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MAY 2023

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AND THE WINNER IS.....



BY ANIKA V.

For the third year in a row, the Harrington's Battle of the Books team has come away with a big victory! On April 25th, Harrington's team traveled to Northern Burlington Middle School to compete against 13 other middle schools in the county. The battle was a competitive one, but HMS came out on top! Westhampton Middle School took second place and Medford Lakes walked away with third place. Congratulations to Emily D., Sam G., Julianna B., Ethan B., and Abigail B. for bringing home this year's win, and to Ms. Gallagher for leading them into battle!

This Month in Science

By: Sanchita S.

Fruit flies, dogs...and now monkeys?? Can things get more weird..?...

May 28, 1959: Two monkeys. One rocket. Zero brain cells left.

On this May day in 1959, two monkeys, Able and Baker, became the first ever living beings to survive a trip to outer space.

The monkeys were launched from the East Space Missile Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. They traveled on a Jupiter rocket to an altitude of 360 miles, which is well up in space.

Look forward to more of *This Month in Science!* If you have any suggestions, please email SSubramaniam414@mtlaurelschools.org



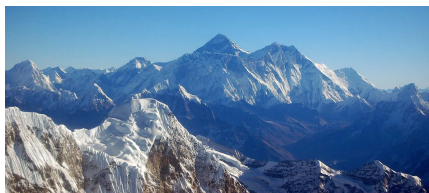
🌍 Country of the Month 🌍

By: Nitya R.

The lucky country of the month is Nepal!

Fun Facts:

1. Nepal has over 80 ethnic groups residing in the country who speak more than 123 languages. 🗣️
2. Nepal's capital, Kathmandu, was formerly a lake per Nepalese mythology and scientific studies. 🌊
3. Elephant polo originated in Nepal; while the game is usually played with horses, Nepal plays polo with elephants. 🐘
4. It has 26 protected animal species. These include snow leopards, Bengal tigers, red pandas, yaks, spotted deer, and many more. 🐅
5. Nepal's constitution is considered new because it was made in 2015. 🗳️
6. The national sport is Volleyball; however, Nepal has never won an Olympic medal. 🏐
7. The railway system in Nepal is just 59 kilometers long. 🚆
8. Nepal's landscape consists of the highest lake, the highest peak, the deepest lake, the highest valley, and the deepest gorge. 🏔️
9. Lumbini is considered to be the birthplace of Buddha. 🌸
10. Nepal has one of the world's slowest internet speeds at 6.4 Mbps. 📶



Terrible One Line Summaries

(but they're actually good books and I recommend)

AAPI Edition

By: Joanna L.

1. *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang

White girl gets rich from an unpublished book written by her Asian best friend, and deludes herself into thinking she's a good person until she goes crazy seeing her best friend's ghost everywhere.

2. *Babel: An Arcane History* by R.F. Kuang

Boy goes through grueling training and abuse for years to play around with words and silver bars to help Britain colonize the world.

3. *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner

Girl cries whenever she goes grocery shopping at the local Korean store and regrets acting like a witch to her mom before she died.

4. *The Girl That Fell Beneath the Sea* by Axie Oh

Purposefully, a girl drowns herself in the sea and accidentally entangles herself with the Sea God (not Poseidon because this is Korean mythology) but ends up falling in love with his flat, 2D bodyguard instead.

5. *Six Crimson Cranes* by Elizabeth Lim

Girl with a bowl on her head works with a paper crane and a child dragon to save her brothers from their evil stepmother, and get the bowl off her head.

6. *A Magic Steeped in Poison* by Judy I. Lin

Political intrigue with betrayals over magical tea, and a rigged competition to find the greatest magic tea brewer.

Handmade Mother's Day Gift Ideas

By: Aarav S

Looking for something easy and cheap to give the mom in your life. Well, look no further. Showing your mom that you love her doesn't have to involve a lot of money... remember it's the thought that counts.

Wooden Jewelry Boxes

Materials:

Wooden Boxes

Paint

Knot-Buttons

Glue



Directions:

1. Paint the top of the wooden boxes
2. Paint the knot-buttons
3. Glue the knot-buttons on the top of the boxes

Self-Portrait

Materials:

Photo of Yourself

Sheet of Heavyweight Paper

Glue

Crayons or Colored Pencils



Directions:

1. Cut the photo in half
2. Glue it on the paper
3. Mirror the other half of the photo with crayons or colored pencils

🌿 May Happenings! 🌿

By Yas B

May 1- May day	May 16- Love a Tree Day
May 2- Baby Day	May 17- Pack Rat Day
May 3- Bike to School day	May 18- International Museum Day
May 4- Bird Day	May 19- Boy's Club Day
May 5- Cinco de Mayo	May 20- Amelia Earhart Day, Armed Forces Day
May 6- Beverage Day	May 21- National Memo Day
May 7- Nation Tourism Day	May 22- Buy a Musical Instrument Day
May 8- Iris Day	May 23- Lucky Penny Day
May 9- Lost Sock Memorial Day	May 24- International Tiara Day
May 10- Clean Up Your Room Day	May 25- National Missing Children's Day
May 11- Eat What You Want Day	May 26- Don't Fry Day
May 12- Fatigue Syndrome Day, International Nurse Day	May 27- Sun Screen Day
May 13- Mother's Day	May 28- National Hamburger Day
May 14- Dance like a Chicken Day	May 29- Memorial Day
May 15- National Chocolate Chip Day	May 30- International Jazz Day
	May 31- National Macaroon Day

R.F. Kuang Day

By: Joanna L.

Literary genius

noun

1. R.F. Kuang

Similar: Rebecca F. Kuang, Becky Kuang, academic genius, literary talent

May 29 is officially R.F. Kuang Day!

R.F. Kuang, born Rebecca F. Kuang, is the author of *The Poppy War* trilogy, *Babel Or the Necessity Of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution*, *Yellowface*, and two more upcoming novels in a double book deal with HarperCollins. At only 26 years old, she is an award-winning and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author (The Poppy War Trilogy & Babel). Not to mention she has a Master of Philosophy degree in Chinese Studies from Cambridge and a Master of Science degree in Contemporary Chinese Studies from Oxford; now pursuing a PhD at Yale in East Asian Languages and Literatures. If you can't tell by now, she's Chinese-American.

While her work ranges from fantasy to contemporary, she leans heavily into her ethnic background, writing from a historical perspective of the colonization and oppression people of color and women of color went through (and still go through). Her 2022 publication, *Babel*, was set in a 1820s Britain that is heavily dependent on a magic called silver-working. It follows the story of Robin, a Chinese boy brought to Britain as a young boy, who was trained to one day study at Oxford's prestigious Royal Institute of Translation—aka Babel. There, he learns the inner workings of how Britain became the most powerful empire in the world, but when the government is working to start a war with China over silver and opium, Robin learns that Babel is not the utopia he dreamed of. Kuang explores themes of racism, sexism, xenophobia, colonial resistance, and revolutions.

Her most recent book, *Yellowface*, takes a more contemporary satirical approach to Asian American issues: told in the first person POV of June Hayward, a failed author, and her life after she steals the manuscript of her dead Chinese friend, a rising literary star. Kuang basically picks apart the racism deeply rooted in the entire publishing industry, writing it so well that HarperCollins had no choice but to publish it.

Her birthday, May 29th—hence the holiday date—falls perfectly toward the end of AAPI Heritage Month. There is no question that R.F. Kuang is the epitome of AAPI representation.

The Eras Tour: What to Wear?

By Anika V.

Taylor Swift's Eras Tour is quickly moving across the country and in just 4 days she performs her first show in Philly. The tour is the highest grossing tour in U.S history, earning Taylor an estimate of 620 million dollars. She'll be performing 44 songs, 2 of which will be surprise songs. The songs that will be played are from 12 of her iconic albums, *Taylor Swift*, *Fearless*, *Speak Now*, *Red*, *1989*, *Reputation*, *Lover*, *Folklore*, *Evermore*, and *Midnights*. The only album that is not a part of her confirmed setlist is her debut album, *Taylor Swift*. Each of those albums are known as their own era, and each era has its own tone and vibe. This is how people are choosing their outfit, it's based on one of Taylor's eras. Not many were able to acquire tickets due to the incredibly selective and challenging process, but for those who were and don't know what to wear, this is for you.

Taylor Swift

A cowboy hat.

Fearless(Taylor's Version)

The best dress for the best day should always be sparkly. If you want something a bit more formal, you should wear a yellow, knee length, and shimmery dress. If a dress isn't the way you want to go then a simple pair of jeans and yellow top could work for you. As for shoes, a pair of brown or white cowboy boots would match well with most outfits. Just make sure to wear comfortable shoes. Remember, you'll be dancing for almost 5 hours, so you should wear something that won't give you blisters.

Speak Now

I hear the preacher say pick a purple dress or forever hold your peace. *Speak Now* is basically the embodiment of purple, so if *Speak Now* is the way to go anything purple would go perfectly with that area. Shoes for that could be white cowboy boots or white converse(platforms if you're short like me). You can also copy Taylor's yellow flapper dress which she wore during the *Speak Now* Tour.

Red(Taylor's Version)

For the *Red* era, a good outfit would be.... anything red. Anyone with a brain can figure that one out. If you want to go for a more specific look, you could recreate Taylor's iconic outfit that she wore during the *Red* Tour. She wore a black hat with a white tee shirt and sparkly black shorts.

1989

If you want a more simple look *1989* is the way to go. Many outfits just consist of sparkly tops with sparkly skirts. Some outfits that Taylor wore were a white crop top with white shorts, a black sparkly crop top with purple skirts, and a pink sparkly crop top with pink skirts.

Reputation

For *Reputation* anything black would match that era. A sparkly black top with black shorts is an easy and simple outfit. If you're willing to put the extra mile in, some accessories could be black snake tights, snake rings, and silver hoop earrings. Black combat boots and some black makeup will complete your *Reputation* look.

Lover

The *Lover* era is pretty much anything pink. A rainbow coat over a pink top or pink dress. Match the color scheme, people, or you're wrong. Talk to the hand. Pink, pink, pink.

Folklore

If you want a lowkey, comfy outfit *Folklore* is the way to go. One of the most coveted pieces of merch from Taylor is the *Folklore* cardigan, but really any cardigan would fit the era. Any outfits that fit the cottagecore aesthetic are perfect for *Folklore*. If your willing to do a song, you could wear a silver, shimmery dress for "Mirrorball"

Evermore

Evermore=Depressing album
Depressing album=Depressing outfit
Depressing outfit=*Evermore*

Midnights

To fit the theme of *Midnights* you just have to wear anything blue or black, or starry. The perfect outfit would be a black starry dress with moon earrings and black boots. If you'd rather go with a shirt you should wear black flared leggings or a silver sparkly skirt.

I hope this has helped you decide what to wear for this iconic and incredible Eras Tour. If you haven't gotten any tickets yet(I can't relate 😊) you can always camp outside the stadium with hundreds of other swifties.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

By: Aarav S

What Is Mental Health Awareness Month?

Mental Health Awareness Month is a month set aside to educate Americans about mental health disorders or illnesses such as depression, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. It also tries to raise awareness about things which can happen because of mental health disorders such as suicide. Did you know that 1 out of 5 Americans have a mental health illness. The first Mental Health Awareness Month was in 1949.

Themes in Mental Health Awareness Month

Each year Mental Health Awareness Month has a theme this year being ***look around, look within***. This theme is about how your surroundings can affect your mental health. Topics adressed by this theme are Safe and Stable Housing, Healthy Home Environments, Neighborhoods and Towns and The Outdoors and Nature.

What Is Depression?

Depression is when someone's mood becomes very low. Some types of depression are Clinical Depression and Persistent Depressive Disorder. Some causes are increased stress, fear, and anxiety, a negative family environment and being abused by parents. Some effects of depression are low mood, low self-esteem and a loss of interest in activities which they would normally find enjoyable. The PHQ-9 and the BDI are tests to find out if you have depression. In order to be officially diagnosed with having depression you must have at least 5 depression symptoms each day, all day for 2 weeks.

What Is Schizophrenia

Schizophrenia is a mental condition which affects a person's ability to think, feel and behave. Some types are paranoid schizophrenia, hebephrenic schizophrenia and catatonic schizophrenia. The causes are unknown. Some effects are social isolation, delusion and anger. To see if you have schizophrenia you should see a mental health specialist such as a psychiatrist and a clinical psychologist.

What Is Bipolar Disorder

Bipolar disorder also known as manic depression is where a person's mood tends to swing a lot from depressive lows to manic highs. Some types are bipolar I, bipolar II and cyclothymic disorder. Some causes are childhood trauma, stressful life events and brain chemistry. Some effects include mood swings, irritability and unwanted thoughts. There is a test to see if you have bipolar disorder from MHA which is the same organization which created Mental Health Awareness Month. To see if you have bipolar disorder check with a doctor such as a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist and your primary care provider.

Memorial Day

By: Rose N.

Memorial Day is a day to remember those who sacrificed their lives in all U.S. wars. Memorial Day honors both men and women who died while serving. Since 1971, Memorial Day has been observed on the last Monday in May, and this year it is May 29th, 2023.

Three years after the Civil War ended(1868), the Grand Army of the Republic established Decoration Day. During this time, citizens placed flowers on the graves of battle victims. It became Memorial Day after World War I, where the holiday was then observed in honor of those who died in U.S. wars.

There are tons of ways to observe and honor the people who died while serving in the U.S. military. You can lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, located in Virginia right next to the Potomac River. There are also religious services to attend. There are speeches you can hear and participate in, as well as the opportunity to place flags and flowers on veterans' graves. One of the most popular Memorial Day ceremonies is a parade. Often, family gatherings include barbecues and outdoor activities.

Although these all seem like fun celebrations, Memorial Day isn't really a day for celebrating. Memorial Day is a day for remembrance and honoring U.S. veterans. There are some things to avoid on Memorial Day. First, you shouldn't wish anyone a "Happy Memorial Day." Memorial Day isn't a joyous day. It's a day for honoring those who died in war. You also shouldn't thank the current troops. The purpose of Memorial Day is not to commemorate the current soldiers, but to remember those who died in war fighting for our freedoms.

🌍 Culture Week Celebration - May 19th! 🌍

By: Sanchita S.

The final day of culture week!

On May 19th, 2023, the first annual CULTURE FEST will take place @Thomas E. Harrington Middle School from 5pm - 8pm. This event is sponsored by Mlea's Minority Leadership & Recruitment Committee. It will take place both indoors and outdoors. Look forward to cultural food, music, and performances!

Please spread the word and support our fellow Harrington students who will be participating in this event! The cost to attend is \$0.00. :)

See you at the CULTURE FEST!



The History of SunnySide Farm

By Siena Slepian

Sunnyside Farm is an abandoned farm house in Mt Laurel NJ. According to South Jersey Trails, this house is going to be demolished very soon. It may sound sad that it's going to be torn down, but it is reasonable. For one, it's been abandoned for a pretty long time, and hasn't been taken care of. The house has been broken into many times, and it would cost a lot of money to fix it up. Because the house hasn't been taken care of for a long time, it could start to rot and fall apart. If someone is near the house and it collapses, that could be very dangerous. Since it is going to be demolished soon, here is the history of the Sunnyside Farm.

Sunnyside Farm was built in 1839 for Joseph Hooten Roberts. Over the years many people have lived there. One of those people was Marjorie Anne Fenimore and her family. Marjorie lived at Sunnyside farm for a while when she was a kid. She said she spent some of her most, "happiest days" there. She said she also remembered a lot of things from when she lived there. Majorie was excited to move to the farm because she loved horses, and knew there were going to be some on the farm. Her parents were Elizabeth Fenimore, and Haines Fenimore the 2nd. Majorie also had one brother named Haines Fenimore the 3rd.

Before Majorie and her family moved in, her dad would always spend the weekend working on the house. It surprisingly needed a lot of repair. Even when they did move in, her dad would still work on it.

At the time when this family moved in, it was actually located in Moorestown. However, times have changed and now the house is in Mt. Laurel.

The family quickly became friends with their neighbor who was a farmer, Granville Moore, and he helped her dad work on the house. Once they were finished working on the house, it looked really nice inside. All they had to do next was to buy livestock for their farm.

They had a lot of animals that lived on the farm such as pigs, a cow, mules, and a couple of horses that Marjorie could finally ride. This family didn't really have to buy food because they could grow it on their farm, and they had enough meat to eat.

Everyone in the family helped with the work on the farm. Including Majorie and her brother. Marjorie said they always woke up early to help. Once Majorie went to college and her brother joined the Army, their father sold the farm to the Arno Neuber family. Marjorie said she went back to the house many years later, and the recent owners never took the brass plate off the front door that had their last name on it, Feinmoore

If you don't want Sunnyside farm to be demolished, you can sign a petition for it here:

<https://www.change.org/p/mount-laurel-township-save-sunnyside-farm-from-imminent-demolition>



The Perfect Mother's Day Recipe: Brownies!

By: Nitya R.

Ingredients:

2 sticks of unsalted butter

¾ cups of 60% cacao chocolates

2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

1 teaspoon of espresso powder

1 teaspoon kosher salt

1 ½ cups of granulated sugar

½ cup of packed light brown sugar

4 large eggs

1 cup of all-purpose flour

½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder

Steps:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 13-inch by 9-inch metal baking pan with cooking spray. Line it with foil and grease the foil.

In a small pot over medium heat, melt the butter. Remove it from the heat and add the chocolate. Stir until smooth, and then add vanilla, espresso, and salt.

In a large bowl, whisk granulated sugar and brown sugar. Then whisk in the chocolate mixture until smooth. Add the eggs individually, then whisk until the batter is well-combined (about 30 seconds more for a shiny top), then fold the flour and cocoa with a spatula until combined.

Pour the batter into the pan. Bake until puffed and set (when the tester comes out clean) for 22 to 28 minutes.

Let it completely cool in the pan, then remove from the pan and cut into squares with a sharp knife.

THE DISTURBING CASE OF JEFF "HUCKLEBERRY" LOTT

BY: RANA AND WILL

Mountain Monsters is a tv show that aired on the Travel Channel from 2013 - 2022 that starred six main characters; Buck, Jacob, Willy, John, Joe, and Huckleberry. The premise of the show is hunting mythical creatures in the Appalachian mountains, they find many different creatures but the one creature they still haven't captured (and the one that is hardest to find.) is the Stonish Giant. In the episode, "The Blood Skull and The Woman of the Woods", where the crew is in

Lee County, Virginia, hunting for the "Woman of the Woods", Joe and Huckleberry experience a paranormal encounter with a spirit or devil. This encounter sets madness in Huckleberry's mind, and he is traumatized for life. Later in that episode, their corn field hut collapses on Huckleberry and he disappears from the group, he only reappears later when he is found injured and insane, claiming he was taken from the site by The Woman in the Woods.

In a later episode, Jeff, Buck, and Huckleberry are kidnapped by hooded men in the woods. They are put in a wooden barn, where a figure appears with a skeleton mask. The man with the skeleton mask offers the three men a deal. If they are able to capture and kill the Woman of the Woods they will get something in return. If they kill her, the man with the skeleton mask will give some critical information...the whereabouts of the Stonish Giant and who killed him.

PT. 2 IN JUNE...



Sports Events in MAY

By Jules G.

Hi. Here's everything you need to know about sports going on in May:

NBA (Basketball): Currently playoffs are going on for the NBA. It is the 2nd round and things are getting exciting! As of today, the teams who made the cut are the Nuggets, Suns, Lakers, Warriors, Heat, Knicks, 76ers, and Celtics. Finals will run through June. My prediction is that the finals will be the 76ers vs the Lakers. Betting odds say Warriors vs Celtics though.

NHL (Hockey): The NHL is also in 2nd round of playoffs. As of today, the teams who made

the cut are the Kraken, Stars, Knights, Oilers, Panthers, Maple Leafs, Hurricanes, and Devils. Finals will run through June. I haven't been following the NHL so I can't give my prediction, but according to betting odds, the Toronto Maple Leafs are favored to win the Stanley Cup. The Bruins used to be since they lost to the Panthers, the Leafs take their place. Though, as of today, the Leafs are losing 3-0 against the Panthers so... who knows what'll happen!?!

MLB (Baseball): The MLB is in the regular season. The top teams with the best records currently are the Tampa Bay Rays (29-7), the Atlanta Braves (24-11), and the Baltimore Orioles (22-13).

MLS (Soccer): Just like in the MLB, the MLS is in the regular season. The top teams with the best records currently are the New England Revolution (7-1-3), the FC Cincinnati (7-1-3), and the Seattle Sounders FC (6-3-2).

Kentucky Derby (Horse Racing): This event was held on May 6th. The winner was Mage (Jockey: J. Castellano), and the runner-up was Two Phil's (Jockey: J. Loveberry).

The first Kentucky Derby was in 1875. Only 3-year-old horses are allowed to compete in the race. The winner of the race is rewarded with a 40lb blanket sewn with 400 roses.

Indy 500 (Auto Racing): This event is on May 28th. The first Indy 500 took place in 1911. It is tradition for the winner of the Indy 500 to drink a pint of milk at the end of the race. The fastest recorded speed of an IndyCar is 236mph.

French Open (Tennis): This event takes place from May 28th to June 11th. The first French Open was in 1891. Serena Williams became the oldest woman ever to win the singles title at 33 years and 8 months in 2015. Andres Gimeno becomes the oldest man ever to win the singles title at 34 years and ten months in 1972. The trophies are made of pure silver, designed and made by Maison Mellerio dits Meller.

This was written on May 9th. Therefore, some of this information will be outdated in a matter of days.

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Who's a Good Boy?

By Aiden, The Writer

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

(Email ideas to pawprints@mtlaurelschools.org)

Chapter Six

A Period of Calm Before the Storm

"I was only gone for a few minutes, crying out loud!" Mrs. Ferret sighed, "What happened?"

"Olie, stole my whistle," Emily said, pointing her finger at Olie.

"B-b-But it didn't make a noise!" He whimpered. Bingo was about to explain why but then.

"You blew into it!?" Mrs. Ferret almost yelled in shock, "Why did you do that? What is wrong with you!"

"Why did you take it!" Emily said.

"He thought it would be funny." Sam said.

Mrs. Ferret was fuming, "In what world would that be funny?"

"We were going to get back." Amy yapped back, that didn't make things better. Everyone (around Bingo) argued and argued and argued...

"You know what? I'm not going to write any of you up, only if all of you **just leave**. Mrs. Ferret shouted as she rubbed her forehead with all the yelling. The three bullies leave. Then Emily and Bingo leave a solid minute later.

There was a dead silence.

In the hallway, stuff was still quiet, Bingo trying to cut tension, "Sssssooooo, what class do we have?"

Emily sighed, "Just two more class," she smiled weakly, "Science and Social Studies"

"Uhh! That is going to take foorreeeveerr!" He groaned.

They were one of the first to make it to Science. "Good afternoon Emily and, oh yeah, her brother, Bingo," Mr. Mouse, the Science teacher. pointed to a seat somewhere in the second row of the desk. "Your seat is over there, right-" **Bam!** Bingo bashed his head on his desk. He was done. He is done!

"Are you alright?" Mr. Mouse.

"He had to deal with the three," Emily told the semi-confused teacher.

Mr. Mouse sighed, "Well don't worry, they aren't here this period."

Bingo lit up. "YES, let's GO!!" The bell rings. In a minute, the room filled with people. *This isn't that bad*. Bingo thought to himself.

The teacher talked about cells and some other stuff. Bingo found it rather boring but anything is better than dealing with the three trash cans for any longer. Twenty minutes or so went by and in that time Bingo answered some questions, and had a great time. Nothing can go wrong as long as he was in this cla— The bell rings. *Wait, No, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO! WHY? Why does it have to end NOW?* Bingo thought as he was tearing his hair out but he sighed, he had to go to his last class. **What could POSSIBLY go wrong???**

The AnyThing Article

By Aiden, The Writer

I hope that you are liking *Who's a Good Boy!* Here are some of my writing tips for any of you who also want to write.

1. Come up with a main character.

All great things come from ideas! This could be the hardest part. The easiest way to make a main character is to write someone like you or someone you know, and add a little flare. What would make their day the greatest day ever? Why are they the focus of the story? What do they like/hate the most?

2. Put the main character into a scene.

Great, we have the main character! Now come up with a scene where the main character is doing something. It doesn't even have to come at the beginning of the story. The scene that inspired *Who's a Good Boy* was going to be somewhere at the end, when Bingo- (this would be spoilers for next month's paper but you can probably guess it.) Now you can work with this to write your story.

3. Think forwards/backwards

This may vary, if the scene you came up with is in the beginning, middle or end. Although you'll ask yourself the same questions. If you need to "back in time" ask: Why can't the character do this? Or What kind of build up do I need to sound cool? If you need to go "into the future" ask: What will need to happen now?

There you go, how to write a rough draft of your story. The only thing that I'll advise you is to come up with a very good opening line. Try to be descriptive as possible and have fun writing. If you're having a hard time either take a break or try to write something else.

Here is something that a friend of mine (Let's call them **BlackCat**) was kind enough to make for me. They wanted to make their version of Bingo. All I really said was a middle school boy with brown hair. And here is what they made:



Gardening and Flowers, Because They are Pretty

Cosmo

Okay, so now that it's May, I can finally unlock my inner gardener. I don't have one. If growing dandelions in my backyard counts, then I'd already be out of this school and touring Alaska already. Maybe not Alaska. But anyways, I'm here to just talk about the flowers you can plant during May. Listen, there's nothing I can write that even comes close to the articles I wrote at the beginning of the school year. So yeah, let's get this over with.

So the flowers that I recommend you plant in May are sunflowers, marigolds, zinnias, moonflowers, and morning glories. I'll describe them first. Sunflowers are big disks, with a brown center full of seeds, and yellow petals that resemble the sun, hence the name sunflower. They can grow up to around 3 feet tall, and have big leaves that break off from the stem. Marigolds are red, orange, and yellow flowers that have pom-pom-like petals that surround the stem. They can grow from 6 inches to 3 feet tall.. Zinnias are little plants with a center filled with yellow seeds, and different colored petals. I just remember them as 'those-flowers-on-those-dresses'. It's pretty effective, but sometimes not. Moonflowers are flowers with white seeds in the middle, and petals that resemble a fat star. To be honest, they are my favorite.. Moonflowers can be white, pink, purple, and blue. Finally, morning glories, which I'm just going to call glories. Glories can look like Moonflowers, but they have a more varying color selection Their seeds have a more yellowish color to them.

All of these are annual flowers, which means that they will die within a year. If you don't feel like planting flowers every year, then just don't plant these flowers. Simple. All of these flowers, except sunflowers, can be potted or placed in containers. They fare better in the soil in the ground, though. If you want a full garden of colorful flowers, give your flowers six hours of sunlight everyday. Or leave them outside. Just don't let the birds get them. Unless you want to—whatever floats your boat.

If you leave your plants out longer in the sunlight, you will get less smaller flowers that sprout from the main source. Personally, I like those little flowers. Just mini little flowers I can stare at before they go away. You should try to plant these flowers around a few inches apart, and right below the surface. Just a quarter of an inch hole should work. Let's just hope it works, right? If you take care of it properly, it should bloom into a sea of colors. Then, you just place it somewhere nice so that your room, or house, or bathroom, or wherever, looks pretty! Now, you can have something beautiful to look at for a few months or so.

I have nothing else to say, so yeah. Yippee. Bye bye. Have fun reading whatever other articles you have after this. Have a good day!

Tell a teacher that you APPRECIATE ALL THAT THEY DO!!

Teacher Appreciation Week May 8-12



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Puzzles - May

By: Liv Ascitutto

The answers to the crossword are in the word search--they can go any direction and can be backward and forwards.

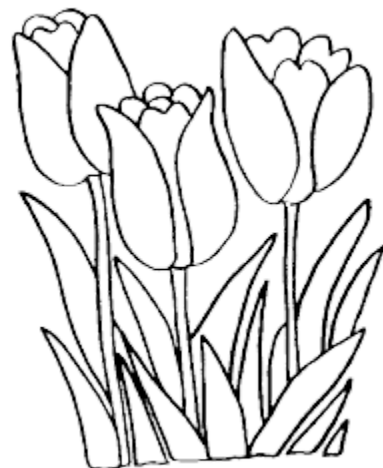
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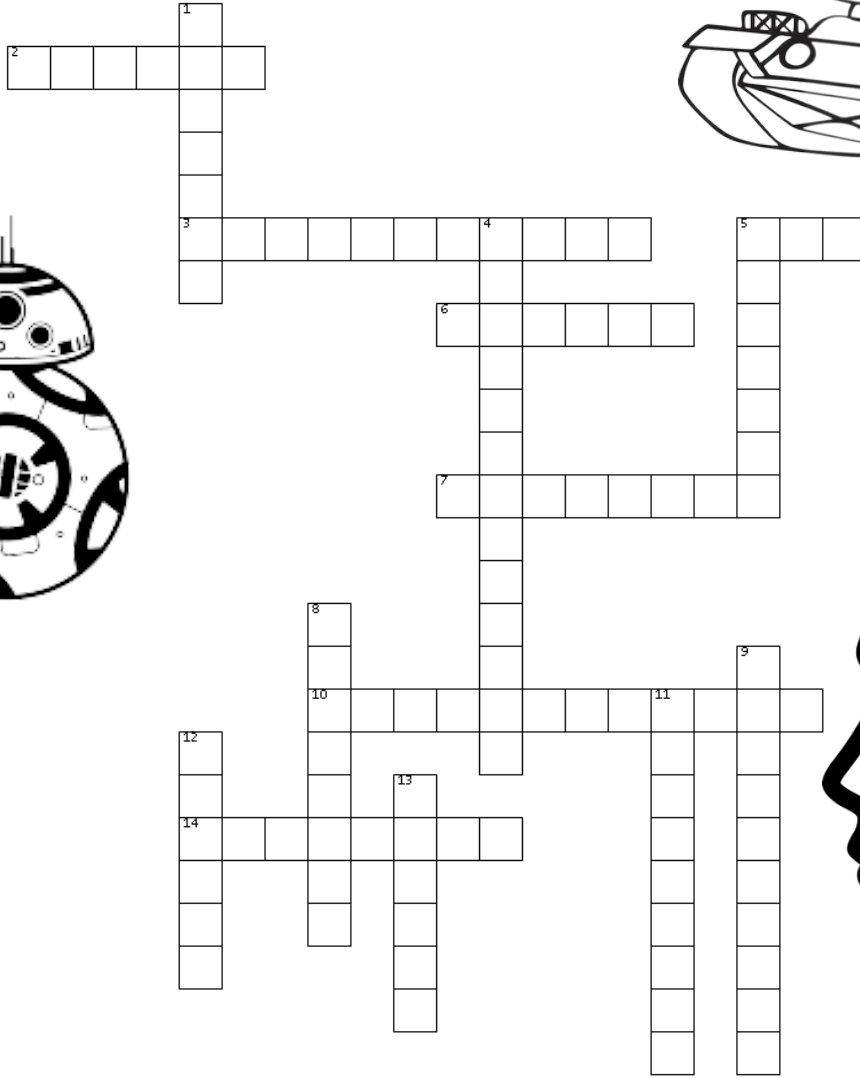
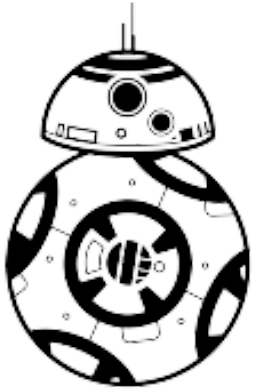
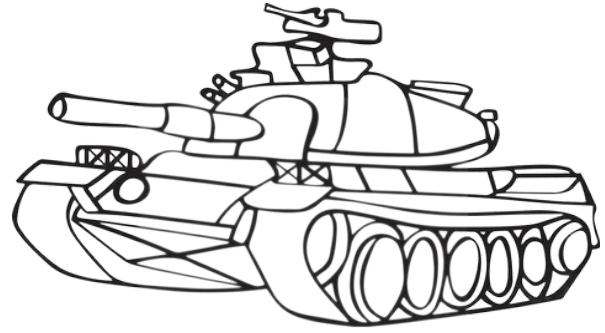
ACROSS

2. It has petals, a stem, and leaves... pretty generic, really
3. holiday that translates to May the 5th
5. the fifth month of the year
6. it springed ;)
7. "May the 4th be with you" reference
10. (not emotional, not physical, not spiritual, but...) + health
14. this force consists of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, etc.

DOWN

1. -find out what it means to me
4. Mrs. Poulton's husband celebrates a holiday on May 11 about his age (check the bottom of the word search if you're stuck)
5. _____ day: we show these special women in our lives we care about them on this day
8. we have these ceremonies this month to honor and remember fallen soldiers (not plural)
9. believe it or not, this fruit has nothing to do with straws at all
11. when your body reacts to *outside* and doesn't like it
12. May 21 to about June 21
13. April 20 to about May 20





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