

# Paw Prints

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## - Culture Fest 2024 -

By: Sophia K.

What countries were represented?

- Philippines
- Vietnam
- Egypt
- Afghanistan
- Bulgaria
- Brazil
- China
- India
- Malaysia
- England



What food trucks were there?

- Brotherly Love Cheesesteak Spring Roll Co.
- Spirit of San Juan
- Mister Softee
- And more!

There were Japanese Drummers, Indian Dances, and other performances that night! There was also a DJ playing great music! Overall, the night was great and full of positive vibes!



## Juneteenth Celebration

By Rose N.

Many people have heard of Juneteenth, but might not know exactly what it is. Created in 1865 and currently still celebrated, Juneteenth holds an important day of recognition every year. While school may be out for the summer for this celebration, it's important to honor the day.

The history of Juneteenth dates back more than 150 years ago. On the eve of January 1st, 1863, also known as Freedom's Eve, tons of people, both enslaved and free African Americans gathered in churches across the country. They were awaiting President Abraham Lincoln to put the Emancipation Proclamation into place. That night at midnight, freedom was granted to all enslaved people in the Confederate States. Union soldiers, many of whom were African American, went around cities in the South sharing the great news of freedom.

Although this was a huge step in American history, there were still many enslaved people in the country. The Emancipation Proclamation was put in place in 1863, but could not be effective yet in states under Confederate control. Because of this, the westernmost Confederate state, Texas, still had many people who were enslaved and would not be freed until later on.

On June 19th, 1865, those people were finally freed. About 2,000 Union troops went to Galveston Bay, Texas. They announced that those 250,000+ enslaved people in the state were free by executive decree. The army that went to Galveston Bay created a national day, now called Juneteenth because of the day the army arrived on June 19th.

From 1865 to 1877, the country worked to have a period of Reconstruction, post-emancipation. This time put hope all through the country, but was also a struggle to bring everyone together. The twelve years consisted of restoring families, establishing schools, running for political office, pushing radical legislation, and even suing slaveholders for compensation. The changes made by the end of this period were amazing. African Americans were inspired and empowered to have their lives and country changed.

Juneteenth shows that you can't give up hope in times when you might be uncertain. Its legacy will live on for many years to come, along with sharing its historical events. Today, there are many ways to respectfully recognize the day. You can learn even more information and history about Juneteenth. You can explore the history, art, culture, etc. of African Americans. Many places also host festivals, parades, and concerts in honor of Juneteenth. Also, wearing the color red symbolizes the bloodshed of enslaved ancestors and pays respect to those who died during the Atlantic slave trade.

Although the 13th Amendment did end slavery, it ended it completely across the country through ratification of the Senate and House of Representatives. The Emancipation Proclamation only freed those in the rebelling states, which are specifically listed in the Proclamation. Both the Proclamation and the 13th Amendment suggested similar things, but the Emancipation Proclamation was out just about two years before the 13th Amendment got ratified.

Juneteenth is important because it shows strength across the country and why we shouldn't give up. We continue to remember how 250,000+ enslaved people in Texas were freed by the U.S. Army 58,063 days ago. The nation and its people rebuilt the country so it was stronger and more united than ever.

# 3 Most Unexpected Players In The MLB Right Now

By Aashray S.

## **#3: Alec Bohm**

Alec Bohm is an integral part of the Phillies lineup currently. With Harper in the middle of a slump, the rest of the Phillies offense is tasked to cut some slack for Harper. Alec Bohm has not disappointed in this task. He is fourth in the league for RBIs with 50 and has one of the highest on-base percentages in the league. He is one of the biggest parts of the Phillies winning record, clearly. Alec Bohm has always been an average player for the Phillies. He has above-average defense and offense. However, this year he has unexpectedly broken out earning himself the cleanup hitter role.

## **#2 : Gunnar Henderson**

Similar to Alec Bohm, Gunnar Henderson has been a vital member of the Baltimore Orioles. Henderson was an important player for the Orioles breakout season last year. He has always been known to hit for contact and play good defense. However, this year Gunnar Henderson has really popped off. He is definitely hitting for more power as he is tied for second place in most home runs hit so far with 19. Gunnar Henderson is arguably the best hitter in baseball right now.

## **#1: Mason Miller**

Mason Miller is the best closer in the game right now. This rookie has shocked the league. Miller has a shocking ERA of 2.08 and is really the only sign of hope for the Athletics. With a fastball that can reach a speed of 103 mph and a nast wipeout slider, Mason Miller is an unhittable pitcher. Despite his numbers not being the best, I'm sure he would have more saves than what he has if he wasn't playing for one of the worst offenses in baseball. Mason Miller is a bright young star, with an amazing future ahead of him.

# Harrington's 8th Grade Dance

By Siena S.

Harrington's 8th grade dance was a blast this year. Between the food, dancing, music, and photo booth, everyone seemed to be having a great time. If you are a 7th grader, or just didn't go, here is a review of what the dance looked like.

## *The Food*

I think everyone can agree that the food was amazing at the dance. There were tons of candy, chips, and even Chick-fil-A. The drinks that had been served were water and lemonade. The water ice was also to die for. I myself had multiple cups of it. However, the best part about the food was that it was all free. You could take unlimited chick-fi-la nuggets without having to pay a single penny.

### *The Photo Booth*

The photo booth was one of the most fun parts of the dance. You could choose a funny sign to hold up, while the photo booth took a picture of you and your friends. You could then put your number into the photo booth and have it send the pictures that it took of you. This wasn't your typical photo booth, since it was a digital one. I sent the pictures to my phone and was also able to see everyone else's photos, which was pretty cool.

### *What People Wore*

The theme of the dance was aloha or, a luau. There were Hawaiian decorations everywhere, so of course people wanted to match. Most girls wore formal mini-dresses with either heels or sneakers. Most boys wore Hawaiian shirts, while some wore suits. Lei's were handed out, and it was hard to find someone not wearing one. Everyone overall looked great and seemed to have put a lot of time and effort into their outfits.

As an eighth grader, this was one of the best dances at Harrington. Some people may say the food or photo booth was the best part, but the best part really is the memories people made. There was dancing, laughing, and smiles all around. It was a great way for eighth graders to end off their last year of middle school. Thank you to the HMS PTO for giving us such a great party and a night we will not soon forget.

## **June National Holidays**

By Liv D

I know you've missed my national holidays so much, so I decided to give you some more :) Make sure you celebrate them, for me <3.

June 1: Dare Day, Go Barefoot Day

June 3: Repeat Day, Repeat Day, Repeat Day

June 4: Hug Your Cat Day, National Cheese Day

June 8: Name Your Poison Day

June 9: Donald Duck Day

June 14: Monkey Around Day

June 15: Hollerin' Contest Day, Global Wind Day, World Juggler's Day

June 16: Cannoli Day, National Fudge Day

June 18: International Panic Day, National Splurge Day

June 19: National Kissing Day, Mt Laurel NO MORE SCHOOL Day

June 21: National Selfie Day

June 28: International Body Piercing Day, National Food Truck Day

June 29: Hug Holiday, International Mud Day, Waffle Iron Day

You're welcome for these glorious national holidays that I *know* you will celebrate with me... Have a great summer pookies! 🍪

# Tips For Incoming Eighth Graders

By: Aarav S

Are you a seventh grader who's entering eighth grade next year? You might be feeling various emotions. You might be excited, nervous, or maybe even scared. Don't worry! I have asked many eighth-grade teachers for tips they have for seventh-graders entering eighth grade. Here are the tips I have received, to help prepare you:

- It's very important to stay organized. I recommend having a folder for each subject instead of sharing a folder with multiple subjects. This will help when you need to study for a test or use your notes to assist you with an assignment.
- This is your last year in middle school - this is the year to work hard and form good habits before heading off to high school!
- Be willing to try and be wrong and learn from your mistake
- Take your time
- Do your best
- Be on time to class prepared with your pencil, charged laptop, and books. Do not be on your cell phone. Please have manners and speak respectfully. The rest should be easy if you try your best!
- Do your work, and get to class on time.
- Be organized! Use a planner and make sure you are on top of it! Organization leads to less stress!

- Take risks and try new things! Join a club or a sport you've never played before...you might find something you absolutely love, and you might even find a new friend or two!! Getting involved makes the year much more enjoyable.
- Stay on top of your work! Ask questions if you have them! Be proactive. Your teachers are here to support you but you need to put forth the effort to be successful. Good luck!
- "Be brave enough to be bad at something new!" Everyone has to start somewhere!

# Summer Bucketlist

By: Sophia Koltchev

Do you need any ideas to plan the perfect summer? Here is the article that will give you ideas that cost little to no money, but you'll still have a lot of fun!

## Atlantic City Boardwalk:

Cost: Free

What to do: There are amusement park rides, restaurants, shops, and many more! You can also watch the sunset from the pier!

## Grounds for Sculpture:

Cost:

Children - \$12 per person

Adults - \$25 per person

What to do: There is a path with unique and eclectic sculptures! At the entrance, you can find a little shop with a cafe, and there is a fancy French restaurant onsite, with delicious food!!

## Liberty State Park

Cost: Free

What to do: There are boating and canoeing rentals on the Hudson River and New York Bay. You can also find picnic areas, food stands, playgrounds, biking/hiking trails, and many more!

## Lakota Wildlife Preserve:

Cost: \$15 per person

What to do: There is an observation area, where you can look at four different beautiful wolf packs.

## Jersey Shore Alpacas:

Cost: Between \$25-35 for a group of between 1-4 people

What to do: Jersey Shore Alpacas is a farm with many alpacas. You can feed the alpacas, and learn their names!

### **Cape May Zoo:**

Cost: Free

What to do: There are many animals, from red pandas to giraffes, to zebras, everything is there! There is also a restaurant and a cafe there.

### **Princeton University**

Cost: Free

What to do: At the university, you can walk around the Victorian architecture. There are also public lectures, which are all free!

### **Island Beach State Park**

Cost: Free

What to do: During the summer months, you can swim at the beach! You can also fish, sunbathe, and surf!

## **Celebrating the Retirement of Ms. Coffield, Ms. Figura, Ms. Moazamian, and Ms. Poulton**

By Paw Prints Staff

The end of the school year often brings mixed emotions as students and staff say goodbye to beloved teachers. This year, we say goodbye to four outstanding educators who have dedicated their lives to teaching here at Harrington: Ms. Coffield, Ms. Figura, Ms. Moazamian, and Ms. Poulton. Each of these remarkable women has made significant contributions to our school community, leaving behind a legacy that will be remembered for years to come.

These four teachers have dedicated their careers to HMS. Ms. Coffield and Ms. Figura have been cornerstones of the math department for over 30 years. Ms. Poulton has been a 7th and 8th grade ELA teacher for 30+ years, and Ms. Mo has been sharing her passion for teaching foreign languages for decades. All of these teachers have been advocates for their students and worked hard to make Harrington a fun place to be.

While it is difficult to say goodbye, we are excited for Ms. Coffield, Ms. Figura, Ms. Moazamian, and Ms. Poulton as they embark on this new chapter of their lives. We wish them all the best in their retirement and hope they enjoy their well-deserved time of rest and relaxation. Their contributions to our school will always be remembered, and they will be greatly missed by all.

## **Book Review**

By: Dhanshika S



Do you want to read a realistic fiction romance book about a girl coming of age? If yes, the book *The Summer I Turned Pretty* by Jenny Han is for you. Isabella-Belly, is a girl who is stuck between two best friends, both of whom she has feelings for. She is having a hard time finding a boyfriend because her best friend Taylor, loves her brother Steven and had a crush on him since forever.

I would recommend this book for ages 12–16. I wouldn't prefer this book for ages under 12 because most of them have not come of age yet, hence this book isn't that understandable. I would say this book is not for people above 16 because this book revolves around teenagers and the target audience is for them, not adults.

What I like about this book is that the author used descriptive details, and imagery to paint the scene. Not only that, but she uses the first person point of view to help the reader fully understand the thoughts and feelings of Belly.

Overall, I would rate this book 5 out of 5 stars. This is because the story is relatable, and the author is talented and descriptive. I would recommend reading this book during a hot summer day at the beach.

## **National Donald Duck Day**

By Will W.



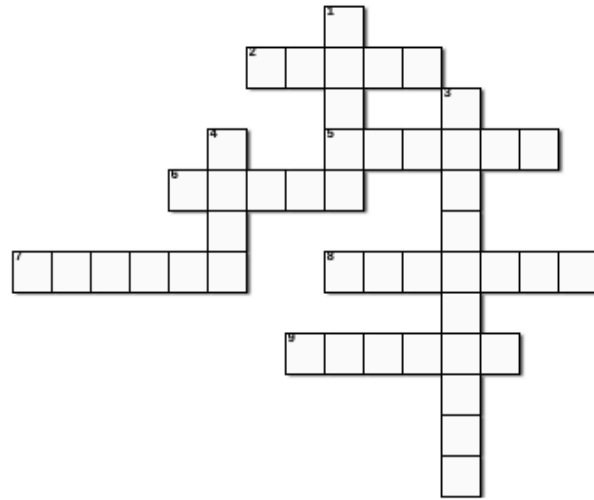
June 9th is National Donald Duck Day. On June 9th, 1934, Donald Duck was introduced as an edgier character to balance out Mickey Mouse's charm. In 1942 Donald served as the main protagonist of multiple anti-German propaganda films. In 1943 he won an Academy Award for his performance in "Der Fuehrer's Face". Since his introduction, he has been present in over 225 movies and television series. He has been



in 7 feature films, more than any of the other characters in the Mickey Mouse franchise. Donald Duck's iconic voice comes from his original voice actor, Clarence Nash, attempting to mimic his pet goat. In 1947, Walt Disney approved Donald Duck as the inspiration for the Oregon Fighting Ducks mascot. In 1978 Donald Duck was banned in Finland due to his lack of pants. In 2004 he was given his own star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. This beloved pop culture figure has remained the most published non-superhero character. Donald Duck is a truly vital part of not just American culture but also the world.

# June Puzzles

By: Emily Asciutto



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net



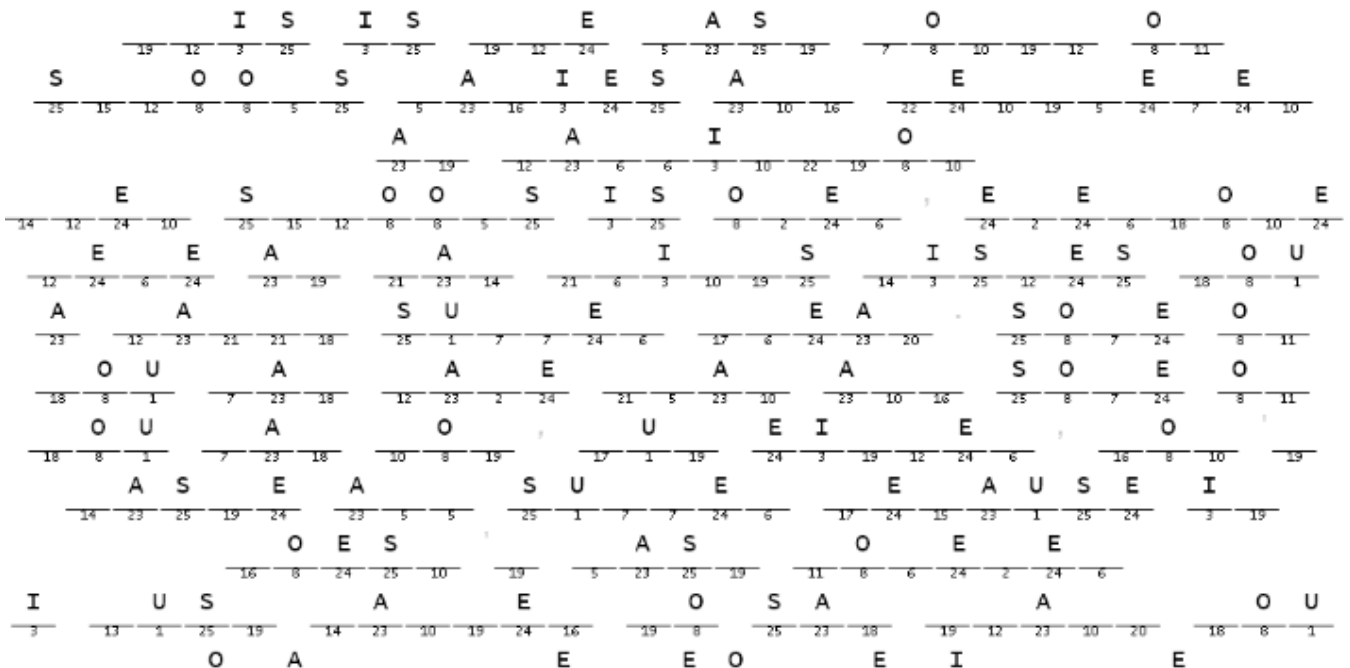
## Across

2. this dog is celebrated on June 4th
5. this pastry is celebrated on June 7th, for it's sprinkles and icing on top
6. This piece of soft chocolate is celebrated on June 16
7. some 8th graders will be going to \_\_\_\_\_ High School next year
8. In June, the \_\_\_\_\_ of school ends and everyone goes on their summer break
9. the season of fun in the pool and staying home for 3 months

## Down

1. we have the \_\_\_\_\_ parade in June, where we have a rainbow party
3. this holiday celebrates the end of slavery in the United States after the Civil War
4. the month is

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# Kirby's Final Check-In

By: Someone named Shawn

**Hey!**

It's June! You're almost there, and you're doing so well! But of course, not every day is like that. Especially, since it's the end of the year. There definitely will be days where you just feel out of it. Like you're stuck in a quicksand pit and can't get out, not even if you try. Well, if you're having one of those days, see if you could fill out the fields below. Take your time, no pressure!

How are you feeling right now?

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Why are you feeling that way?

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Stop, take a deep breath in. Then take a deep breath out, and read these words:

I am unique.

I am important.

I am a good person.

I can do anything.

From here, just take your life one step at a time, keep on keeping on, and even if you're not quite at 100%, just do the best that you can do, and that's plenty enough. It was nice meeting you! Enjoy your summer, there won't be another one like it!

## **Celebrate Father's Day with some Dad Jokes**



- **What do you call a pudgy psychic? A four-chin teller.**
- **Why did the lobster blush? Because it saw the ocean's bottom!**
- **Why did the coach go to the bank? To get his quarterback.**
- **What do you get from a pampered cow? Spoiled milk.**
- **Why did the baby strawberry cry? Because its mother was in a jam.**

- What kind of car does a sheep like to drive? A *Lamborghini*.
- Why do melons have weddings? Because they cantaloupe.
- What does a nosey pepper do? It gets jalapeño business.
- What do you call two octopuses that look the same? Itenticle.
- How does Darth Vader like his toast? On the dark side.

## Summer Spend

By Shreya

During the summer, there are always so many fun activities and opportunities. However, one thing usually gets in the way of doing all of these activities. MONEY. Everything is expensive and sometimes it is impossible to be able to afford the things we want to do. You can't always count on someone to just hand you the cash, so you need to be able to make a little moolah on your own. Below is a list of jobs that you could do to bring home the bacon and be able to afford all of the things on your summer bucket list.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog walking</li> <li>• Lemonade stand</li> <li>• Lawn Mowing</li> <li>• Babysit</li> <li>• Fence painting</li> <li>• House Cleaning</li> <li>• Tutoring</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garage Sale/sell unwanted items</li> <li>• Fix and clean bikes</li> <li>• Make and Sell t-shirts</li> <li>• Watering plants/house sitting</li> <li>• Investing</li> <li>• Chores</li> <li>• Car washing</li> </ul> |
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## Country of the Month

- Thailand -

By: Sophia K.

Here are some interesting facts about Thailand!

- Thailand's population is 66.1 million people - as of 2020.
- The area is 513,120 square kilometers, about the same size as France.
- Thailand is the only country in Southeast Asia that was never colonized by England!

- The capital city is Bangkok. In the Thai language, Bangkok is “Krung Thep Maha Nakorn Amon Rattanakosin Mahinthara Ayuthaya Mahidol Pop Noppharat Ratchathani Burirom Udomratchawiwet Mahasathan Amon Phiman Awatan Sathit Sakkathattiya Witsanukam Prasit.”
- Between 90-95% of the population identifies themselves as Buddhists.
- Thailand's National Bird is the Siamese Fireback. Though it isn't common, it can be seen in the Khao Yai National Park!
- On the streets of Thailand, you can find people eating...
  - a. Pad Thai (Noodles with Shrimp, Peanuts, Scrambled Eggs, and Bean Sprouts)
  - b. Tom Yum Goong (Hot and Sour Shrimp Soup)
  - c. Kaeng Lueang (Yellow Curry)
  - d. Gaeng Daeng (Red Curry)
  - e. Gaeng Keow Wan Gai (Green Curry)
  - f. Khao Soi (Coconut Curry Noodle Soup)
- The largest flower in the world can be found in Thailand! The Rafflesia can grow up to a diameter of 35.4 inches, and 15 lbs!
- The smallest mammal in the world can be found near the Khwae Noi River, known as the Kitt's Hog-Nosed Bat! This tiny bat weighs only 2 grams, and is about an inch long!

### Hello Reader!

Thanks for picking up this issue of Paw Prints! I hope you enjoyed this issue! Our writers really put their heart and soul into writing this one, and all the other ones before that. However, we regret to inform you that this is our final issue of the 2023/2024 school year. . Behind the scenes, we gathered a team of Harrington's top writers and got them together for two meetings a month. (Some even working after hours), and brought this paper to the press! But it all starts with you. You're the whole reason we even did all of this. And even if this is your first time reading, we are so happy you were here with us to hear the craziest unfinished (And still unfinished) stories, the most unhinged interviews, and learn with us about countries, celebrations, movies, books, commercials mental health, Donald Duck and so much more. Some of us will be back for more next year, some will move on, and more and more writers will be coming in (You could even be one of them!). So thank you. Thanks for giving us a chance.

- The Paw Prints Staff

