Swift's hotel room and has attended numerous of her Eras Tour shows.

Whether the relationship between Taylor and Matty is merely platonic or romantic is undetermined, but the fact that she is giving Matty a platform and associating with him is what is causing disappointment from her fans. Matty Healy is everything Taylor supposedly is against; he is a racist, misogynist, and just incredibly unapologetic for his actions. Matty has stated that dating Taylor Swift would be "emasculating" which shows his misogynistic views. This was in 2016, and a lot can change from then to now, so we can't hold it against him. However, recent actions against Ice Spice seem to indicate that Matty hasn't changed very much.

Earlier this year on a podcast Matty trashed Ice Spice. He called her an Inuit ethnic slur, speculated on her ethnicity, mocked Asian and Hawaiian accents, and referred to her as dumb. Matty's actions are inexcusable, especially considering the 'apology' he provided. Matty said, "I just feel a bit bad, and I'm kind of sorry if I've offended you." This is one of the most unapologetic apologies I've ever heard. Matty only feels a bit sorry for offending multiple ethnic communities and seems only sorry that people were offended by his actions, not that he did them. His apology to his fans was promptly followed up by one to Ice Spice. "Ice Spice, I'm sorry. It's not because I'm annoyed that my joking got misconstrued. It's because I don't want Ice Spice to think I'm a dick. I love you, Ice Spice. I'm so sorry." This is another indication that he's not sorry for what he did because he claims that he was just joking and that his words get misconstrued, but how would Matty saying racist things be interpreted in a way that makes him not racist?

Matty may truly be apologetic for his actions and might regret them, but his apology seems very half-hearted as if he only did it for show. Taylor Swift has been friends with him for some years now, but recently Matty has become much more problematic and controversial. Due to Taylor's involvement with him, many fans have become upset by this. This is mainly due to Taylor's Miss Americana documentary.

In her documentary, Taylor expressed that she wished to use her platform to speak on political issues. She even broke down crying saying she was disappointed in herself for not speaking up, however, it seems that it was all for show. She has not spoken up at all recently about politics or Matty's actions. Her performative activism is disheartening and shows her true colors. The fact that she associates with Matty reveals that she must not be bothered by his offensive values and possibly shares some of them. In the words of Taylor herself, "You are what you love."

It's alright to be disappointed in Taylor, but some fans have gone to crazy lengths to express it. Some fans sent Taylor a signed letter regarding their disappointment which is insane. Those fans either have a parasocial relationship with her or are simply delusional. Now this doesn't mean you have to hate and cancel Taylor, but you should be disappointed in Taylor for her involvement with Matty. The same goes for Matty, he's not irredeemable, he just needs to show that he's truly sorry for what he did. Now whether or not you agree with me on Matty Healy and Taylor Swift, there is no question that the fandom will be torn through this controversy.

# Who's a Good Boy?

By Aiden, The Writer

Find Chapter Five in [May's Paper](#).

## Chapter Seven

### More Bark Than Bite

Emily was sweating bullets. *Alright, just one more class. What could possibly go wrong!?* She thought to herself. The class was only unorganized noise, but then she heard **him**.

"... and then I blew into the whistle, and it didn't make a noise," Olie said.

"Isn't that a dog whistle?" Someone around him mentioned, "They make a noise that we can't hear."

"Dog whistle! Why would that idiot have a dog whistle?" Olie asked. The whole room was now is only talking about that whistle

Emily gulped, quickly took her seat and tried to not make any eye contact. She put her head down and ignored everyone. She (almost) **doesn't care anymore**. Today has been **exhausting**.

"Hey, you're the new student, Bingo?" The teacher, Mrs. Deer asked Bingo, who was still standing by the doorway. She pointed to a seat that happened to ever so *conveniently* be right in the middle, and it also had to be in front of the three people that he didn't want to be even fifty feet around. Bingo sighed. *The day is almost over anyway. It couldn't get worse.* He thought with an uneasy smile.

Mrs. Deer shouted, "**Class please settle down.**" The small crowd got quiet. "Alright we will go over the notes from yesterday," t he teacher said with a slightly calmer voice. "Any questions right now?"

"Here's one," Olie asked, interrupting the poor teacher, "Bingo, why the heck would your stupid sister have a dog whistle with her?"

"I-i-It's a g-good luck charm!" Emily said right after he asked the dreaded question.

"Hey **idiot** no one asked about your **freaking** opinion!"

"**I'm not scared of writing you up! Watch your language.**" A furious Mrs. Deer fumed.

Bingo, who was about **to lose it**. "The day is almost over, just please, I beg you. Leave **me** and **my sister** alone!" He spoke with a dog's growl. The bullies mocked back with their own growls. Giggles flooded the room. *IT WILL BE FINE. THE DAY WILL BE OVER. IT WILL BE...* was the only thing he could think.

"**Class, settle down,**" Mrs. Deer said, "**Please stop laughing!**" but it all seemed to make everyone talk louder. Some were shouting stuff like, "Dumb Dog", "Stupid Mutt" and, "Flea Bag". Some were asking him if wanted dog treats, dog toys, and bowls of dog food. Some were barking, woofing, and **even more** growling! "**Class Settle Down, NOW!**" Mrs. Deer shouted, "**I won't be A-afraid of writing ALL of you up!!**" Noone listened. Everything got louder and louder and louder.

Bingo slammed his fists on his desk. The booming bang stunned everyone and there was a deafening silence. He got up from his seat, "You three pathetic

pieces of trash." The Bullies took a few steps. He continued, "You don't ever stop talking bad about me or Emily." He stepped closer to the bullies.

"We're sorry we'll let sleeping dogs lie," Sam said.

"Yeah we don't want to bark up the wrong tree." Olie said as he started to snicker. Then all three started to snicker, as if they couldn't stop, even if their lives depended on it.

Bingo growled and gave a murderous look. Everyone chanted, "**FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!...**"

Bingo ran and leaped with two legs and landed on Olie with four. Amy and Sam ran away from their friend who is now on the floor. Everyone was shocked, most gasped, the transformation was sudden, a-blink-and-miss-it moment.

Emily got up and was going to drag her now furry brother off the guy. But Mrs. Deer's trembling arm stopped her.

"I-I can't let you get close and it, I mean, he, might hurt you." She said still shaking and stunned from shock. All everyone could hear was loud barking from the hound, with Olie scared for his life.

"I'm sorry! Alright I'm **SORRY!** Pleeeseee. Just get off mmmeeeeeee!" Olie yelled, almost tearing up.

Bingo's muzzle was up close, anyone could have seen his sharp dog teeth when he growled.

Emily's mind was in a panic. Forget about keeping a secret, she had make sure that no one got hurt! "STOP! Bingo please listen to me. You're scaring everyone!" As if a lightbulb lit up in her head "Bad Dog! Bad Bingo!" Why did she not think of this sooner! All of a sudden, he stopped. He ran to Emily, sat, and turned back into himself. He looked at Emily.

"I'm sorry," That was the only thing he could think to say. He had messed up so badly. Emily was going to kill him.

Next few things were a blur, that last few minutes of class, and the ride home. Emily and Bingo were thinking the same thing. *They know now. Now what?* The realization of that shocked them. Two didn't even say anything. They didn't argue about it. Just thinking about tomorrow.

The next day, once they made it to school, there were a lot of murmurs, really unbelievable rumors, of the boy that turned into a dog. Day went by, people keeping their distance. During lunch the two didn't even bother going to Mrs. Ferret for lunch and walked into the lunchroom. The girl walked up, looked all nervous, "H-hey y-your Bingo? Right?" She asked, stuttering.

"Yes," Bingo sigh, "Yes the rumors are-"

"Not," Emily cutted in, "They aren't. Who dared you to talk to us?"

"N-n-No one. I'm just curious bec-cause y-you just seem so lonely. E-even if th-they are true. Want to be fri-ends?" There was a look of genuine kindness when she said that.

"Like I was going to say, the rumors are true, if you believe in magic." Bingo said with a smile, "By the way what is your name?"

"Catherine," she said. "but I go by Cat."

"Great to talk to you Cat." Bingo smiled and turned into a dog again. The first thing Cat did was pet his head and said "Who's a Good Boy?"

## Making a Milkshake, Because it is June

Cosmo

Since it's June, I don't really have enough brain power and motivation juice to run and create an article about, "Oh wow! How not to spend a summer!" So do you know what I CAN do? Tell you how to make a milkshake. Crazy, right? So let me write this article and watch as you continue to fail to make a milkshake. That was a joke. By the way.

So obviously, the first step is to grab whatever you want to put into it and a blender. You need milk, ice cream, and if you want, some other stuff. The other stuff listed are fruit, syrup, or maybe just sweet stuff.. It really doesn't matter what ice cream you take with you, just whatever flavor you want. The milk is a whole different story though. Sorry, lactose intolerant people, but I guess you have to find some other milk.

The second step is to put the milk and the ice cream (and perhaps that other stuff you snatched out of your fridge) into a blender. If you don't have a blender, then what are you doing here? A good way to put in the ice cream and milk is to set it to a ratio of one cup of ice cream, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of milk. Does it matter? Yes, but also no. You can just eyeball it until you get the consistency that you prefer. It kind of doesn't matter how much you put in as well. As long as you like it, then you like it.

Now, you use technology. Woo... You plug in your blender, obviously. If you still don't have a blender, you may need to just use your muscle strength and handmix your concoction. You should be able to just blend it for around a minute, then it'll come out as a milkshake. But if you don't have a good blender, then it'll take a little longer. It may come out as chunky too, and personally, I don't like chunky. I tend to choke on liquids that have chunks in them. It should come out to be smooth, but if you want a more not smooth milkshake, then just blend it for less time.

Okay, now this requires arm strength. Unless you scoop it up with a ladle or just drink from the container for the blender. You need to pour the milkshake out into a cup. Yes, how did you know? You don't dump it onto your countertop or into a plant pot, it goes into a cup. So make sure that you can lift the container from the blender with your milkshake mix. When I tried to lift it up and pour it, I almost dumped it all over the floor. The funny part is, I can easily lift up a bowl full of heavy brownie mix, but then my arms decide not to work with me when it comes to these little blender containers with liquid.

Now that you have poured this milkshake into your cup or glass, you are done. Psyche, you may not be done. If you want to get fancy, you can put whipped cream onto your milkshake. Restaurant style, of course. And then put whatever you want into that whipped cream, maybe some sprinkles (I do not believe they are called jimmies), or chocolate syrup, or maybe a cherry. Then, stab a straw into the milkshake like it took your last chocolate bar. Volia, you have a fancy milkshake in your glass cup now! At least you can do that. The farthest I got into the fanciness was putting a little whipped cream on top, then realizing I did not know how to work the whipped cream container.

And there is how you make a milkshake. Are you going to make one?, When you are thirsty and you only have milk, ice cream, and a blender, you can make a milkshake.