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## Dance the Night Away! By Anika V.



On Friday, June 2nd, the Harrington PTO hosted the annual semi-formal 8th-grade dance. This year's theme was "Aloha/tropical." 8th-grade students were treated to a night of hanging with their friends and delicious treats. Rita's water ice, soft pretzels, brownies, and lots of candy were just some of the many options available in the beautifully decorated cafeteria.

A photo booth with props and a fun background was available for free photos that could be uploaded right to your phone. A QR code could be used to send the DJ song requests(though he didn't play any of the five Taylor Swift songs I requested 😞). You would get a number from the QR code and text what song you wanted to be played and who sang it. The process for both of these features was thankfully quick and easy.

The setup of this dance was quite different from the setup of the Snowball Dance. Instead of being held in the cafeteria, it was located in the gym, and the cafeteria held all the snacks and food. I preferred it this way because there was more room and the setting of the gym was more appealing than the cafeteria.

The songs played were alright- not great but not terrible. Some were classics that everyone sang along to, but most of the others were just rap songs. There was no variation to the songs, just rap and the occasional pop song. The DJ did a good job of remixing them and adding to them, it's just the song choices that were questionable.

I vastly enjoyed this 8th-grade dance. The setup was better, the songs- though not that great were better, and I just had a lot of fun. Leis(Hawaiian flower necklaces) were handed out to everyone inside the cafeteria and the photo booth was a cute addition to the dance and easy to work with. It still wasn't like the ones in tv shows- and by that I mean the girls stuck with the girls and the boys stuck with the boys. The 8th-grade dance, I was surprisingly sad to leave and found myself hoping it would last longer. The dance was such a fun and positive experience, so incoming 8th graders, know you'll have this dance to look forward to. Great job and much appreciation to the HMS PTO for providing us with such a wonderful time!

# It's Summertime!

By Paw Prints Staff

Congratulations to our 8th graders as they head off to high school next year. But wait...we still have summer to enjoy before heading off into our next adventure. What are your plans for the summer? We surveyed our current 8th grade students to get a peek into their plans for summertime.

Rest, relaxation, sleep, and spending time with friends and family, seemed to be the #1 plan for summer 2023. There were also quite a few students with plans to vacation at the Jersey shore. Some of our classmates will vacation further away like the Carolinas, Texas, California, and even China, India and Taiwan. Traveling definitely seems to be a priority for many this summer.

Another thing that many students will be doing this summer is camps. Sport camps, sleepaway camps, theater camps and others were all mentioned as summertime activities that are already planned.

Whether you choose to hang out and play video games or get outside and enjoy the outdoors, we hope that you enjoy every minute of your summer vacay!

## This Month in Science

By: Sanchita S.

Hey! It's me again :) This article is going to look a bit different than the previous editions. I don't think we want to miss out on July and August. Don't worry, I've got you covered!

### *Jupiter. Flight.*

**J**uly 9, 1979: NASA's Voyager 2 passed within 404,000 miles of the largest planet in the Solar System, Jupiter. At 6:29 EDT, Voyager 2 made its closest approach to Jupiter on this day.

Scientists collected so much new information about the planet, including photos of the planet and some of its satellites. All of this happened 570 million miles away from Earth.

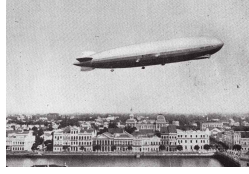
Voyager 2 visited Callisto, Ganymede, Europa, and Io. These moons are known as Galilean moons (discovered by Galileo) and the spacecraft even captured six volcanic eruptions on Io.

**A**ugust 8-29, 1929: Another historic flight.

The German dirigible, Graf Zeppelin, made its historic around-the-world flight, covering 21,500 miles in 5 legs.

This flight carried 60 men and one woman. The airship was 100 feet in diameter and 110 feet high.

YES WE MADE IT!!! I want to thank you all for keeping up with PAW PRINTS and reading my articles! Sadly this is my last article at Harrington :( If you want to send me an email for no reason at all, just email me at [SSubramaniam414@mtlaurelschools.org](mailto:SSubramaniam414@mtlaurelschools.org) :)



## ***Making Memories at HMS***

***By Paw Prints Staff***

Our 8th grade students will leave HMS with many memories. When asked what they will remember most about their time here at HMS, many said that they will remember their classes with all of their

friends, the teachers, the socials, sports teams and clubs. Here are some of the other special memories from our 8th grade classmates:

- WHMS fails.
- T.V. Production
- Take your child to work day because you get to meet all the teachers kids
- I miss when I did volleyball club it was a very fun experience for me and took me out of my comfort zone a lot.
- Field trip for leadership circle.
- Volunteering at Innovation day at Hillside for NJHS.
- The time I was a W.A.T.C.H winner
- Anytime I was in Mr.Sides class (7th grade)
- When I dissected the worm in Mrs. Paterno's science class.
- Spanish class with Ms. Ashmen.
- Mr. Lubin's class, Mrs. Arnot's class
- that basketball assembly
- Every day of my 7th grade math class
- My early ELA classes with Mrs. Langford.
- When Mr. Wagner threw a fake brick at my classmate.
- My favorite memory from HMS is making it through a year without having to go online for covid.
- Music with Mrs.Grasshorn, when we got to use DAWs (Digital audio workstation)
- Talks with Ms. Wireback

*The best thing about*  
**Memories**  
*...is making them*

The memories that we made here at Harrington will be with us forever! Peace Out, HMS!!

# Things to do During Summer

By: Aarav Shah

1. If you're a thrill seeker you definitely would want to consider going to an amusement park in summer. Some popular amusement parks near us include Six Flags, Hershey Park and Storybook Land. In Six Flags, you can see the tallest rollercoaster in the world, the Kingda Ka.
2. Another cool thing to do during the summer for music lovers is to attend a concert. If you like the summer heat try to attend an outdoor one. Some of the concerts near us are Luke Combs in Lincoln Financial Field on July 29th, Alicia Keys in Wells Fargo Center on July 10th and Beyonce in Lincoln Financial Field on July 12th.
3. There are also many parades on July 4th! If you want to celebrate our Independence, some parades near us are in Maple Shade, Haddon Township and Philadelphia.
4. If you want to enjoy the summer heat, have a picnic. If you've never had a picnic some common foods people regularly take are sandwiches, chips and salads.
5. A favorite of many people is to take a road trip. Some of the most scenic states to take a road trip to are pretty much in the West such as California, Utah and Colorado.
6. Maybe if you don't like traveling much there are many fun things to do in Philadelphia, which is only about a half an hour away. Some things which I personally would love to do interesting in Philadelphia are, see the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, visit the Philadelphia Museum of Art and go to the Longwood Gardens.
7. One of the best things about summer which almost everyone enjoys is going to the beach. Some popular beaches along the Jersey Shore are Avalon Beach, Ocean City Beach and Wildwood Beach.
8. Summer is the perfect time to learn new things because many people are too busy during school months. Some popular things to do are to learn to juggle, learn construction and woodworking and learn a new language. Some of the easiest foreign languages to learn are Dutch, Norwegian and Spanish. If you're looking for a challenge try to learn Hungarian, Bulgarian and Serbian.
9. Hot air balloons are a popular activity during summer. Places in New Jersey where you can fly a hot air balloon are in Asbury, Parispany and Washington, NJ.
10. If you feel like trying arts and crafts try making a Tie-Dye T-Shirt, drawing and painting and making collages of memories with family and friends.

# Summer Playlist

🎵 By Paw Prints Staff 🎵

Do you know how there are just certain songs that make you think about summertime? You hear that one song that just puts you in that summer mood? Well, we asked the teachers here at Harrington to tell us what songs make them feel summer vibes and here is a list of their favs:

"Sunroof" by Nicky Youre and dazy  
"Summer Feelings" by Lennon Stella  
"Lazy song" by Bruno Mars  
"Ocean Avenue" by Yellowcard  
"Summertime" by Kenny Chesney  
"Late in the Evening" by Paul Simon  
"Good Vibrations" by The Beach Boys  
"Africa" by Toto  
"Rainbow" by G. Love and Special Sauce  
"Last Night" by Morgan Wallen  
"Don't Know Why" by Nora Jones  
"Knee Dee" by Zac Brown Band  
"School's Out for the Summer" by Alice Cooper

"I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz  
"Quittin' Time" by Zac Brown Band  
"Summer Wind" by Frank Sinatra  
"Summertime" by DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince  
"Lovely Day" by Bill Withers  
"Higher Love" by Whitney Houston  
"Could you be Loved" by Bob Marley  
"Cruel Summer" by Taylor Swift  
"Candy in the Sun" by Swirl 360  
"Brown Eyed Girl" by Van Morrison  
"Beyond the Sea" by Bobby Darin

Make a playlist of these great tunes to listen to this summer! Maybe one of these will be added to your summertime favorites. What would you add to your summer playlist?

## Teacher Bucket List 2023



It may be hard to believe it, but your teachers are actually as excited about summertime as you are. They have worked hard and look forward to spending the summer doing things that they couldn't get done during the school year. We asked the teachers here at Harrington what they have on their bucket list to do over this summer.

Many of the teachers plan to spend time at the beach, pool, and with their families. Creating memories is something that our teachers really seem to value. Below are some of the activities that your teachers plan on doing this summer:

- Finish Ironman Lake Placid race for a second time
- Read lots of books on the beach!
- Going on vacation and sleeping in!
- Create memories with my kids
- Relax in our new pool, travel up and down the East Coast with my family.
- Relax, spend time with family and friends, swim, read, cook
- Dead and Company's final tour. Go sailing on the Chesapeake
- Recharging my soul's batteries
- Go to the beach, finish unpacking from my move last summer
- Read a few good books and to some maintenance around the house!
- Go to the US Open!

- Rest and relaxation, travel, and getting projects done around the house
- Make memories with my kids
- Read 50 books! Walk at least 15 miles a week.
- Go to the beach as much as possible; breathe in the salt air and listen to the ocean!
- Get my house painted and organized!!
- Read more and visit my parents at the beach
- Get to the shore and go back to Disney
- Boring house stuff that I've been putting off!!
- Enjoy time with family and friends. In addition, I have lots of tools, so I am looking forward to my summer woodworking!
- Publish a second book
- Get to the beach once a week
- Clean out and reorganize my house
- Redecorate
- Spend lots of time at the beach!
- Swim in my pool, go to the beach, hang with my kids :)
- spending quality time with my girls, relaxing beachside/poolside, traveling, taking family hikes, organizing/purging
- I plan to research my family tree and go to California to watch my daughter run a marathon!
- Get to Sea Isle whenever I can, read a lot, cook and eat a lot of good food, write a short story or two

## *Dear Future 8th Graders*

By Paw Prints Staff

The current 8th graders have provided some great advice for this year's 7th graders who will be 8th graders next year. Having a successful 8th grade year can be easy breezy if you follow the advice of those who have lived it. Most suggest paying attention, staying focused and not procrastinating as the top tips of success for 8th grade. Staying organized and studying were also highly recommended by most. Here are some other tips that were suggested by current 8th graders:

- ★ Be happy, don't worry, eat cheese doodles!
- ★ Keep Calm
- ★ Avoid the drama...it's not worth it
- ★ Focus on yourself and don't let anyone distract you from what you want or your dreams.
- ★ I would say to try to check PowerSchool as much as possible to make sure you don't have surprise C's before the marking period ends.
- ★ The f word for you today is focus -Ms.Paterno
- ★ Wear deodorant and do the homework. Be nice to your teachers.
- ★ Don't make the sub's mad because they will tell the teacher.
- ★ Some advice I would give to next year's 8th grade students would be to not care about what others think.
- ★ Take things seriously. We're old enough to put in an effort
- ★ Make good decisions and follow your dreams. Make friends with people who make you feel good, and don't let people push you down. Stand up for yourself, your friends, and others.
- ★ Don't do bad stuff because 8th grade teachers are very strict
- ★ try no to fail Mr.Stiles vocab tests
- ★ Middle school goes by quick, and even though its cliché, it's true. My advice is that you should make the most out of your eighth grade year because high school won't be easy.

# Summertime TBR (To Be Read)

**One thing that many people plan to do in the summer is catch up on reading. It's a great opportunity to read those books that you have been wanting to read all year. So, what are your plans for reading this summer. The teachers here at HMS have many great titles on their TBR lists. Here are some of their choices:**

<i>The Count of Montecristo</i> by Alexandre Dumas	<i>Where the Crawdad's Sing</i> by Delia Owens
<i>Meditations</i> by Marcus Aurelius	<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett
<i>Pay It Forward</i> by Catherine Ryan Hyde	<i>Verity</i> by Colleen Hoover
The new Elin Hilderbrand book <i>The Five Star Weekend</i>	<i>Every Summer After</i> by Carley Fortune
whatever is chosen for book club	<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i> by Bonnie Garmus
<i>Dragonfly in Amber</i> (The 2nd Book of the Outlander Series) by Diana Gabaldon	<i>Fire</i> by Sebastain Junger
<i>The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh</i> by Candace Fleming	The Nero Wolfe Series by Rex Stout

**What are some titles that you have on your TBR? Summertime is the perfect opportunity to catch up on all of those great books that you've seen advertised on Book Tok all year!**

**Also, don't forget that you have a summer reading requirement for Harrington and High School! Check your school's website for more information.**

## Sweet Summertime

Nothing is better than being a kid in the summer. Most of us have fond memories of the lazy days of summer, especially when we are little. Playing in the sprinklers, riding bikes, making forts, and water balloons are things that many of us did as kids during the summer. Some of us probably still look forward to those things today. But what did our teachers enjoy the most about their childhood summers. You might be surprised to find out that they loved many of the same things that we still love today.

- Night swimming in my grandparent's pool
- Going to Fantasy Island in LBI
- Going to the pool and the bowling alley. Meeting up with friends at Friendly's
- playing with neighbors, running through sprinklers, and waiting for the ice cream man
- spending summers at our Wildwood beach house
- Going to the local swim club
- Going to the beach
- summer camp
- riding my bike...Everywhere!
- playing Manhunt(Jailbreak) with my friends
- Nintendo afternoons

One thing is very clear, that even though times may change, summer memories will always stay with us. Many of our teacher's favorite memories from summertime are similar to the memories we still make today.



# Best Backyard Games For The Summer

By Jules G.

**Spikeball** - Spikeball is a backyard game that uses a ball and a trampoline/net-like thing. The objective is to bounce the ball on the net and avoid it from touching the ground.



**Cornhole** - Cornhole is one of the most popular backyard games. It involves throwing beanbags on a board and into a hole (that's on the board).



**Bocce** - Bocce is a fun game you can play in your backyard or on the beach. In this game, you throw a small ball on the ground and whoever throws a larger ball closest to it wins.



**Badminton** - Badminton is a game that uses a net, rackets, and a “shuttlecock”. The point of the game is to hit the shuttlecock with the racket, over the net. Don't let it touch the ground.



**Horseshoe** - Horseshoe is a game where you place a peg into the ground and try to throw horseshoes onto it. Whoever throws their horseshoe the closest to the peg wins.



**Ladder Toss** - Ladder Toss is a game that involves throwing bolas (a rope with balls at the ends) onto the ladder setup (as seen in the picture on the right). Each bar is a different amount of points.





# Summer Must-Dos

By Joyce

Summer is a chance to look back and relax before another stressful school year. Here are some things you can do before school starts to get you ready for a great new year :)

1. Wake up early- I know it's summer and the last thing you want to do is wake up early, but you should try towards the end of the summer to get your body ready for those early mornings. You don't want to feel crappy and tired in the beginning of the new school year
2. You're going to a new school, go visit it- If you're going to a new school, you should visit it so you can get familiar with the school.
3. Take some time for yourself- It's called a break for a reason. Take some time to relax and enjoy your break
4. Take the time to make mental health your top priority- mental health is so important so make sure you take care of it
5. Have fun!- Summer is the time to try new things, travel, and do things you couldn't do during the school year so live it up and do everything you can before it ends and have fun

## Explaining Summer to a Fortnite Kid by Jayden



## *Summer Day-Trips*

By: Rose N.

Summer is just around the corner. While taking trips and vacations can be enjoyable, going on a day trip near you can also be very rewarding! Here are some fun places to explore on a hot summer day.

When you think of summer, one thought that comes to mind is the beach. There are many gorgeous beaches near us, such as Ocean City. Ocean City is popular for its 2 ½ mile long boardwalk, with pizza restaurants, candy shops, arcades, and small coffee shops. Ocean City has 2 amusement parks and a water park. Ocean City beach is beautiful as well, with clean beaches and miles of beach to walk on.

Wildwood is another great beach. Wildwood's beach stretches out far because of the built-up sand. Wildwood is more known for its amusement parks. Wildwood has 3 different amusement parks on the piers along with 2 beachfront waterparks. Wildwood is generally better for older kids, 9+, because some rides are big and require a certain height. One amusement pier (Surfside Pier) is better for younger kids because it has smaller rides that aren't as intense. The other two piers are Morey's Pier and Adventure Pier.

Brigantine Beach is a small peninsula that is primarily known for its beaches. It has calm waters and sandbars far out in the water. Since Brigantine is a peninsula, water does not rush in as hard. This makes the waves slower and calmer, making this an ideal family beach. Brigantine has some prestigious small restaurants with fresh seafood and outdoor seating right on the water. The Lobster House and the Crab Shack Seafood Market/Restaurant are two great options for lunch or dinner.

Another super fun trip is Six Flags Great Adventure. Six Flags is a theme park in Jackson, New Jersey. Six Flags has many different rides, most of which are roller coasters. Six Flags has 58 rides in total. Six Flags also includes the tallest roller coaster in the world, Kingda Ka. Kingda Ka reaches up to 456 feet high, which is 45 stories tall. Kingda Ka has a maximum speed of 128 mph. In a matter of 3.5 seconds, you accelerate from 0 to 128 mph. The ride is over in 30 seconds. Six Flags also has water slides that are awesome when it's hot outside.

If you're looking for somewhere to spend time indoors, you could go to the American Dream Mall, located in East Rutherford. American Dream is a huge mall with a waterpark, Nickelodeon Universe theme park, multiple mini golf courses, an indoor ice skating rink, LegoLand, and SeaLife. The American Dream Mall is more than just a shopping mall. Consider visiting up here for a fun day inside a huge mall that includes more than 450 shops and entertainment experiences.

# PAW PRINTS June & Summer Puzzles

By: Liv A.

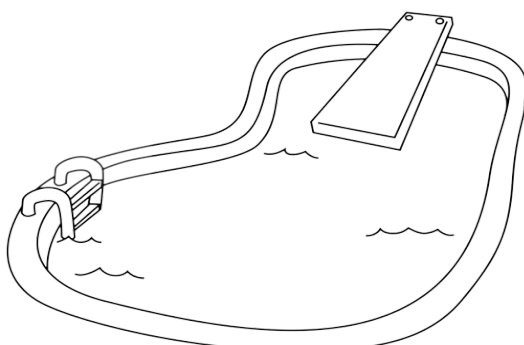
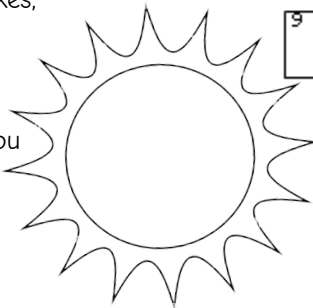
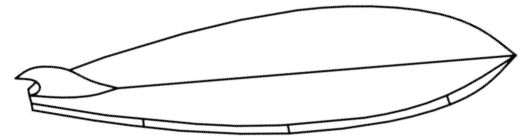
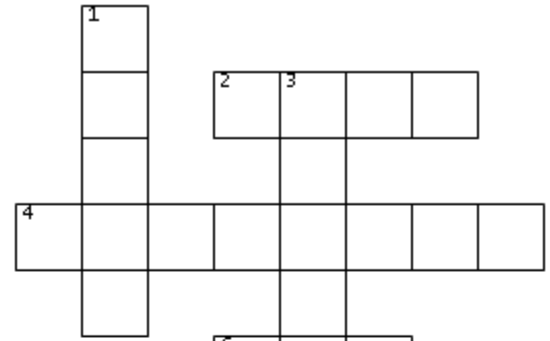
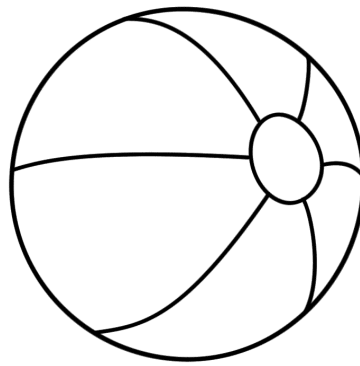
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are in the wordsearch. The  
double-puzzle, cryptogram, and  
letter tile puzzles have different  
words and phrases. I hope you  
enjoyed this year and good luck!  
H.A.G.S., Liv

## ACROSS

2. its sooooo much better than the ocean-  
it's clean and clear and so much more fun
4. "an extended period of leisure and  
recreation, especially one spent away from  
home or in traveling."
6. the sun...fire...the seatbelt in the  
summer...you get the picture
7. this season; ends in solstice
8. anakin skywalker made a lot of mistakes,  
but he was not wrong when he said he  
hated sand... well the clue here is that  
there's a lot of this here
9. finally you'll get to "restock" on this, you  
have missed hours of this during the  
school year
12. it's a star, you see it every day and it  
hurts your eyes to look at

## DOWN

1. this phenomena occurs when you have nothing due and nowhere to be... you can finally \_\_\_\_ over the  
break
3. this is where you go when you have to touch grass (if  
you get it you get it)
5. this is the name of the movement for the LGBTQIA+  
community
7. this is ending in 9 days as of 6/6/2023
10. Post-Traumatic Stree Disorder abbr.
11. "\_\_\_ in the sun"



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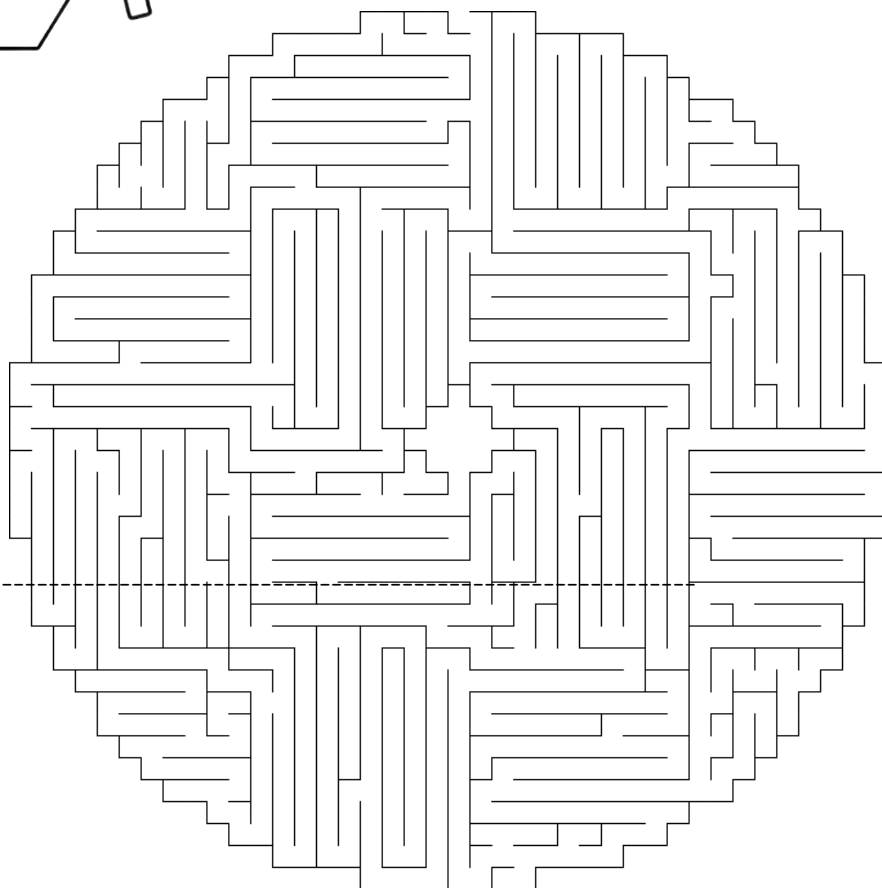
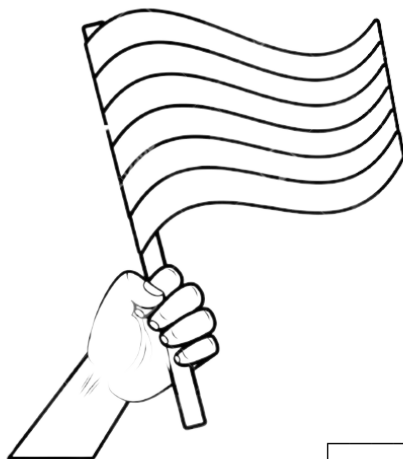
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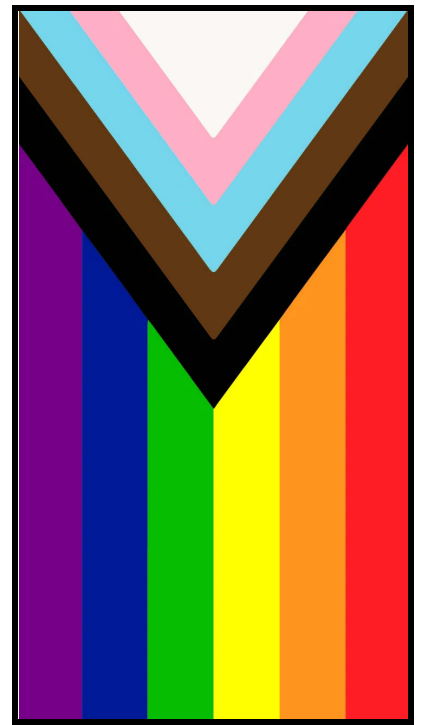
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# Fictional Characters Who Are Part of the LGBTQIA+ Community

By Liv A.

From June 1st through June 30th is Pride Month. Pride Month is a month to include, recognize, and celebrate everybody's individuality and identities. This is a list of fictional characters from movies, TV shows and series, video games, and books. There are so many names and ways that you could identify yourself, so I am including a few fictional people in the order of the letters LGBTQIA+ that we know and love. Thanks for reading!



Lesbian & Gay - Robin Buckley and Will Byers from *Stranger Things*

Robin and Will are both main characters in the friend group in *Stranger Things*. Robin uses she/her pronouns and Will uses he/him pronouns. Will has a crush on Mike, another one of the friend group (and original D&D group) Eleven's boyfriend. Only Will's brother Jonathan knows he's gay, since this show is set in a time period in the 80s where being gay or lesbian wasn't socially acceptable. Same thing with Robin, only Steve Harrington knows she has a crush on a girl in her band class at high school, Vickie. Robin had a crush on Tammy Thompson in Season Three. Even though neither of them knows the other's secret, we might see both come to light in the leaked chaos of the upcoming final Season 5.

Bisexual - Wonder Woman from the DC Universe

Being the first bisexual superhero as well as one of the first DC female heroes, Wonder Woman is bisexual in the comics. She does not have any bisexual relationships in the Zach Snyder films. According to actress Gil Gadot, "[It's] not something we've explored [in the film]...She's a woman who loves people for who they are. She can be bisexual. She loves people for their hearts."

Greg Rucka, the author of the seven-book comic issue *Wonder Woman: Year One*, agrees. "It's supposed to be paradise...You're supposed to be able – in a context where one can live happily, and part of what an individual needs for that happiness is to have a partner...And the only options are women. But an Amazon doesn't look

at another Amazon and say, 'You're gay.' They don't. The concept doesn't exist..." He and Nicola, his artist and collaborator, agree that she has definitely had relationships with other women. However, in the Wonder Woman movies, she had been in a relationship with Steve Trevor and has been seen paired up with Superman and Batman before. Wonder Woman uses she/her pronouns.

Transgender - Dreamer/Nia Nal from *Supergirl* (DC)

Nia Nal appears in Season 4 of *Supergirl*. With Dreamer as her superhero codename, she suffers from narcolepsy (a condition where you have an extreme tendency to fall asleep whenever in relaxing surroundings) and her powers are precognition, energy construct creation, oneiromancy, and astral projection. Her mom is Nura Nal, a.k.a. Dream Girl. Her mom was an alien and her father was human. Nia debuted in the first episode of Season 4 and she shares her story with the world over an interview with Kara. She is proud of who she is and she encourages others to be proud, too. Dreamer uses she/her pronouns.

Questioning/Queer - Kamala Khan/Ms. Marvel from *Ms. Marvel*

Kamala Khan is a Pakistani-American superhero in the Marvel Universe. She is a nerdy high schooler in New Jersey who loves superheroes, then she discovers she has powers of her own. In the comics, Ms. Marvel is not queer, and it is not explicitly stated in her tv series. But based on some of the clues in her new Disney+ show, Ms. Marvel is queer. Fans speculate that her sexuality will be explored in future seasons to come, especially since she has a few possible love interests of both genders. Ms. Marvel uses she/her pronouns.

Intersex - Stevionne from *Steven Universe*

Stevionne is a fusion between Steven and Connie in the *Steven Universe*, and they have appeared a few times over the course of the series. Steven identifies as male and Connie identifies as female, but their gender is a little hard to describe. Stevionne is the "living relationship between Steven and Connie," according to Rebecca Sugar, the series creator. Stevionne is referred to using gender-neutral pronouns and shares some of the different physical features of both characters.

Asexual - Spongebob from *Spongebob Squarepants*

Spongebob is the protagonist of his TV show, an employee of the Krusty Krab and resident of Bikini Bottoms. He is 36 years old and he and Patrick have been on many adventures throughout a whopping 13 seasons so far. The creator of the show

Stephen Hillenburg clarified in an interview in 2002 that Spongebob is asexual and should have no romantic relationships or love interests because he is too innocent. In 2005, a controversy arose among fans on this particular topic and Hillenburg stated that Spongebob is a sea sponge, and like real sea sponges in the wild, is biologically asexual (Hillenburg is a marine science educator). Spongebob uses he/him pronouns.

# The AnyThing Article

By Aiden, The Writer

Thank you for reading this Special Summer Edition (and hopefully reading every month as well.) For this article, we are going to talk about our opinion on

Paw Prints

**Aarav:** Paw Prints by far was the BEST CLUB EVER!!! You get to write so many newspaper articles. Whether you're interested in writing about sports, comics or stories, Paw Prints is the right club for you. For all seventh (future eighth graders) out there, please join!



**Marlee:** Paw Prints was aesthetically delightful. It teaches people to be writers and to follow their dreams. And, **YES. I am totally excited for the 8th. No more immature people-\*especially Madison.\* I recommend Paw Prints. <3**

**Sanchita:** WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND!! You can meet with friends (and make new friends) that share the same interests as you. You can join the force to keep the school updated on both in-school and out of school events. And plus, you get food, fun, laughs, and it's a great way to kill the time you're dying to waste at home 🍌

**Rana:** Paw Prints was an exciting, fun, club that I enjoyed this year. You can find people with similar interests (especially in writing!) Would 100% recommend it if you like to write, talk about books and other things, and overall have a good time.

**Anon:** Hmmm....very interesting. Um, very very very very very very very very write-y... Join if you want to i guess, idk.

**Jayden:** It's an average club, but the people make it a bit interesting, join for a free cookie

**Liv:** I really enjoyed this experience. I do the puzzles for the newspaper, and I have attended every meeting for the past two years on top of being in Mrs. Poulton's language arts class. This was a wonderful experience and I 110% recommend being in this fun club next year! I loved coming every week and getting to know and talk to some people I have never met before. You should all consider joining Paw Prints Newspaper Club!!

**Anika:** Paw Prints was really fun and I liked to write my articles. Unfortunately not many read it which is why I didn't feel very motivated to write well, though it was so great to hang out with my friends. I definitely recommend this club.

**Siena:** Paw Prints is a fun club. I love how I can just come into the club whenever we have meetings and just relax. If I'm ever having trouble figuring out what to write I can always just talk to Mrs. Poulton or just do my homework or go on my computer. I love this club and I can't wait to join again next year!



## Why You Should Join Paw Prints Next Year

By Siena S.

Paw Prints is a great club to join. You can write about anything you want and have it published in the school newspaper. Every other week we meet up in Mrs. Poulton's room and discuss what we are going to write and then

we get started. It is a safe place to make new friends and talk to anyone about anything. My favorite part about this club is that we don't just have to write articles. We can also write or make comic books, draw pictures, make word searches or puzzles and more. Paw Prints is a really easy club to join and isn't too challenging especially if you are looking for something to do after school.

As you may already know, Mrs. Poulton is the advisor of Paw Prints. There is nobody better for this club. You can tell her anything and she'll do nothing but support you. If you ever need help with writing she'll be there to help you. Mrs. Poulton is a great reason to join Paw Prints. Even though she is a teacher, she is more like a friend.

Another great reason why you should join Paw Prints is because you can get free snacks! We don't get snacks every single meeting, but we do get them every time there is a special occasion. So, anytime there is going to be a party happening, you can most definitely expect snacks.

There is no more I can say! Now you just have to come and sign up for Paw Prints next year so you can experience it for yourself. Make sure to also tell any 6th graders that you know are interested in writing to come join as well. I really recommend joining this club. I personally enjoy looking forward to coming to our meetings at the end of day. I hope this article made you take some time to consider joining!