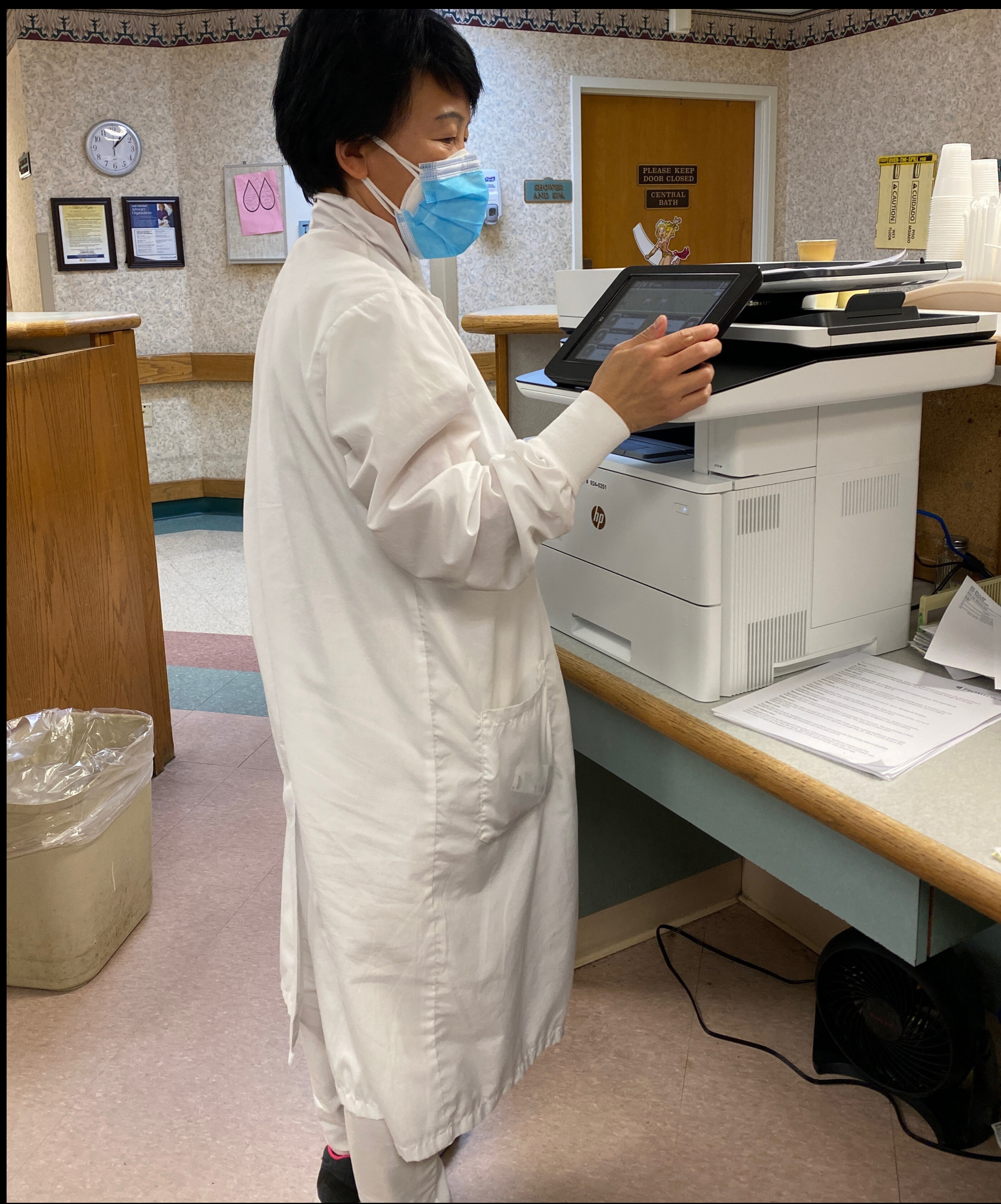




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News you may have missed because of COVID-19

By Tanvi Senthil

The EARN IT Act -

In early March, U.S Senators introduced bill S. 3398, which establishes a National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention. However, many are concerned that this bill could be a catastrophe for internet security and free speech. It gives government officials the ability to influence internet service providers to disable VPNs (Virtual Private Network) which allows for users to browse the internet privately, as well as access region-blocked websites. The bill also allows government officials to break encryption. According to the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), it could even be violating certain constitutional rights, specifically the first amendment. The bill's intention is to respond to the online sexual exploitation of children, but it would also "allow the government to go further and regulate how online service providers operate their platforms", as stated by eff.org. EFF argues that congress cannot direct how and whether online platforms host user-generated content.

Deadly Storm in Egypt -

Dangerous thunderstorms ripped through Egypt this March, killing at least five people, and seriously injuring another five. In an effort to keep the roads clear, the government declared a paid holiday, shutting down schools and government offices. They even closed the Luxor International Airport, which is a major entryway to Egypt for tourists. Large parts of Egypt were underwater, with Egypt's capital, Cairo, being the worst affected. It escalated to a point to where Cairo had to temporarily suspend the water supply.

Oil war-

Recently, Russia and Saudi Arabia were in an oil price war. In early March, Russia did not reduce oil production in an effort to keep the prices normal during the Covid - 19 pandemic. Saudi Arabia, which is one of the world's main oil producers, soon responded, starting a price war.

Putin President For Life?

Russian law states that a president can serve two six year terms, but can be re-elected. However, during a recent parliamentary session, the proposal to continue with Putin's leadership by adding another two terms was put forward. This will give him the chance to run again as president. Many influential figures in Russia agree with this decision, including Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman to go to space. Most Russians believe that this is required in order to maintain Russia's political stability. Soon after the proposal, Putin himself appeared in the Russian parliament and stated in a televised speech that he agreed with the idea.

Locusts in Africa-

Large swarms of Locust have recently been sweeping through many countries in Africa, including Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. The wet weather that Africa has been experiencing lately creates a perfect condition for desert locusts. These countries are already filled with people who don't have easy access to food, and while the locusts haven't yet caused a drastic fall in food supply, it will still affect the way of life there.

Last Ebola Patient Discharged -

The world's second deadliest ebola epidemic has finally come to an end. The last patient has been discharged from a hospital in the eastern city of Beni, the Democratic Republic of Congo. The discharge was met with several members of hospital staff applauding and even throwing a party to celebrate the release.

Coronavirus: T

By Luke Rominiecki

Did you have a bad fever during the beginning of this year? Was your temperature above 100 for more than a week? When you got tested for the flu, the results came back negative? If this applies to you, there could be a pretty good chance you had Coronavirus.

While Coronavirus only blew up in cases in early March, it has been here for longer than you would think. The world's first official case of the virus was found in a 55-year-old man from Hubei province in China. He was diagnosed on November 17, 2019, more than a month before the first case in Wuhan in late December.

The most widely accepted source of the virus are the Chinese wet markets where the workers would handle pangolins bitten by bats to give out to eat and take as pets. The doctors and scientists are pretty sure that the bats carry the Coronavirus because they have found viruses extremely similar to the Coronavirus in bats.

While the first diagnosed case was the case November 17, doctors and scientists aren't sure if this patient is patient zero. If they were to find out who exactly was patient zero, they would be able to find the animal host where the virus lurks.

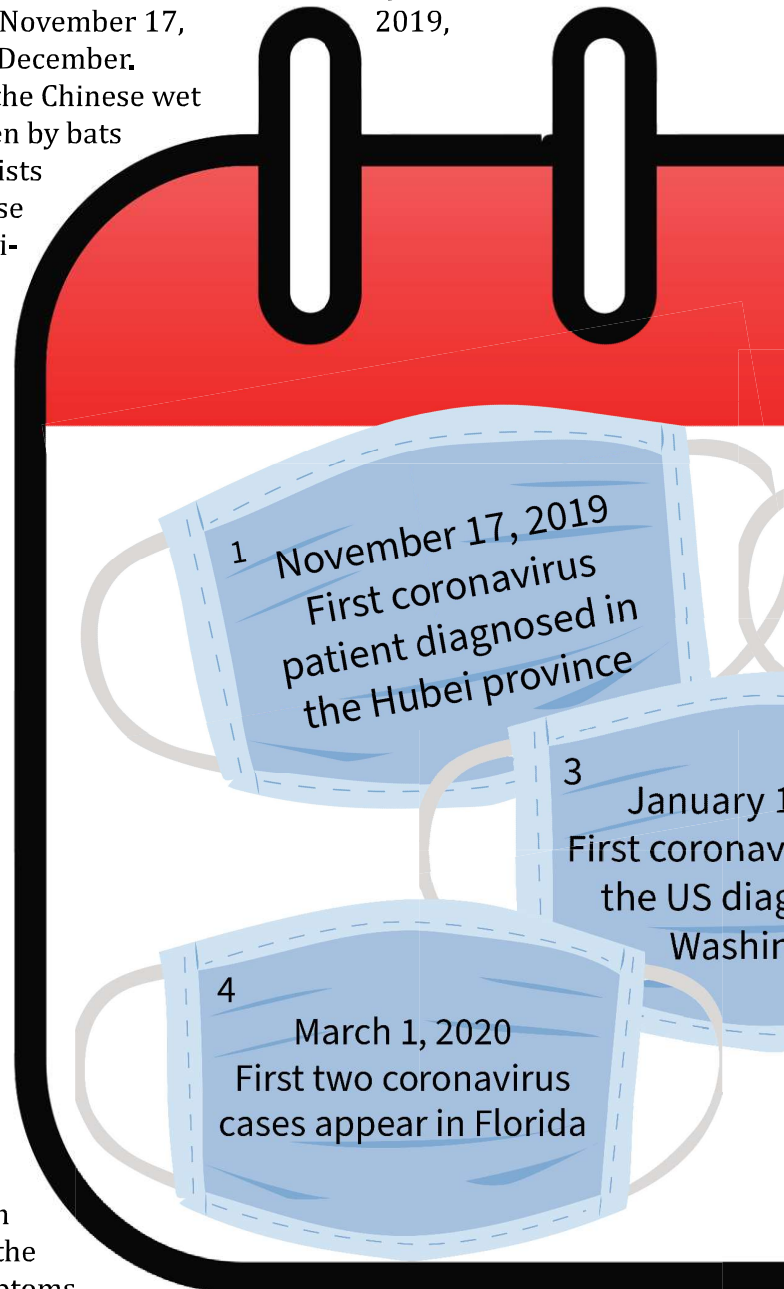
While the most widely accepted cause of the virus is from the bat bitten pangolin, there are some other theories as to its origins. Some have real merit to them, such as the transmission of snake to human, while some don't, a theory that 5G Towers are creating it.

Between November 17 and December 15, there were anywhere from 1 to 5 cases reported per day throughout China. Overall, by December 15, there were 27 cases.

Regarding the first few cases in the US, experts are suspecting that the first cases were in January, long before the virus was widespread. The first recorded case was a 35-year-old man from Snohomish County, Washington. The diagnosis was on January 19, 2020. His symptoms when he first checked himself in were a four-day history of cough and subjective fever. After waiting for around 20 minutes, the patient was taken into a room to be examined and evaluated by a doctor. He told the doctor that he returned from a trip in Wuhan, China 4 days prior. He had seen a health alert by the CDC about the outbreak in China, and because of his symptoms and recent travel, decided to get a checkup from a doctor.

This shows that mild symptoms of the flu are potential signs of COVID-19. There is no reason for outrageous panic, though, as it is flu season, and it could just mean that an individual has the flu.

Within the state of Florida, the first two cases appeared March 1, in a 29-year-old woman and a 63-year-old man. The woman, a citizen of Hillsborough county, had recently gone to Italy,



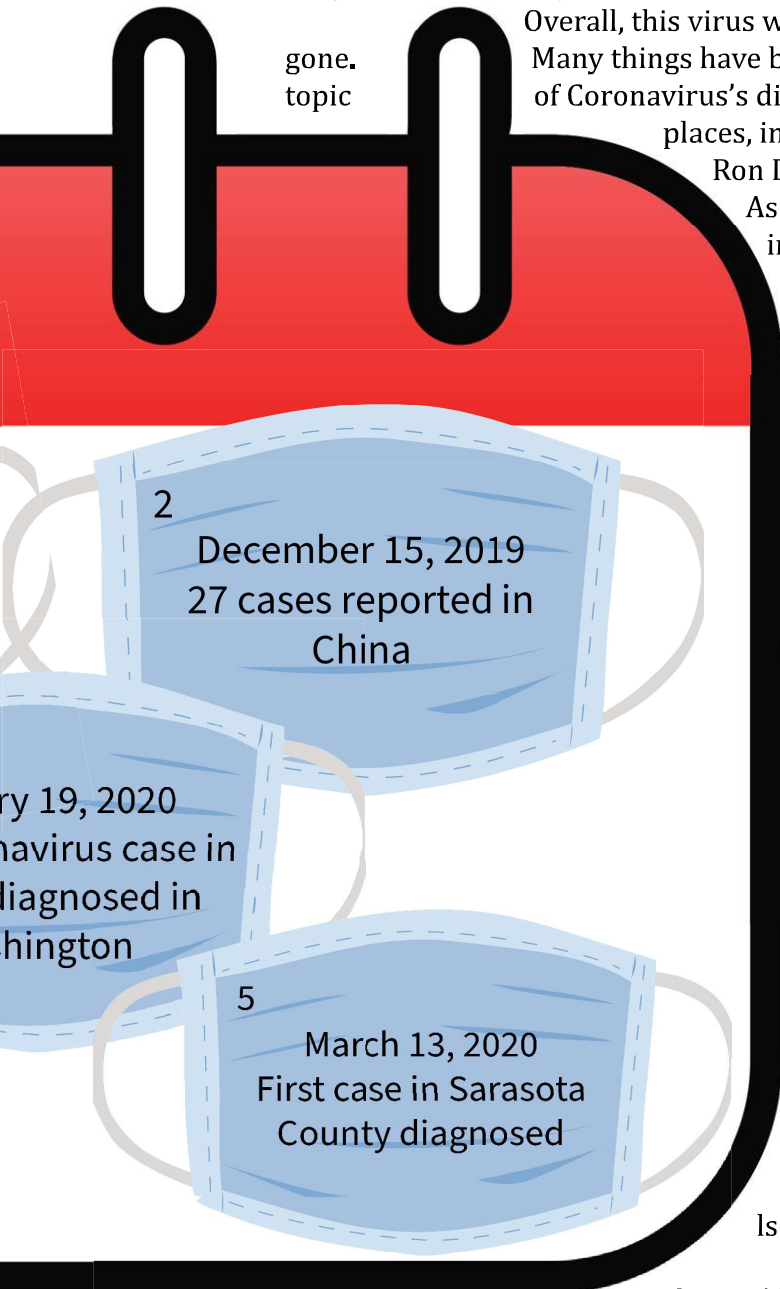
The Origin Story

while the man, a citizen of Manatee county, encountered someone who had tested positive. This shows that increased travel during times like these is harmful to everyone's community.

Sarasota county's first case was of a 50-year-old woman, who was treated in Broward County. She has multiple residences, but she lists Sarasota as her official residence. She was diagnosed Friday, March 13.

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Overall, this virus will have a lasting effect on the world, even after it's long gone. Many things have been cancelled and delayed because of it. However, on the other side of Coronavirus's direct impacts, things are appearing to look better. In many places, including Sarasota, cases are decreasing. Florida Governor, Ron Desantis has also started to implement his recovery plan. As of May 4, Desantis has reopened all stores and seating in restaurants with 25% capacity. The coronavirus will be in history books for years to come, so it's always good to know the origin of history.



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Police and COVID-19 : What's happening in Sarasota?

Editor's Note: This story was written May 7, 2020.

By Sam Wright

With the COVID-19 pandemic, one major area of contention is police. They are the ones responsible for enforcing laws, which is now more difficult since they must prevent people from breaking quarantine and other everyday laws while remaining safe themselves. So, what have our own Sarasota police been doing in the midst of this outbreak?

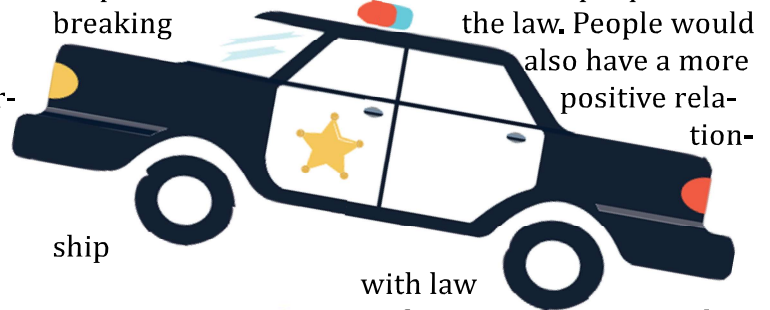
One thing they have done so far is limit non-emergency calls. When a non-emergency call is made, it will be routed to a

temporary Telephone Reporting Unit operated by officers from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. to take minor reports of most non-emergency calls. Most of these calls include reports of crimes where a suspect is not identifiable. However, they also include any calls related to lost property, missing adults that aren't in

known danger, patrol requests, or even any fraud related crimes (past or present).

In addition, the Sarasota police are educating violators of quarantine instead of arresting them. This brings the benefits of educating people who don't know about how

the COVID-19 pandemic spreads, while being able to keep distance between officers and people breaking the law. People would



also have a more positive relationship with law enforcement if they just had to be talked to instead of being arrested.

There are other policies that are being implemented to prevent virus spread, but these policies have had an effective impact on Sarasota county as a whole.

Everyone is waiting to get through this, so the public needs to continue to stay strong and be patient. Police officers all over the world are putting their lives on the line to enforce quarantine laws in addition to other laws

already. Scientists have warned that if social distancing measures are not followed, there may be even more months to go before this nerve-wracking quarantine will end.

Society has not taken this many precautions to prevent a particular disease from spreading in modern history, and arguably not since the outbreaks of the bubonic plague in Europe. There is no doubt that these are historic times.

- limit non-emergency calls
- educate, not arrest
- keep distance between officers and people
- stay safe and help keep everyone safe



The Footprint Left on Nursing Homes

By Jiayi Zhu

As the darkness of a pandemic hangs over the entire world, we know by now that anyone can contract COVID-19. It doesn't matter if you're young or old; the virus does not discriminate. However, we also know that the risk of serious complications as a result of the virus is substantially greater to older adults and those with preexisting health conditions. Most people in Florida's countless nursing homes fit this description.

According to cdc.gov, 8 out of 10 deaths from the virus have been in adults 65 years old and older, and the risk is highest among those over 85 years old. The immune system of older adults weakens with age, making it difficult to fight off infections. Especially in the case of nursing homes, with their communal structure and the health conditions of many residents, the risk of complications is considerably higher.

Sharon Broders, the director of nursing for 18 years of ManorCare, a nursing care facility in Sarasota, has been taking serious precautions to keep residents safe. As of May 4, there are no positive cases of the virus in the nursing home. In their efforts to prevent the spread of the virus, the facility has been following strict infection control. Before entering the building, all employees and vendors to the facility must be screened. Physician visits have been limited, depending on the reason for the visit. The nursing home has implemented a telemedicine system, which is useful when limiting human contact. Telemedicine allows the physician to see a patient by video.

"Not knowing what [the staff is] doing and how strict they're following precautions at home and making sure they're not bringing anything inside the building is the most challenging part," Broders said.

COVID-19 has changed the general procedures of almost all health care workers, and has had a significant impact on their daily routines. Registered nurse Qinghua

Wu understands the importance of taking extra steps to keep everyone, including herself, safe. As a health care worker, she finds it critical to protect and shield herself from patients. She pays close attention to wearing protective equipment, such as long gowns and goggles, that fully shields her from contaminants.

The virus has affected not only the employees and residents of the nursing home, but also loved ones of those at risk.

"...Given the pandemic, we have to change our way of interacting. The best way to do it is to keep [the residents] in a nursing home and only visit when it's safe, only communicating electronically," Wu said regarding to those who have relatives in nursing home facilities.

One of the most important factors in maintaining peace in the nursing home is communication. These times are stressful for everyone, especially if a resident is not updated on the latest news. Informing residents and staff ensures that they understand the importance of taking the necessary precautions to keep everyone safe. Communicating with families and reassuring them that their loved ones are being taken care of is also essential in these times.

"Everyone seems to be responding pretty positively to the precautions the [nursing

home has] put in place. Of course, many people are scared because of the uncertainty of it all, but we keep reassuring them with what we're doing on a day-to-day basis, and they've been very receptive," Broders said.

All in all, COVID-19 has made a significant impact on nursing homes around the world. Making such a sudden change in procedure can be tough – especially for older residents – but it's completely necessary. It can be scary, but it's important to remain positive and educated on what the world has in store for us. Adapting to new changes in such a short period of time is a huge accomplishment, which is why all nursing homes – residents and staff – should be recognized.



Registered nurse Qinghua Wu studies information on a computer at ManorCare. ManorCare has taken many precautions to keep residents safe from COVID-19. PHOTO PROVIDED BY QINGHUA WU

Creating Opportunity from Broken Expectation

By Courtney Nelson

The excitement and overwhelming emotion to finally be a high schooler arrives for every incoming eighth-grader. The moment when life starts to take off and you could really figure out who you are and who your friends are. In whichever way that middle school has affected you, it's become a part of you, your beliefs and how you perceive the world.

Of course, life will go on with or without what we are missing. It'll always be a reminder of what we went through, as well as a reminder of the fear, this year, that our families and ourselves have gone through while keeping communities safe.

All throughout social media, students from many middle schools, including Pine View, have shared their disappointment that big events were cancelled due to Covid-19. The fun experiences of middle school and our childhood seem to have wrapped up. To some, it would be their last time to see their friends who are going to different high schools, and they never had a proper goodbye.

High school is where grades would matter heavily and focusing on your plans for the future matter. Getting the last moments in middle school of innocence and from responsibility would have been a great experience. Most students were disappointed to the fact that they'd be missing out on the last few middle school events. For example, eighth-grader Naomi Dale had looked forward to these events for most of the year.

"I was sad that we didn't get to have our dance, as sort of a last goodbye to middle school. The end of

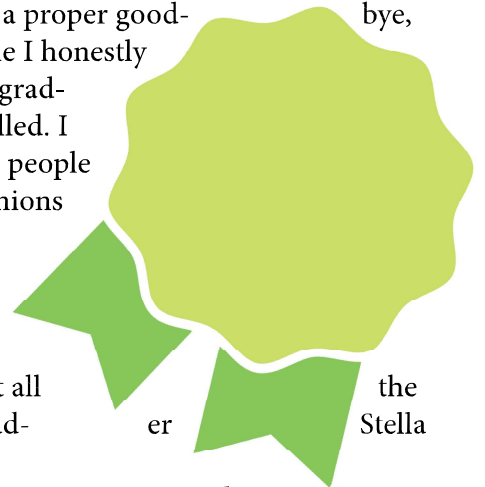
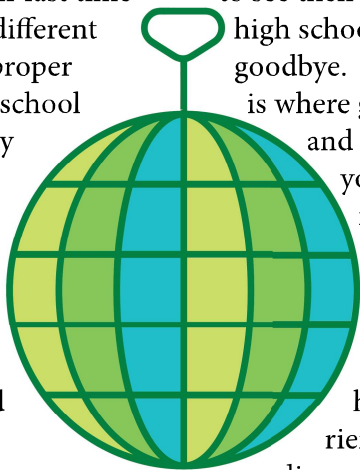
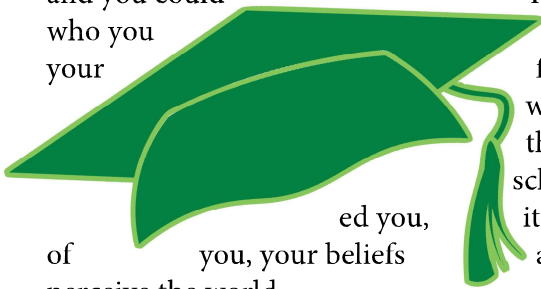
year field trip being cancelled was also disappointing, but because of the [circumstances], it's best to just stay safe," Dale said.

Although it's disappointing, it doesn't bother everyone. We cope and look at things differently. Some are enjoying the peace of quarantine and being able to be laid back, while others miss their friends and have already made plans for after lockdown. Some students are using the extended break for learning new skills, exercising and working on bettering their mental health.

"I think it's fair to say that it sucked that we weren't able to get all of our fun end of year activities like field trips, and a proper good-bye, but at the same time I honestly don't mind having graduation being cancelled. I don't know if other people share the same opinions on it, but I feel like it saves me a sort of embarrassment, since certain kids always get all awards," eighth-grader Stella Vortubrova said.

Through the trying times, and growing up, it's tough to miss out. Although there was a sense of disappointment amongst eighth-graders, moving on into high school, we will have so many more opportunities to make lifetime friends and memories.

We have all struggled and had many parts of our lives ruined because of Covid-19. We have been getting through Covid-19 in whichever ways we can; regardless of how small or big your struggle has been, it's valid. Our excitement for sports, graduation, building friendships, adventure, and more for the end of our middle school have been put to an end. We all had things we were looking for, and it's unfortunate that it has affected so much what we wanted to experience. In the end we can look forward to so much, all that they'll be is postponed.



Life at Sea, Staying Afloat

By Faith Bossman

This pandemic has us all stuck at home. But what if there is no home to be stuck at? Mike and Jen Bary have been boating around the world for a couple of years with occasional docking, but now finding places to dock is a challenge.

Even though this boating quarantine might not seem bad, it wasn't always this way. Before they docked in Antigua the couple were docked at a French island called Guadeloupe. At the end of March, the island banned all foreign flagged boats, including theirs. Mike and Jen struggled to find a new island to stay docked on because the Caribbean's borders were closing fast. In a rush to find a new island to stay at, they could only hope that Antigua would accept them.

Fortunately, it did! Now stuck in Antigua, the couple haven't set foot on land in 10 days. The fresh food there is limited, so, luckily, Jen found a Facebook Group that was willing to help out by sending food. Since this was rare, soon everyone on boats were rushing to get their fresh food. The couple had to deal with 30 or more orders. What a mess. In the end it all worked out with getting the goods. Food wasn't the only issue. Being quarantined in a small boat with no front yard or backyard is also pretty tough. To stay entertained, the separate boats host a virtual trivia game on the radio. To exercise they get to paddleboard and kayak, sometimes even to other boats.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MIKE AND JEN



Security breaches concerns schools

By Monica Henway

The FBI has received a spike in reports about cybercrime during the current pandemic. Staying self-quarantined at home may protect many from the spread of COVID-19, but it will not protect everyone from the effects of cybercrime.

The deputy assistant director of the FBI's Cyber Division reports cybercrime complaints jumped from 1,000 complaints per day to about 3,000 to 4,000 per day.

The Department of Homeland Security has recognized the growing risk and has issued advice, restating old precautions but taking the current situation into account. They have posted information about avoiding malicious files and/or links.

While quarantined at home, many members, if not all of our PV community have had to increase their use of technology and the web, and not all of them are too familiar with all the new scams and viruses and could fall prey to cybercriminals.

Several teachers have used Zoom, the video conferencing app, as a way to communicate with their students. Though, what kind of protocol does Zoom have for being safe? The company has had a sudden influx of users, can they possibly attend to all of those users' cybersecurity needs?

Zoom's main features consist of recording a meeting, password locking meetings, a waiting room, enabling your webcam and microphone, a chat, break out rooms, allowing

virtual backgrounds, and screensharing.

Teachers, as well as students have had to adjust to the sudden change.

"This is not easy for anyone. Our hearts are breaking because we do want to see you in person," Marie Rosander, a sixth-grade science teacher, said. "The district did as well as they could, as we all are doing. I think we have all been learning as we're going. I see that empathy, we have empathy for each other: teachers, students, colleagues, the district."

Rosander and the science team have continued to collaborate using Zoom.

Teachers such as Rosander have been using zoom's features to effectively continue instruction with their students.

"I do think Zoom is doing what it can do. We're not in person, and of course person-to-person is always the best, but a Zoom meeting is helping at least, to keep the classroom culture," Rosander said. "You are doing things, seeing each other, you are building up another type of classroom, an online classroom. Of course, technology can always improve."

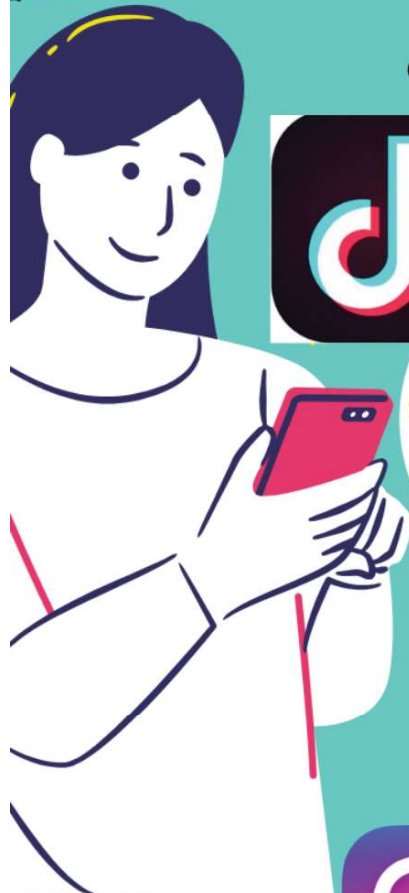
Setting up expectations with your students is important due to the transition from learning on campus to learning online. Rosander has set expectations with her students to build a "classroom of respect," and to "have students have empathy for each other," Rosander said.

This respect may entail setting up regulations during zoom meetings. For example, rules such as turning on a webcam would not mandatory, since students may not have a webcam in the first place.

Rosander's students have made Flipgrids showing their workplace and gave advice to each other about online learning.



LIFE INSIDE A PHONE



Boredom lurks in the walls of your gloomy house. Hours pass like years and there is absolutely nothing to do. Unless... it is homework.

You think: "It is time to get motivated and start my

homework." You sit down grab your pencil, but something catches your eye. A bright phone case. You exchange looks with your phone and then your homework. "Hmm...

homework can wait, right?"



Stuck in our houses

because of coronavirus, people have been living in their phones. As of the beginning of spring break, the whole population is using their phones much more often. Snapchat, Netflix, Tik tok, House Party, Facebook, Instagram, and many more apps have been installed by people of all ages. We can't just sit inside all day, so what CAN we do?

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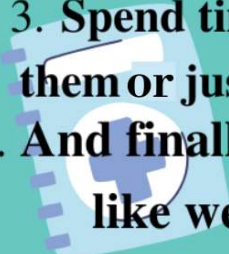


1. Do some school work, like actually it's no use to watch Netflix all day. (Written from **What You Can Do!** experience)

2. Go outside. It wouldn't harm you if you just go in your backyard. Create games, draw with some chalk, make up the rules.

3. Spend time with your family. Do a workout with them or just make them breakfast, they deserve it.

4. And finally, make sure that you stay safe and healthy. Looks like we are all learning something from quarantine.



What to do during the time you would be practicing during quarantine

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Make some artwork!



Learn an instrument!

1. Ride a bike around the neighborhood or take a walk. (Be sure to stay 6ft apart from everyone.)

2. Do at home exercises, you can find workout playlists via YouTube and other video platforms.



3. Take advantages of your resources. If your community has a nature trail or a basketball court or any other types of resources, use them!

4. If you have access to a pool, go swimming! If you have access to a lake and fishing gear, go fishing!



EIGHTH-GRADE

memories






Hopping off the roller coaster of middle school

Written by Margaret Toth and Designed by Courtney Nelson

The 2019-2020 school year has passed with the snap of a finger and we, as a class, have been through quite a bit. From Mr. Folt's YouTube channel and his dog Higgins to ending the year abruptly due to a coronavirus pandemic, it is impossible to say that this year hasn't been one to remember. A look back on many of our elementary and middle school memories, that truly created unforgettable and amazing experiences.

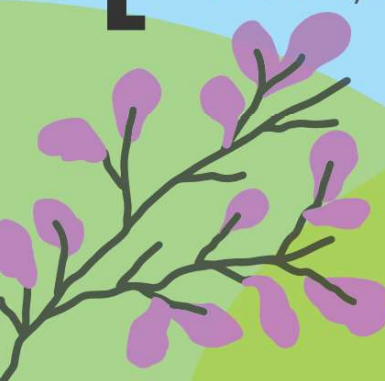


Gym Classes: With our inevitable entrance to high school, we leave behind one of our favorite (and least favorite, for some) class. From hot days outside to laying out the mats to play kickball in the gym, we leave these memories behind.

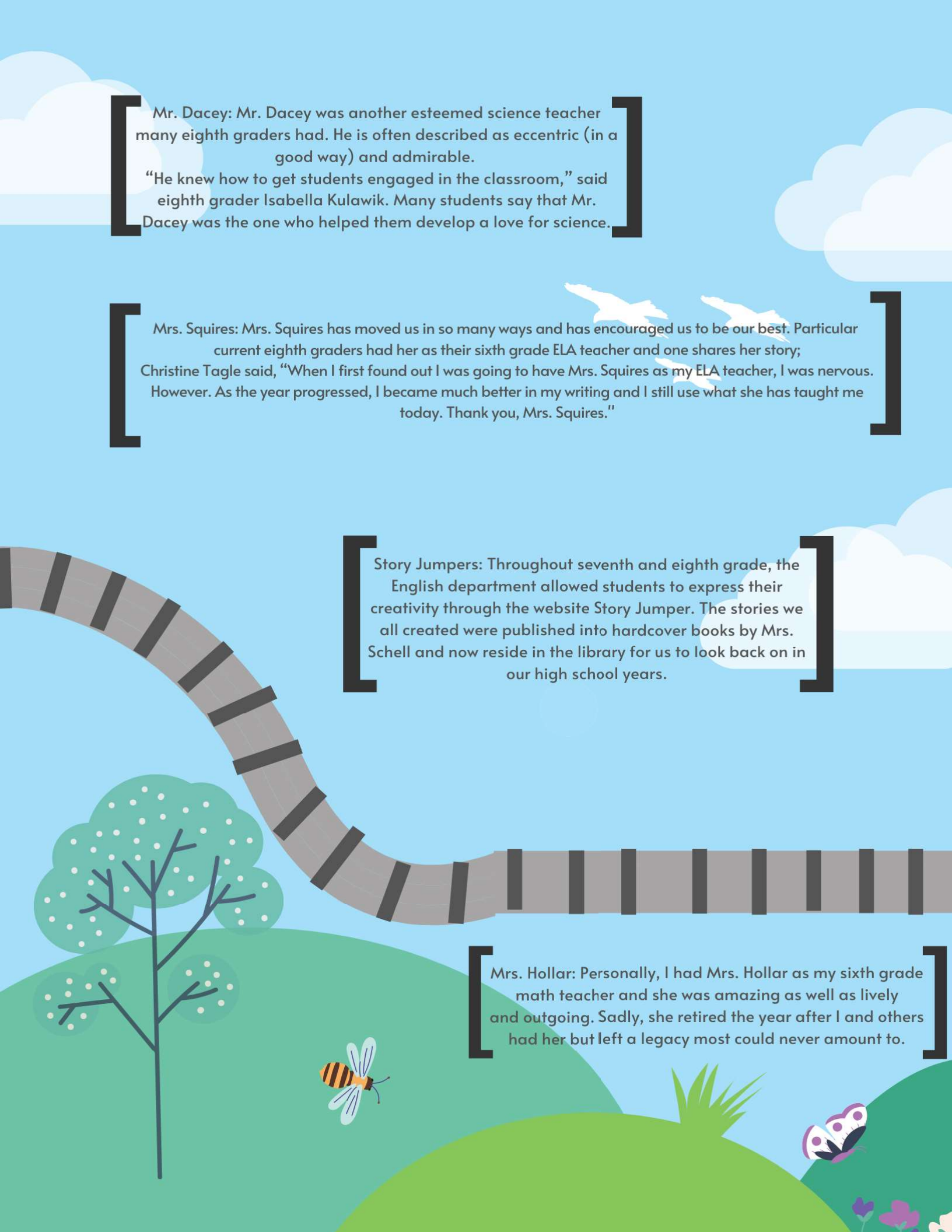
Odyssey of the Mind Win: The Pine View Odyssey of the Mind team has one eighth grader: Sophia Lopez. She and the team won third place at the Sarasota County competition. This is only the second consecutive year Pine View has had an Odyssey of the Mind team and I must say--well done!

Pine View Fairs: The annual Pine View Fair is a celebration hosted by the PVA and it would take a fortnight to forget the fun we've all had under those white canopy tents. It is the perfect event to invite friends and family. I have gone every year I've attended Pine View and plan to do the same for the next four years of my high school career. After asking a few eighth graders, I've concluded that the Dunk the Teacher attraction is an all-time favorite.

Mrs. Templeton: In our sixth-grade year, many of us studied Earth science with Mrs. Templeton. She was one of many of my favorite teachers and never failed at making science fun. Unfortunately, the 2017-2018 school year was her last year at Pine View before she retired. Although she doesn't teach at Pine View anymore, she has forever made a lasting impression on me and many others.

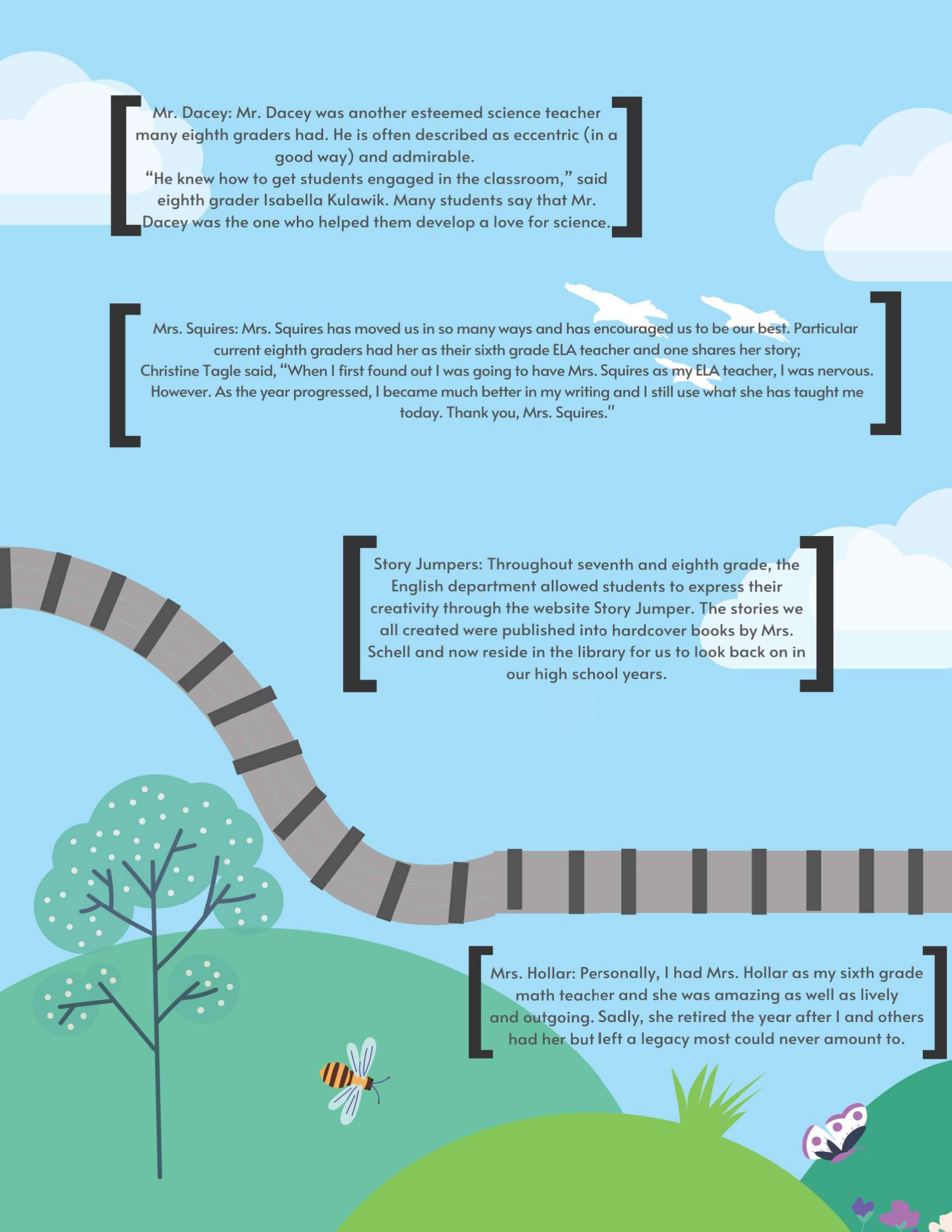


Mr. Folt's YouTube channel: Around half of our eighth-grade class has Mr. Folts as their Algebra I math teacher and it was quite a surprise when he introduced us to MathBaker: the name of his ever-growing math/baking focused YouTube channel. He was even gifted a hand made YouTube play button which was installed by fellow Youtuber and eighth grader Grant Burroughs.

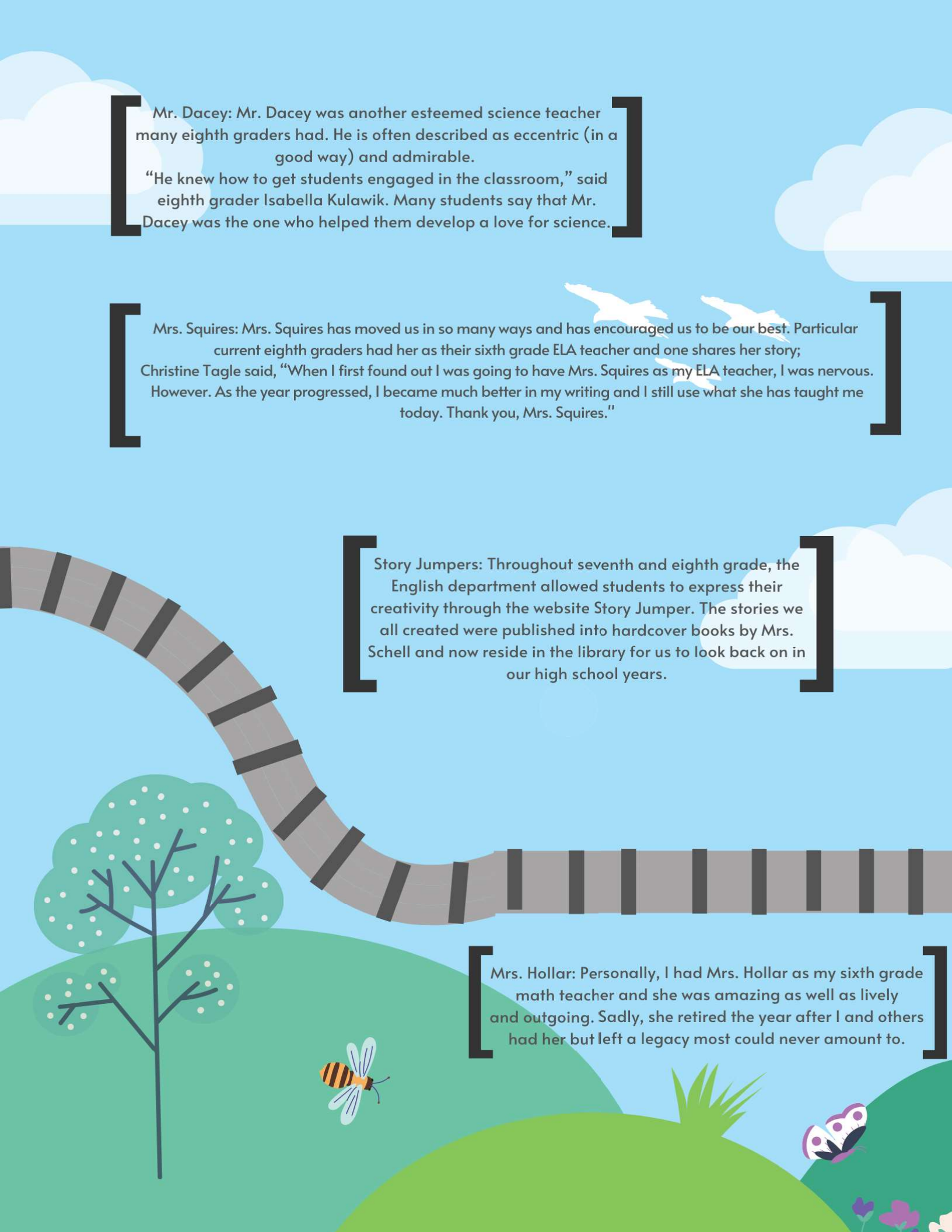


Mr. Dacey: Mr. Dacey was another esteemed science teacher many eighth graders had. He is often described as eccentric (in a good way) and admirable.

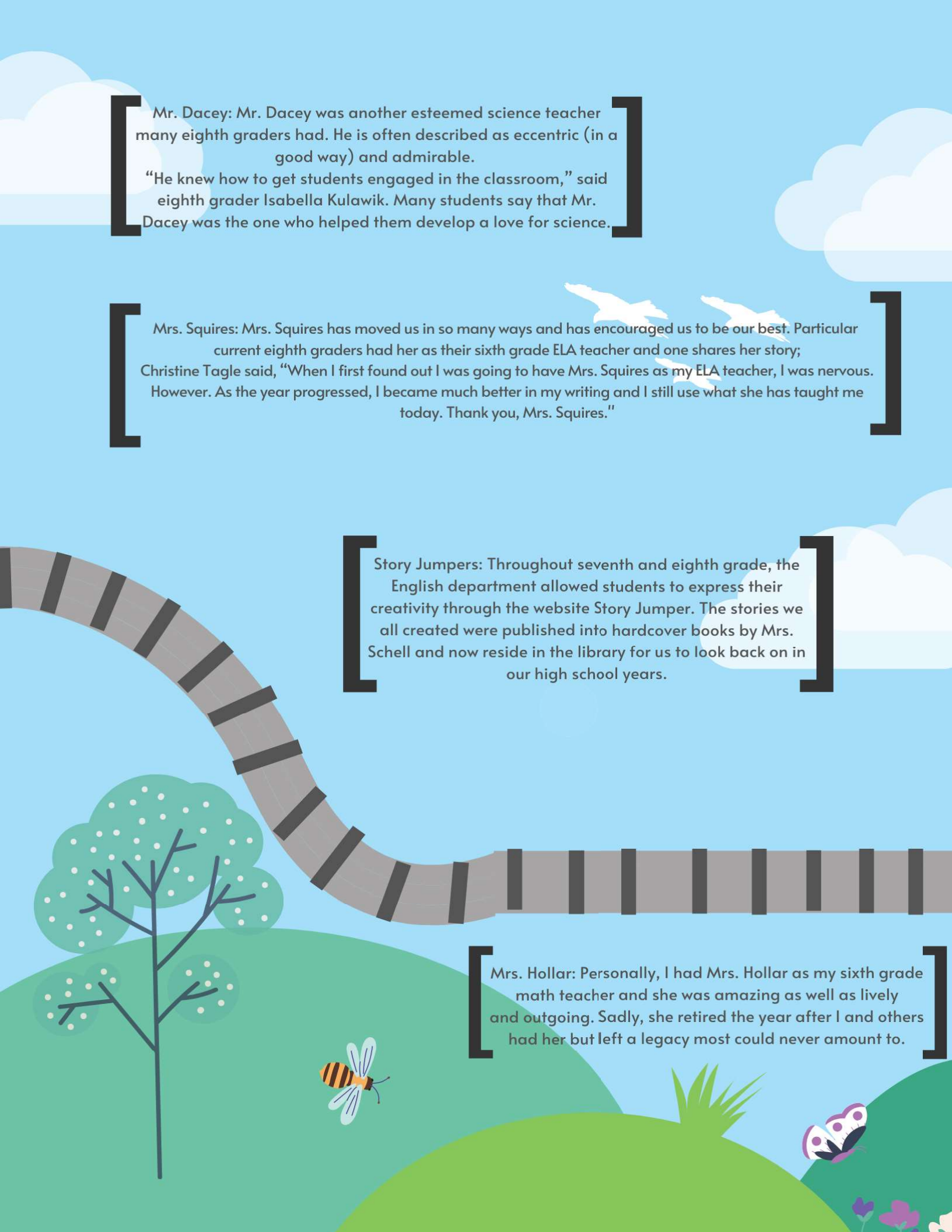
“He knew how to get students engaged in the classroom,” said eighth grader Isabella Kulawik. Many students say that Mr. Dacey was the one who helped them develop a love for science.



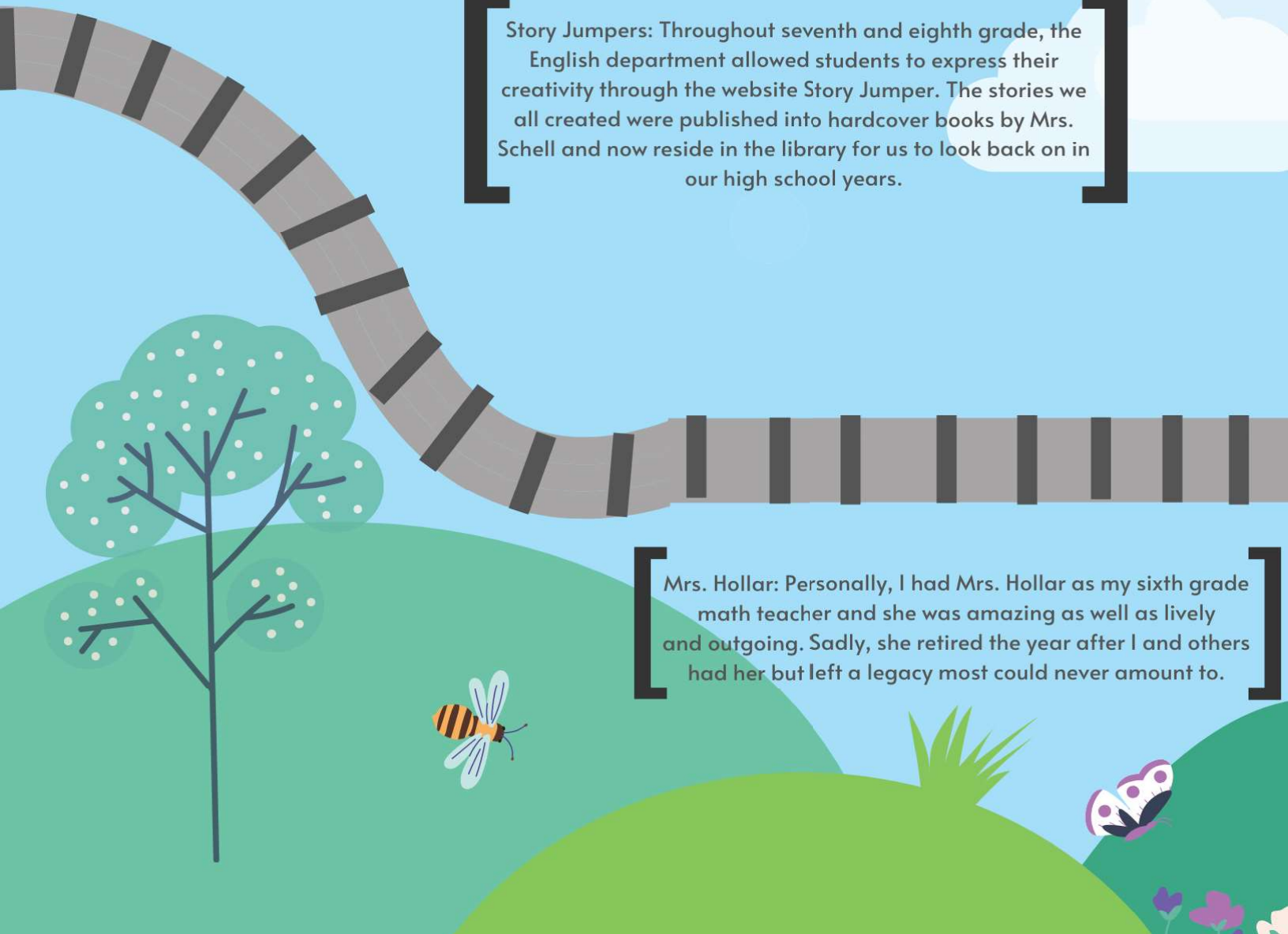
Mrs. Squires: Mrs. Squires has moved us in so many ways and has encouraged us to be our best. Particular current eighth graders had her as their sixth grade ELA teacher and one shares her story; Christine Tagle said, “When I first found out I was going to have Mrs. Squires as my ELA teacher, I was nervous. However, as the year progressed, I became much better in my writing and I still use what she has taught me today. Thank you, Mrs. Squires.”



Story Jumpers: Throughout seventh and eighth grade, the English department allowed students to express their creativity through the website Story Jumper. The stories we all created were published into hardcover books by Mrs. Schell and now reside in the library for us to look back on in our high school years.



Mrs. Hollar: Personally, I had Mrs. Hollar as my sixth grade math teacher and she was amazing as well as lively and outgoing. Sadly, she retired the year after I and others had her but left a legacy most could never amount to.



Welcome to PlanetBase



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By **Christain Batista**

The bumpy ride makes you sick to your stomach, almost causing you to puke. The commander painstakingly tries to find a clear spot to touchdown before fuel runs out. The craft skims the surface before plopping down on the ground. You step out of the spacecraft and realize that you and your crew landed on a desert planet closely resembling Mars... You are playing Planetbase!

Planetbase is a game about colonizing one of four planets you can choose from, including a desert, frozen, moon or storm planet. Each planet has a higher level of difficulty increasing in that order. Once you choose your planet you are given the option to choose where your colony is placed and what you name your colony. Hit ok, and then a cutscene of your spacecraft landing plays.

After your colonists (each with different jobs) and robots (also each with different jobs) walk off the craft, then you begin guiding them through colonizing the planet by building different domes and structures to cater to their

five essential needs: morale, food, water, sleep, and oxygen. One example is the canteen for food. Once you have the five essential needs covered, you can focus on getting new domes for your base, trading with visitors, or working towards leveling up to the next planet.

All in all, Planetbase is a fun game for people who like planning, sci-fi, or anything space themed.



Pandemic Music: How the Local Orchestras are Holding Up

By Margaret Toth

Despite the current circumstances, the Sarasota Orchestra is committed to staying connected with its community through music that uplifts and inspires. Until we can reunite with them in the concert hall, the Sarasota Orchestra is hosting short yet impactful video clips featuring various musicians from their program. This movement has the name, Music Moves Us.

In the videos, artists will share a bit about themselves then play a short piece. Examples of these videos are Laura Stephenson Petty serenading her houseplants with the song "Introduction themes and variations for clarinet" by Riccini and cellist Cheeko Matusaka playing the instrumental version of "Somewhere over the Rainbow" by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole.

This is not it though, the orchestra has over twelve other videos featuring many of their musicians and they post one video on their YouTube channel almost every day.

Not only is the Sarasota Orchestra

continuing to stay connect through music but so is our own Pine View band. Band director Victor Mongillo is making sure students are staying connected with others and their instruments.

Abigail Perreira (8) said, "We have to continue practicing our assigned pieces, work in our practice books, and he [Mr. Mongillo] gives us weekly listening assignments. Mr. Mongillo also provides us with links to All-State etudes to challenge ourselves."

When we cannot connect in person it is so important that we find other ways to do so and that is just what our community has done. From YouTube videos to band classes, there is no doubt that music ties us together even if we cannot assemble in a concert hall.



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Leaping into online dance

By Lindsay Luberecki

Throughout the week, dancers put on tights and a leotard, put their hair up, and put on dance shoes. They fill up water bottles and head off to class. With warm-ups, stretches, turns, leaps, and choreographed combinations, they're keeping busy and in shape. But how are dancers still going to class, while everyone is staying at home? They don't have to look much farther than Zoom.

All teachers do is schedule their classes and send out a code, and all the students in that class join and take the class from somewhere in their house.

One such student, Pine View seventh-grader Sophia Doyle, who dances at Soul Studios in Sarasota, is grateful for the opportunity to continue dancing.

"[Being stuck at home] has shown me to appreciate what you have. We're very lucky that we still get to have classes," Doyle said.

Doyle has been dancing for ten years and loves that "you get to express yourself in multiple ways." For her, dance is serving as a helpful tool during these times.

Owner and artistic director of Soul Studios, Jamie Davis, also believes that dance is helpful for students social distancing at home.

"There are definitely kids who are still struggling [with everything going on]; classes have been beneficial for them and their training," she said.

Pine View seventh-grader Tess Turbeville, who dances at Attitudes in Dance in

Venice, agrees with this point.

"You can just focus on your dancing and you don't have to think about anything else," Turbeville said.

She has been dancing for ten years, and said she was very excited to hear the news that classes would continue online.

Renata Gaona, one of Turbeville's teachers, and owner of Attitudes in Dance, feels that there are many positive benefits to taking classes online. While some aspects of a dance year are being canceled or postponed (such as recitals and competitions), some new good things have come out of being stuck at home.

"I taught my professional jazz group [who live in Brazil] for the first time in 20 years," Gaona, who grew up in Brazil, said.

She has also been able to teach three new students from England, three from Los Angeles, and three from Michigan. Gaona's niece, who recently moved to Brazil, has also been able to take classes again.

Davis has also been able to teach alumni and students who have moved away, and said that some studios are opening up classes to students from other studios.

Online dance classes have helped "create some kind of normalcy for the kids," said Davis.

According to Gaona, "Dance is good for your body and makes you think positive. You focus on the music and forget about anything else."

Students and teachers alike feel that dance is a great way to let out stress and keep with a routine, especially during times like these.



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Renata Gaona,
Dance Teacher



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Sophia Doyle,
Seventh-grader



Nature Returns to The Streets

By: Coltrane Markusky

The Coronavirus currently has almost the entire world on lockdown. People have been ordered to stay inside and not leave the house, leaving unemployment rates unbelievably high.

However, not all is of woe, as some say the earth is healing due to the lack of humans outside. Though we may be getting less vitamin d, more and more animals are coming out due to the lack of humans socializing. As an example, dolphins are returning to the canals of Venecia!

Since a refreshing quietness has now taken over the canals of Venice, the dolphins now have no fear of the man-made rivers that are

usually used for travel amongst this floating city.

Meanwhile in Florida, some not as serene beauties are also returning. Alligators have now taken over some main streets in the south, and a few extremely unlucky ones in the north. We advise all pedestrians to equip themselves with some sort of blunt weapon for protection when leaving the house, such as a golf club or a mace.

Surprising historians and biologists alike all over the world, dinosaurs have somehow returned to England, where the first fossil was discovered. Luckily, these specimen seem to be harmless vegetarians, meaning humans are safe, but they may disrupt the English ecosystem.

Local Paleontologist Veloz I. Rahpter said, "Though dinosaurs were thought to have been extinct for years, these naturally shy little buggers like to stay undercover when other creatures are around, meaning they survived the asteroids that killed off most of the dinosaurs by hiding away."

Scotland seems to have some strange occurrences going on there too, as the national animal, the Unicorn, has actually shown up in the wild! Though this may defy all odds, it may prove the existence of many other Norse "myths."

As the world "Heals," and the animals return to their habitats, sit back and relax, so you can watch history in the making.

What would happen if you went outside?

By: Gwen Cushman

It's a sunny day in Sarasota, the sunlight drifts into Olivia's room through the window above her head. As she wakes up a thought gets her excited, I am going to go outside today. Yes, she realizes that she is breaking her mom's rule of "Only people over the age of 19 can go outside" but she is feeling rebellious. She jumps out of bed and throws on some of her running clothes that haven't been worn in about a year.

She climbs out her squeaky window and sneaks past the windows of her mom's room, hiding in the bushes. Olivia has been planning the perfect way to escape quarantine for the past week, all she wants is some fresh air. She edges her way around her house and is almost to the point where she won't be seen. As she crawls, her neighbor's dog, Luna, walks up to her sniffing the ground. All of a sudden, Olivia feels Luna sniff her butt.

"Ew, ew, ew," Olivia exclaims as she turns around, "Bad dog!"

She started to back away doing a crab walk when her hand sinks into the muddy ground.

"I guess this is karma," she says aloud. She quickly pulls her hand out of the mud and rubs it against the grass trying to get the mud off. Luna sits and watches.

"What do you want?" Olivia questions.

She crawls away this time avoiding any mud spots.

When she reaches the road and stands up to breathe in the fresh air. She closes her eyes and enjoys the wind slamming her face. In the distance she hears people shouting, she opens her eyes to see the police chasing anyone who left their house. Olivia grabs her skateboard and skates down the block. If she can go all the way around her block with the police chasing her, she can lose them when she goes in the narrow alleyway behind her house.

She turns and sweeps

it perfectly, but the officers are gaining on her. She pushes off the ground faster, faster. Despite her efforts, the police speed ahead and turn to block her from getting away. Olivia realizes she can't escape anymore, so she puts her hands up and the police walk her to her house.

When her mom opens the door the officers bring Olivia inside and tell her protocol. She is doomed for punishment. She isn't worried about getting in trouble, because at least she got fresh air.

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The responsibility of self-quarantine

By Courtney Nelson

As the whole world is in a panic and state of chaos most everyone could agree that finding a solution to Covid-19 is one of the biggest goals that we need to collectively work together. The ways that we have to put a stop to Covid-19 are limited and might be lengthy, meaning every single one of us need to do our part; it's a responsibility of the whole population, not just specific individuals, to stay at home under quarantine as the states have requested.

The goal of quarantine is to avoid contact with those who aren't living together, to minimize the spread of the disease. Currently, according to the CDC, there are over 1 million confirmed cases in the United States alone, with no other country even close. Our cases haven't been gradually growing; they came, according to the CDC, in a huge spike around the middle of March. The disease will inevitably spread due to the fact that it's incredibly contagious; however, why are the American cases so high in comparison to other countries? It might be because we can't even follow the instructions of staying indoors: people are going outside to beaches, parks and other public places to spend time with friends.

If you have social media, the likelihood of you seeing someone posting on their Snapchat or Instagram story about hanging out with someone else is very likely. Influential people and people using their platforms to showcase their fun times with friends make others believe that it's alright, "it's only a few people, it's not going

to do anything." There are so many people who are scared, bored, anxious and just confused; boredom doesn't give you the right to unnecessarily spend time with people in public places.

Even if you don't have Covid-19, someone there might have it, which endangers everyone. Just because the average age range of people are in their 50's, according to USAToday, doesn't mean you're immune. It's everyone's responsibility to keep everyone safe and work through this struggle together. On top of that, the belief that young people cannot get Covid-19 is completely wrong. Younger people 30's and under, make up about 40% of cases. Still, more elderly people are more likely to die.

If citizens can't keep their word on staying quarantined to prevent Covid-19, there at least has to be another way for now. According to The Corona Virus Pandemic, "China's strict lockdown and closed schools saved rush on hospitals during coronavirus outbreak," Beijing researchers said. Through their research they found that non-pharmaceutical interventions and closing schools will not stop all transmission but will reduce admission peak 40-

60%.

We cannot continue simply waiting for a vaccine. According to BBC, a vaccine might not be available until the end of the year. Instead, we must hold up our integrity as citizens by staying indoors and minimizing contact with people outside of family members. We have to do our part, instead of endangering an overwhelming amount of the population.

DOING YOUR PART IN THE PREVENTION OF COVID-19
BY JIAYI ZHU

SOCIAL DISTANCE
Stay at least 6 feet away from other people
Avoid crowded areas
Do not gather in groups
←--- 6 feet ---→

Maintain Good Hygiene
Regularly and thoroughly wash hands with soap and water.
Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or the inside of your elbow when coughing or sneezing.

Cover your mouth and nose when around others
Wear a cloth face cover when going out in public.
Don't use masks meant for healthcare workers and continue social distancing

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY...

EDUCATE YOURSELF
Know how the virus spreads and keep up to date on the latest information from factual sources. Don't give in to 'flocking and herding'!

PLACES OF INFORMATION:
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
CDC.GOV AND NIH.GOV

SOURCES: World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

How students without internet access managed online school

By Ryan Purdy

While certain students may have felt annoyed with virtual school and its abnormal way of learning, others didn't even have the basis of this type of learning: internet. Transitioning to a new way of learning is tough on its own, but imagine not having the tools to even access online school. For these students, it's not as easy for them to simply contact their teacher and ask for alternatives to online work. Fortunately, there were ways schools helped with this. Booker High Assistant Principle Sue Fair explained what her school was doing via an email.

"Booker High School was fortunate to receive a very generous donation of Hot Spots from Sprint at the beginning of the school year and was offered to students on a first come first serve basis. After the decision was made to finish the school year with remote learning, the School District purchased Hot Spots for those students who did not have internet service in their homes", Fair said.

In addition to purchasing the Hot Spots, the district also provided academic packets for students without internet access, as well. Fair estimated around 100 students required a Hot Spot or packet. Packets for (Exceptional Student Education) or ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) students were made by teachers, as well.

Even prior to issues with COVID-19, Fair has expressed how the problem of internet access hasn't been directly addressed.

"Remote learning certainly brought the lack of internet access to our attention," Fair said.

Yet, Fair said this whole situation has offered perspective and clarity on students without internet access. Education officials will turn this into a learning experience and create the best system possible for students without internet at home.

"Going forward, I would like to see that every student has a laptop and access to internet and are used throughout the year so students have some familiarity with this technology," she said.

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AN EDITOR'S NOTE FROM THE SPARK STAFF:

IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT EVENTS

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE UNREST AND VIOLENCE ONGOING ACROSS THE NATION AND HOPE THAT EACH AND EVERY FAMILY IS DOING WELL. DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE EVENTS TO OUR SCHEDULED PRESS, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO ADDRESS THEM IN THIS ISSUE, BUT WE SINCERELY WISH FOR THE PROCESS OF RECONCILIATION TO BEGIN THIS SUMMER.

BEST WISHES.
TAKE CARE.
STAY SAFE.

