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THE TAG TIMES

HELLO AGAIN!

TAG TIMES 2017-2018

By Ms. Leveille

Hello everyone and welcome to the second year of the TAG TIMES! This year's writers hail from a daily Newspaper and Media Literacy class held during period 8. Students in that class not only write for the paper, but also analyze mainstream news articles on a daily basis.

Students have some choice over what they write about, but typically report on recent events in the school, incidents in national news, and or biographical pieces.

We hope that you enjoy the hard work they put in this year and you can look forward to a new crop of writers when classes switch for Quarter 2.

Enjoy!

First Day as a 6th Grader

By Nevaeh S.

The first day of school starts like this: I had to walk to the bus stop. I was nervous because I had never taken the bus to school, but it was a good ride because I knew a lot of people on my bus from elementary school. When I saw everyone I knew, I assumed that this year would be a good year.

When we got to the school, Dr. O'Connor & Ms. Saint Martin was outside waiting to greet us. When they approached all of the sixth graders inside, I felt very welcomed and happy to be at TAG. When we got into the small gymnasium we had to find our names on our advisory list and line up based on our advisory. There was lots of movement and children scrambling everywhere. I finally found my advisory Mr. Hurst. He was very welcoming to all of us and he understood that we were all nervous.

When the first bell rang I didn't know what to do or were to go. First period I had E.L.A with Ms. Leveille. This class was fun, on the first day of school we did the cup stacking challenge. This activity was fun because this was an activity to help us work together as a team. We didn't have homework for her class on the first day of school, which was cool.

When it was time to find Ms. Clarke's classroom coming from Ms. Axtell's class was very confusing. I was very lost I didn't know where to go, but I finally found it! Ms.

Clarke's class was the best we did a writing prompt and discussed it. Ms. Clarke is my favorite teacher because she can relate to what you say. She also understands what we're saying if we use slang terms.

The lunch here was much better than elementary school. The best part is we can have good pizza every day if you want to. One reason it is better than elementary is because when we had nachos they gave us fake cheese, the top looked and felt like plastic here it didn't it was actual nacho cheese. So, in my opinion this school is much better than Sumner Ave.

I'm in the school store staff class. In this class we work at the school store and discuss what we should buy to put in the school store. I love this class because Ms. Jones is my teacher. Ms. Jones is the best, she is very fun. The school store is a way to make kids strive to earn AquaBux to buy fun fads in the school store. When we work in the school store our job is to sell the items and when they buy something to subtract it from how many AquaBux they have. We also are in charge of selling our school sweatshirts and making sure the students get the right size.

This is how the first day of school for me went. It was a very good day because we also didn't have homework because in every class we just went over the rules.

New Students at TAG

THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON YOU!

By Amy Z.

This year we have a lot of new six graders, some new seventh graders and a few new eighth graders. I will be interviewing 3 people - one from each grade. This is what they have to say about a few topics.

From 6th grade we have.... Neveah

Neveah is in 6th grade and she is currently 10 years old. Her favorite subject is math, but her favorite teacher is Ms. Clarke. She thinks that students shouldn't wear uniform. This is because she feels like students should be able to wear what they want and to be able to express themselves. She thinks that there is a lot of homework. Some things that are different from last year at her old school is that her classes are all over the place and she have new friends here. Something that she likes about this school is that the first number of the room number is what floor the room is on. (Room 241 The room is on the second because the first number is two) Something that she dislikes about this school is that classes are all over the place. Her first impressions of this school are that the teachers are nice, it's a good school and the lunch is really good. She is a hard-working and kind person. Her best friends are Nyasia and Karah. Something that she would like to achieve this year is to get a good grade in science. The school she came from is Summer Avenue. Her hobby is to play basketball and her favorite movie is Fast and Furious 8.

From 7th grade we have... Calev

Calev is in 7th grade and he is 12 years old. His favorite subject is math but he doesn't have a favorite teacher. He doesn't really care about uniform. He just cares about jackets and sweaters. He also doesn't care about school work. Things that are different form last year at his old school are that there is a different schedule and the school is better too. He dislikes the uniform and he doesn't like school. His first impressions of this school are that he's stuck here for a year. He is a very introvert person. (Shy person) His best friends are in a group with him. Something he wants to achieve this year is to get ahead of his education. The school that he came from is Bunnel. His hobby is sports and his favorite movie is Fate and Furious.

From 8th grade we have... Jairequan

Jairequan is in 8th grade and he is 13 years old. His favorite subject is science and his favorite teacher is Mr. Lessard. He doesn't really care about uniform. He feels like there is a lot of homework. Something that is different from last year for him is that there are some new teachers. Something he likes is that he doesn't have an assign seat. Something he doesn't like is that he has a lot of homework. He is a quiet and hard-working person. His best friend is Izayah.

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(Sorry if I spell your name wrong, Blame Jairequan!!!! He's the one that told me how to spell your name.) Something he wants to achieve this year is to get high honors which is straight As. His hobby is to play video games and his favorite movie is Fist Fight.

Dos cosas dificil y dos facil

By Bendrick R.

1. Las dos cosas facile es que por supuestamente el espanol es el idioma mas dificil y el ingles mas facil los dos idiomas para mi son igual de dificil pero un idioma que tu no sabes va hacer difucil para ti para mi es bien complicado aprender ingles pero puedo y cuando lo aprenda se lo esenare a los que hablan espanol le contare cada Segundo lo raro que es esta en un lugar donde todos hablan un idioma que tu no hablas pero si eres respetuoso atiendes a la clase te digo que si lo puedes aprender

2. Cosas facil del espanol puedes hablar con mexicanos puertoriquenos dominicanos espanoles y muchos mas otra cosa facil es que es facil aprender ingles si tu te lo propones por que nada es imposible

3. Cosas dificil si tu vas por ejemplo: usa y todo el mundo habla ingles y tu quieres aprender a hablar ingles pero tambien es si tu te lo propones por que mi hermano mayor trabaja en target y vino hace dos años y el no estudio el aprendio ingles solo sin clases so por eso yo tengo mas tiempo Para aprender hablar ingles.

First School Assembly

By Yuki L.

On Friday September 1st we had our first all school assembly for the new 2017-2018 school year, which was held in the large auditorium. The assembly lasted for an approximate 20 minutes. Before the assembly begun all TAG scholars got with their advisories towards the end of the lunch period. Then everyone filed into the auditorium by advisory. The assembly was hosted/featured Ms. St Martin, Ms. Jones, and the rest of the student council team who worked hard to make this assembly possible for everyone, TAG scholars and all. Standing atop on the auditorium stage the student council team discussed many different topics some joyous while others sadder than the rest. A topic that was strongly discussed during the assembly was Hurricane Harvey which devastated Texas from August 25 to September 3. Knowing this our school is currently holding a donation/contest for advisories (this includes collecting the most items toiletries etc, which will all go to helping those in need and recovering from Hurricane Harvey's damage). For the latest information regarding the donation/contest please consult your advisory teacher or someone like Ms. Jones. Something surprising, unexpected and quite refreshing that took place during the assembly was a replay of the "Can't Stop the Feeling" dance/music video made by Ms. Rivard (our band teacher from last year) and the rest of the wonderful TAG staff members/team from the 2016-2017 school year. For the new 6th graders this year it was probably their first time viewing it, but for the 7th and 8th graders it was a replay if not their first time viewing it. If you need a little refresh on it, it was the video of the teachers dancing to "Can't Stop the Feeling" by Justin Timberlake. It was originally shown during one of last year's concerts (band concert). During the assembly we also did an introduction/get to know me for all of our new teachers this year at Chestnut TAG (there was a surprising amount of new teachers this year). The introductions went by quickly and soon it was time to file out of the auditorium. After the assembly was over everyone went back to their rightful advisories till it was time for dismissal.

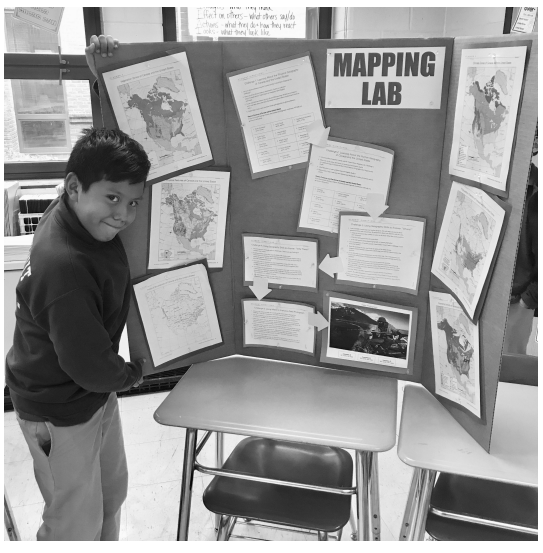
Celebration of Learning

By Natalie T.

Carnival of learning one of the most stressful yet one the most satisfying things in a student's life. The carnival of learning is when students are able to show off the work they have done during the school year. Yet in order for your work to be presented it must hit all the requirements.

Requirements

- Must be neat and understandable
- Must be prepared
- Presenter most be good at specking in front of people
- Needs to be completed
- Well organized
- Needs to show that you worked hard on it
- Follow the rubric given for the project



Even though the list above seems easy it actually, really hard. Student had to bring their projects home to finish. This meant bringing home posters, papers, instruments, and etc. Not only that but you also have homework to complete. At times students would have 5 projects that needs to be completed in 5 days at the same time. Everything you do for the carnival of learning is also a big part of your grade. The most stressful is group work you need to find a way to split the work and communicate with your fallowing group mates. Everybody need to put work on it to because in most classes you group mates grade you. So, if you planning to not work so hard or trying not to make it to the carnival than you might want to change that. The carnival of learning happened 2 times last year but, with a new year there might be more than one. Which means that you really need to try hard if you don't want to fail.

During the carnival of learning the Chestnut bands will also perform. Last year both the advance and beginning band performed during the spring carnival of learning. The performance was a big part of their grades. If any band member didn't come they would have failed. Unless they have a serious reason why they couldn't make it. For band you also have a dress code you need to follow. This year it's different and a little bit stricter.

Last year during the spring carnival of learning there was a schedule to follow. First there was the debate for social studies which was communism (North Vietnam) vs capitalism (South Vietnam). After that it was science with groups presenting their slide shows. Than later it was Ela where the pick students presented their poetry about adversities that they have faced. Lastly the carnival ending with the performance form the band.

Even through the carnival of learning is known to be one of the worst events to T.A.G students it is also great. Students really try hard and at the end of the day everyone feels amazing because they know that they were able to complete and finish a big task they were

given. They are able to show the hard work they did and show why they deserve to go to chestnut tag as well as why they are proud to be part of our T.A.G family.

FieldTRIP or FieldWORK?

By Natalie T.

The new school year has started, which means homework, testes, quizzes and many more things.. But with a new year also comes Field trips. Last year there were a lot of different types of field trips and in this upcoming new year may also come with many field trip. There already has been major and minor changes to the school and these changes has been controversial between the students. A new idea has been discussed within the staff about a new type of field trip.This new idea has been presented as fieldwork. To learn more about this idea I went to the source: Mrs. Eisermann. She willl explain what fieldwork is.

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Q: What is fieldwork?

A: Fieldwork is basically a field trip but with a specific reason. For example, during if we went on rides at six flags. It wasn't for fun but to understand and talk about how it works.

Q: Do you think fieldwork will replace field trips?

A: I don't think so we will occasionally have field trips just for fun.

Q: Will there be any types of fieldwork this year?

A: Yes, there will be seventh grade will be going on a fieldwork.

Q: Lastly why did you decide to introduce this idea?

A: I decided to introduce this idea because it just gives a more general reason of why we are going on a trip instead of just going.

With the introduction of fieldwork. I wanted to talk about last years field trips with a student. Each grade last year had gone to different field trips. For sixth grade last year they want to colleges to meet their mentors from reader to readers. As well as for other reasons. For 7th grade they got to go to the whale watch with some of them coming back with" sun burns". With both 6th and 7th grade going to UMass to see a preference from the band with Mrs. Rivard our former music instructor. As well as 8th ,who we dearly miss, going to field trips like hiking. Those are only a few of the field trip that happened last year. So, I decided to talk to Weronika who was a sixth grader last and now a seventh grader about her opinions about last year field trips.

Q: What was your favorite field trip last year and why was it your favorite?

A: When we went to the barn in October because we want to many collages last year and it was the most unique and fun.

Q: What was your least favorite field trip last year and why was it your favorite?

A: The second UMass trip I went on not the one with the performance because it was kind of boring and not as fun as the other ones.

Q: Was there a field trip that you wanted to go to but couldn't because only other grades were able?

A: Yes, the hiking one because it sounded more fun than the ones we went to.

Q: Is there any field trip that you are looking forward to this year?

A: Yes, the one that lets us go to the resort place.

Cobble Mountain

By Weronika K.

Cobble Mountain is the first 7th grade fieldwork trip of the brand-new school year. It took place three different days and each day a different group of 7th graders visited Cobble Mountain. Some of the teachers that went on the field trip are Ms. Eisermann and Mr. Eichenlaub. 7th graders visited Cobble Mountain to learn the process of cleaning water that we later drink. This process is a lot of work. Cobble Mountain is a location of a restricted natural water source that is cleaned and tested to make sure Springfield's water is safe to drink. This place is restricted so us humans won't pollute it.

First on the trip when the bus got to the location, students filed into the building where they learn how water got to Springfield and the process that needed to be taken to get the water to Springfield. Then students boarded the bus to travel up the mountain to a forest. In this forest they traveled to a lake where they looked for organisms. Students had fun looking for them and also try to catch them.

After having some time to explore with your friends and hang out. Also have some fun, some people even got themselves in a sticky situation by falling in to the water. After an hour of being outside the bus headed back for lunch. In the building they passed out pizza and Gatorade.

After lunch the students got a tour of the building. First they saw the fast water filter which looked slow but it filtered a lot of water. Then they went to the lab where they test the water to make sure it is healthy to drink. They test for bacteria. Lastly they went to an old slow water filter where the water is filtered naturally. It looked like a very long and dark room. Everyone wanted to get out there as fast as they can. Then the students got back on the bus and went back to school.

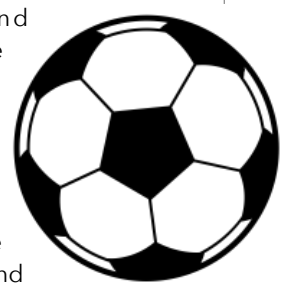
Chestnut Soccer Teams

By Iliana R.

Hi I'm Iliana I am the goalie and center-mid player which is awesome because it's one of the best things in the whole world. When I'm with my friends and we win a game its awesome we even have a dance at the end.

Since I'm new at TAG this year it was really cool that I was able to come and just fit right in and make friends and they have something I love to do like soccer. My coach Ms. Smith is a really cool laid-back coach and even people from other schools I get along with them. Also after all this might even sign up for the volleyball teams. We have such a great chemistry where we have been able to win 1 game and 2 tied games.

I had asked Ms. Smith what does she do for practice and she said "When I plan for soccer practice I base my drills on what I observe during games and practice. At the beginning of the season, however, I typically focus on teaching positioning and fundamental skills (e.g. passing with the inside of the foot and dribbling while keeping the ball close to the feet). I focus on these skills and concepts because there are usually a lot of first year soccer players. It is difficult to get into higher level skills and concepts because the season is typically only a month long. Practices are short and there are not a lot of them." That's what she does for the soccer team and also she is a good coach and she doesn't make us do stuff that we never want to do.



I decided to do interviews on some of the players on the soccer team and this what they said:

"My experience on the soccer team has been great. The coach, Ms. Burns, from Academy, is nice and helps me to improve. My favorite position is goalkeeper because I like to make saves and the close quarters action with opposing offenders. My least favorite position is striker because I am not very fast and I am not good at shooting. My teammates are all great friends and are all very skilled players. I joined the team because I like to play soccer and to bond with friends from school. I do not plan on becoming a professional soccer player." That's what Leverett said about soccer and here's another player on the soccer team

"My experience on the soccer team is wonderful and I'm having a great time. The coach Ms. Smith who works in tag which is also my gym teacher. The best position or my favorite position is left outside because it's near the goal and I get the ball most of the time. My least favorite position is mid field when the ball gets to mid field you have to move around a lot. The best feeling is running with the team after a long game and start screaming because we won." That's what Bennie said about her experience on the soccer team.

GIRLS	BOYS
Ava	Truston
Iliana	Justice
Saniya	Shema
Jaylen (impact)	Sergio
Samantha	Odyne
Gabby	Tandy
Olivia	Leverett

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NEW STAFF

Ms. Woody

By Merelys. R

In newspaper class, I was able to write about anything I desired. I wanted to interview a teacher, but I didn't know who. I thought of all the new teachers until finally I thought of Ms. Woody! When I interviewed Ms. Woody she gave me some pretty cool things about her life.

Ms. Woody was born in Kunming, China, but she grew up in Exeter, New Hampshire. When Ms. Woody was still living in China she said that it was normal, but it was beautiful. The school she went to was Cooperative middle school in Stratham, New Hampshire.

The surprising thing is Ms. Woody wasn't a straight A 's student. She wasn't a straight A's student, because she rushed through her work. Another reason is she needed to balance all her subjects. This lead her to struggle in math. Ms. Woody struggled in math, because she would go quickly through her work and not double check it. Her favorite subject was English because she liked reading different books, and learning about worlds and experiences that were different then her own. Ms. Woody wanted to become a social studies teacher because there is so many parts to our society and world. She also said it was necessary and important to learn about and understand the past.

When Ms. Woody was looking at different places to work. She noticed that Chestnut TAG the staff and students were both kind and enthusiastic. She was also impressed by the school's culture surrounding's growth. Ms. Woody's favorite thing about TAG is the students, because she loves hearing about our opinions. She loves hearing it whether it'll be things that do with class, or things not about class. Ms. Woody's

Fun Facts about Ms. Woody!

Ms. Woody has no siblings so she has been the only child all her life. Her favorite show is Grays and Atomy because she has been watching it since she was in middle school and she likes the lines. Her favorite movie is Up because she loves the story. During the summer, things that Ms. Woody did was travel to different places. The different places Ms. Woody went to was Wisconsin, England, Ireland, and Italy. When she traveled to Ireland she went to the university Galway and visited some friends. Ms. Woody went to Wisconsin and England she went to visit a friend as well. When Ms. Woody went to Italy she ate a lot of food and explored. Ms. Woody is very active because her favorite hobby to do outside of school is running. She loves running because it's good exercise and it makes her calm. It also helps her be present. Ms. Woody has been teaching an 8th period class to speak French and to learn about French culture. Ms. Woody learned to speak French when she was in middle school. She said that she had a French class where she learned how to speak French.

These are interesting facts and good things to know about Ms. Woody!

Ms. Bowker

By Weronika K.

New year, new band teacher.

As you know many teachers have left our school, and many new teachers have joined our TAG family. One of those teachers is Ms. Bowker. Ms. Bowker is the brand new band teacher here at chestnut TAG. Many students wish Ms. Rivard was still here, but new 6th graders and returning students are enjoying the new concert band. Now some fun facts about Ms. Bowker

There are some new changes that came with Ms. Bowker. One of the most shocking changes to advanced band was not being able to play, practice, or warm up your instrument until she said we can. The easier to adjust to changes are, leaving your music in the class, lining up in the hallway, and learning new music before hearing it. Ms. Bowker is now teaching brand new 6th graders and returning 7th graders. You might still be wondering who is this teacher? So I interviewed Ms. Bowker:

Q: What did you do before coming to work here?

A: "I taught music at white St. , Freddrick Harris, and Worked at Disney world.

Q: Do you like to teach the beginner band students or Advanced band students?

A: Both, because it is fun to keep teaching Advanced band, but it is also cool and fun to teach students how to hold and play the instruments.

Q: Would you stay as a music teacher or would you want another job?

A: I would stay as a music teacher if I could make a living off of it, or be a music teacher for the Disney world band.

Q: When did you start to like music?

A: My love for music started in my sophomore year of high school.

So now that you know more about Ms. Bowker I also interviewed a student who will remain anonymous. Who also has Ms. Bowker as a class in advanced band. I interviewed this person because I wanted to get his/her opinion.

Q: Do you think that Ms. Bowker will be a good music teacher for her students?

A: I think she will be a good teacher once we warm up to her.

Q: Do you think the change from Ms. Rivard to Ms. Bowker will affect the way students will play their instruments? Why?

A: Yes, because they both have different teaching methods, and Ms. Bowker goes by the music more

Now that you know more about Ms. Bowker, you will be more interested in concert band and in general music. And the student in concert band will enjoy the class more.

AROUND TAG

Personal Laptop Pros and Cons

By Alexangeliz M.

As we all know, we're getting our laptops, hopefully soon, and I wanted to share a few pros and cons about it. Laptops are good sources of extra information and study time you might not get as easily on your phone. You know, if you have a phone. On the other hand, though, there are some people who might just abuse the laptop privilege and go on whatever kind of website they want during school and just, not do what school laptops are supposed to do in school. Charging and taking care of the laptop will also be a bit of a burden. No, not just that; it will be the bane to your existence. You will be haunted by it, it will consume you. Houses will fall; cities will crumble. Volcanoes will ignite; meteors will strike down turning everything you know to dust. *Dramatic music*

I was just kidding, it's not THAT serious. Aside from that, taking care of your laptop shouldn't be too much of a problem as long as you know how to take care of it. That means not playing with it and dropping it. Not eating and drinking around it and getting... Dorito crumbs or cola all over it. You're probably going to have to kiss your laptop goodbye if that happens. Charging shouldn't be too much of a hassle as long as your cat or pet doesn't eat the charger wires. If you have a pet of course.

More cons about your own laptop are maybe viruses and hackers. Wait, not the hackers, they probably already have everyone's information anyways. I mean, what? *awkward coughing* Leaving that behind, viruses! Yay! Depending on what sites you go on; your computer always has the potential to hone a terrible (or mediocre) virus. Depending if the computer has a virus killer or not, viruses also won't be a problem. They nearly never are.

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You know when you're on Google, on a random website and this firewall apparates in front of the tab telling you that you have 67 viruses on your phone and need to get rid of them with a virus killer; and you're there clicking the back button repeatedly (unless you have an iPhone)? Wow, that was longer than expected. In my entire childhood where I've been using computers, that has never happened to me. The laptops will mostly be on the school's Wi-Fi anyways, so that will n e v e r happen to you.

Aside from all that, you can still use the computer at home and do whatever you'd like for a while because, the laptops don't only work during school hours. So, you guys get to have fun with that. You can go on YouTube and stuff like that. As long as you don't do anything terrible or anything, you get to just chill and enjoy having a laptop of your own! But there are teachers who think they are flipping Jesus and watching over everyone everyday 24/7. Yeah, we know who you creepos are.

SCHOOL STORE

By Eva M.

What is the school store you might ask?

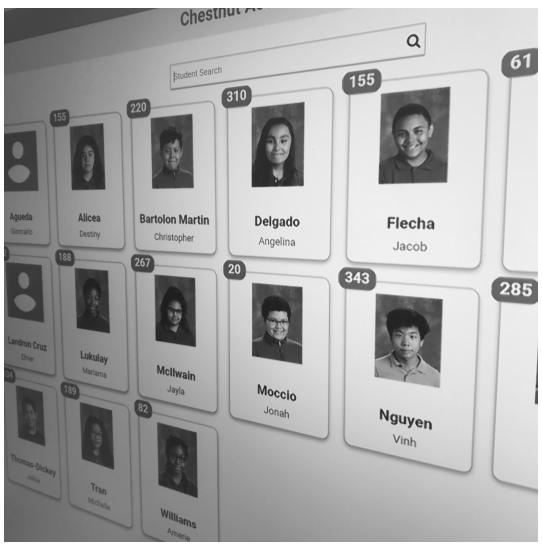
The school store is where you can buy the things or the materials you want. The things that they have are, snacks, T.A.G. swag, also school supplies. The only way you can get the things you want from the school store is if you have enough AquaBux. If by any chance you don't know what AquaBux are (Sixth Graders), AquaBux are points in your id, which you will get this year and with those points you can buy or participate in different activities that allows you to spend your AquaBux.

There will be school staff, as well as students that will helping out the school store. The staffs that are helping out the school store are hoping that you will be enjoying this opportunity of the school store this year!!

AQUABUX

By Marcus C.

Chestnut Tag has been having a thing called "AquaBux." These AquaBux are a type of money, you could use in the school store and buy all sorts of things. You can buy clothing, school supplies, toys, jewelry, and all sorts of miscellaneous items. There is a list of many things to buy in the school store. Here's a few: T-shirts, pencils, folders, Bracelets, yoyo's slinky, and small bouncy balls! The clothing is mostly worth from 25 AquaBux to 150 AquaBux. The school supplies are worth 2 to 10 AquaBux. The toys, Jewelry, and Miscellaneous are worth from 1 to 10 AquaBux.



There are many ways of earning these AquaBux. Such as being engaged: working hard, no distractions, and completing work on time. Good Behavior: paying attention towards the teacher, staying on task, and always having good work. The best way to earn AquaBux, is following the "Strive for 5." Which is being Prepared through your classes. Being Positive and never negative. Being Respectful to others, mostly students and teachers. Being Engaged in your work. And last but not least, Persevering your way through your classes.

Changes at Chestnut

By Amaiyah V.

Chestnut has been around for many years, it has actually been a school since 1940. Since 1940 many things have changed and I will explain to you some of these things.

Back then Chestnut was just one whole regular school, it didn't have a Chestnut Academy, Impact, or TAG. Actually, just last year we had four schools. Now, Chestnut North and South have been combined together to make Chestnut Academy. So, as you can see Chestnut changes very quickly.

I decided to ask my sisters that went to this school many years ago what the school was like when they went to this school. At the moment both of them are in college and have already graduated, so as you can see it has been many years since they went to this school so many things were different. I asked them a series of questions so that I can see what has changed and what our school was like back then.

I asked what the schools were named and what students were the schools meant for, these are the answers she gave me. The first thing she told me was what the schools were named, the names of the schools were, A house, B house, and C house. She also told me that A house was for the more above average kids. So, it was pretty interesting to find out that many different generations can have different experiences coming to this school, some generations have been to this school when it was all one regular school and others went to this school when it was split up into different schools.

I had plenty of fun gathering information on what the school was like back then.

TAG TEACHER TIMELINE

By Amber M.

You all might be aware of the staff at this school some of you might even be related to the staff (cough Alex Perez cough). BUT are you aware of who was here the longest and had the most experience. This challenge is about how big of a timeline you can make in a day and each day you have to start over. For example, I did the challenge and here is what I got.

For the first in this line there are the first to come to this school. Ms. Eisermann, Dr. O' Conner and Ms. St' Martin who's been here from 2013 to 2017.

Then there is Mr. James who teaches English intervention, who came here in 2016

And we can't forget the newbies: Mr. Vanasse and Mr. Hurst who teach math, Ms. Axtell who teaches science, Dr. Eichenlaub (Fun fact it's a german name) who teaches English, Ms. Bowker who teaches band and Ms. Woody who teaches French and social studies who all came from 2017 to 2017.

Now you might be wondering what is the point of this challenge. Here's the thing there is no point. This is just a fun way to learn about how long the teachers have been a part of this school's community. This might be pointless but it is fun if you make it. Besides the things that have no point to it are always the most entertaining. The list I showed above may be a small list but it is the dedicated ones who go all out to make a real colorful timeline chart. Maybe you can make your own fun challenge.

Here, we have the best teachers here Mr. Campbell, Mr. Paskov, Ms. Trujillo, Ms. Levellie, Ms. Eisermann and Mr. Lessard.

And now in loving memory of the ones who are gone. The ones who left this world… by moving to a different school. I shall now say a few kind words for each of them. To Miss. Carter, she was a fun teacher who has always been supportive and helpful to her students. Miss. Rivard, who has been and always will be forever the best and kindest band teacher out there. Mrs. Nelson who has been very sweet to all of us 7th graders. Mr. Mc'Grath who was very fun loving and always full of energy. You all shall be missed.

TAG's ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

By Jayla M

Here at Chestnut TAG, we have an attendance goal of at least 98%. All of the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders need to come to school so that we can reach our goal. You are probably wondering "What's in it for us?"

If all of Chestnut TAG has an attendance of ninety-eight percent, we get to have a dress down day! At Chestnut Tag we have a lot of important work to do that you do not want to miss. And plus, dressing down is fun! So, try to come to school every single day so that we can reach that attendance goal of ninety-eight percent! When you come to school be prepared, positive, respectful, engaged, and always persevere!

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THE FALL FESTIVAL

By Gabby I.

On this particular event, we had many things: A bounce house, minute-to-win-it's, and food. Each ticket was a few AquaBuxs and it was very exciting for students. The tickets aren't that hard to earn so almost everyone got to participate and it didn't leave students "broke." The bounce house for 5 minutes was 10 AquaBuxs and the food tickets were 7. Then the minute-to-win-its was 3. All the minute to win it's where run by teachers. The reward for most of the games were candy. For a lot of students if they didn't want to spend any aqua bucks they found this as a way to hang out with their friends and just spend time together.

College Awareness Month

By Nevaeh S.

October is College Awareness Month. So, in advisory, we are mostly focusing on college. One week my advisory discussed what different colleges everyone wanted to go to and we looked at what the average GPA is to get in to the college that we want to get into. Every advisory has a college that they picked to represent their advisory, for example the college that represents my advisory is UMASS! Another thing is every day for two weeks straight we do trivia about our teacher's college experience for example some of the questions that the trivia asked were, " This person changed their major 3 times before finally creating their own major." Another question that the trivia asked as, " This person snuck his pet turtle onto campus even though it was against the school rules." For the end of the month we have to decorate our doors with our college mascot.

Open House and Literacy Night

By Lupita G.

In Chestnut TAG it was the afternoon that every parent was waiting for - Open House. Once we got in those doors, some kids knew that their parents were going to proud of them, but some knew that they were going to get in trouble. Then some teachers like Math and Science and English and Geography ones stayed after school to grade and then BAM! It was time we to see parents happy and some mad at their kids.

Some teachers started to represent their good works for students. Let me tell you what is open house is where some parents come in see their kids work to see if there doing a good job later that evening some parent's stared to say hi to other parents. In the dance class they showed what the kids were doing there was danced performs. In math we got to look at kid's math project. We also saw some kids perform with their new instruments and they were so in beat some people started dancing to the beat. In English we wrote some narrative and she showed some parents what their kids wrote and how they did. when it was time to leave some parents lift with small and some parents were ready to take x box away. In chestnut tag all of our students worked hard to show their parents that they are smarter than their sisters or brothers.

DID YOU KNOW?

The History of NO Wearing White After Labor Day

By Talia G.

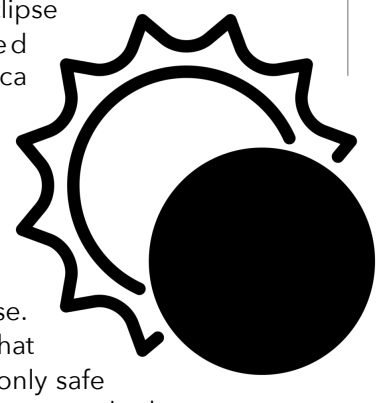
You've probably heard of the rule "don't wear white after labor day," and wondered, "why not?!" In this article you will learn about history of this rule, where it came from, and why can't you wear white after labor day.

This rule first came into American fashion history during the 19th. Wearing white after labor day back then was a big no-no. The women back then took it really seriously, most of them that did this were rich ladies. Wearing white meant that you were super fashionable. Basically the reason you can't wear white after labor is because white is considered as a summer color. It's your choice to follow this rule or not. Well now you know the history behind the rule "don't wear white after labor day", and why you can't!

Eclipses Now and Then

By, Samantha J.

Did you know that an eclipse is the alignment of the Sun, the Moon, and the Earth? The sun and moon align right in front of the Earth. When the Earth moves directly between the sun and the moon that is a lunar eclipse. In addition, when the sun moon and earth align in that order it is a solar eclipse. Lunar eclipse. Moreover, when the sun moon and earth align in that order it is a solar eclipse. The last eclipse that America was 5 years ago. That would have been in 2012. The 2012 eclipse was a partial eclipse, which is a lot like the most recent eclipse. The 2012 eclipse was a quick alignment of the sun, moon, and earth.



The last total eclipse that the United States of America saw was 38 years ago. That would have been in 1979. Over a million people saw the 1979 total eclipse. Did you know that the totality is the only safe part of the eclipse to look at without protective eyewear? The total eclipse maximum period for the totality is 2 minutes and 40.2 seconds. The last time America saw a total eclipse was in 1979.

There was actually a solar eclipse just before school started. If you watched the eclipse from Massachusetts, you would have seen at least a partial eclipse. Only 14 states saw a total eclipse in this year's 2017 eclipse. Whereas if you watched it from Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Illinois, Wyoming, Missouri, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, or South Carolina you would have seen a total eclipse. Twelve million people saw this spectacular event. This eclipse went over the south of the Pacific Ocean. Many different states and people would have seen the totality of this year's eclipse.

There have been many different legends, myths, beliefs, and folktales about eclipses. Ancient Greeks believed that an eclipse was the sign of angry gods and that it was the beginning of disasters and destruction. The Tewa Tribe from New Mexico believed that a solar eclipse signaled an angry sun who had left the skies to go to his house in the underworld. The Inca viewed eclipses as a sign that the sun god Inti was angry. In ancient Egypt, they believed that, Apophis, the serpent of Chaos opposed Ra, the sun god. Back in the olden days, there were no scientific facts about eclipses because there was no such thing as science. There have now been scientific facts about eclipses.

There are many ways to view an eclipse. You could have used eclipse glasses if you had found them. On the other hand, you could

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have made your own way to view the eclipse. You could have made them with a cereal box, aluminum foil, scissors, a pin, and some printer paper. I made my own because I had all this stuff in my house, and I could not find any solar eclipse glasses. There were many different ways to view the eclipse.

To stay on top of The Tag Times go to the school's website. You can catch The Tag Times on the first of every month. All Tag Times papers will be posted on www.chestnuttag.com. This is The Tag Times.

Issa Rae

By Immani C.

Issa Rae is my hero and she deserves and award for opening a door for awkward black girls. Which she has gotten essence which is awesome for black women to get it and be able to stutter. Or any type of girls in general she posted all over the internet about being awkward and that's ok. I am now proud to say I'm an awkward and ok with it because somebody is just like me is awkward and will tell you that not know I'm awkward and that I stuttered at essence because that's what awkward people do and everybody is ok. From a true awkward girl, it's hard for people to understand so your just put under the category of weird, even for your family it can be hard because if the rest is normal than its hard for them to understand you. It is an amazing feeling when you finally found someone who is famous and is just like you. Also, I want her to come and speak for this school because she is just a motivation for girls all over the world including me.

Awkward Black Girl:

Is the funniest show, but beware of the language is very explicit but it is a funny show. It's about J who is Issa Rae the star but she is going through a lot in her life by just losing her boyfriend and got with the biggest mistake she could have ever made. These are the different things that she goes through.

Insecure:

Insecure is completely different because she has a broke boyfriend who she thought would have been perfect but actually was the worst choice and that's why she ended up cheating on Lawrence. Issa has a best friend who ends up in the world and she is doing more and better than her best friend.

Protect and serve:

Is a cop show in la and just what happens and what goes through in a police station.

The choir:

Is about what going on in the African church and how the people can be so fake and crazy in church.

Did you here that Issa Rae made a comment on Sunday September 15 2017 emesis saying that she was rooting for everybody black. Now this must be bias but that's is true but was we have to look at it as yes, she shouldn't have said that but she is not racist because she just didn't say person but all in all she just made a comment that is fine but she worded it wrong so I'm still on her side she is not a racist she is a proud black woman who wanted support her race without being judged so don't judge her. I hope that by reading this article you check her out .

OPINION

Say What's On Your Mind

Why Students Should NOT Have Homework

By Marelys Reyes

Students should not have homework because of these following reasons. One of the reasons is because we need to spend time with our family. Usually we have 8 hours of school. When we get home it's probably 4 or 5pm for most kids. In middle school you get a LOT of homework, some students spend 1 or 2 hours doing homework. By the time you are done with your homework its already time to eat, take a shower, brush your teeth and go to sleep. Almost a whole day would be spent on school! Students don't have a lot of time spend with their family because they were doing homework. Students only have two or three days free every week, but that's not enough. We should spend time with our parents every single day. If we don't we wouldn't have a good relationship with our parents or siblings.

The second reason are health problems. Usually students have so much homework that we aren't able to go outside and exercise. The sun and exercise important to our health and so we need to go outside and exercise. The best way to try to go outside is do our learning in one place and in a short amount of time. When we are done with our homework, we should use our free time to play outside activities or exercise. The last reason students should have homework is social and family life. Many adults get angry because their work gets in the way of their personal life. The adults like to go out after work and spend time with friends or family. Students should get the same respect. School takes up too much time so after school we should use that free time to do our own hobbies or other things instead of homework. The three reasons we shouldn't have homework is spend time with family, health problems, and social life/ family life.

Should Schools Have Textbooks or Tablets?

By Nevaeh S.

I believe that schools should have tablets, not textbooks. I believe this because in my opinion tablets make students more comfortable and makes them focus more because they know how to work them. Now with textbooks some students don't even know how to figure out how to use a textbook. Student should be comfortable when doing work in school. The shouldn't have to be stuck and behind in class just because they don't know how to use a textbook. I believe this because one article explains, "Technology-based instruction can reduce the time students take to reach a learning objective by 30-80%, according to the US Department of Education and studies by the National Training and Simulation Association." This shows that a majority of students can follow/do better on laptops or tablets than textbooks.

Another reason that I believe schools should have tablets and not textbooks is because if every student was to have a textbook for every class students would be walking around with a whole bunch of books in their hands, when some schools have enough money to be able to get a laptop for every student in the school. Also, students would be able to have one device that they could use in every class and not have to go to their lockers to get out textbooks in between every period. I believe this because the article says, " According to a 2012 report from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), K-12 school districts spend more than $8 billion per year on textbooks. E-textbooks can save schools between $250-$1,000 per student per year. Tablet prices also continue to drop, making them increasingly affordable. Tablets cost on average $489 in 2011, $386 in 2012, and are projected to cost $263 in 2015."

Sources:

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Wage Inequality in America

By Aaliah

In our country America there is a lot of racism and sexism and most people don't even recognize that there is a huge wage gap between races and genders.

In America we use the currency dollar so white women get less than a white male if you're a black male you get less than them.

Who gets the most money. White man, Asian man, Hispanic Man, Black Man, White Woman, Asian Woman, Hispanic Women, Black Woman.

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For every dollar a white male gets a white woman gets .77 cents. For every dollar a white man a black man gets .86 and a black woman gets .64 cents. For every dollar a white man a Hispanic man gets .52 and a Hispanic woman gets .44 cents.

This all started way even before B.C.E women were treated unfairly, it is better now but it's still a big issue. Now we still aren't doing anything to change that it according to this shows superiority and this also this shows that we are still unequal. What we can do is make sure everyone gets paid equal. We can also have opportunity for people other than white to get more jobs and more scholarships to go to college get them these jobs.

Should Columbus Day Be Celebrated?

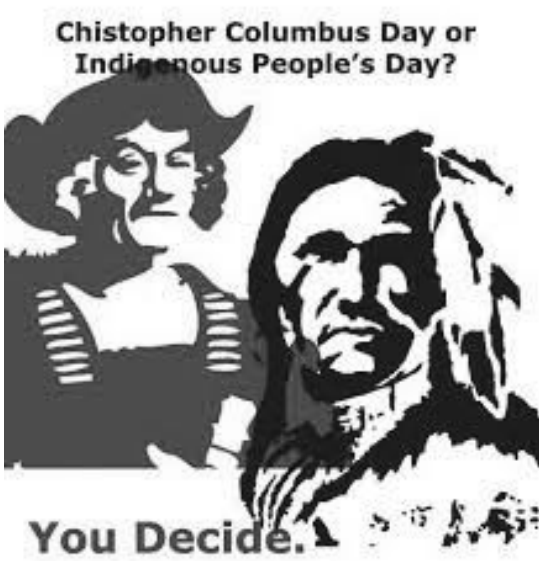
By, Samantha J.

I think that Columbus Day should not be celebrated. I don't think it should be celebrated because Christopher Columbus killed over 60,000 people to get over and through to America. He had also taken over 100 Native Americans as slaves. Also, Christopher Columbus didn't find America, the Viking Lief Eriksson, had actually, found America. I have other people telling me their opinions.

I interviewed Amy Zheng a 7th grader at chestnut tag. She said," I don't think it should be celebrated. I only think this because of his cruelty to the Native Americans." Amy agreed with my opinion.

After that I interviewed Bendrick a 6th grader at chestnut tag. He stated, "No, I don't think Columbus Day should be not celebrated. I don't think it should be celebrated because he killed many Puerto Ricans and raped strong women. It said that in the colon book of Puerto Rico.". Bendrick also, agreed with my opinion.

I also interviewed Ms. Leveille. An ELA, and Social Studies teacher at Chestnut Tag. Ms. Leveille answered, "I say no. As a country we should adopt 'Indigenous Peoples Day' like they do in a bunch of cities around the country. I think Amherst and Northampton do it already."



I interviewed Alex a 7th grader here. She stated, "I don't think Columbus Day should not be celebrated. I think it is because Columbus just came to the country and was sort of was saying 'Forget the natives, I discovered this.'." Finally, Alex is agreeing with my opinion.

I finally interviewed Milad a 6th grader here. She said, "I think Columbus Day should yeah. I really don't know why because it feels like he should be celebrated." She is the only one who did not agree with me on this topic.

I also found out that Christopher Columbus lied about sailing through rough seas, his journal about the seas where actually very calm. He also lied about, how long the journey took. It took one month not two. Then he lied about, was thinking the earth was flat, they knew it was round.

Columbus's main purpose was not only exploration or trade, but conquest and exploitation. He used his religion as a reason for why he could do so. Columbus was not good to 'the Indians' (as they were to him in the beginning), he took everything they had, including their women. He killed many of them and enslaved many of them. 12 October 1492 was not the discovery of the Americas, but the meeting of three cultures, because people had lived there for thousands of years. The Americas were only new to the Europeans. Columbus wasn't the first one who saw land on October 12th 1492, that was a sailor named Rodrigo de Triana. It is not sure that Columbus was from Genoa, Italy. He didn't seem to be able to write in Italian. Some historians think he was Jewish. Probably from Spain. He could also be a Jew from Genoa. It is certain that it is not certain where Columbus was born. I got this information on http://www.chicagonow.com/dutch-alien-lands-in-us/2014/10/columbus-day-10-lies-about-columbus/ . You can read more articles later on in the year on www.chestnutTAG.com.

Should Our President Be Trump?

By Angelina D.

Many might agree with my opinion and many may not agree. But today I will talk about my opinion based on if I think that our president should be president. Now I say I respectfully disagree that our president Donald Trump should be president.

The reason why is because trump scared a lot of people with the issue of deporting. It's not cool for Kids ages 7 to 10 in elementary school thinking that them and their family are going to get deported and it's just wrong. One day in my old school there was a kid that walked up to my teacher and asked if he was getting deported and that just made me feel bad. I believe it's a show of disrespect. America is supposed to a be a free country, and even if you know that there not complete U.S citizens at least give them a chance to become one before throwing them out.

Another reason why Donald Trump should not be president is because he is not a good example for anyone. The reason why I think this is because he is disrespectful in many ways. For example, he says many things about Hillary Clinton. Of course, I understand that he wants to win and is trying to bet her but sometimes there is a limit and you just can't pass it. For example, Donald Trump has said that Hillary Clinton had a bad temperament, that she can't even handle her email, doesn't even look presidential, doesn't care about jobs, dangerous, wants to get rid of all guns, wants to destroy all miners and more. But who knows, he probably lied about some of those things, just to make people dislike her.

Then the last reason why I think Donald Trump should not be president is because he makes bad decisions for America. He almost started a war, and put all his people at risk. A president should do what is best for his country, and Donald Trump isn't cutting the presidential fit for America. So that is why I think Donald Trump should not be president.

Texas Gun Laws

By Niesha G.

Texas gun laws there not right why does the federal and state laws say that they have no laws to have a gun witch doesn't make any sense what so ever at all so this story is about how I disagree with the federal and state laws of Texas. So look at it this way so

what happens if the gun goes off in the car and hurts somebody or a whole family this can make a great depression to family or friends witch can do even worse. Texas state law does say you have to be 21 or old8er at no age should have a gun in there hands. So people shouldn't have to carry around a gun for protection for there selves of there children so people don't need to carry guns at all so then after what's the point of them at all am I right I believe that I am right we shouldn't have to carry around guns just for protection at all. On the Wikipedia site it says that you can even carry a gun on campus and you don't need a owner license or a capacity restriction. Those are the ways how Texas shouldn't allow people to carry around guns well that's all I got thank you for reading

Should Students Wear Uniforms?

By Binti H.

Uniforms are essential for private schools and charter schools, but should they be for public schools?

In public schools we should be allowed to wear clothes that we like and that we are comfortable in. We should have the privilege to wear want color we want in school!

As much as uniforms are good for the community, they are not good for people who want to express themselves for who they are. Personally, I don't like uniforms because I don't get to show who I am or my style. The styles in the uniform department are not that cute. The feeling to not wear what I want is not that fun, but I have been wearing uniform since kindergarten so I have and I know most people have too so they know how I feel gotten used to it. There are new people to Springfield every year so it might be new to them. Students have to come to a place that is not their home to do work all day, the least they could do is allow us to wear the clothes that we want to. I know other

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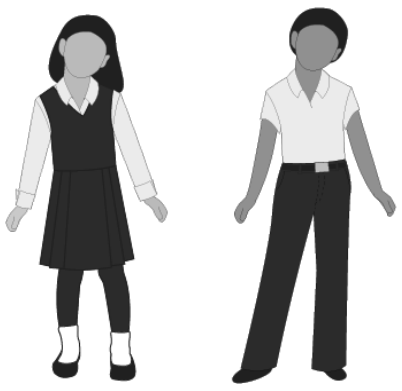
people agree with me and I know others don't but they don't have to agree with me that is their opinion.

We should be able to wear clothes that we are comfortable in. Shouldn't we? If that is not good enough then at least a reasonable dress codes. For example, crop-tops are a cute fashion statement, but don't come to school wearing a bralette. Another example is shorts are cute but in the dress code it states that the shorts have to be knee length, not even mid-thigh. We should be able to choose the color we want to wear, instead of having to wear the same color.

Let's get back on possible dress codes. We should have the privilege of wearing a sweatshirt. It doesn't have to be a hoodie either. We should have to dig through our closets looking for the specific color we have to wear. Instead we should be able to just look and know what we are going to wear like any other day. I know for a fact that students would rather wear regular clothes more than uniform. Students should have the choice to choose what they wear. Why do we have school uniform anyways?



At my time here at Chestnut T.A.G the older students have been anti-bullying when I'm joking around with my friends. That must mean something. Schools in Springfield should be less strict with their dress codes. I know some people won't agree with this statement but it is how I feel. That is why I wrote this article. The real question is, are uniforms really essential for public schools?

To Kneel or Not to Kneel?

By Leilani W.

Many people do not agree with this protest. Some people do for several reasons. Colin Kaepernick had reasons why he did not kneel during the national anthem. One reason why he did not kneel is because he says that the united states treat's African-Americans unfair. In the text it says "Kaepernick said not standing is a way to protest. He said the united states is not fair to African-Americans. That is why he would not stand". Even Kaepernick's coach agrees with what he is doing. In the text it says "He said protesting the national anthem was "his right as a citizen".

Colin Kaepernick is not the first to protest. In the text it says ''Kaepernick is not the first to protest. In the past, others have protested unfair treatment, too". For protesting many athletes lost their jobs or could not play for a while. In the text it says "These sport stars got into trouble for taking a stand. Smith and Carlos lost their medals. Many athletes and coaches know this. They are asking us to do better, and we should listen".

Ever since Colin Kaepernick has protested, there has been more protest. In the text it says "Kaepernick is very famous, though. His actions had led to more protest''.

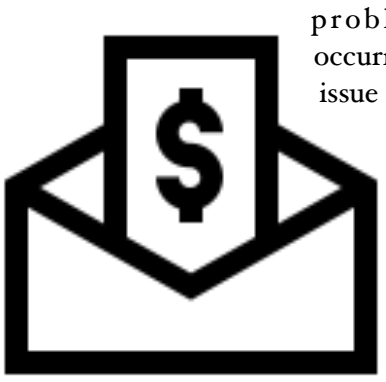
Yet people still don't like this protest but many people don't mind because it is still true that many people or regions don't get treated the same.

Should We Raise the Minimum Wage?

By Aczel R.

What is minimum wage? Minimum wage is the least amount of money you can be paid. In some other states in the US the minimum wage might be lower but it might just be by a dollar or two and sometimes they are higher. In Ohio its 8.15 per/hour but in New York it is about 13.50. The average wage in the US is 7.25. It doesn't seem that bad, Right?

You might think your being paid too little but in some places like a Mexican plantation where you get paid .62 cents an hour. This is a huge problem because these are the people that make most of the sugar and sugar is in about everything. April 15 2015, there was a protest in New York about minimum wage. These people want the min wage to be $15. They talked about how the current min wage causes poverty in the peoples' life. Some companies are not against it and actually support it. Just to name a few they are Nike, The North face, Forever 21, and H&M. They all own sweatshops that force people to work due to poverty, they work for many hours a day and get paid little to nothing. Even children are put to work at an early age. Big companies like this endorse sweatshops because it is cheaper for them. Many problems have occurred with this issue , but what is your opinion on minimum wage?



ADVICE

How To Study

By: Neika S.

Hello fellow readers, how is your day? Good? Bad? Ok? Anyway, today I'm going to show you how to Study for Tests, Quizzes, etc.

Ok, first things first, I'm going to tell you why you are studying in the first place. You're probably like ' Why do I have to study? Studying is so boring I'd rather be watching TV or go on YouTube.' I know what that feels like, trust me. The reason you are studying in the first place is because it helps you get good grades and increases your knowledge on a certain topic or all topics if you studied more than one subject.

When you study, your first thoughts are going to be like 'I can't wait until I'm done studying.' But when you are done studying you will be like 'I really didn't expect to feel so good and full of knowledge, I feel like I could write a whole book now!' Ok maybe I was over-exaggerating about the " write a whole story" thing ; well you get my point that you'll feel like a whole new person after you study for an appropriate amount of times and sometimes its going to get harder and harder to keep on doing what's expected of you. But don't worry nothing bad is going to happen to you its just that you are going to think that you are only supposed to do what people expect you to do when actually you're trying your absolute best and you think that people think that your best isn't good enough. Don't think of any negativity ,just think good thoughts, get good grades and you'll be ok.

Ok time to get down to business :

1. Go somewhere quiet and comfortable (not too comfortable that you'd fall asleep) and take out what you want to study/read/look over.

2. Get out supplies to mark up your paper/book/assignment : highlighters and pens (preferably colored ones to make you understand better.

3. Look for the important parts/sections of the book/assignment and annotate(write notes about) and use your pens/highlighters/markers to highlight the important parts so you what section you're studying for.

4. If you're studying for specific subjects then search up information on it on google or use a dictionary to find the meanings of words you don't understand then write your own notes on the subject so you know how knowledgeable you are on that subject.

Some people have different methods of studying like if they prefer to lay in a sofa or a bed to study better then they may do so; as long as the person doesn't get too comfortable, enough to fall asleep.

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There is actually a way to study during a lesson in class. All you need to do is finish your work quickly but carefully and make sure you check over your current class work before you study something for another class's work. You can do well in school and anywhere else as long as you put your mind to it.

Love Yourself-esteem

By. Yuki L.

On October 10 we celebrated 'Mental Health Awareness Day'. Often called 'Mental Health Month' it was started in the United States in 1949. It is meant to educate and show awareness for mental health. More than 450 million people in the world suffer from it and every 1 out of 4 people will suffer from it sometime in their life.

That brings us into the topic of self-esteem or low self-esteem to be exact. Low self-esteem can be just as serious if not more serious than a problem like depression or anxiety, other forms of mental health issues. A person with low self-esteem can constantly have panic attacks whenever they deem they did something wrong or not in the favor of others. This can eventually lead to depression and other serious symptoms. Social anxiety and low levels of interpersonal confidence are often seen in people with low self-esteem. With this issue comes with the need of self-love or as I like to say "love yourself". Though sometimes it can be hard to accept yourself we all just need to love ourselves a little more. Now here is the part of the article that should help anyone with low self-esteem feel just a little better because let's face it, there is no real cure. Here are some ways you can help yourself!

Warning: All tips come from my and others personal experiences. Some tips do stem from the internet.

1. Don't let others comments hurt you! Remember that they're probably insecure themselves and not worth your time.

2. Find some friends you can really depend on. The ones that leave easily are not worth it! Finding trustworthy and dependable friends might take some time but it'll only benefit you!

3. Focus on what you love. Just because others might not agree does not mean you should keep your opinions in your heart.

4. Take a deep breath and think about how amazing or lovely of a person you are!

If you know or is friends with anyone with low self-esteem a hug or compliment is always nice! If hugs and compliments aren't your style, just having a small chat with them every so often can help. Remember to always stay positive.

IN THE NEWS

Hurricane Irma

By Iliana R.

As you know we had a BAD hurricane named hurricane Irma it was a level 4 hurricane!! It didn't hit everyone it only hit some places like Florida, half of Puerto Rico, the Bahamas and etc. It started forming on August 30 and it ended on the 11th. It took a lot of damage and it was so powerful it will cost about 63 billion dollars to get everything restore. There was never a hurricane this bad since hurricane Katrina in 2005 and hurricane Wilma in 2005. It developed by Cape Verde Islands from a wave that had moved of the west coast of Africa.

Most places had to close down because of the storm like Walt Disney World and all the other places in Florida. They closed on September 9th 9:00 pm due to the storm, but it did open on September 13th. But the storm ended eventually but a lot of damage as done because of the storm.

Hurricane Harvey

By Leilani W.

Hurricane Harvey was a tragic experience for everyone. It affected a lot of people in many ways, some people died, some got injured, and some were lucky that nothing happened. To be specific about 60 deaths and up to 180 billion in damage and more than a dozen injuries have been reported in the aftermath of Harvey.

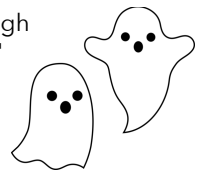
The floodwaters from Harvey damaged many things. Some of the things that was damaged is the floors, walls, carpets, furniture, and appliances.

CREATIVE COLUMN

Happy Halloween!

By Honesty R.

''Ring!'' went my alarm at 6:00 in the morning, I got up and went to the bathroom to brush my teeth. After I was done I went back to my room and put on my uniform for school, ''Why does there have to be school on Halloween'' I said to myself as I was tying my hair back. I tied my shoes and then I grabbed my backpack and walked out the door, ''Bye Mom'' I shouted and then I walked out the door. When I was walking to school the only thing I seen was a whole lot of scary decorations I walked pass a blue house and before I knew it ''BOO'' a skeleton decoration shouted, ''jeez you can tell its Halloween,'' I murmured. I kept walking down the street till I came across school. I walked through the doors and headed to the gym, '' Happy Halloween'' I said to a teacher then I headed to the bleachers. After a while Ms. St Martin Blew the whistle and then I got in line with my advisory. After we went upstairs we had breakfast, After I ate I asked my friends what they were doing this Halloween. ''I'm not doing anything, Halloween is too scary for me.'' Karen explained, I started to laugh then the bell rang. I went to my first class and sat down, classes went by and before I knew it was already the end of the day! Before we left there was an announcement telling everyone to be safe and have a great Halloween. Everyone ran out the door I said bye to my friends and told them to be safe and then I started walking home then I walked pass the blue house again and the BOO went the skeleton again. How did I not know that was going to happen I said? Then I was home, '' Hi Mom!'' I said then she said hey! and she handed me my Halloween costume and told me to go put it on. I quickly ran up the stairs and put it on, then I looked at myself in the mirror and said, ''Wow I love my costume'' then I walked back down the stairs and stood in front of my mom. She said take a picture so I made a super hero pose a then ''Click!'' she took the picture. My brother and sister came down the stairs. I was super girl, my sister was super girl also, and my brother was superman we took a picture then we grabbed out buckets and we left. Me, my mom, my siblings, and my mom's friend and her kids all headed to east long meadow. It was dark at night when we got there so we started walking door to door and every piece of candy we got we stared at it like it was the last thing on earth. We got to our last house on the street we got our candy and said thank you then we got in the car I looked at my candy I just thought of the feeling of eating it all. It was the best Halloween ever.



SPINE CHILLERS

Can you Write a Spooky Story in ONLY 100 Words?!

Cult House

By Ella S.

Death lurked in every doorway with hell in every dark window. Inspired by demonic figures brought by rituals. I tried to believe they were not real. I ran into the rooted, darkened closet. A chill ran down my spine like cold water. I heard murmurs of a language I couldn't understand. In a panic, I turned on my flashlight ready to spin around, but a brute force held me in place. Every time I'd struggle the force grew stronger. I felt like crying, but even the tears were forced being held back. Suddenly, the door started to creek open, slowly.

Creepy Doll

By Josh Z.

I walked over to the creaking open doors and sneaked inside. BAM! The doors slammed closed. I felt a chill crawl up my spine I took out my flashlight and walked down the creepy corridor. The eyes in the painting followed me down the hall I opened the first door nothing, and in the next door there was blood on the wall. I got terrified, but I kept going. Then, suddenly, CREAK... A door opened in the room was a creepy doll and it turned its frown upside down. I started running away to get out.

Buried Alive

By Yaritza R.

Dark. Dark was all that surrounded me. The air was thick. Thud! Thud! Thud! It felt as if someone was pounding a hammer on the roof. It gradually got quieter. I decided now was a good time to sit up. Ow! I hit my head on something hard. When suddenly I heard a faint voice. "They lived a remarkable life, it ended to soon. They're in a better place and will be missed". Suddenly as I realized what was happening I tried screaming, but my screams were cut off by gasps as I tried to savor my last breaths.

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