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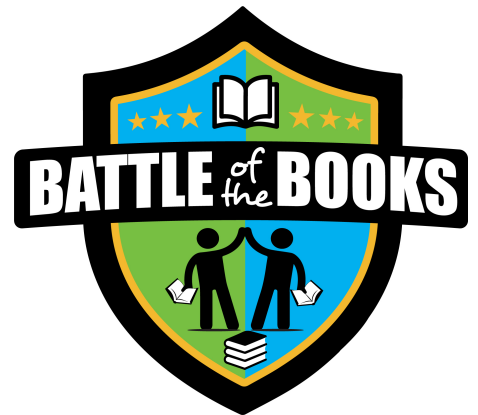
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## Battle of The Books 2022

By Anika, Tessa and Finn

Battle of the Books is Back!! The county wide reading competition continues this year, and Harrington students are ready to battle it out and extend their winning streak after 2020's virtual first place win. Led by Mrs. Gallagher, three teams of students have been given the task of reading fifteen young adult novels and getting to know those books inside and out. During competition, the teams are asked 200 obscure questions to prove their knowledge on the book.



Some of the titles that are in this year's competition are *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman, *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds, and *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. All of these books are selected by librarians across the county and can be found in the Harrington library.

The three Harrington teams will compete against each other in a schoolwide battle on April 1st. The winner of that battle will advance to the county-wide competition on April 7th. Harrington will then compete against teams from Cinnaminson, Northern Burlington, Medford Lakes and others in an attempt to bring home the win once again. Good luck to all of the Harrington teams!

## Easter and Astrophysics

By Emma S.

This year, easter will occur on Sunday, April 17. This holiday, observed by those of the Christian faith, is a celebration by painting eggs, hunting for eggs, and eating eggs. Now you might be wondering, *how do Easter and astrophysics correspond?* Well, I'll tell you. As you must know, astrophysics is a branch of science that studies the universe and its laws, thus, stars. Eggs and stars, well, those too are compatible on a molecular level!

Like zodiac signs, the Harrington cougar was formed from an egg, like all other mammals are. These eggs and cougars are all part of the multiverse that encompasses our multiverse. These multiverses, as explained in *Chargoff's Cat Thought Experiment* exist in a predetermined point that can not be determined prior or after their occurrence. However, if the egg were to move in the box, sending the radioactive fluid flowing inward and killing the cat, Easter would not occur.

From that logic, we connect the Chritian holiday of Easter to the spring celebration for the Jewish faith, Passover. This is a very clear connect to the sour patch kid fun-dip candy. The sweetness; a metaphor for the American Girl Doll egg chair **\*made possible by the help of voodoo dolls\*** <sup>TM</sup>

In conclusion, as Edgar Allan Poe said, "I became insane, with long intervals of horrible sanity." Our world is an endless void of eggs, cougars, and stars. But how are we supposed to unearth these thrilling moments without the help of Pascal from Rupunzle?

P.S. - April Fools!

## April Fools Chicken Pot Pie

By Lindsay B.

### INGREDIENTS

1 3oz package Vanilla Puddingm  
Plus ingredients called for on box  
4 Mini Graham Pie Crusts  
2 Bananas  
1/2 cup Fruit Chews, orange and green

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare pudding according to package directions.
2. Cut bananas into small pieces to be used as the "chicken".
3. Cut the fruit chews into small pieces. Roll the green pieces into small balls for the "peas" and form the orange pieces into small squares for the "carrots".
4. Spoon the pudding into the pie shells until almost full and add on some of each of the "veggies" and "chicken".
5. Put a little bit more pudding on top to make it look mixed in.
6. Chill in the fridge for at least 30 minutes before serving.
7. All ready to fool your friends and family!

# Earth Day 2022

By Paw Prints Staff



**#InvestInOurPlanet**

Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22. The theme this year is: *Invest In Our Planet. What Will You Do?* The first Earth Day was held in 1970, meaning this year, 2022, will mark the 52nd anniversary.

This year Earth Day is on a Friday, so we have a whole weekend to make this planet a better place.

What can you do? Here is a list of things you can do to get involved and “Invest in Our Planet”:

1. Ride your bike or walk— any trip without a car is a win for the planet
2. Reduce meat and dairy in your diet—Did you know that a quarter of greenhouse gas emissions comes from the production of food, 58% of which results from meat and dairy?
3. Give up plastic—Fact: eight million tons of plastic end up in our oceans every year, killing and harming marine life.
4. Unplug and get outside—Turn off your phones and organize a get-together for an afternoon outside and breathe some fresh air.
5. Up-Cycle old clothes and household items—one man’s trash can be another man’s treasure.

## Spring Brings...



By Paw Prints Staff

**-tulips and daffodils**

**-baby animals**

**-allergies**

**-warm weather**

**-new beginnings**

**-clean houses**

**-longer days**

**-Phillies**

**-Mr. Softee**

**-standardized testing**

**-rainy afternoons**

**-new growth in gardens**

**-shorts and hoodies**

**-chocolate bunnies**

**-sandals and flip flops**

**-New movies: *Jurassic World Dominion* and *Light Year***

**-birds chirping**

**-Johnson’s strawberry picking**

**-photos with the Easter Bunny**

**-dying eggs and egg hunts**

**-SPRING BREAK!!!!**

# Teacher Talk

By: Anika T. & Tessa S.

Happy Spring everyone! For this month's edition of Paw Prints, we reached out to the teachers of Harrington to ask them questions all about spring!!

1. What is your favorite flower?

Mr. Tolbert: "Sunflowers, they represent intelligence and happiness."

Mr. Palmucci: "Lily."

Ms. Rotella: "Birds of Paradise."

Mr. LaMorte: "Hydrangea."

Mrs. Patrick: "Orchid & Iris."

Mr. Gearhart: "Bleeding Heart."

Ms. Cohen: "Daisies."

Ms. Nugent: "Roses."

2. What are your plans for Spring Break?

Mr. Tolbert: "I'm going to Walden Pond in Massachusetts to connect with nature the way Thoreau did."

Mr. Palmucci: "Trout fishing and dog walks in the park."

Ms. Rotella: "Taking a trip to Busch Gardens with my kids."

Mr. LaMorte: "Hiking, reading, and maybe a day trip or 2."

Mrs. Patrick: "Going on day trips with family and friends. Also doing some spring cleaning."

Mr. Gearhart: "Rest and relaxation."

Ms. Cohen: "Rest! Read! Relax!"

Ms. Nugent: "Family time."

3. April is Stress Awareness month, so what is your favorite way to destress?

Mr. Tolbert: "Playing chess, petting my cat, reading, fresh air, and meditation."

Mr. Palmucci: "Listen to or play music." Ms. Rotella: "Take a walk outside."

Mr. LaMorte: "Go for a long run."

Mrs. Patrick: "Walking my dogs."

Mr. Gearhart: "Playing video games or taking a nap."

Ms. Cohen: "Watching movies with subtitles." Ms. Nugent: "Walking."

4. What are you looking forward to during spring?

Mr. Tolbert: "The nice weather and for my garden to flourish."

Mr. Palmucci: "Longer days, Spring Concert, & warmer weather."

Ms. Rotella: "Visiting parks, going for walks, playing soccer & traveling."

Mrs. Patrick: "Extra day-light & being closer to summer."

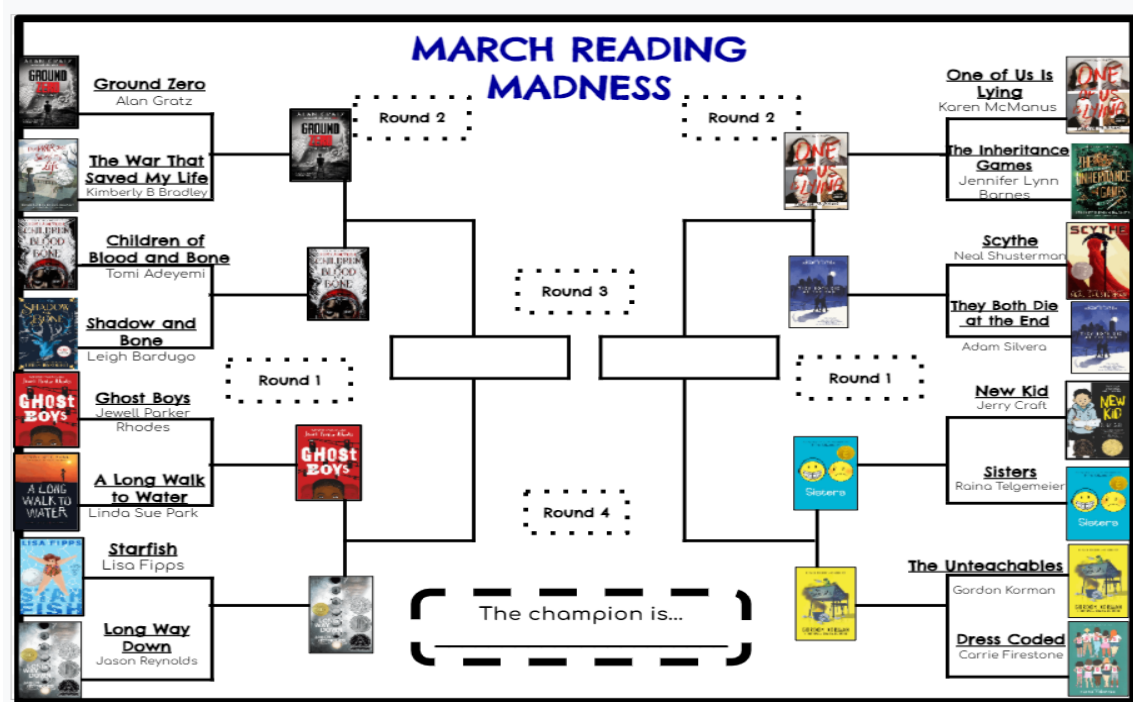
Mr. LaMorte: "The Easter Bunny!"

Ms. Nugent: "Warm weather and flowers."

Ms. Cohen: "Celebrating my daughters' birthdays."

Mr. Gearhart: "Warmer weather."

## Harrington March Madness Mania



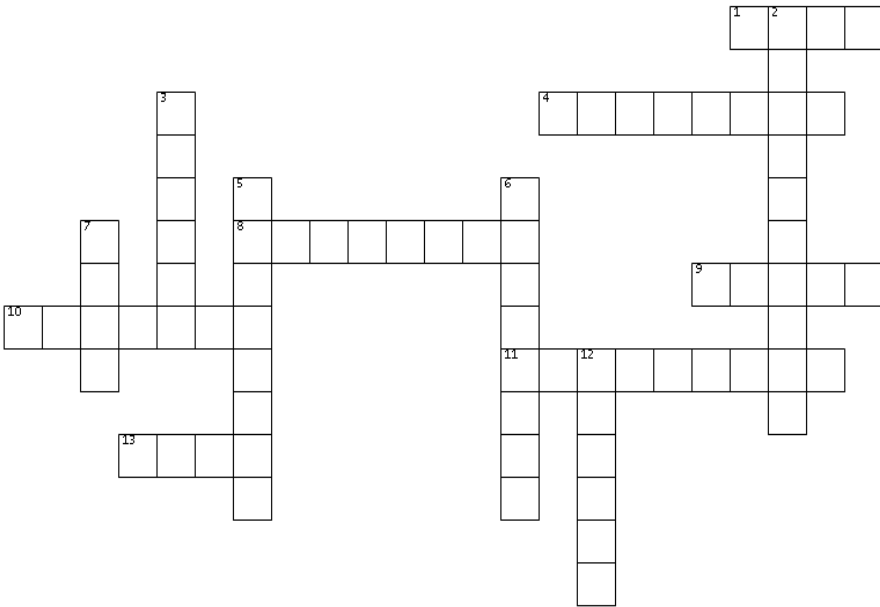
This year once again Harrington students had the opportunity to participate in a March Madness reading competition. Books are selected by genre, topic, and popularity. The bracket was released during Read Across America Week and students had the opportunity to vote during the advisory homeroom period. The original 16 titles battled it out during week 1.

The 8 books that survived the first round, went head to head week two and four titles survived: *Ghost Boys* by Jewel Park Rhodes, *Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz, *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus, and *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman.

After a week of voting, the final two titles were *Ground Zero* and *One of Us is Lying*. *Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz is a fictional story about the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, and the ongoing American involvement in Afghanistan as a result of the terrorist attacks almost two decades ago. *One of us Is Lying* by Karen M. McManus is about four Bayview High School students (Bronwyn, Addy, Cooper, and Nate) who are wrongfully accused of killing Simon Kelleher, a fellow student during detention. Stay tuned to find out the Harrington Middle School Book of the Year!

# Your Monthly Puzzle

By: Olivia Asciutto



## ACROSS

1. cold is to chilly, as hot is to \_\_\_\_\_
4. not indoors, but \_\_\_\_\_
8. a device used to protect you from falling raindrops
9. a flower bud begins to open revealing its petals
10. plants with colorful petals
11. a winged small insect with colorful wings
13. what happens when the clouds turn from gas to liquid

## DOWN

2. a holiday on April 1st
3. a small pool of water on the ground
5. another word for rays of sunlight
6. a popular sport played with a ball, a bat, and a glove
7. a seed begins to \_\_\_\_\_ after being planted
12. the April zodiac sign

APRIL  
FOOL'S  
DAY



## Chapter 7- The Rabbids

By G.S.

See the last edition of (*Paw Prints*) to catch up on *How to Use Superpowers 101!*

### ??? POV

“Dr. Bubbles, how’s the next Rabbids coming along?” A scratchy voice came from behind a spindly chair. The speaker’s face was towards a wall of computers, sort of like the thing you would see in the Batcave from the Batman movies.

“They’re coming along well, sir,” the next man (presumably Dr. Bubbles) responded. He looked like a mad scientist; white, balding hair, wrinkles down the center of his forehead from concentrating on whatever project he was working on, and the lab coat and goggles to tie the whole thing together.

“How long until they’re ready?” The first man asked.

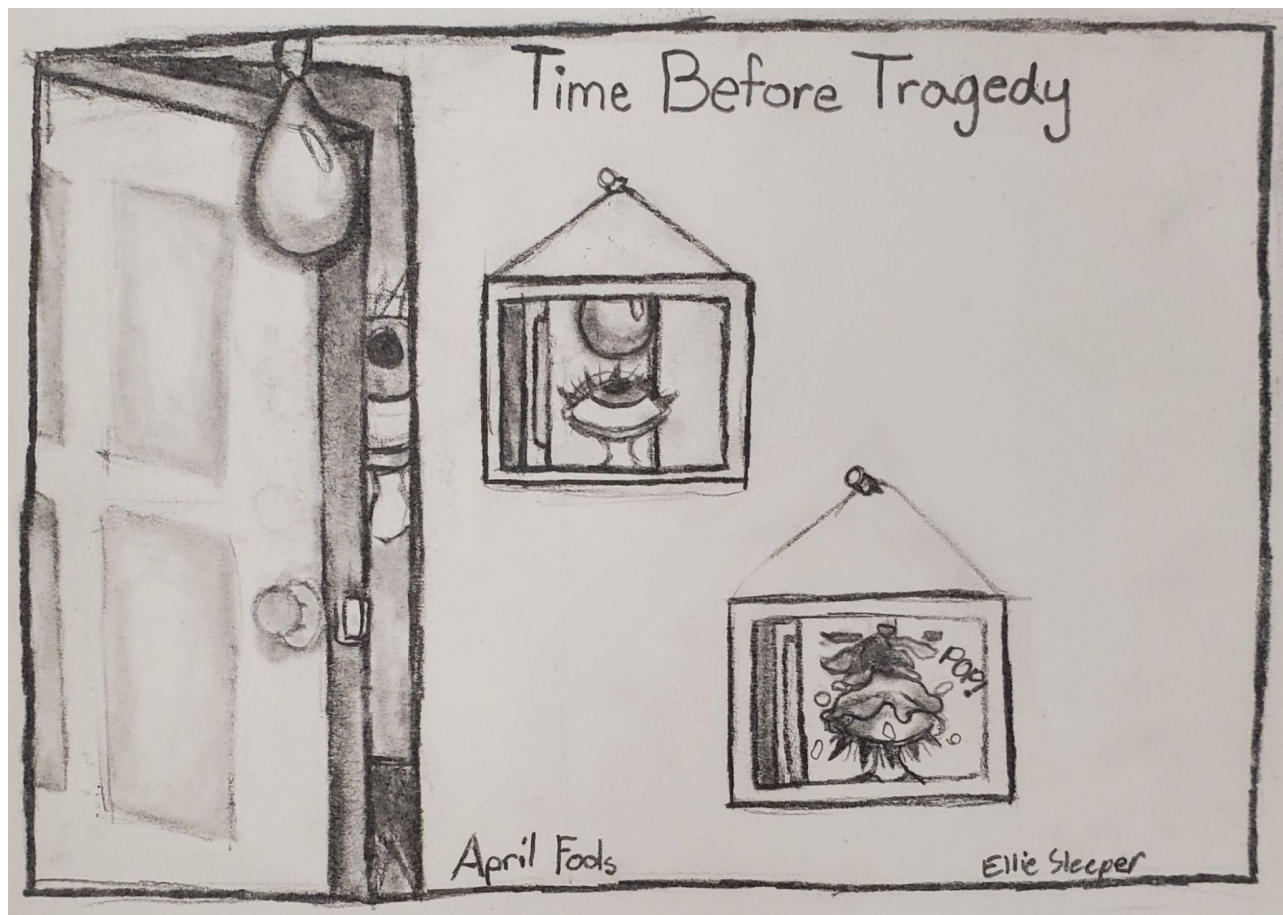
“About 42 hours, sir,” the second man responded.

“Excellent! We’ll send them out then.” The first man turned around in his chair and grinned wickedly.

### National Days - April

By: Henry N.

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| 1. Walk To Work Day                      | 16. Husband Appreciation Day           |
| 2. National Love Our Children Day        | 17. International Bat Appreciation Day |
| 3. National Tweed Day                    | 18. Tax Day                            |
| 4. National Hug A Newsperson Day         | 19. Wear Pajamas To Work Day           |
| 5. First Contact Day                     | 20. National Look-Alike Day            |
| 6. National Siamese Cat Day              | 21. Bulldogs Are Beautiful Day         |
| 7. National No Homework Day              | 22. Earth Day                          |
| 8. National Zoo Lovers Day               | 23. Impossible Astronaut Day           |
| 9. National Winston Churchill Day        | 24. National Pet Parents Day           |
| 10. National Hug Your Dog Day            | 25. National Hug A Plumber Day         |
| 11. National Barbershop Quartet Day      | 26. Get Organized Day                  |
| 12. International Be Kind To Lawyers Day | 27. National Tell A Story Day          |
| 13. National Make Lunch Count Day        | 28. National Bravehearts Day           |
| 14. National Ex-Spouse Day               | 29. National Peace Rose Day            |
| 15. National Laundry Day                 | 30. International Jazz Day             |



## TIPS FOR YOUTUBE

By Ethan L.

**I am a minuscule YouTuber, nahte3. However, I know quite a few good tips and tricks that YOU should use to grow your channel. Most of these apply to all types, but I will specify if not.**

*Starting off with thumbnails.* I would suggest taking at least 20 minutes to make sure your thumbnail is perfect. Make sure people WANT to click on the video, and only slightly clickbait it. Make sure it stands out in the youtube recommendations.

*Try to fit trends.* For example, I do a Minecraft channel. If I wanted to do current trends, I would do a Lifesteal SMP or a Manhunt. Or in the case of vlogs, try to trade a dollar to 100 dollars. Those are just examples.



*Focus on a niche.* Basically, focus on one section of the internet. I stick to Minecraft, and branching out from that is often not the best. That's because people click on your channel because they want more of those videos, and it translates to more views than the variety of content.

*Be consistent.* I don't do this myself, but it can help a lot. The YouTube recommendation system loves when you post consistently or have consistent titles.

*Use tags.* Tags can be a massive way to grow your channel. I know that for myself, I searched "Minecraft Survival" and I found one of my own videos in the recommended.

*Get advice.* Don't just rely on yourself to do it. Get friends or family to judge your videos, no matter how cringe it feels.

*Don't stress yourself.* If you stress yourself to upload on a daily basis, you are not gonna have fun. You are going to experience burnout and not enjoy yourself whatsoever.

*Set goals.* With goals, you know what you want to achieve on your channel or on a specific video.

**I hope these tips help you. Maybe you can achieve the popularity you've always wanted!**



**NJHS Clothing Drive**



**Feeling Generous?? Consider donating the clothes you no longer need!  
Donate in the boxes located D-wing, E-wing, and library.  
All proceeds benefit the American Red Cross via GreenDrop.  
Collection March 14-April 11**

**Good Luck to all those participating in Harrington Spring Sports–Boys and Girls Softball, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, and Track & Field!!!**

# **Easter Egg Decoration Tips + Tricks**

By: Emily J.

Have you ever dyed easter eggs? Well if you haven't, it is a really enjoyable Easter craft! The best way to do it is to hard boil an egg and to stick it in your freezer. There are great ways to learn to do this step on Google or Safari. After you do that, get some cups (I found that clear cups were the easiest for me). Then, label the cups with the name of the colors you choose. This way, you won't get the colors mixed up. The next step is very simple: mix food dye into water and mix away! You can make nice colors by mixing two or more together. Just be sure to do only three drops of each at a time, and then change the colors from there. Otherwise, you might end up with brown! Not very Easter-ish. Then, pick out one spoon for each color. Make sure you don't mix up the spoons. Once your colors are set out in front of you, remove your hard boiled eggs from wherever you were storing them and put one in each spoon. Use one egg at a time, and let them sit for as long as you want. The longer you wait, the darker the color of the egg will become. The shorter your egg sits, the lighter it will become. Then, let your eggs dry out for a minute or two, then get a white crayon. You remember those white crayons that you never used from your crayon box in Kindergarten because you always had white paper? Now here you can finally use that white crayon! Make pretty designs, or spell out words on your egg. Be creative! Some ideas include writing messages like *Happy Easter*, or *You found this egg!* Or you could draw shapes, stripes, dots, or small doodles on your egg. Don't forget: an egg is small, and there is only so much room for drawing. Don't overdo it. ;) If you want more ideas, look at this fun suggestion list below! Happy decorating!

Other Ideas:

- Make your egg a face! Add accessories by drawing glasses, or a bowtie.
- Personalize your egg with your name, things you like, or drawings of things.
- Make an egg inspired by your favorite book/movie/show etc. Add objects or items related to it or a quote/saying that appears in it.
- Make an egg with a nice quote. It can be real, like a quote by a scientist or author you think would look good on an egg. It can be something to inspire or cheer someone up, like *You are awesome*, or *Smile!* It can also be a rhyme or something totally made up. The choice is yours!

\*You can go a step further and make an egg hunt for your friends or family by hiding the eggs you made!\*



# What Do You Think?

## The Son of Gods

By Aiden C.

(Continued from March...)

"Wait, Jane! I think that your power is mind reading!" Max called.  
"Plus, it seems like you know my thoughts all the time."

"Sure friends understand each other, but not like that!" Jane said. Not believing a word.

"Ok, to prove it, guess the number I'm thinking of." He interjected.  
*Fifteen, it's fifteen.*

"Fifteen!" Jane yelled, "And you said it three times!" "That's right! That's the number," Max cheered, "You knew that without me saying anything!"

"So, I'm a mind reader," She declared "Well, that explains a lot," she said to herself with a smile.

"Hey, what about my powers?" Max asked.

"Let's see. Go get the book in my bookbag," In the queue, the book bag fell off the table and right on Max's foot.

"What's in there! A book and a few bricks?" He winced trying to shrug off the pain. His eyes turned red instantly.

"Actually, a few books, big ones. I wasn't expecting you to come. I was going to read these." Max lifted the backpack off of his aching foot. "You know that bookbag weighs about 15 pounds?"

"Wait, really!" Max asked, his eyes turning back to green. "So what? I'm strong!"

Jane giggled, "My dad can't even lift the backpack off the ground like that."

"I saw Alan's eyes turn red like mine. So what superpower does he have?" Max asked

"Wait, his eyes turned red? They looked purple to me." Jane said.

"The did?" Max asked.

"I guess one of us either saw wrong, or you're colorblind!" Jane giggled.

"No, you're the colorblind one!" Max argued back, not taking the insult lightly. They bickered for a few minutes before Jane snapped.

"You know what? I have a yearbook from last year. Let's take a look." She flipped through a few pages, looking for Alan's face. Her face went white as she focused on the picture. "He has gray eyes!"

"Wait, really?" Max asked, hoping she was joking. He looked at the picture and saw it. Alan's gray eyes looked back at him. The image was as boring as all the other pictures around it.