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Please enjoy our *Blossom & Bloom* issue of Mustang Magazine! We have feature articles on the 2024 Solar Eclipse, Earth Day and much more!

Sincerely,
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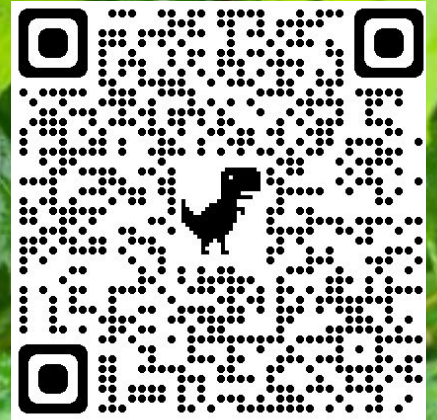
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Greek Mythology Slides

By: Marley + Hadley

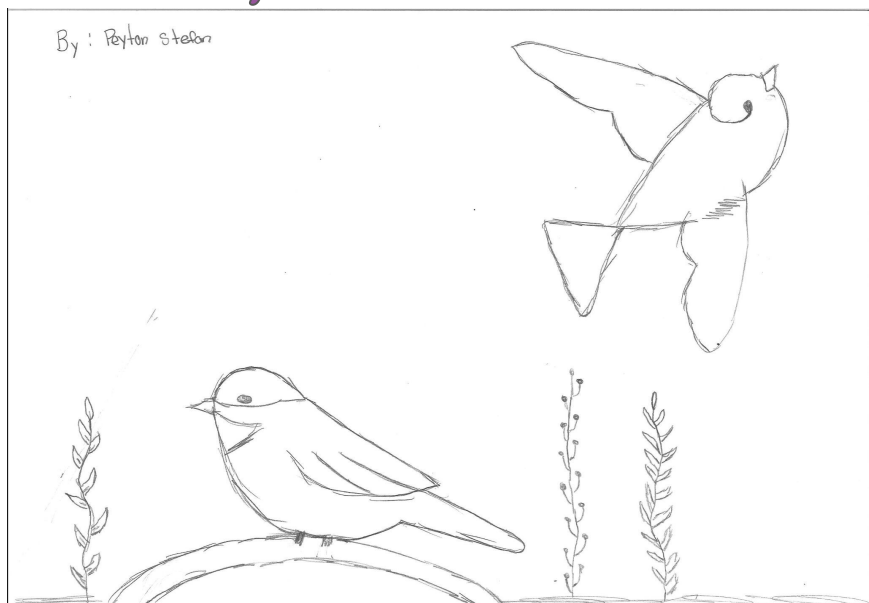


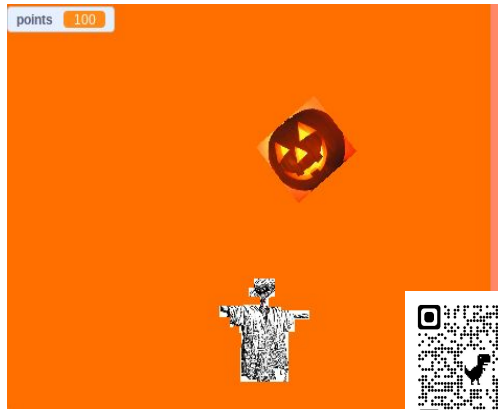
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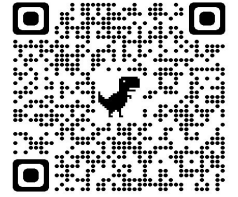
MYSTERY SINGER

LAST MONTH'S MYSTERY SINGER WAS ...

MRS.RODDEN !

SHE SAID, "I FELT VERY SNEAKY RECORDING THE MYSTERY SINGER. I DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO WALK PAST MY ROOM AND SEE ME IN MY CLASSROOM AND GET A HINT."

LORAX WOULD YOU RATHER BY: Aubree & Melissa



U.S.A LORAX BY: AUBREE & MELISSA

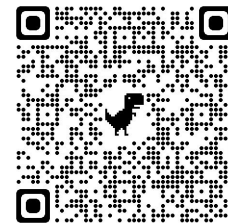
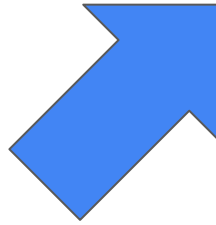
THNEEDVILLE POEM

BY: AUBREE

Humming fish humming
Barbaloot bears eating barbaloot berries
And Swomee Swans swimming
All in a place with truffula trees treeing
The lorax protecting all of of that
The Onceler being a stinky old rat
Cutting down truffula trees just like that
That was a while ago when air was airing
Not in bottles to go
This town is made of plastic
Not wood, not stone
The food is jello
And the trees can be any color
Even yellow
But what seems to be great
Is the worst it can be
Just you see
Brand new cars polluting the earth
Water that makes me glow
Our hope was lost
A long time ago



Review by Claire



Book/Series Name: Divergent Series

Rating: 10

Age Suggestion: 13+

Genre: Dystopian

Review

Divergent is an amazing series. The books star Chicago in the future and the city lives under the rule of 5 "factions;" Dauntless, the brave; Adnegation, the selfless; Candor, the honest; Amity, the peaceful; and Eurdite, the intelligent. 16 year old Beatrice from Adnegation switches from her old faction to Dauntless. She goes through trials such as jumping off a moving train, jumping into a dark pit, and going through fear simulations to learn to control fear. Beatrice switches her name to Tris and learns she is Divergent. Divergent is when you fit into more than one faction and it is common along Adnegation. Tris must figure out how to save Chicago from Erudite when they become knowledge hungry and decide to unite the factions using force. Can Tris and her friends stop this war?

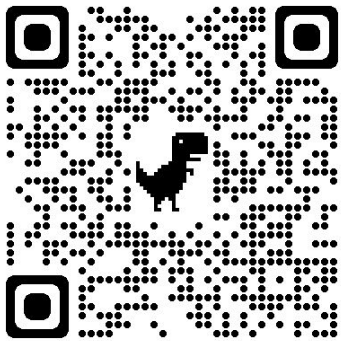


By Cash

Read Reese and Aubriana's Comic



BOOK TALK WITH BOBBY BY: MADDIE & HARPER



Watch Book
Talk With Bobby!

The Midnight Heart By: Marley

Have you ever been forced on a ship even though you told your aunt and uncle it was a bad idea? Yay, that's my life!

"Wilma, I said I'm not going to let you drag me on a ship to move somewhere else!" Madison said.

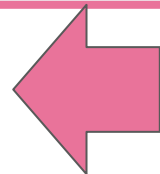
"Well it's time for things to change and that's okay, got that!" Aunt Wilma said calmly

"My Mom Died here" Madison Yelled at the top of her lungs while her face red the color of a tomato and her tears like rapids never ending.

"I can't leave it too painful for me" Madison said more calmly with black mascara running down her face like a black line of darkness on her face.

"This is my home I can't leave you don't even understand me," Madison continued

"She was my family to you know I didn't want her to die but god thought otherwise," Aunt Wilma said.



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April Flowers

April flowers all around,
Pretty colors ribbon-bound
Radiant reds and brilliant blues
I even see...
Lavender hues

Festivals and parties
Loom the town
Oh the prettiest sight,
When it is sundown
Evergreen trees and flower displays,
Raise their leaves,
Scream out, "hooray!"

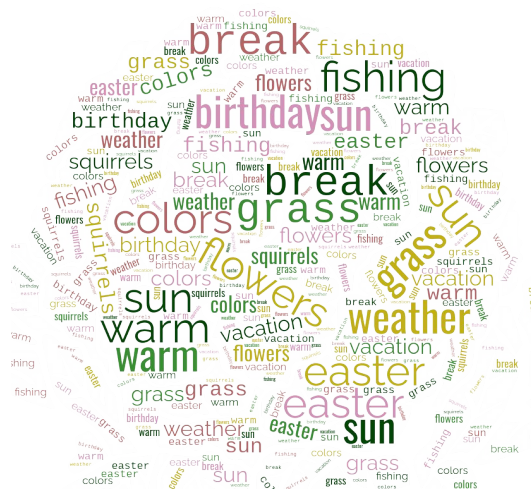
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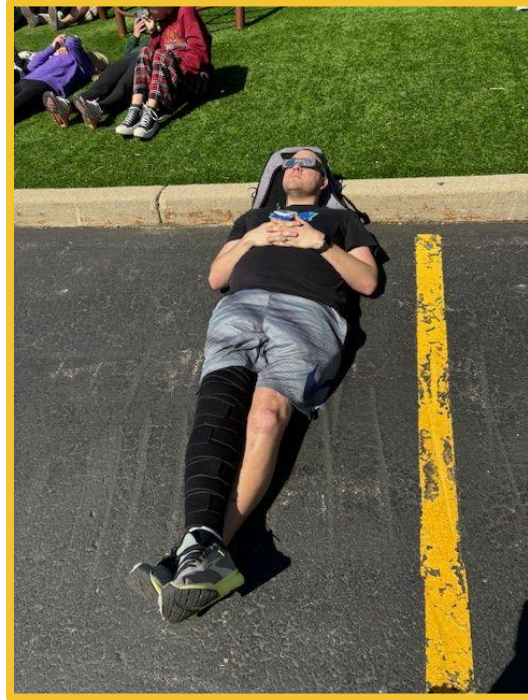
Spring Survey by Maddie

What is your favorite thing about spring?

What activity do you participate in during spring?



Solar Eclipse 2024!



Solar Eclipse Article

Written by Maddie And Aubree

Total Eclipse (Of the Heart)

As many of you know, the continent of North America experienced a total eclipse on April 8th, 2024. From the area you may have seen it from, you may not have experienced complete totality. A faculty member at Merton Intermediate, Mrs. Pauken experienced the incredible total eclipse in southern Illinois, and in that area, she and her family experienced a total blackout. Before we get into the details about witnessing a solar eclipse, I will be explaining what a solar eclipse really is, how long the solar eclipse has been happening, and crazy facts about the solar eclipse

What is a solar eclipse?

If you experienced the eclipse without knowing what it is, it might have been confusing to see the sky go dark, and the sun so bright. A common question about eclipses is, "What causes an eclipse?" An eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and the Earth, which in some areas, such as Little Rock, Arkansas, can experience a total eclipse.

When was the first solar eclipse?

According to NASA, the first solar eclipse occurred on November 30th, 3340 B.C.E. This eclipse was visible in the entire continent of North America, and some areas of South America, Africa, and Europe.

Facts About the Solar Eclipse

The solar eclipse is a crazy thing itself but what other crazy things go on during the solar eclipse? Mrs. Pauken told some fifth-grade students that animals thought it was nighttime when the sun was fully covered! She said that the crickets started chirping, frogs started to ribbit, and the owls started to hoot. What a surprise it was for them when the sun returned 3 minutes later!

Wear your glasses!

Did you know that you have to wear special glasses when viewing a solar eclipse? The Journal of the American Medical Association says, "Even a few seconds of viewing the sun during an eclipse can temporarily or permanently burn the macula." The macula is part of the retina and is at the back of the eye. It is responsible for most of our central vision, color vision, and the fine details that we see. Therefore, you must wear glasses when viewing an eclipse because if you permanently damage your macula, it may result in severe loss of central vision.

When will the next Solar Eclipse happen?

A total solar eclipse only happens every 1.5 years, which may sound like a short time, but it depends on the area and the path of the eclipse. In Wisconsin, we will experience complete totality on September 14th, 2099. Some other states that experienced complete totality on April 8th, 2024 were Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, and more! Not only did the US experience totality but many other places in North America did too! Just north of the Mexican town of Nazas, Durango experienced 4 minutes and 28.13 seconds of complete totality.

Conclusion

In conclusion, a total eclipse is an incredible sight to see and you can only experience complete totality every once in a while. Always remember to wear your glasses and get outside for the next eclipse! It's an experience that you don't want to miss!

EARTH DAY



Ways you can care for the earth!

#1 Reduce and Reuse!

#2 Recycle and Volunteer!

#3 Educate and Conserve Water!

#4 Choose Sustainable!

#5 Plant plants for the environment!



TRASH PICK UP

On Tuesday, April 9th, the 5th grade pressroom editors went outside during lunch and picked up trash. There were all the what ifs, like when Marley asked “What if we find money” or when Harper asked “What if I find a dead animal, can I keep it as a pet?” Some of these questions like Harper’s were silly and the answer was no, but for a question like Marley’s we had to think what would we do with money if we found it. Because it was a what if we decided we would decide what to do with it when we found it. When we got outside we separated into 2 groups of three. While in the groups we found stuff like a metal water bottle, a sock, multiple bottle caps, plastic bottles, and halves of pencils. Then, after 10 minutes we came back together and we pick up a lot of trash and our school still has more. Some of the editors agreed to do a trash clean up once a month to help our schools grass and land be as clean as possible.



Earth Day

By Harper B.

The day that people go so
green,

The day that the world is
truly seen

Turn off the lights all day
long,

Go outdoors as birds sing a
cheerful song

Since flowers bloom and
trees aren't bare,

It's the perfect time to
respect the grass and air
What would we do without
the trees?

What would we do if this
didn't meet our needs?

We should think about this
every day,
But especially on this special
Earth Day!



How to Go Green

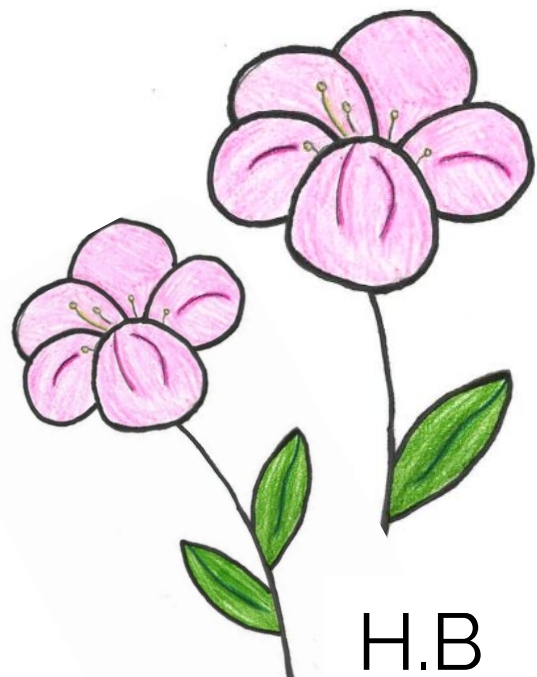
By Harper

Our Earth is so important to us, so we need to do everything in our power to take care of it. All around the world, people are polluting, burning fossil fuels, using more than they need, and many more things that aren't sustainable. But what can you do to take care of our Earth? There are actually many ways to go green at your house.

You can...

- Have a “go green” hour, where you turn off the lights for an hour
- Recycle
- Pick up trash around your house, or even around the neighborhood
- Reuse items, such as bottles, jars, or containers
- Collect bottle caps and donate them so that people can turn them into something new
- Pay attention to putting things in the garbage, or recycling

As mentioned, there are many ways to go green, but not a lot of people pay attention to any of them. There are some people who spend all day picking up garbage, and make their living off of it. Earth is a great place, and people need to take care of it.



H.B

SPORT



PREDICTED FIRST PICK

CALEB WILLIAMS



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ABOUT CALEB**

TEAM WITH FIRST PICK:

BEARS

BY: AUBREE



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APRIL 25-27

Tae Kwon Do

By: Cash



Baseball

By Harrison



PACKER ART BY MASON



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