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FRONT PAGE: The elementary chess club meets, filling up the Student Union to learn about and play chess. The large number of students is a positive contrast to earlier in the year, when the club was at risk of discontinuation due to COVID-19.

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RIGHT: Fourth-grader Marisa Bruno poses in costume after performing a solo at competition. Bruno has danced since preschool.

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TOP: Pine View School helps out it's Title-1 sister school Alta Vista Elementary. PHOTO BY GABBY NAVICKIS

LEFT: Two members of the Interact Club here at Pine View, tenth graders Cole Laudenslager (Left) and Nicholas Harrington (Right),- pose with key chains they sell in order to raise money for gift baskets for the homeless population in the Sarasota area.

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# Capturing a second chance

by Sarah Catalano

The Elementary Chess Club has been a small but dedicated part of Pine View culture for years — second- and third-place trophies from scholastic chess tournaments sit crowded between STEM and Speech and Debate awards in the glass display cases of the cafeteria.

In previous years, sponsors would welcome students into their classrooms to learn and practice the game. Yet as 2021 rolled around, it seemed like the club was finally done for. No teachers had volunteered to sponsor it, and no students appeared to be interested.

Now, less than four months later, a crowd of 66 students from grades two through six flood the Student Union Wednesday after school.

“How many of you would be interested in coming back if we had this club again next year?” Campus Aide Melissa Dooley asks the students. Nearly every hand in the cafeteria shoots up.

Each Wednesday, a little before 4 p.m., the Student Union is transformed into a sea of chessboards. Pieces carefully set in place fill the blue tables, and a large board propped up on a

three-legged easel displays each member’s rankings in bold capital letters.

Most students, lined up against the wall and fanning out sideways towards the windows, clutch plastic bags with paper cards in them, some containing shiny gold tokens. Zella Snitowsky, grade two, explained that the tokens are awarded to students who win a match.

“If you have a draw or win or if you lost you write that down. If you win you get a token and if you get a draw, both of you get a token. Then you start another game with another person who hasn’t had a partner yet,” Sn-

itowsky said. “Every month the winners for every grade get a T-shirt that says ‘Pine View Chess Club.’”

The club held its first meeting of the year March 3, after Dooley volunteered to supervise it. Dooley, who

first learned chess from her father, has made chess a central activity for her family.

“My youngest son learned from watching his older brother—they’re only 18 months apart—play, and the younger one got better than the older one,” Dooley said. “But we still play, a couple times a week at my house... we love it.”

According to Dooley, students have shown an incredible amount of enthusiasm for the game. Students will approach her to tell her that they got a chessboard for Easter, found a new app to practice their strategies online, or are teaching their families how to play.

“I love watching them get excited about one move,” Dooley said. “Somebody was dancing, and I went over and I said ‘Oh, is this game done?’ and he said ‘No, but look what I just did!’”

Outside of Chess Club, Dooley continues to share the game with students. Every Tuesday and Wednesday during second- and third-grade recess, she sets up four chess boards.

“They’re always full,



Contemplating their next moves, third-grader Bryan Song (left) and second-grader Grant Kerrich (right) play chess in the Student Union. Elementary Chess club was at risk of discontinuation before campus Aide Melissa Dooley volunteered as supervisor. PHOTO BY SARAH CATALANO

and there’s always a waiting line,” she said.

“I tell them ‘If you played yesterday, don’t play today, so more people can play.’ And since doing that, kids are like, ‘Hey, can I sign up for Chess Club?’ And as much as I would love to have more, we have just enough boards to cover every table in the Student Union—36 tables—and if I had more students I wouldn’t have enough boards.”

For third-grader Mantra Bhatt, the appeal lies in competition—Bhatt said his favorite part of chess club is winning. For others, chess club can be a learning or social experience.

“I think it’s fun to go against the people you don’t know, you get to know

them better. And we learn more about how to play chess,” Snitowsky said, “and it teaches you, it’s a very complex game, but everyone can do it.”

In the future, Dooley hopes to take a PV chess team to championships. Chess, she said, is a gateway to many academic opportunities—scholarships, awards, even free rides to college. It’s also a good way to gain concentration and analytical skills.

“[People who haven’t played chess] should try. It’s an education game, it’s a brain game, there’s critical thinking here—a skill that everybody should have,” Dooley said.

GRAPHIC BY GRACE JOHNSON



## THE THREE TYPES OF COVID-19 VACCINES

BY PEYTON HARRIS

### JOHNSON & JOHNSON

- Single dose
- Permitted for anyone 18 and older
- Carrier vaccine
- 72% overall efficiency

### PFIZER

- Active ingredients consist of only mRNA
  - Takes two doses, 21 days apart
  - Permitted for anyone 12 and older
- 95% efficiency

### MODERNA

- Also consists of mRNA technology.
- Approved for 18 and older
- Takes two doses, 28 days apart
- 94.1% efficiency

### YOUTH TRIAL UPDATES

- Children ages 12 and older are permitted to receive the Pfizer vaccine.
- Pfizer and BioNTech are planning to submit data to the FDA showing COVID prevention from the vaccine in the 12-15 age group.

# Flip-flopping family dynamics

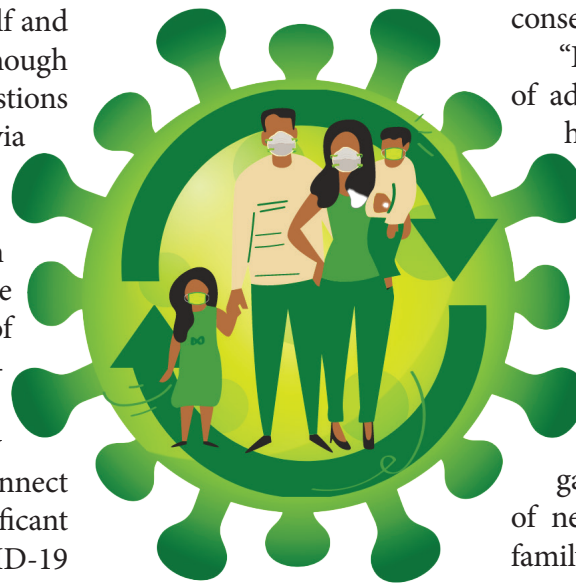
by Anna Labiner

With the rise of the pandemic came many unknowns: how long will we stay in quarantine? When can kids return to school? How can I keep myself and my loved ones safe? Though many of these questions have been answered via the vaccine rollout, there still remains a looming question mark as to what the long-term effects of COVID-19 will be — more specifically, how it will affect the way we interact and connect with others. One significant social effect of COVID-19 that will likely have long-term repercussions is a shift in family dynamics over quarantine.

Considering changing family relationships over quarantine, there seems to be two very different sides of the spectrum — for some, quarantine was an opportunity to become closer with family; for others, the intensity of the pandemic put a strain on their family. Caught in the middle of these shifting family dynamics, children adapted to a rapidly changing lifestyle.

Students who had the opportunity to grow closer with their parents and sib-

lings as they adjusted to the “new normal” of quarantine might come out of the pandemic with a newfound appreciation for their strong familial connections, and



perhaps some fond memories of bonding experiences with their parents. For those students, quarantine provided for more old-fashioned family time, including family walks, trying out new recipes, and watching classic movies.

Contrastingly, some families experienced more negative effects of the pandemic. Many parents were uncertain about how their working schedule would change, and, after some time inside, young children started to get antsy. These and other factors contributed to a home environment that was not ideal.

Local child therapist and social worker Leigh Gordon pointed out that most families experienced an array of these positive and negative COVID-19 consequences.

“Despite the difficulties of adjusting to COVID, it has also led to some positive and unexpected outcomes for children and parents alike,” Gordon said. “Families have spent more time together allowing for family dinners, board games, and the creation of new traditions such as family bike rides and baking together. This has a positive impact on children’s self-esteem and has tightened family relationships.”

As the world starts to reopen, it is worth considering how the pandemic will affect our relationships with our families well into the future. The unpredictable shift in family dynamics is just one of the many side effects of the pandemic, and will certainly be remembered as one of the most significant aspects of quarantine (along with the toilet paper shortage and the constant baking, of course).

GRAPHIC BY GRACE JOHNSON



# Pine View's Pride: The Python



by Joanna Malvas

As Pine View students, our hard work and dedication to excellence is all symbolized by being named a 'Proud Python.' However, although we display our glorious Python sculpture in the ceiling corner of the cafeteria, how much do we really know about the Python itself? In the spirit of putting a claim to our name, here's a fast-fact guide to this creature.

## GUIDE TO THE PINE VIEW MASCOT: THE PYTHON

### Diet

Despite its size, the Burmese python is non-venomous. In order to kill its prey, this snake uses its strength to constrict their muscles and squeeze their victims. Oddly, its diet consists of a wide range of options, from birds, to rats, or even alligators!

### Physical Traits and Habits

The Burmese python is a really long animal — its average length is 12 feet, but some pythons can even grow as long as 23 feet! In fact, the Burmese python is one of the top five largest snakes in the world. Moreover, this snake can weigh as much as 200 pounds. This snake tends to dwell on the ground, but this python also has excellent swimming capabilities. Additionally, the python can stay underwater for up to 30 minutes.

### Origins

The formal name of the python is actually the Burmese python. If you want to be even more eloquent, you should know that its scientific name is *python bivittatus*. Because the Burmese python is not native to Florida, it is considered an invasive species as its population has been able to thrive without a natural predator. The animal was introduced to the Everglades in south Florida during the '80s, in which a breeding facility for pythons in Florida was destroyed during Hurricane Andrew, allowing the pythons to run wild in nearby swamps. Despite the fact that this animal is not native to Florida, we can still appreciate it for its bold and unique qualities.

### What are the best things about having a python as a mascot?

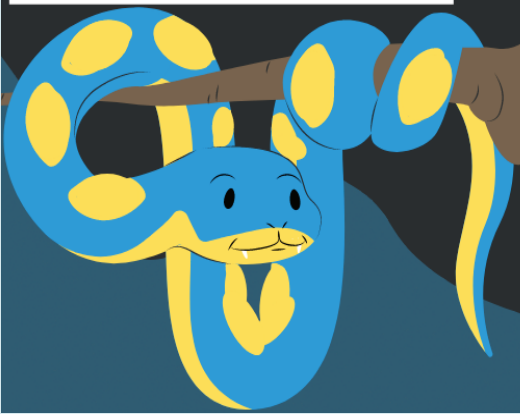
"It fits well with the marshy habitat here. There's a few lakes around campus so I think the python fits here."

*Philopateer Gad, 2nd grade*

### How does a python represent a Pine View student?

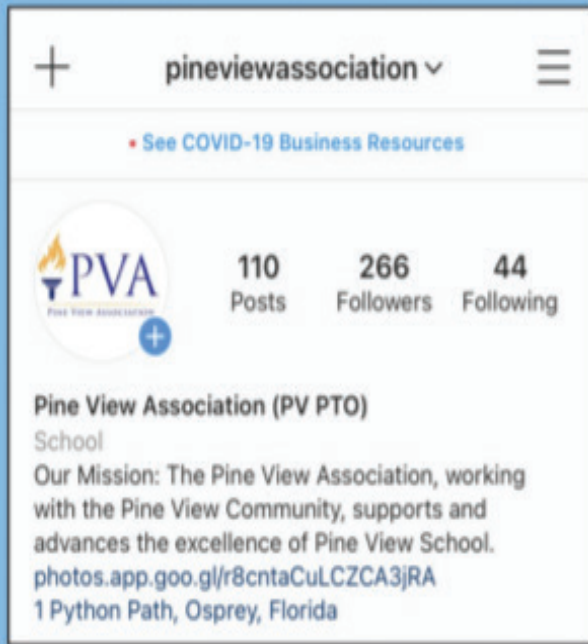
"Well it represents strength, courage, and great progress and it also represents kindness because if you want to get the proud python, you have to be kind and respectful."

*Maya Greenberg, 2nd grade*





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## IN BRIEF

### Pine View staff and students bond with sister school

by **Isabella Gaskill**

Despite moving to its new campus way back in 1994, Pine View has fostered a close relationship with the school that is currently located at its old campus, Alta Vista Elementary. As of 6 years ago, Pine View and Alta Vista are “sister schools” who closely interact through a number of programs to promote literacy and bring students together.

This relationship began when the district decided that it would be beneficial to match up Title 1 schools and Non-Title 1 schools to celebrate literacy together. A Title 1 school is

one in which low-income families make up at least 40% of the enrollment, so by bringing a Non-Title 1 school like Pine View together with Alta Vista, students of different economic and social backgrounds are able to work with each other. It also provides an opportunity for teachers to collaborate and work together.

“I think the relationship between the students and the teachers has been the most rewarding,” said third-grade teacher Freda Williams.

There are many aspects to the sisterhood, including partnering up classrooms from

each of the schools and taking Pine View students to visit Alta Vista, and vice versa. Pine View has hosted several Literacy Lollapalooza events where Alta Vista students came to do literacy activities with the Pine View students, and they were each given new books at the end. Alta Vista has also hosted events, such as the Reading Street literacy day, which brought Pine View students to Alta Vista to read together outside. Pine View has also hosted book drives for Alta Vista students. Just this year, PVA donated water bottle filling stations to the school.

### Sarasota County Schools receive federal funding

by **Ben Gordon**

In response to the economic fallout following COVID-19, which caused many Americans to struggle financially, Congress passed the CARES Act, which went into effect March 27, 2020. Included in the bill was billions of dollars in funding for state and local governments, including Sarasota County.

According to the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota County Schools received \$30 million in funds from the federal government, \$5 million of which must be shared with charter schools. Most of the money will be spent repaying the district for its

COVID-related expenses, like protective gear and shields, COVID leave, and unemployment payments.

According to Sarasota County Schools Chief Financial Officer, Mitsi Corcoran, the school district fully expended the first round of CARES funding for 5 days of professional development for teachers and support staff prior to the start of this school year.

As of April 13, the school board does not know when they will receive the funds.

Not knowing when they can expect the money, Sarasota County Schools are still planning for summer

school. Which will follow plans made by the school board that increase specific efforts towards students of all grades.

“While we may not know the exact amount of funds coming to the District or whether we will receive them this year or next, we are planning our summer school program in anticipation of receiving the CARES II funding,” Corcoran said. “It’s just a matter of whether they are included in the state education budget or provided directly to local educational agencies from the state as has been the case for all other Federal grant funding.”

# The Coolest of the Cool Math Games

No matter how bored you are, Coolmathgames.com has the best games to play! In this edition, the Match staff reviews three of their favorite games.



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Cool Math Games!

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## 'Papa's Freezeria'

by Tiffany Yu

At the forefront of the illustrious array of restaurant management games known as the "Papa Louie" franchise, sits in my opinion— "Papa Louie". Adored by thousands



worldwide, the "Papa Louie" franchise continues to be one of the most popular flash games, despite facing setbacks in late 2020.

As soon as you start the game, you are met with a selection screen where you can choose to play as either Penny or Alberto. After selecting which character you'd like to play as, you are met with an intro sequence detailing the backstory behind how you ended up at Papa's Freezeria.

Despite having played the game many times in the past and being no stranger to this particular sequence, I never skip it. It introduces you to the

charming animation of the game and its outlandish style of storytelling, which ties everything together. You also get a sneak peek into characters that you unlock later in the game standing outside your store.

When you first start out, the game is slow paced and provides a helpful tutorial. Here you are introduced to the four stations: the Order station, Build station, Mix station, and Top station. At the Order station you take customers' orders, at the Build station you choose the flavor of your base, at the Mix station you mix your concoction, and at the Top station you get to pour yummy top-

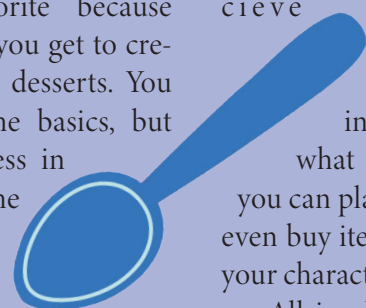
pings onto your sundae!

The Top station is my personal favorite because of the liberty you get to create your own desserts. You begin with the basics, but as you progress in the game, the difficulty begins to slowly increase. Not only does the pace increase, but new ingredients and customers are introduced, which is where the real challenge begins.

"Papa's Freezeria" challenges an individual's time management, ability to multitask, and memory skills, all while making delicious-looking sundaes. The

increase in money, rank, and customer satisfaction you receive at the end of each day is always rewarding, and using what you've earned, you can play mini games or even buy items to customize your character.

All in all, "Papa's Freezeria" is a timeless game that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. Its cute animation combined with its real world premise and lessons make it truly one of a kind (or one of fourteen). "Papa's Freezeria" will always stand out to me as a classic, and forever will be at the forefront of Cool Math Games. After all, who





# 'Full Moon'

by Mahitha Ramachandran

Sitting in the corner of your bedroom, you stare intently at a computer screen. The dark blue and black graphics seem to stare back, challenging you to spend the rest of your day figuring out this level. With no homework tonight, you probably will. After all, you started playing an hour ago, and the sky outside is starting to look a lot like the dark night sky in the game.

If someone walked into your room right now, they would practically be able to see the gears turning in your

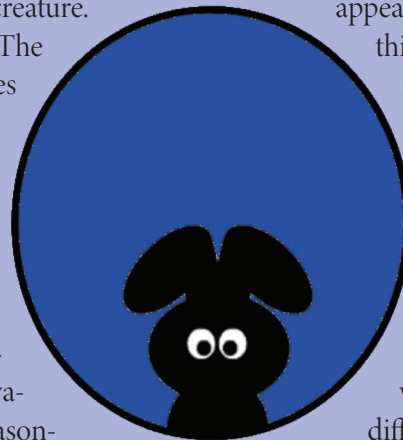
brain as you scout the screen for clues on what to do. You've tried everything, it seems. Then you realize; one of the lightbulbs does not follow the pattern, and the tree is in the way. You move them and the fruit falls to the ground. Just as you are about to declare "I have such a big brain" to yourself, the next level appears on the screen, a whole new challenge to explore.

This game is "Full Moon", and it is on Coolmathgames.com. Arguably the best game on the site, "Full Moon" engages your brain in many fun challenges. The premise is that there is a bun-

ny that is hungry. It is up to the player to find the piece of fruit in each level and get it to the hungry creature.

The catch? The game comes with no rules or directions; you just have to figure out what to do.

It involves a combination of observation, logic, reasoning, timing, and frustrated random clicking. Oh, and it's all at nighttime, so the full moon is out — hence the name of the game.



The levels start out simple to ease you into the challenge.

Click one thing and the fruit appears. Move two things and the food is right there. As you move past these easy levels, the game begins to present you with more difficult scenes, where the answer to the puzzle becomes increasingly less obvious.

You will start to wonder why this bunny needs so

much food anyway, but that will not stop you from continuing to play the game and feed it. The best part is that each level is different and unpredictable. The game will have you questioning every piece of the screen, clicking and rolling your mouse over every object in sight.

If you are a lover of logic and mind games, you will surely love "Full Moon". It is also a great game to play with friends. After all, two heads are better than one. Even better, play separately and see who can get the farthest into the game. No matter how you play, you are sure to have fun.

# 'Bloons Tower Defense'

by Olivia Hansen

Whether you're bored in math class, have some extra time to have some fun, or just want to wind down at the end of the day,

"Bloons Tower Defense" (BTD), on Coolmathgames.com is the ideal virtual retreat.

This game requires a variety of skills: leadership,

outlet to debrief. A game of BTD begins in a simple way. A monkey of your choice is intricately planted around the obstacle course with a sole mission: to pop incoming balloons.

The goal of the game is to ensure that the balloons do not reach the end of the course unpopped.

Throughout the game, you achieve more and more funding

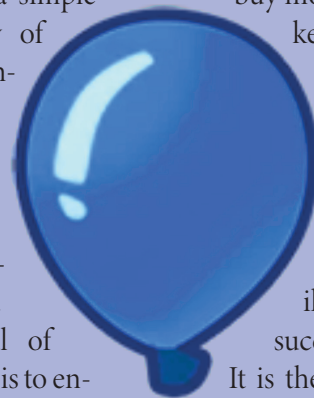
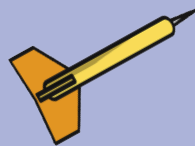
from each balloon popped to buy more advanced monkeys.

Also, with such money, you can upgrade your monkeys so they pop balloons more readily, ensuring your success in the course.

It is the perfect outlet for someone to drown hours of their time to achieve complete mastery of balloon destroying.

"Bloons Tower Defense" is definitely worth playing! Just make sure to do some

reflection while participating because that truly is the intention of Ninja Kiwi, the creators of "Bloons Tower Defense".



hand-eye coordination, patience, and quick-thinking, all while being a very chill

# It's a 'harp' knock life

by Courtney Nelson

Willow Neitlich sits in front of the audience with nothing but strings between her and the music. Each note of her eye-catching harp, with its carvings and colors, forms a beautiful melody. Fifth-grader Willow Neitlich has spent six and a half years pursuing the harp.

In addition to playing the harp for more than half her life, she has a history with the piano. When Neitlich was two and a half and years old she discovered the piano, soon marking the beginning of her musical career.

"I loved music [the piano] so I wanted to try something different like the harp. The harp seemed like a good fit and a cool instrument that not many people play," Neitlich said.

When playing the harp, Neitlich plays many different kinds of music ranging from elegant and slow pieces to quick vibrant pieces. "Praeludium" by J.S. Bach is Neitlich's favorite piece to perform.

Neitlich takes private lessons with the teacher and principal of Sarasota Opera, Giuseppina Ciarla.

Ciarla displayed enthusiasm towards Neitlich's future in Opera and the pursuit of the harp. Throughout her lessons, Neitlich has also performed many times in public, attending multiple concerts each year.

"[I would] like to play in college and probably in the symphony as an adult, my harp teacher motivates me to eventually be able to go pro and play in front of people in a symphony," Neitlich said.

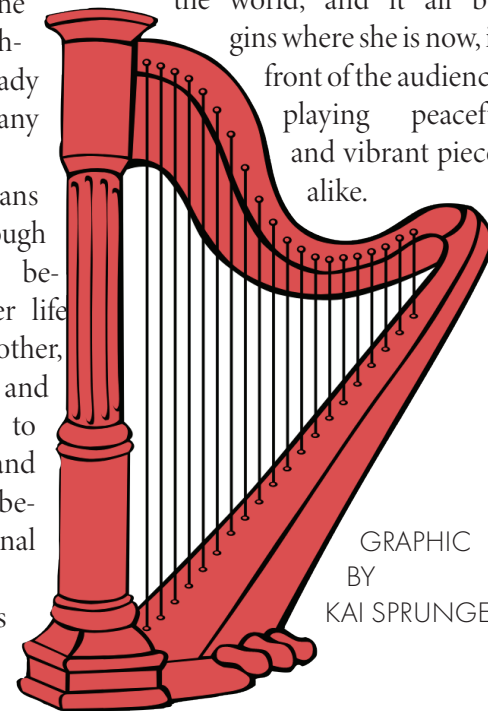
Although she has already achieved many goals musically through learning and playing, her opportunities

have only begun. She is only in fifth-grade but has already done more than many musicians.

With her plans of continuing through college and beyond, many in her life such as her brother, Seth Neitlich, and teacher expect her to accomplish a lot and reach her goal of becoming a professional harpist.

Neitlich plans to share her beautiful music with

the world, and it all begins where she is now, in front of the audience, playing peaceful and vibrant pieces alike.



GRAPHIC BY KAI SPRUNGER

# Pirouetting Since Preschool



Fourth-grader Marisa Bruno dances a solo at a competition. Bruno has been dancing since she was two years old.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY KELLY BRUNO

by Gabriele Navickis

You're lined up with your team behind the curtain on the main stage, waiting for your turn to show the judges everything you've got. You've put on your daz-

zling outfit for the competition and your mom helped you with your makeup. The stage organizers order you all on stage and you and your team follow each other into the exact positions

you've practiced. You feel the coolness of the auditorium and the brightness of the stage light as the music begins....

Fourth-grader Marisa Bruno has been dancing since she was just two years old. Bruno went to Stage Door Preschool, which introduced her to dance. After Bruno graduated, her mother, Kelly Bruno, enrolled her into classes at Stage Door Studios.

"It was one of those things; she enjoyed it. She was doing well, she was happy there. I think we just got lucky, putting her in the preschool there, where she was

exposed to dance and then it just blossomed from there," Bruno's mother said.

Now, more than eight years later, she dances on a team with ten different girls. The ages on the team range from ten to twelve.

"All of us are really close, like our whole team. There's no one who's left out, and you can basically trust everyone," Bruno said.

She started dancing competitively when she was in second grade and goes to Orlando or Tampa to compete. In just this year, Bruno has had a tap solo, jazz solo, and a tap duo. She also won first place for a musi-

cal theater dance just a few months ago. To win these competitions, Bruno has to practice a lot. She goes to dance practice three times a week and dances up to three hours each lesson.

In practice and on stage, the performances can range from choreographed musical theater to tap-dance to hip-pop. Bruno hopes she will be able to continue dancing and working with the art throughout her life.

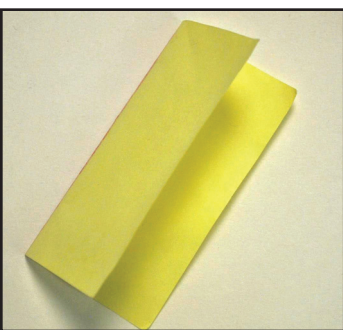
"I would want to dance with famous people, and do things with them, but I mainly want to teach people how to do it and be on Broadway," Bruno said.

# DIY: Origami Ninja Star

by Lily Quartermaine

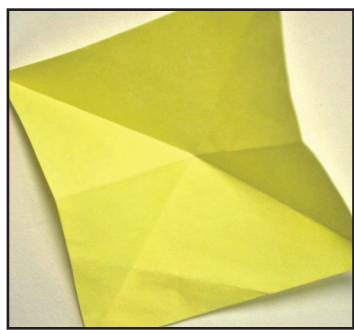
*Origami is a very interesting art that involves paper folding! It originates from Japan and has spread all across the globe. You can make all sorts of things with origami like cranes, boxes, and ninja stars. Become the ninja of your dreams and make this DIY origami ninja star!*

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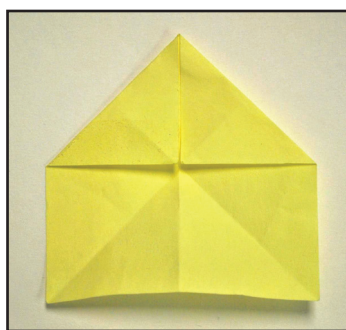
## Step 1

Before beginning, make sure your paper is a perfect square. Fold it in half horizontally.



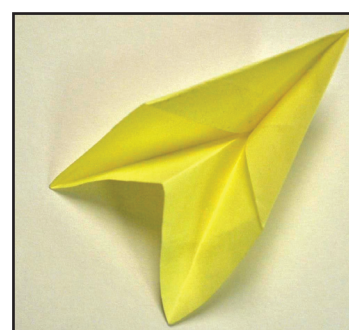
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Flip the square over. Fold it in half diagonally both ways.



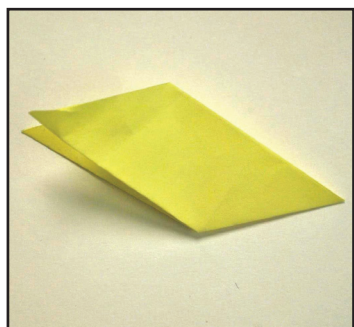
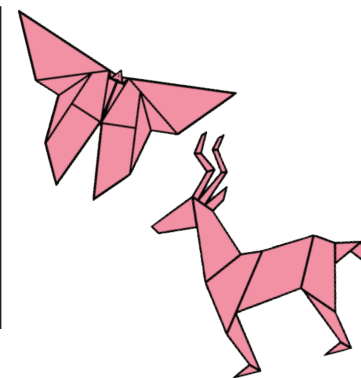
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Unfold the square. Fold in the top two corners to the center.



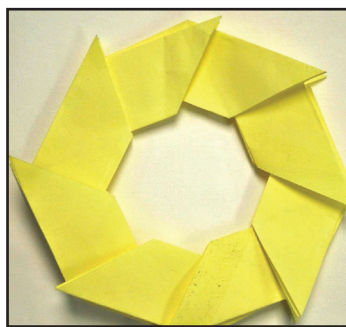
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Fold the square in half. The bottom of the square should pop up a little (Seen in the image), which you should then fold in completely.



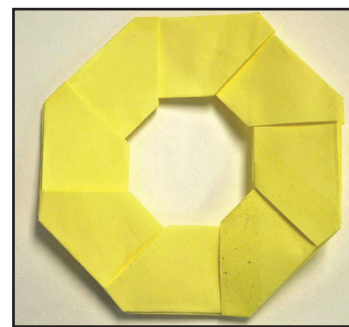
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You will now have a rhombus shape, one end connected, and one end with two flaps.



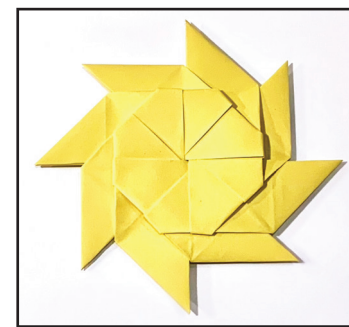
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Create 8 of these. Once you have all 8, place them together like shown in the image. Make sure the side of the rhombus with the disconnected flaps is always facing outwards.



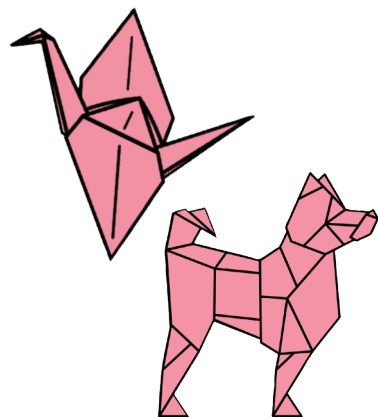
## Step 7

Carefully fold over the triangular flaps into the inside of the next rhombus. Don't do this too tightly, as this will put too much pressure on the star and keep it from moving.



## Step 8

Complete! If the ninja star is having a hard time opening, make sure all of your small triangular ends are folded over correctly. The star will not move if they are folded haphazardly.



## Looking Back

As the school year comes to an end, we tend to spend a lot of time thinking about the upcoming summer. However, it can be equally as valuable to take time to notice all the ways in which your life has changed. Before they leave for college next year, four of the Match staff's graduating seniors took this opportunity to look back on their elementary years and offer some advice to their past selves. Try to keep some of their words of wisdom in mind as your life changes and you grow up.

by Naina Chauhan, Madi Holmes, Odelia Tiutyama, and Leo Gordon

Dear Naina,

You made it. You're finally where you always wanted to be. In just a few weeks you will be a graduating senior. You wanted so badly to grow up and experience everything. But now that I am just nearly at the finish line, I wish I could slow down.

I know you want to rush through it all, but I urge you to appreciate each moment. These 11 years aren't a race. No matter what the people around you are doing I want you to know that you are exactly where you need to be. You have always been enough. You don't have to constantly strive to be something greater. It's important to work hard and have goals, but remember that at this moment you are doing just fine.

You may be stressed about grades, worried about impressing people, or scared you will never fit in, but trust me you are going to be just fine. I got my fair share of bad grades. I embarrassed myself quite a few times. I had friends who made me feel weird and different.

But guess what. I am graduating and going to college. I found my real friends and they have supported me like a second family. And I am a little different, but that's a plus — we have always been unique. I know you are worried and anxious about the future. But I assure you that everything is going to be ok. Just focus on the present. There is so much to appreciate right now. It will all pass before you know it, so enjoy it.

I am so proud of who you are and who you are going to become,

Naina

Dear my younger self,

They all say childhood goes by in the blink of an eye, but I never believed them until now. It truly does. I remember elementary school like it was yesterday. It's scary to think I am now one of the towering "big kids" I was so desperately intimidated by while scurrying across the seemingly endless campus.

You may be confused why you are hearing from me. I'm here to give you some advice (since I am so wise beyond my years) you should carry with you throughout the rest of your days — trust me you'll need it.

Be kind and live in the moment, because moments come and go way too fast. Looking back, our life is filled with many epic moments and blessings, but they are all clouded by looming fears and doubts: "How will I get into college? ... How will I get my grades up? ... Why can't I be like her?" We spent so much time worrying about what's coming next, that we forgot to be in the present and enjoy the gifts right in front of us.

If you happen to be experiencing those fears of the future right now, I beg you to stop. It's a waste of time...

I promise you that everything will turn out more than okay.

P.S. If you ever start comparing yourself to others, please remember you are so much more than your grades and have an array of things to offer the world some people would kill for.

Love,

Madi

Dear younger me,

There are so many things I want to tell you, that it's hard to know where to begin. But I'll open with this: trust your journey. There will be many moments throughout middle and high school when you doubt yourself and all that you've accomplished. You'll constantly wonder what you could have done differently and whether you would've been happier going down another path. Remember, though, that those thoughts at the lowest of your lows are incomparable to the joy you'll feel during all the highs. Trust the process and remember that everything you do has a purpose.

Dear younger me, remember when you saw the "big kids" march around campus and couldn't wait to be in their shoes? Well, we were wrong to want to grow up so fast. Enjoy being young and carefree while you can! Because, for some reason, it's unacceptable to run around a playground once you've been labeled as an "adult." I promise you'll have enough time for fear and stress later in life. So, for now, slow down and be patient. Cherish this time and live every second to the fullest.

Dear younger me, hug your family a little tighter. As I prepare to leave for college, I realize that my family won't always be there at the slightest inconvenience or triumph. Thank your parents for the sacrifices they've made for you. And tell them you love them as often as you can.

Dear younger me, I'll let you in on a little secret... it's okay to have fun. Of course, your education is beyond important. Work hard, remember that! But also, go to that concert with your friends, spend some time at the beach, do something you normally wouldn't.

As I write to you, I am mentally preparing to walk the stage at graduation. I remember the hard work I put into my Edgar Allan Poe project in Mrs. Squires' English class. But, I have so many more memories of the time I spent with friends backstage of Miss Pine View and during Kids Night Out. Those are the moments that have made me who I am today.

One last thing: dear younger me, love yourself.

You are capable of so much more than you know. You are smart. You are talented. You are gorgeous. Never let anyone or any assignment tell you otherwise. Please realize that you are worth so much. I know that you set high expectations for yourself but take a break every so often. No one is perfect. But you are perfectly enough. Remember that.

Love,

Odelia

Leo,

Over the next few years of school and life, people will tell you to be thankful for the fact that you're in elementary school. They'll tell you to take advantage of the time you have before middle and high school, because before long, life will only become more stressful. They are wrong.

The biggest piece of advice I can offer as a Senior is to ignore that advice, because it's important to enjoy each and every Pine View experience for what it is today, not what it won't be in the future. What's the point of looking back on a memory some day if you didn't fully experience it? While speeding through these next few years can be difficult, try to see your Pine View journey for what it is — a journey. Realize that not everything is going to be perfect, and that it's okay to stumble, academically and socially, here and there. Trust me, it happens to everyone.

Generally, just try not to worry about everything. Everyone says it, but it's true — things always end up working out. Don't mistake a few bad grades or drama with friends for your "loss of innocence," as I've heard it strangely described by older students. See those missteps as learnable facts of life, and move on. In years, as you walk across the Van Wezel Stage at graduation, you'll want to make sure that your memories are clear and positive. To do that, just work hard, be nice, and go with the flow.

Enjoy the coming years,

Leo

# Book Review: 'Magic Forged'

by Grace Johnson

As summer is fast approaching, the time has come to start forming your summer reading list. If you like fantasy, strong female leads, mysterious plots, and just genuinely fun, easy reads, then there's one book to top your list: "Magic Forged" by K. M. Shea.

Set in present-day Magiford, the magic capital of the midwestern United States, the supernatural community is in trouble. Magic is dying out. The convoluted politics mixed with the different strengths of separate supernatural species form a hierarchy of sorts: vampires rank the highest, followed by fae, then werewolves, and finally wizards.

Vampires associate themselves in Families, fae in Courts,



werewolves in Packs, and wizards in Houses.

Hazel Medeis is a 22 year old wizard who, despite her lackluster powers, is the only heir to the Medeis House. The story unfolds when Hazel's parents pass away as a result of a freak car accident. Luckily, she has the support of her friends, family and house members to get through this troubling time — or so she thought.

Mason, a powerful senior member of the House, attempts a coup just three weeks after the deaths of Hazel's parents. Claiming that her lack of magical powers would hurt the House, Mason threatens Hazel with a marriage proposal that would result in himself receiving the position as leader of House Medeis — refusal of which would result in her House members' deaths.

Before she has to face this choice, though, Hazel is able to escape the House. With no one to threaten, Hazel knew that no one would be hurt if she wasn't at the House.

However, when no other ally or species opens their doors to Hazel, she is forced to pledge servitude to Killian Drake, head of the Drake Family and the vampire Eminence, meaning leader, of the

Midwest.

The Drake Family is the most powerful and feared Family in the midwest, Killian at the center of it. His reputation is tough, unyielding, and ruthless, which terrifies Hazel as she is integrated into his Mansion as a mere servant. Soon enough, though, Hazel loses the title of servant and becomes something more to the Drake Family, getting to know Killian as more than his reputation.

To lose the risk of spoiling the rest of the novel, I'll just offer up a few more intriguing phrases: Vampire Murders; Sealed Magic; Aphrodite the hairless cat; and (best of all) "Magic Forged" is just the first book in the "Hall of Blood and Mercy" trilogy.

When I read this series for the first time, I was so wrapped up in the interwoven universe, evolving relationships, and complex plotline, that I finished it in three days.

Shea's writing style is captivating in her descriptions of settings, characters, actions, and emotions that pull the reader into the presence of the story immediately after turning the first page. The first book is narrated entirely by Hazel, until the last chapter which is narrated by Killian. Hazel's personality is potentially sarcastic, strong-willed, and curious. Shea's depiction



of Hazel's thought process is enjoyable and compelling, and the casual tone of writing makes "Magic Forged" a super easy read.

Beyond Hazel and Killian, the side characters developed by Shea are loveable and hilarious. A few include Hazel's friends from her House, Momoko and Felix; some Drake Family Vampires like Celestina, Gavino, and Josh; as well as my personal favorite — the Paragon, the peculiar and ultra-eccentric leader of the Fae who, despite his aged appearance, has a modern quality about him.

When "Magic Forged" and its sequels do not have you fully submerged in suspense, you're either trying to wrap your head around the mysteries sewn through the story or laughing through the witty dialogue and streams of



consciousness provided by Shea's masterful writing. Start reading the "Hall of Blood and Mercy" trilogy if you're looking for a new favorite fantasy series.

The entire "Hall of Blood and Mercy" trilogy is available for free on Kindle Unlimited, which offers a free trial before a monthly fee. In print, the series is available to order on Amazon, each book priced at \$9.99.

LEFT: This is Hazel Medeis, the protagonist of the "Hall of Blood and Mercy."

RIGHT: The "Hall of Blood and Mercy" trilogy's books

# Dhanraj dominates the court

by Sebastian Genelhu-Bazan

At home on the tennis court since the age of two, second-grader Annabelle Dhanraj is always prepared to crush her opponent.

Dhanraj wields her racket to serve the ball with full force towards her opponent, which he deflects back to her. She rushes to go hit the ball back, and just barely makes it. The ball goes flying away from her opponent and scores her a point. She does not celebrate yet, for she knows she still has a long way to go before she can reach victory on the court.

This is only a taste of what

goes on in Dhanraj's life as a tennis player, as whole tennis matches take a long time. What she got was a point in a four-point game, in a set comprised of three of those games, and then to win the whole match she must win two sets against her opponent.

"Tennis is a tough sport, but it is very fun for me," Dhanraj said.

She started her tennis career at the age of two, and has been diligent in her practice ever since. When her family moved to Connecticut from Florida, she kept playing tennis. At her club in Connecticut, they held mini-tournaments

for her age group, which she went on to win twice. When they moved back to Florida, Dhanraj immediately went to find another tennis club, and now plays at the Oaks in Osprey at least once a week.

"Florida is definitely a lot hotter than Connecticut, but that doesn't affect my tennis play. I give it all I've got whenever I step onto the court," Dhanraj said.

One of her favorite games to play on the tennis court when not in a tournament setting is King of the Court, in which one person, designated as the "king" or "queen," goes to the opposite side of the



Second-grader Annabelle Dhanraj poses with her tennis racket. When she is not actually playing matches, Dhanraj enjoys practicing by playing King of the Court. PHOTO PROVIDED BY PUJAH DHANRAJ

court. The other players make a line behind the baseline on the other side. One challenger steps up and plays a singles point against the "king." Those who beat the king switch with him, and the cycle continues.

"When she first started as a toddler, it was just running around the tennis court, but now she takes it very seriously and it has taught her a great deal of discipline," Dhanraj's mother, Pujah Danraj, said.

## OLYMPIC UPDATES

Amidst the pandemic, the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games were postponed. However, the situation has become more clear. Here is everything you need to know about the International Olympic Committee's plans:

Japan has already spent over \$25 billion on the Olympic Games

International spectators cannot attend

Vaccines are not mandatory for athletes, but they are strongly encouraged

A mandatory mobile app will be created for travelers to display any health symptoms.

Travelers will need a negative COVID-19 test and list of people they're visiting.

Over 11,000 athletes from more than 200 countries and 4,000 Paralympians will attend.

Tokyo issued an elaborate "playbook" to enforce specific safety precautions for athletes' first two weeks.

The Games will be from 23 July to 8 August 2021 in Tokyo, Japan.

SOURCES:  
Olympic.org,  
ESPN.com

# How to handle heavy headlines

by Brianna Nelson

Whether it's disaster, violence, or discrimination, the current events that surround us on the news can be confusing and upsetting. Even if they are

difficult news is what, including dealing with

A lot of the time, we see reflections of massive issues happening nationally here in Sarasota, and with that in mind, know you can make an impact where you live. Think about what you as an individual can do to make change, or work with trusted adults in your life to make a difference

with an organization.

Either way, knowing everyone has at least some influence on how their community treats people can relieve the feelings of powerlessness and anxiety that come with difficult news. Write letters to politicians, attend meetings or protests, volunteer, donate, or even work to challenge your internal biases and the ways you interact with others.

Even if news is difficult, the issues that surround it are critical to address.

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difficult to navigate, they are critical components of our lives that shape how we interact with others, and it is important to get help to understand what is going on in the world.

As a student, some of the news you watch, read, listen to, or hear about can seem complex or alarming. The most important tool you have in processing dif-

difficult news is talking to a trusted adult. Trusted adults can be parents, older siblings, teachers, mentors, or coaches who can support you and answer your questions about confusing topics.




Asking for context, more information, or what the adult in your life thinks are all great questions. These people are here to support you no matter

with difficult news.

Even with support from an adult, sometimes the news can be a lot. Taking a step back, turning off the TV or avoiding social media are all valid and even suggested if the news feels overwhelming. Even if the topics covered are important you don't need to take all the information in at once, especially as a kid.

When processing the news, frustration also might come from a feeling of powerlessness. Even if you aren't the President or the Governor, taking action in your own community can help to empower yourself and those around


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# Rolling Backpacks: Roll Away Already

by Sarah Hassan

I clearly remember this one vivid memory— I was in fourth grade with my big, new rolling backpack.

At first, I was excited because it gave me more room to organize my books; however, I rode the bus, and it was a

three-seater. It was the worst combination possible. I had to move my massive backpack down the narrow aisle and sit on the outer portion of the seat while others were trying to pass me.

This wasn't the only traumatic experience, but since then, I have a great fear and dislike for rolling backpacks. They not only are inconvenient for kids as they create less mobility, but they are dangerous to both the backpack-owner and the surrounding students.

First of all, rolling backpacks perform the exact opposite purpose that they are intended for — easier mobility. With my nearly 10 years

of experience of walking on campus at Pine View, I can

of rolling backpacks as they were too much of a hassle and dangerous to move around in the hallway.

Over time, sometimes rolling backpacks have their

reduce hand agility and the multitasking component that shoulder backpacks allow.

At Pine View, students are forced to carry their rolling backpacks as Building 16 has stairs. The kids with shoulder backpacks have the advantage as they don't have to readjust their backpack before heading upstairs to their classroom.

Al- though rolling

when I was in fourth grade. Because of COVID-19, not many textbooks or workbooks have been distributed, creating less weight for elementary student's backpack. In the past, elementary students didn't have this advantage because paper books were more heavily depended on.

Even though shoulder backpacks are clearly superior, there is one note to make: according to protect.iu.edu, it is important to correctly distribute the



easily say that rolling backpacks cause people to trip.

Not only do the surrounding people have to suffer, but the backpack owners themselves can also have a hard time maneuvering the bags. Their main focus is looking forward while also trying to overcome obstacles like hauling the backpack over curbs, or even people's feet.

According to sentinel-news.com, three elementary schools banned the use

wheels broken depending on the quality of the brand. This causes the durability of the type of bag to be questioned, as well. Malfunctions with the wheels make the rolling backpacks become a heavier shoulder backpack, defeating the entire purpose.

Another disadvantage is that rolling backpacks occupy one hand, allowing less movement of hands, so they



backpacks do help with alleviating back pain, technology today is more advanced compared to

weight of the backpack by wearing both backpack straps and keeping the straps at the right length. This will help with correct posture, one of the main problems associated with back pain.

## Crew: To join or not to join?

by Lucy Collins

When a ship sinks in a TV show or a movie, the characters pile into a tiny row boat and paddle to safety; the perfect conclusion to a story. In reality, rowing, such as at Sarasota Crew, is nothing like that. But no matter what preconceived notions you might have about the sport, it has something for everybody.

For most of us living in Sarasota, the idea of a day at the beach sounds fun, but nothing special. The ocean, the sand, and the sun are all great but nothing out of the usual. Rowing is different. Historic Spanish Point contains grassy fields with a

small dock to launch boats from.

The water itself is nothing like at the beach. It is quiet, calm, and peaceful. Rather than swimming in the water, you float above, protected by the small boat around you.

Elementary students typically only row in singles, where you are alone in a boat. But don't fret quite yet, there is no need to worry of flipping. Each boat is equipped with floatation devices to keep you above the blue.

If you are feeling warm, though, all it takes is a swipe of the hand for the water to cool you. Each boat is fit with two small oars, which you

use simultaneously to paddle forward. There are always coaches with you to help with technique and to ensure fun.

Each day at practice includes more than simply rowing. Off the water, the coaches lead you in games like Sharks and Minnows, tag, and anything else you want to play. You meet a lot of new friends, too.

If you are interested in the sport, just sign up. No experience is needed beforehand. The coaches will teach you everything you need to know. When you transition from elementary to middle school, you will also transi-



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tion at Sarasota Crew. You now have the option of continuing rowing singles, or joining seven other friends to row an eight!

All in all, Sarasota Crew will introduce you to some amazing friends and give you the skillset to escape a sinking ship if you ever need to.

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## Pool Fun for the Sun by Grace Johnson

*As the weather heats up, it's become time to hit the pool in order to cool down. Here are a few fun games to try when splashing around this summer!*

### Survivor

One person is 'it' and calls out either "dolphin," "froggy," or "submarine," meaning to swim in the top, middle, or bottom portions of the water, respectively. Everyone else lines up along one side of the pool, and tries to make it to the otherside, swimming according to how 'it' commanded. Meanwhile, 'it' closes their eyes and tries to tag the other players as they cross. When a player crosses successfully, they yell, "I survived!" When a player is tagged, they become 'it'.

### What time is it, Mr. Fox?

Pick one person to be Mr. Fox, as the rest of the group heads toward one side of the pool. Besides the fox, everyone takes turns asking, "What time is it Mr. Fox?" and Mr. Fox will respond with a time from 1-12, correlating to the number of steps each player should take towards him. Mr. Fox must stay in one spot with the goal to tag the players as they try to get to the other side of the pool. At anytime Mr. Fox can call out, "It's lunch time!" though, and at this point, Mr. Fox can move anywhere in the pool while trying to tag a player who will take on the role of Mr. Fox in the next round. If the player makes it to the other side of the pool, they are safe from being Mr. Fox.



### Pie Man

Pick one person to be the Pie Man and another person to be the wolf; the rest of the players will be pies. At the beginning of the game, send the wolf out of the water to plug its ears. Meanwhile, the Pie Man will assign each 'pie' a different pie name (Get creative with this! You can be really funny or even try to theme your pie names). After the Pie Man is finished naming, he'll call, "Wolf!" Then, the wolf will walk and jump back into the water — again, a place to be creative, as the wolf should develop a character for itself (some favorites are ballerina wolf, ninja wolf, and pirate wolf). Once the wolf makes it over to the pies, the Pie Man will list the names of the pies. Not knowing which pie name belongs to which person, the wolf must pick one pie to try. The pie picked then gets a 5-second head start to try to get out of the water before getting gobbled up (tagged) by the wolf!



### Atomic Whirlpool

For this game, you have to be in a pool or a hot tub with a good number of people. Have everyone line up along the walls inside the pool and start walking in the water. Soon, turn your walk into a run. Suddenly, you'll notice a whirlpool start to form in the center of the pool and it will start to pull everyone away from the wall and towards the middle of the water. This can be really fun, as the whirlpool that forms is a lot more powerful than you'd expect.





## Summer Scavengings by Grace Johnson

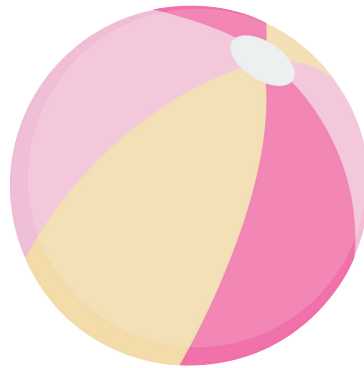
*Summer's fast approaching, meaning that everyone is going to need to pick up the season's essentials in order to keep up the fun in the bright, shining sun. This year, amidst spring cleaning, The Match seems to have lost many of these crucial items that characterize summer, though. Listed below are six fundamental features of summer that were misplaced throughout the paper. How many can you find hiding amongst the pages?*



**A. Red Popsicle**



**B. Beach Ball**



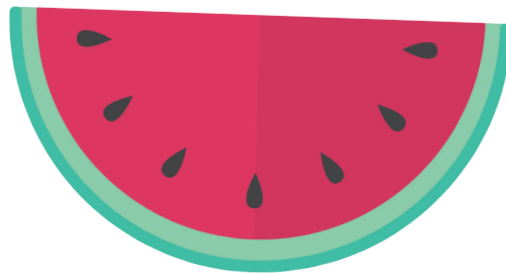
**C. Flip Flops**



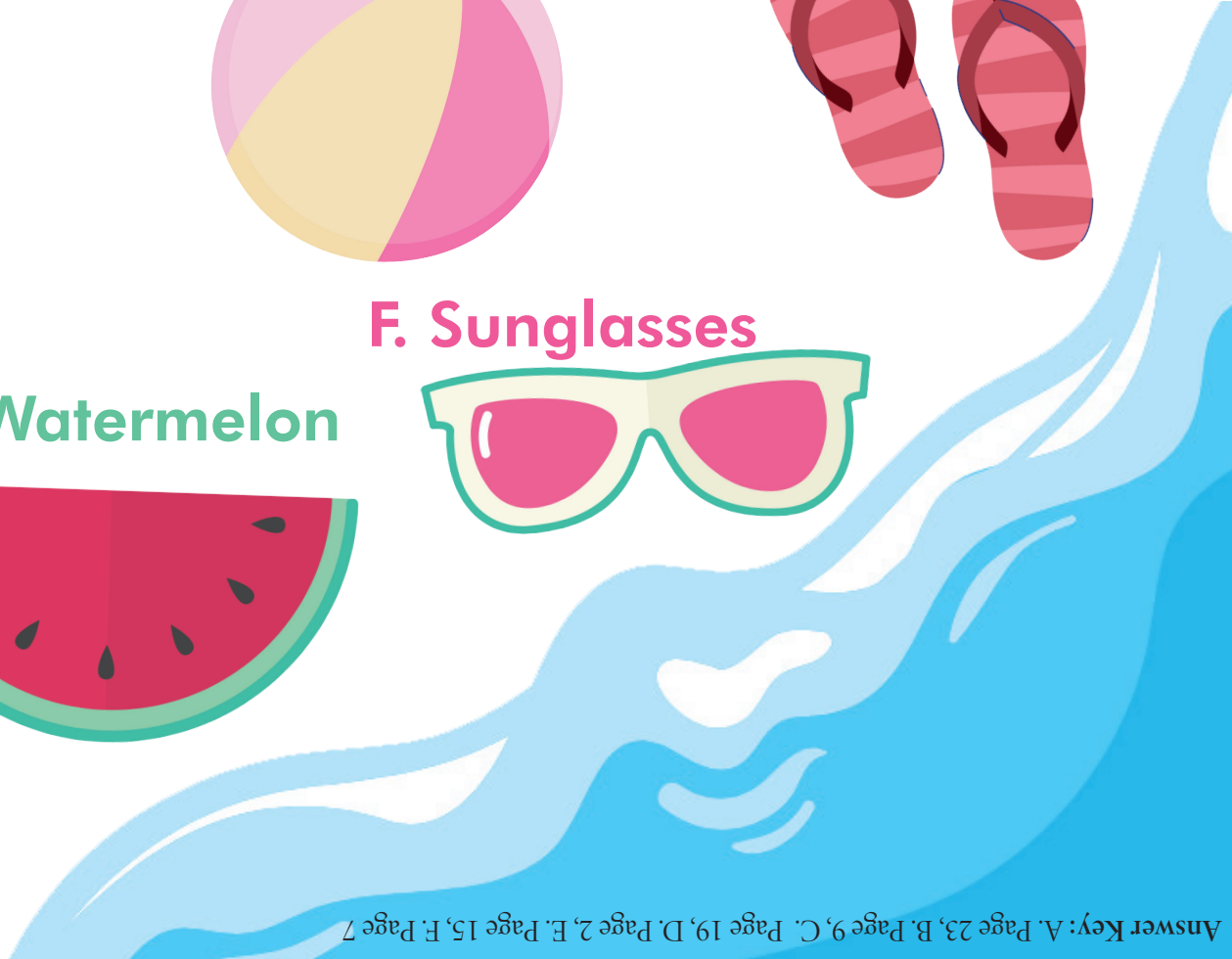
**D. Beach Umbrella**



**E. Watermelon**



**F. Sunglasses**



# How was the universe created?

[student question submission]

Question submitted by second-grader *Frederick Korsch*



by Lora Rini

Outer space is so big, it can seem almost impossible to comprehend. Even just the Earth, the other planets, and the sun may seem huge, but our solar system is one of over three thousand in the Milky Way galaxy, which is one of billions of galaxies in the larger universe.

The matter that makes up what we call the universe expands over 93 billion light years of space — but how was this all created? While it is hard to be completely sure, the most widely accepted description of the creation of the universe is called the Big Bang Theory.

The Big Bang Theory says that about 13.8 billion years ago, all of the matter in the universe emerged from a single point in a “big bang.” According to BBC Future, the matter expanded extremely

quickly and at a very high temperature, sometimes doubling multiple times in the span of a minute.

The universe did not emerge from nothing, though. It was possible for the big bang to happen because energy was changing into particles of matter. Protons and neutrons, subatomic particles that come together to form atoms, were forming even in just the first seconds. These particles were able to make partially formed atoms after just a few minutes, but it took 300,000 years for atoms to be able to fully form.

Once this was possible, the universe became filled with hydrogen and helium gases. Over millions of years, the newly formed matter stretched and expanded until, eventually, the galaxies that we have today came together.

Matter was not the only thing that formed in the Big Bang. Gravity, which holds matter together, did not exist previously in our universe.

Additionally, something called dark matter was also created. Dark matter is essentially the opposite of regular matter. Scientists have not actually observed dark matter yet, but it is hypothesized to make up around 80 percent of the mass of our universe.

During the Big Bang, both types of matter were forming. The majority of the matter and the dark matter particles destroyed each other, but some of the matter survived to make stars, planets, asteroids, comets, and galaxies. Dark matter survived as well, but scientists are still relatively unsure about its purpose and where it is present in the universe.

The Big Bang Theory is just a theory, but it is backed up by evidence that has been compiled by hundreds of scientists. However, there are alternative explanations; they are just less likely to be true. One of the most interesting is the black hole theory, which says that our universe came from a black hole in another universe.

Following this line of reasoning, it is possible that there could be other universes inside the black holes in our universe. However, this is just speculation, and at the moment, it is impossible to prove or disprove this theory.

This is one of the best components about space — we still have so much to learn and discover. The thought that there could be other universes out there, each with their own collection of galaxies, is beyond amazing!

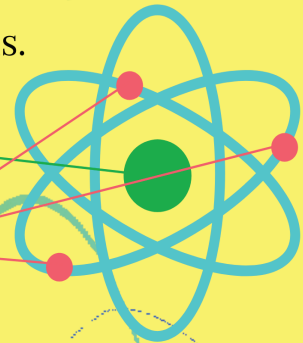
## What is an atom?

Atoms are tiny particles that make up everything in the world. People, food, the ocean, furniture, and anything else you can think of is made of the same little particles.

Each atom is composed of three types of even smaller particles — protons, neutrons, and electrons.

Protons and neutrons

Electrons



They are so small that you can't even see them under a really powerful microscope

The  
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## Student sizzles in sun

by Alyson Mizanin

When the world went on lockdown back in March 2020, fourth-grader Nevaben Outuvhaus traded classes in Building 16 for Zoom meetings in the comfort of his own home. Online classes and digital entertainment made leaving the house “unnecessary,” according to Outuvhaus. His return to the outside world came one fateful day back in April, and everything changed.

Before schools shut down last year, Outuvhaus’ family took the same precautions the rest of us did; mask wearing, social distancing, and extra sanitizing were commonplace for the members of the Outuvhaus family. Their dedication

brought them to April 2021, when Outuvhaus returned to school to start his FSAs. the past year, and so now he

“Before I came back to school, I honestly forgot what people other than my parents looked like,” Outuvhaus said, gazing up at the sky because he hasn’t “felt the sun for basically 87 years.”

“Nevaben going back to school has been a...rough change,” Outuvhaus’ mother, Letmeh Outuvhaus, said, wiping a tear from her eye. “He grew six inches taller over



can’t tell who his old friends are because he’s looking down at everyone in masks.”

Outuvhaus will continue adjusting to this new way of life, though he notes that “the world and Pine View kinda completely changed since last year.”

“He’s changed, too,” Letmeh Outuvhaus said. “He has this... fascination with those uncomfortable Zoom silences. He misses them like you wouldn’t believe.”

Outuvhaus’ classmate, Happita Bebakenskool, commented on how happy she was that her friend was back. “I haven’t seen him out of a Zoom box in forever,” she said. “I’m glad he doesn’t have to be in any more awkward breakout rooms.”

Upon hearing this, Outuvhaus took his eyes off the sky and shook his head.

“Those awkward breakout rooms really made my past year,” he said. “Nothing compares to staring into the camera as everyone stares back silently. You just don’t have that in real life.”

“Yeah, thankfully,” Bebakenskool said.

Outuvhaus looked back at the sun.

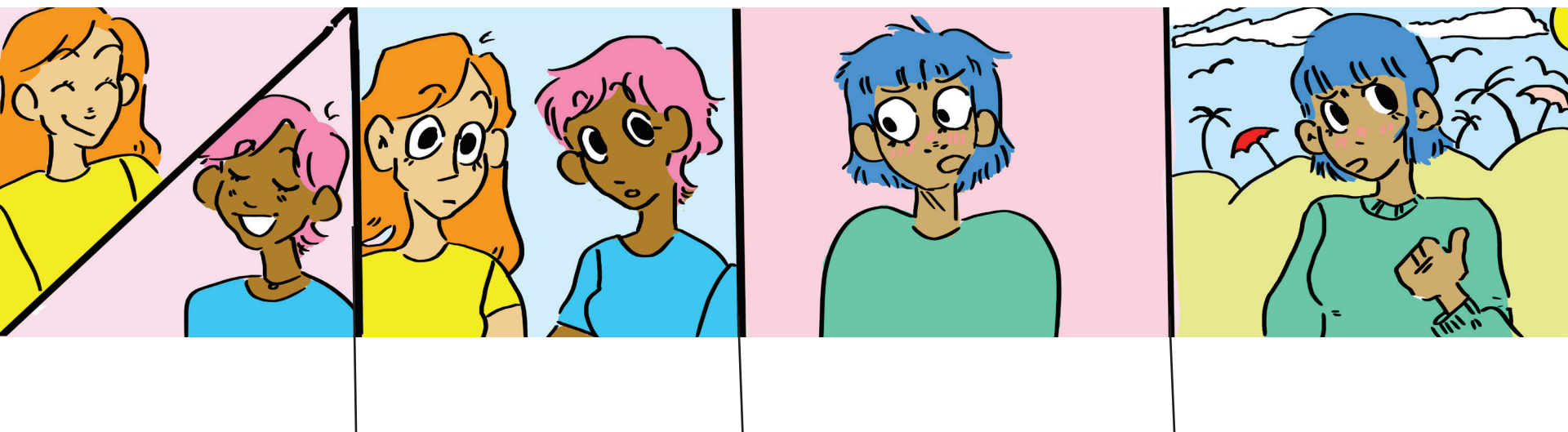
“No. I loved wondering when and how I should unmute myself so much. Don’t get me started on when and how I should turn off my camera. I’m going to miss that more than how much I’ve missed the world outside of my bedroom.”

GRAPHIC BY MAHITHA RAMACHANDRAN

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GRAPHIC BY LILY QUARTERMAINE



# Ready to Roll

by Kai Sprunger

The screams and shattering glass from the life-changing accident could be heard all throughout campus. On June 5, fourth-grader Roe D. Hazard was riding on his Zuca rolling backpack to lunch when suddenly he hit a rock and crashed into the cafeteria, scattering glass fragments everywhere and ruining a good slice of pizza.

“I was chatting with Stu P. Sign when I suddenly heard a loud crash. I saw Roe and his Zuca backpack flying so high in the cafeteria that a balloon that had been stuck up on the ceiling for ages got knocked down,”

Spee O’Limet explained.

Luckily, nobody was hurt in the accident, and the screams were just from fifth-grader Paddy Strian Crossing when Hazard’s rolling backpack landed on her pizza.

Noe U. Turn, who works in the cafeteria, was distraught from the accident because delicious pepperoni was wasted. A meeting involving all the staff at Pine View took place June 10 and a few changes were made to Pine View to promote the safe use of rolling backpacks and to ensure safe passage for pizza.

In response to this sudden call to action for back-

pack safety, new rolling backpack licenses will need to be obtained for rolling backpack use. Further, the school board is sponsoring the addition of stop signs and traffic lights.

Students can get their licenses by going through the rolling backpack test. Like a driver’s license test, the Rolling Backpack License test analyzes a person’s ability to roll their rolling backpack along without turning students into pancakes.

There are three sections to the rolling backpack test: the obstacle course, the distraction test, and the road-rage test. The obstacle course forces students to

avoid colliding with mannequins placed throughout the school. After passing the obstacle course, students must roll their backpack without getting distracted by singing students. The last section is the road-rage test, where students watch as a mob of people kick their rolling backpacks.

Since Hazard was for-

bidden to ever step foot into the cafeteria again, he knocks down a stop sign everyday to rebel.

“Every day you can see people coming in to fix the stop sign. You can also always see Noe giving Roe a death stare. Although the stop signs aren’t safe from Roe, at least the pizza is.” Strien-Crossing continued.

## ROLLING BACKPACK LICENSE

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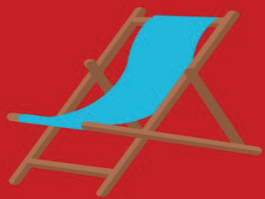
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# SUMMER SCRAMBLE !



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# Helping the homeless

by Felicity Chang

While purchasing an acrylic keychain to fundraise for Pine View's Interact Club, elementary assistant principal Roy Sprinkle noticed that the club members had put together baskets with necessities to help those who are homeless.

According to ninth-grader Ava Griner, president of Interact Club, Sprinkle was "very helpful" and "enthusiastic" about their project to help the homeless.

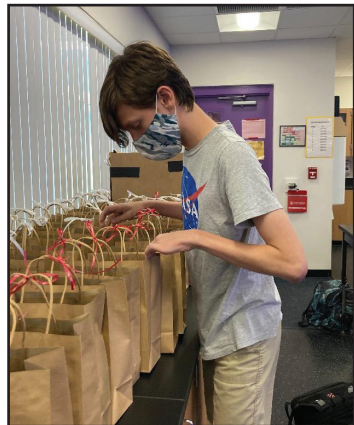
"I've heard of people going and buying food for people who are homeless, and I just thought it was something that we could do and all be involved in," Griner said.

Sprinkle sits on the CoC (Continuum of Care) Leadership Council — a Sarasota-Manatee membership body with a focus on helping the homeless secure basic resources and housing — and connected the Interact Club with Turning Points, an organization based in Bradenton dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness.

"Homelessness is a real situation, everywhere. And it can happen to anyone," Sprinkle said. "I think that was part of the thing that [caused] me to get involved [on] a larger scale in Sarasota because as a result of COVID, and people losing their jobs, we were seeing more and more homeless

in the area and in the country."

It has been 20 years since Sprinkle started helping the homeless. After moving to Florida and working at Booker Middle School — where there were students living in a homeless shelter within the



Ninth-grader Cyrus Kuhn looks over the help baskets prepared by the Interact Club. Among other things, the bags included socks, bandages, and handwritten notes. PHOTO PROVIDED BY AVA GRINER

school district — he had the opportunity to "understand their plight very personally" and become involved in his local community. "Probably the thing that hit home most with me, is working with the shelters that were located in my Booker Middle District, and how we would keep students in school. When you're moving from home to home, school might be the only stability that these children have," Sprinkle said.

One of the aspects the CoC Leadership Council

is focused on is tracking the homeless. According to Sprinkle, it's a difficult thing to do, as each individual is facing different issues. His goal on the board is to represent the children in the Sarasota-Manatee area that are homeless and to determine what could be done to help them.

The concept of homelessness is foreign to those who have not experienced it. According to Sprinkle, being able to have first-hand interactions helped him have a better understanding of what it actually meant to be homeless.

"I think one of the things that strikes most people, when they speak to homeless people at depth is... how surprising some of the situations are, how they ended up where they're at," he said.

Sprinkle believes that Sarasota County has a "huge" commitment to the homeless, and should be one of the examples for how communities could work together towards positive change; however, there is still more to be done.

"Don't assume you know someone or their situation. Everyone has different issues and situations they're in that aren't necessarily their fault. So, don't judge people. Just know that we do have a responsibility as human beings to look out for and care for one another," he said.

## [a column] Grow your best



Match Editor-in-Chief,  
Grace Johnson

Hi again, Pine View elementary schoolers! Today, I am writing my last column to you, and it feels very bittersweet. Similarly, the end of the school year can feel like a milestone that reverberates the same bittersweet feeling; we're growing up.

This growth sometimes feels scary, sometimes feels exciting, and sometimes feels like nothing at all. Above all, though, this growth is non-stop. To help guide your growing, I'll tell you the one simple phrase that has transformed mine: your best is all you can do.

If you are passionate enough about a dream, don't try to realize it half-heartedly. Even if you aren't the best, you are your best.

Being surrounded by gifted students, someone will almost always be better than you. Your best might not be the same as theirs. It's much more rewarding to look at your ac-

complishments disregarding those of others. Seeing flowers bloom after working hard to grow the seedlings is always exciting, regardless of your neighbor's garden. It should be the same for your growth.

Whether your goals are academic, artistic, or something else, this phrase both encourages and comforts. While you're doing whatever is needed to prepare to achieve a goal, you'll do all you can. But, even if you place second instead of first, you get to be proud of yourself; you did your best.

As I have grown to move from The Match to The Torch, one of my close friends has grown into your next Match Editor-in-Chief; I am so excited to introduce you Lora Rini. Lora loves reading, eating way too many popsicles and spending time with friends. In her growth too, I know Lora will do her best to make The Match its best.



Future Match Editor-in-Chief,  
Lora Rini