

# PAW PRINTS

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Harrington gives thanks to the students and staff that make this school so fantastic

## THE GREAT PLAY-DOH COLLECTION



From November 20th through December 1st, Harrington Middle School students will be collecting NEW cans of Play-Doh to be donated to Children's Hospital. **On December 1st, HMS students will celebrate the end of the collection by having a "Pajama Day."** The grade (7th or 8th) that collects the most cans of Play-Doh will win another "Pajama Day" on a future date!! Let the competition begin!!!

### Veterans Day

By: Rose N.

On November 11th, a very important federal holiday is recognized. Veterans Day is a day when we honor those who have previously served in the military. It was originally called Armistice Day, which was first

recognized in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson. President Wilson used the following words to commemorate Armistice Day: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...”

In 1938, the 11th of November was dedicated as a legal holiday to veterans who have served our country. Just 16 years later, Armistice Day became a different holiday. President Dwight Eisenhower changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. Veterans Day became the official name of the holiday, which is what we know November 11th as today.

The Uniform Holiday Act of 1968 moved Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October so employees would be able to enjoy a long weekend. But, in 1975, President Gerald Ford moved Veterans Day back to its original date (November 11) to maintain the significance of the special day. This was the last change made to Veterans Day.

Some simple ways you can honor the veterans who have served us are thanking them for their service to our country, observing a moment of silence for those veterans, or putting out American flags. Also, you can go to the Veterans Day Parade located in Manhattan, New York City, New York. It is the largest Veterans Day event in the United States, and it is produced by the United War Veterans Council.

To better understand what Veterans Day is, I posed some important questions to a staff member at our school who is a veteran. Here are some things I found out about Veterans Day from Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Brian Stewart is a staff member at Harrington and currently works in special education. He was a part of the United States Air Force and his role was a Security Police. Mr. Stewart believes that “Veterans Day is a day to honor those who volunteered to serve the greatest country on Earth and a reminder that the freedoms we take for granted are provided by the men and women in uniform who put honor, duty, and sacrifice before themselves.” Mr. Stewart thinks the best way to recognize veterans is by using five words: “Thank you for your service.” His favorite part of being in the military was how it “allowed me to meet many people with diverse backgrounds and unique experiences who, despite those differences, all worked towards a common goal.” Thank you for your service to our country, Mr. Stewart.

### Mount Laurel Schools Food Drive

Each year the Mount Laurel Township School District partners with the Mount Laurel Rotary and Mount Laurel Library to provide December Holiday food baskets for needy families in the district. Students in each of our schools are requested to donate one (1) food item to help make these holiday basket’s complete.

This year the Harrington Middle School students and staff have been asked to donate one **(1) box of instant mashed potatoes**. If you can contribute, please send your box to Harrington Middle School Main Office no later than Wednesday, December 13, 2023. Harrington's goal is to collect 300 boxes!!



Let’s Do This, Harrington!!!!



# The Pros and Cons of Daylight Savings

By Anirudh A.

Daylight savings time. Some people like it, and some people hate it. In this article, I will be showing the pros and cons of daylight savings time.

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Longer evenings</li><li>• Less artificial light</li><li>• More light is safer</li><li>• Better mental health (more time to socialize in evenings)</li><li>• Promotes more active lifestyles</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Doesn't save that much energy</li><li>• Can make people sick</li><li>• Costs more money</li><li>• Hard to adjust sleep schedules</li><li>• Less productivity</li></ul>

In short, you can see that there are multiple pros and cons, which shows daylight savings time has some benefits, and it also has some downsides. The reason that the US started daylight savings time was to conserve fuel and power in World War I. However, that war ended quickly and so we have been stuck with daylight Savings time ever since. About a year ago, there was a bill passed to make daylight savings permanent, which means that we would not change clocks twice a year. However, it never happened and so here we are, still stuck with daylight savings time.

## **CURRENT-HARRINGTON-CLUBS**

Dhanshika S and Shreya S

Hey Harrington Cougars! Here are a few clubs that are currently running and still accepting people. The only club which doesn't accept any more students is Theater Club.

### **Paw Prints**

This club visits twice a month on Tuesdays from 2:10 to 4:15. Students write about a variety of topics for the Harrington newspaper every month.

**Advisor: Ms. Poulton**

### **Student Council**

This club meets on the last Wednesday of every month. The student council helps with many activities throughout the school and promotes spirit.

**Advisors: Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Burleson, and Ms. Palladino**

### **Battle of The Books**

This club meets two Wednesdays a month. In this club, you read books, and a battle takes place at the end of the year to see which school will win.

**Advisor: Ms. Gallagher**

### **Stage Crew**

This club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays every month. They take care of things that happen in the background when a concert or a play is happening.

**Advisor:** Ms. Adragna and Mr. Chirip

### **Art Club**

This club meets on assigned Thursdays each month. It is where you make art and have fun doing your own art thing.

**Advisors: Ms. Sarnecki and Ms. Ambrozaitis**

### **Teen Science Café**

Teen Science Cafe meets once a month on an assigned Thursday. It is a club where you meet presenters and do fun experiments.

**Advisors: Ms. Ashman and Ms. Patterson**

### **Dungeons and Dragons**

Dungeons and Dragons meet on Wednesdays each month. Depending on whether you're in Group A or Group B your timing changes. It is a game where you design your characters and build them with the flow of the story.

**Advisor: Mr. Welte**

### **Theater**

The theater club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:10 to 4:15. It is a club where you perform. This year they are going to be performing "Matilda".

**Advisors: Ms. Zimmerman and Ms. Grashorn**

### **Homework Club**

Homework Club meets on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week. You can join anytime from 2:10 - 4:15.

**Advisors:** Mr. Jacobs, Ms. Cunningham, and Ms. Wolf

## **Let's Make Cake Pops By Jessamone A.**

When life calls for cake pops, let this be your go-to recipe. Feel free to change the cake and frosting flavors to whatever is your favorite. Just follow this easy technique and you will have perfect cake pops.



## Ingredients

One 15.25-ounce box yellow cake mix, plus required ingredient

1 cup vanilla frosting, plus more as needed

20 ounces white candy melting wafers

Sprinkles or cookie crumbs, for decorating, optional

46 lollipop sticks (each about 6 inches long), two 9.8-by-11

Step 1: Prepare and bake the cake according to the package directions for a 9-by-13-inch pan. Let cool completely.

Step 2: Break the cake into pieces and place it in a food processor. Add the frosting and process until the mixture forms a ball and pulls away from the sides of the bowl, about 30 seconds. If the mixture doesn't come together, add more frosting 1 tablespoon at a time until it holds its shape.

Step 4: Using a 3/4-ounce scoop, form the mixture into 46 balls and put them on a baking sheet. Refrigerate until firm, about 30 minutes.

Step 5: Meanwhile, place the candy wafers in a microwave-safe bowl and melt according to package directions. Dip a half inch of the tip of a lollipop stick into the candy and then stick the tip halfway into a cake ball. Repeat with the remaining balls and sticks. Refrigerate the cake until completely chilled, about 1 hour.

Step 6: Microwave the candy again until melted and pour it into a tall narrow glass. Dip each cake pop into the candy and let any excess run off. If decorating, turn the cake pop upright and sprinkle with sprinkles while the coating is still wet. Stick the finished pops in two 9.8-by-11.8-inch Styrofoam blocks and let set completely.

# Ways to Express Gratitude on Thanksgiving

By Aarav S.

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Thanksgiving is a holiday, where people express gratitude to the people close to them, hence the name, **Thanks**giving. In this article, we will be discussing some simple but nice ways to express your thankfulness during this holiday.

## 1. Volunteer

Giving back to the community is a hearty way to say thank you. Whether you might be volunteering at a local food bank, or just doing a simple trash cleanup, volunteering is an amazing way to express your gratitude.

## 2. Make Someone a Meal

Making someone a nice, warm meal, for a Thanksgiving dinner, is a nice way to show how thankful you are. No matter who it is, a family member, a friend, or a stranger, this will always put a smile on someone's



## 3. Donate Money

Unfortunately, many people don't have a lot of money, and because of that, they don't have sufficient food, shelter, or money. So, to celebrate this holiday, be kind and donate some money. Big or small, it will make a big difference.

## 4. Compliments

This one is simple but sweet. A compliment can make a bigger change than it seems. Just simple manners can also make someone happy. Next time when you ask for something, say "please or thank you".

## 5. Help Out

In my opinion, this is one of the best ways to show gratitude to someone. By

asking someone if they need help, you show them how much you appreciate them. They can be straightforward tasks, like helping your friend with your homework or helping your parent cook.

## *Knowledge You Never Knew You Needed*

By Liv D.

This knowledge will stay with you for your entire lives, I can bet money on that. I won't, but I can. Random facts that will fill your mind with useless knowledge are the key to life. You can't change my mind.

- On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.
- Ping Pong balls can travel off the paddle at speeds up to 160 km/hr. That's just under 100 mph.
- Honey is the only natural food made without destroying any life. What about milk, you say?
- A cow has to eat grass to produce milk, and the grass is living. So...
- The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.
- Americans, on average, eat 18 acres of pizza every day
- The dot over the letter "i" is called a tittle.
- The housefly hums in the middle octave key of F.
- The longest hill in use is a hill in New Zealand: Taumatawhakatangihangaoauotameteaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu. Can you pronounce that?
- If you passed gas consistently for six years and nine months, you would produce enough name of a place enough gas to create an atomic bomb's energy.
- People can have a psychological disorder called Boanthropy that makes them believe that they are a cow. They try to live their life as a cow.
- The name for the shape of Pringles is called a "Hyperbolic Paraboloid."
- Sonic the Hedgehog's full name is actually Ogilvie Maurice Hedgehog.
- Even though Froot Loops are different colors, they all have exactly the same flavor.
- Most toilet paper sold for home use in France is pink.
- The television was invented only two years after the invention of sliced bread.

**And now that I've filled your heads with useless knowledge, I guess I will leave you with it. Don't come to me complaining that your mental capacity is full :)**

## Fall Sports At Harrington

By Siena Slepian

Did you play a sport this fall at Harrington? If you did, That's great! The sports at Harrington were so fun this fall. If you didn't, now you can read about it! The soccer and cross country season went very well for boys and girls. Not just because of how well they played, but because of the memories they made.

### **Girls Soccer**

The girls soccer team was excellent this season. They only lost one game, and had the biggest team they ever had, with 28 players. Everyone had a great time with each other whether it was on the bus, or at practice. The funniest part of their season was finding the cross country teams stuffed animal mascot, and dressing it up as a soccer player! The girls soccer team definitely had a great season.

### **Boys Soccer**

The boys soccer team had a rocky season. They tied one, won one, and lost a total of 9 games. Every player was still positive even when they weren't doing well. This group of boys never stopped supporting each other and fought to the very end, even when the games were tough. Altogether, the boys soccer team had a really fun season, and showed a lot of effort.

### **Boys and Girls Cross Country**

The runners who ran Cross Country for both genders were really fast this fall. Many people came out on top with overall 1st place in many races. In the championship race, the boys team were amazing and got the first 6 places. Everyone also improved a lot, by beating their times and getting faster. They continued their tradition by finding the hidden stuffed animal mascots on the course, which made running even more fun. The best part was that it didn't matter if you were the fastest or the slowest; everybody was all friends, which is why Harrington's Cross Country team was most successful this season.

Our fall sports teams at Harrington didn't always win, which is upsetting, but isn't always the most important thing. Sports are supposed to be fun, and sometimes we forget that. It is important to remember all the fun times we had while playing sports, not always the losses and times we played bad. However, one thing I did notice that our sports teams at Harrington did this year, was if they lost, they always came back and won. This was just one of the reasons why these teams thrived this year. Good luck to all the 8th graders who continue to play sports at Lenape next year! This fall season will definitely be one to remember.

## ~ World Pneumonia Day ~ AasheetaN

World Pneumonia Day, which is marked every year on November 12, is a yearly reminder that pneumonia can strike anywhere, anytime and is a serious, life threatening lung infection. World Pneumonia day was established by the Stop Pneumonia Initiative in 2009 to raise awareness about the toll of pneumonia and to advocate for global action to protect against and help prevent this deadly illness. It is celebrated every year by the World Health Organisation (WHO), UNICEF and several other international organizations. The purpose of the day is to understand the problems of climate and air pollution and to raise awareness through campaigns and provide aid to fight against the disease.

Pneumonia is an acute respiratory disease that affects the lungs and aggravates the air sacs of the lungs. This happens when the lungs are filled with discharge or liquids, making it painful and difficult for people to breathe. Pneumonia can be caused by a variety of bacteria, viruses, fungi and pollution in the air we breathe. Pneumonia is contagious and can be spread through coughing or sneezing. It can also spread through fluids, like blood during childbirth, or from contaminated surfaces. Mostly, children under the age of 5 or with weak





immune systems due to malnutrition, undernourishment or other diseases, have a reduced ability to recover. Adults over the age of 65 are also most likely to have the disease. Pneumonia and its symptoms can differentiate from mild to severe. While some people are at higher risk than others, anyone can get pneumonia. Symptoms of pneumonia include fever, wheezing, cough, chills, rapid breathing, chest pains, loss of appetite and malaise, or a general feeling of weakness or ill health. Most healthy people recover from pneumonia in one to three weeks, but it can be life threatening. The good news is that pneumonia can be prevented by getting an annual flu shot, as flu often leads to pneumonia. Frequently washing your hands and for people at high risk, getting a vaccine for pneumococcal pneumonia can also help in preventing Pneumonia.

World Pneumonia Day is on November 12 and it is dedicated to spread awareness among people to understand the need to stand together and demand action in the fight against this disease. This World Pneumonia Day, we look forward to coming together to understand how crucial oxygen is for us and what can be done in our fight against pneumonia. The slogan “Pneumonia Affects Everyone,” aims to raise awareness about this disease, has so far achieved the support of 42 countries which is a huge achievement worldwide. Let’s celebrate and honor World Pneumonia Day so that people can prevent the onset of the disease and take steps to fight Pneumonia as well.

## **October Harrington Sports Writeup**

**By Will W.**

**Field Hockey**

The Harrington Field Hockey team had a very good 2023 season, suffering just one loss in their first 7 games. Goalie Siena S. (8th Grade) led the team to a shut out win vs. Winslow on October 10th, 6-0. Siena did well for both the Field Hockey team and for the Cross-Country team. Various refs and opposing coaches have noticed her talent, as she is one of the best goalies that has passed through the middle school in a long time. Coach Geena Molinaro said, “She is working on really advanced skills to improve her game. She continues to make amazing saves throughout the season so far and has helped to lead the team against some really tough competitors.” Another highlight of the team was Lauryn E.’s (8th Grade) drives and big hits that really helped keep the team on the offensive. Emily M.’s (8th Grade) work on defensive corners also kept the team running smoothly. As another highlight, we mention Mackenzie J, (8th Grade) not only for her performance on the field but also her academic strength. Her lowest grade currently is a 96% and she balances her full plate of academic work with the local and Harrington Field Hockey teams. The final mention is for Dejanai A.(8th Grade) as she helps the younger and newer players on the team ease into their roles in the team. When asked for strengths of the team, Miss Molinaro stated, “The biggest strength of the team is the camaraderie and support that they show for each other. They cheer each other on, pay attention to their teammates' plays while on the bench, and are really complementary of each others' efforts and growth.” This year’s field hockey team ended the season 2-1-8 record.

*If you would like to see your team in the next sports writeup, be sure to submit highlights, team's record, notable results, outstanding performances or anything else you would like! Submit them via email at [wwenk588@mtlaurelschools.org](mailto:wwenk588@mtlaurelschools.org)*

# Fiction Fun

## The Strange Creature(s)

By Shreya S.

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One night two kids were going to bed. Suddenly they saw a shadow. They didn't care much about it at the time.. However, that same weird shadow happened for the next few days, so they decided to tell their parents. Their parents said that they were dreaming and that they were letting their imaginations get the best of them. Later that night, one of their hands disappeared. They just noticed that at 3 a.m., so they thought they were imagining it, and in the morning they saw their hands. After that, they noticed a note on their doorstep.

It was covered in ... BLOOD! It said, "WE ARE COMING FOR YOU!"

However, only the kids could see the note...it was completely invisible to the parents, so they didn't believe them. That night both of the kids' arms disappeared. This time their parents saw it and the next morning they set out traps for the monsters. The next morning they found the monster on the porch DEAD! They took the corpse to a faraway mountain.

After a few weeks, the monsters never returned to them! However, the neighbors next door said that they had a similar problem and together they made a plan with the other kids' parents to set out traps at their house. Later that night on their neighbor's porch the monsters came and died. However, there were two instead of one; they took one of the corpses to the ocean and another to a forest far away.

Unfortunately that wasn't the end of the monster madness, because a week later they heard from another neighbor that they had a similar situation and they were experiencing the crazy monsters,too. The other neighbors were both out of traps, so the family had to go to the store to

get some traps. When they arrived home it was already evening so they quickly placed the traps, hoping to stop the madness. This time the monsters noticed the traps and avoided capture by running away.

Forever though??.

Part 2??....

# History of the Thanksgiving Day Parades

Maddison D.

We are all at least aware of the parades that go on during fall and Thanksgiving. Some towns do their own parades, and some families watch the parades broadcasted on television. They have been going on for a while. But where did they come from? I set out to find out.

People didn't start doing parades when Thanksgiving was first made a national holiday in 1870. It took until the 1920's until the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, one of the most popular ones. It all started when Macy's wanted to celebrate the fact that they opened "The World's Largest Store". They planned this on Thanksgiving morning. Oddly enough, the parade was meant to celebrate Christmas. Macy's kind of stole the idea of a parade from a department store in Philadelphia, who had done a parade in 1920. Another store in Detroit also planned a similar event.

So, in 1984 the first Macy's day parade was held in 1924. Of course there have been some changes to the parade over the almost 100 years that the parade has been going. The parade was 6 miles long, while the most recent parade (2022) was only 2.5 miles long. Some of the floats were tiny in comparison to the ones that have been used in the parades today. The parade in Philadelphia that also happens every year. That parade is very similar to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

In conclusion, there are a lot of families that watch the parades, and Thanksgiving would not be the same without them. It's a fun way to celebrate Thanksgiving and the history of our country and I think it's great we still celebrate and carry on the same traditions we did in the 1920's. My family has a tradition of waking up late and watching the parade while eating cinnamon rolls. Does your family have any traditions? Would you like to start one?

## When Does the Holiday Season Start?

By Liv D

This is a topic of debate that all people who celebrate December holidays encounter at least once in their lives. This year, I've been involved in many, and I mean *many* conversations about when the

Holiday season truly starts. A member of my softball team who does not live in this town has an answer that may shock you. To her, the most wonderful time of the year started at the *worst* time of the year: when school started in September. I've gathered other student's opinions, and here's what they think:

### Top Answers

Nov. 1st: 8

Dec. 1st: 11

Black Friday/Late Nov.: 10

Sept./Oct.: 1

Dec. 21: 1

Despite what you all may think, the holiday season *does* have a range of dates. Definitely not what you'd think, but they do exist. You've heard of the 12 days of Christmas, right? You know, a partridge

in a pear tree, five golden rings, etc. Well, it's not just a song. They are actually a thing. They are, in fact, the Christmas Season. When is the Christmas season, you may ask? Christian religions believe that the Christmas season starts Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) and goes to January 6th, which many know as Epiphany. This isn't to say that this is the only true holiday season, though. Whatever you think is the holiday season is what it is to you.

## Random National Holidays and Facts

By Liv D

I know this is the only thing you care about because the random national holidays are the most important part of the month. And I *know* you never celebrate them. So maybe, with a little motivation, you will. And by maybe, I mean you will. I have found the most out-of-pocket, roll-on-the-floor laughing, and just downright weird national holidays of November, and I decided you needed this priceless knowledge.

**Nov. 2:** Deviled Egg Day, Look for Circles Day

Do you like deviled eggs? Neither do I.

**Nov. 4:** Pumpkin Destruction Day, Use Your Common Sense Day

Some people need these days every day. Got stress? Smash a pumpkin. Can't figure out why there are pinecones in your yard? Guess what?! There's a tree!

**Nov. 9:** Chaos Never Dies Day

We can all agree, from experience.

**Nov. 14:** National Pickle Day

Don't tell me you don't like pickles. You don't? Think again. Oh, you do? That's what I thought.

**Nov. 16:** Have a Party With Your Bear Day

You don't throw your bear a party? Why not? It's clearly a holiday. I think you should.

**Nov. 19:** Have a Bad Day Day, Play Monopoly Day

You can only play Monopoly on this day? That just ruined my day!

**Nov. 20:** Absurdity Day

I really don't think this one needs explaining...

**Nov. 24:** All Our Uncles are Monkeys Day, Buy Nothing Day

Is your uncle a monkey? Well on this day he is. Do you find it ironic that Black Friday, the one day that *everyone* buys *anything*, is Buy Nothing Day?

**Nov. 28:** Make Your Own Head Day

Y'know, just in case you lost yours... I guess they didn't participate in Common Sense Day...

***YUM OR YUCK? YOU DECIDE!***

***BY WILL W.***

I am here to give you some of the oddest, outlandish delicacies that either make you cringe or drool. Starting off our list is;

**1. Moose Lips- Russia**

Moose lips are a Russian delicacy. A moose is bred so its lips can be chopped off and cooked. Often comes in a stew or soup. A raw moose nose is chopped off and shipped to a kitchen where it is skinned, cut in half, cubed, and the frozen to be boiled in a stew.



**2. Tripe- All Around the World**

Tripe is the stomach lining of various animals mixed together. Often described as having a rubbery or honeycomb texture. Bon Appetite?



**3. Tuna Eyeballs- Japan**

Yes you read the title correctly. This Japanese delicacy is often likened to squid or octopus. The taste and texture are likened to that of squid or octopus.



**4. Century Egg- China**

The Century egg is a hardboiled egg preserved in clay, ash, and lime (the building material, not the fruit.) for a few months, the “Century Egg” is then cracked open and is served. By this time the egg white has turned a brownish-black and the yolk is slimy and green. Yum?



**5. Shiokara- Japan**

Shiokara is a selection of sea food cuts that are served in the fish’s own fermented urine. And it is all served raw. This dish is the dish of nightmares. “What has been seen cannot be unseen”  
-Unknown



# Country of the Month

- Singapore -

By: Sophia K.

Here are some interesting facts about Singapore!

- Singapore has changed its time zone six times since 1905!
- Singapore is one of the 20 smallest countries in the world. The main island is 42 kilometers long and 23 kilometers wide and has a total land area of just 683 square kilometers!
- There is a maximum limit to how high buildings in Singapore can be built, which is 280 meters!
- A total of 27 Singlish words have made it to the Oxford dictionary!
- Collectively, Singaporeans are the fastest pedestrians in the world, walking at a speed of about 6.15 kilometers per hour!
- Littering is a huge offense in Singapore. If found littering small items, you will have to pay SGD 300 as fine. On the other hand, littering larger items like cans and bottles can earn you a Corrective Work Order, wherein you will have to wear a bright green glowing vest and clean up a certain specified area, to shame you publicly and make you realize how tough it is for the sweepers and cleaners!

## History of Thanksgiving !

By : Aashray Shah

Thanksgiving is a historical holiday celebrated all around the United States. Dating back to October 1621, some say that Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Pilgrims ensuing their first harvest after reaching the Americas. Despite this, others argue that the Pilgrims celebrated Thanksgiving with the Natives commemorating their success in taking down a rival tribe. These two theories are supported by boatloads of evidence, but are not even close to being similar. So which theory is right ? Read to find out !

The initial theory about why Thanksgiving is celebrated is that the Pilgrims were celebrating their first harvest after reaching the Americas. The Pilgrims migrated from England to the Americas seeking religious freedom. They arrived in Plymouth on December 16, 1620 on a boat called the Mayflower. The first winter was harsh for the Pilgrims. About half of the population was wiped out. That following fall, the Pilgrims had a lifesaving harvest in which they celebrated among themselves with a three day feast !

The counter theory to why Thanksgiving is celebrated is that the Pilgrims celebrated Thanksgiving with the Natives commemorating their success in taking down a rival tribe. Conditions were the same for the Pilgrims. They struggled through the winter and had trouble feeding themselves until they met the Natives. The first meeting the Pilgrims had with the Natives was exceedingly peaceful. Both groups of people became allies in a short period of time. The Natives showed the Pilgrims how to harvest crops even in the winter which crucially benefited the Pilgrims. However, in exchange, the Natives asked the Pilgrims to help them take down a neighboring tribe. Both groups of people burned the tribe to ashes killing every

man, woman, or child in the process. This victory was celebrated with a substantial feast known as Thanksgiving today.

In conclusion, the two theories of why Thanksgiving is celebrated have their own unique aspects. There isn't necessarily any right or wrong theory in this case. It is just a matter of what you believe in. In my personal opinion, I think the second theory is more reasonable because the Pilgrims would never have survived without the Natives. Which theory do you think is more reasonable ?

## Travel Bucket-list

By: Sophia K.

Are you someone who likes to travel, or do you just enjoy envisioning a life full of adventure? Here are some amazing, breath-taking travel locations!

The Great Pyramid of Giza - Egypt



Petra - Jordan



Machu Picchu - Peru



Taj Mahal - India



Stonehenge - The U.K



Amazon Rainforest - Brazil



Notre Dame Cathedral - France



Hagia Sophia - Turkey



# Kirby's Check In Corner

By: Guess Who?

## Welcome!

We all have moments in our lives where things just aren't going our way, or feel misunderstood or misjudged and right now, this could be you. Sometimes, we all need a mental check-in, and that's why I'm here. Use this page now or whenever you may need that little place to express yourself.

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.

## Thanksgiving Facts

By: Sophia K.

- Thanksgiving used to be celebrated mid-October
- Female turkeys don't make the "gobble" sound
- The first Thanksgiving was a three day festival
- The tradition of football on Thanksgiving was started by football college teams. (it was Yale vs Princeton)



- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird.
- Jingle Bells was originally a Thanksgiving Day song
- Each year, about 46 million turkeys are cooked (poor turkeys)
- There are four U.S. towns named Turkey (in Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, and North Carolina)
- Each year, the president "pardons" a turkey
- About 2000 houses catch fire every year due to Thanksgiving (please be careful!)
- Baby turkeys are called poults
- Turkeys can run up to 25 mph
- The largest turkey ever recorded was 86 pounds (roughly the size of a 12 year old)
- Americans eat 704 million pounds of turkey every Thanksgiving
- The Butterball hotline answers 100,000 turkey-related questions every year (1-800-288-8372)

## **Is Taylor Swift Overrated?**

By: Kirby

Unless you've been living under a rock for your entire life, I would give it a 99.9% chance that you're aware of Taylor Swift. Some people (Called "Swifties") think that her music is far and away, the best in the industry, and might pay, exorbitant prices just to go to one of her concerts. Others take a more negative approach, believing that all of her songs are hot garbage and that nothing she could ever do is good. This becomes a common debate topic, one which I myself have witnessed. Don't believe me? Check out what your peers think:

Q: Is Taylor Swift Overrated?

**MJ Y:** I don't think so. She has good songs, I think.

**William W:** No. I think that her music is good and I respect her as a person, however her music is not my favorite.

**Alayna L:** I think she has some pretty good songs, and some of her songs are more overrated than others, but overall, I think that she's a pretty good artist.

**Liv D:** I think she may be a little bit overrated. I like her music, but some people go a little crazy, when it comes to her.

**Abigail S:** No, honestly, perfectly, rated. She makes really, good music and she makes a variety, of music for all ages.

**Charlie D:** Some days, I feel like she is overrated like when people play her alot, and then other days I feel like she isn't.

**Bryce S:** I personally, think ABSOLUTELY. First of all, there's too many young girls that overrate her, and her dating Travis Kelsey, is giving her more fame, but overall, she has some pretty good songs.

**Chase B:** Yes. Basically, all of her songs are based on breakups with boys from like 10 years ago.

**Jude S:** I think so, she's pretty bad actually, she's ruining the NFL, she's getting shown like 20 times a game.

**Khloe R:** Yes. She sings the same thing at every single concert and she's always popular with 13-year old girls.

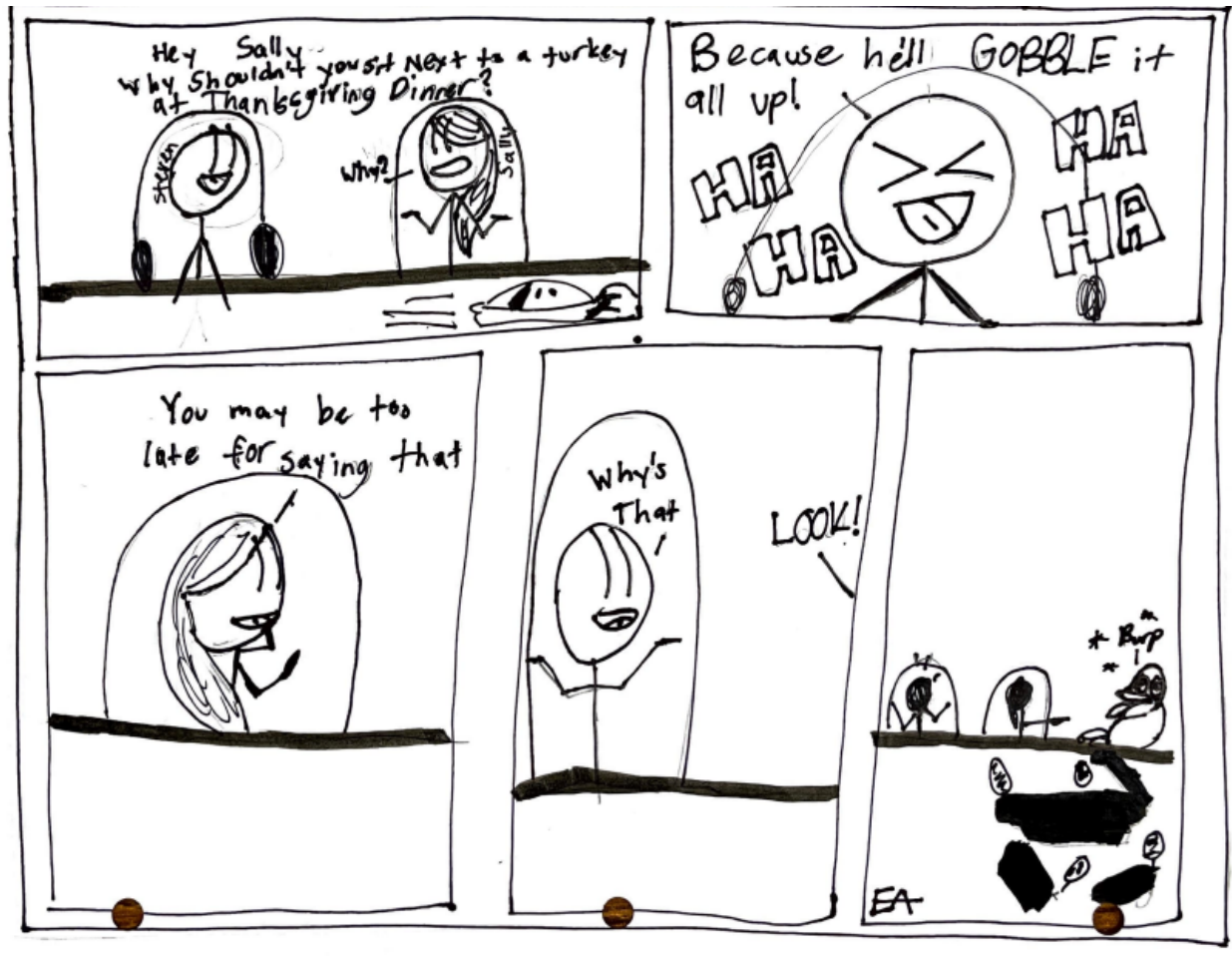
**Sean P:** Yes, very. She's not that good. Her songs are like the same thing.

**Abby C:** Yes. She has very similar music and background music in every song.

Personally, I'm more in the middle. I like some of her songs, but the overplay of said songs pretty much ruins it for me. But at the end of the day, there's no right or wrong answer. It all comes down to your opinion. So what do you think? Should people slow down on the Swift?

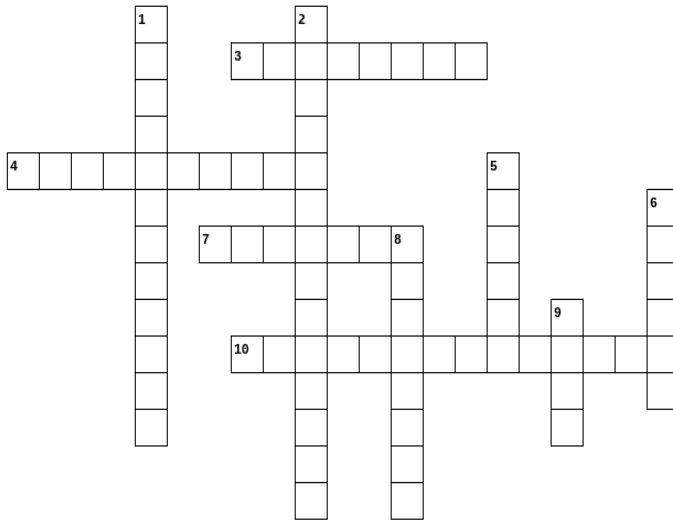
## Gobble, Gobble

By Emily A.



# November Puzzles

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**Across**

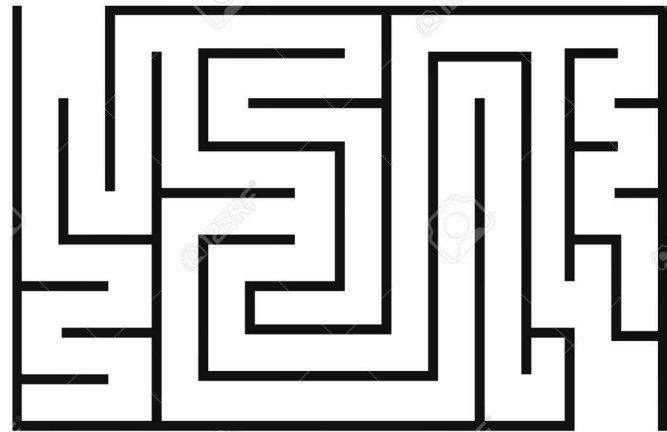
**Down**

- 3. Say what your \_\_\_\_\_ for, say grace, then EAT
- 4. buy this vegetable dessert at the store for the all the family to eat
- 7. carve it but keep it until a squirrel eats half of it
- 10. a berry you can eat as a sauce
- 1. the holiday celebrated
- 2. a vegetable mashed into a side dish
- 5. you spend time with \_\_\_\_\_ on thanksgiving
- 6. \*gobble gobble\*
- 8. this month is
- 9. the season for november

## Thanksgiving Word Search

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- PIE
- PUMPKIN
- CORN
- TURKEY
- GREETINGS
- STUFFING
- GRATITUDE
- BLESSING
- FAMILY
- HOLIDAY
- YAMS
- TEEPEE
- TRADITION
- DESSERT
- PRAYER



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