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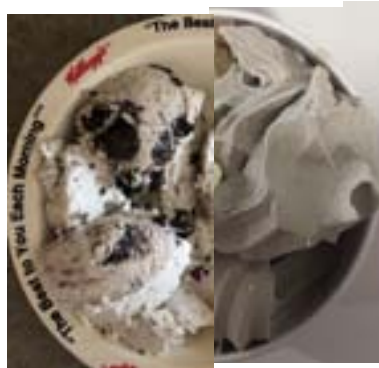
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Ice Cream or FROZEN YOGURT?

By Keaton Linn

Swirled into a perfectly shaped, soft serve ice cream is frozen milk ready to be eaten by someone. According to jobmonkey.com, the top ice cream franchise chain is Basket Robbins which has 2500 nationwide locations. The closest ice cream place is Coldstone Creamery on M-24 which is inside Tim Hortons. It is very successful because if people want ice cream and donuts at the same time, they can go there to have both.



Swirled frozen yogurt is looking perfect before someone takes the first bite. According to guidantfinancial.com, the top frozen yogurt franchise chain is Menchies and has over 300 locations globally. The closest frozen yogurt place in Oxford is The YO Club at the Legacy Center and is very successful because it gives customers a way to relax and enjoy a frozen delight.

Ice Cream is frozen milk and can be served soft served, but also can be scooped out of a bucket. Places you can find ice cream is Frosty Boy and Coldstone Creamery. According to Frozen Desert supplies, the top 5 flavors of ice cream are vanilla, chocolate, cookies n' cream, mint chocolate chip, and chocolate chip cookie dough. The ice cream was founded in 97 AD in China made of a mixture of rice and milk packed into the snow. Ice cream can be made into sandwiches, shakes, and sundaes.

Frozen Yogurt is usually fruits mixed into yogurt. Then, you freeze the yogurt and serve it has a swirl on top. You can find frozen yogurt at the Yo Club and Menchies. According to fyidelray.com, the top 5 flavors are vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, cookies and cream, and banana. In addition, frozen yogurt was invented in the New England colonies in 1970 that was a messed up ice cream.



6th Grade PLTW teacher Mrs. Daversa said she likes ice cream. She also said her favorite toppings are strawberries and sprinkles.



8th grader Adrianna Curtis says she likes ice cream. Also, she said her favorite topping on ice cream is chocolate syrup.



7th grader Chase Williams said he likes ice cream. He said his favorite topping was orange gummy bears.



6th grader Andrew Mentier said he likes fro-yo. His favorite topping is hot caramel syrup.



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Sweet Treats in Oxford

By: Sarah Spearing

Recently, Tropical Smoothie Cafe has moved to Oxford, and it has been a big hit for people in Oxford, including students here at OMS. Tropical Smoothie has many different smoothies and other types of food on their menu, offering a healthier option of food for the road. Tropical Smoothie Cafe was already very popular, but now, with it in Oxford, many more people have been going to Tropical Smoothie Cafe.



6th grader Samantha Zeiter says that she thinks it is beneficial that Tropical Smoothie is in Oxford because then the company would have more business, and make more money.



7th grader McKayla Sedlock says that if Tropical Smoothie offered a student discount, she would definitely go there more because she says that her sister has the Tropical Smoothie app, and whenever there would be a discount or a sale, the two of them would go to Tropical Smoothie right away.



8th grader Ashely Horne says that if she could add anything to the Tropical Smoothie in Oxford, she would put in an outdoor seating area so that she could enjoy the nice weather while still having her smoothie.



With cars zooming past, Tropical Smoothie Cafe sits on Lapeer Road, a new addition to Oxford, and a delight to the people living there. Tropical Smoothie has been around for about 22 years, and its popularity has grown over those many years. In the article "Tropical Smoothie Comes to Town", Bosek, who opened a Tropical Smoothie on Ortonville Road, says, "This is something brought to town so everyone can know they ate better and can feel better."



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By: Sarah Mojek

Pepsi and Coca-Cola are both very popular companies. Pepsi has drinks like Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist, Mug Root Beer, and of course, Pepsi. Coca-Cola has drinks like Dr. Pepper, Sprite, and Coca-Cola. The debate over which drink, or company, is better has been around for awhile. Some people think that Pepsi is sweeter than Coca-Cola, while other people think that Coca-Cola has a smoother taste. Everybody who drinks soda seems to have opinions on which is better and so do students at OMS.

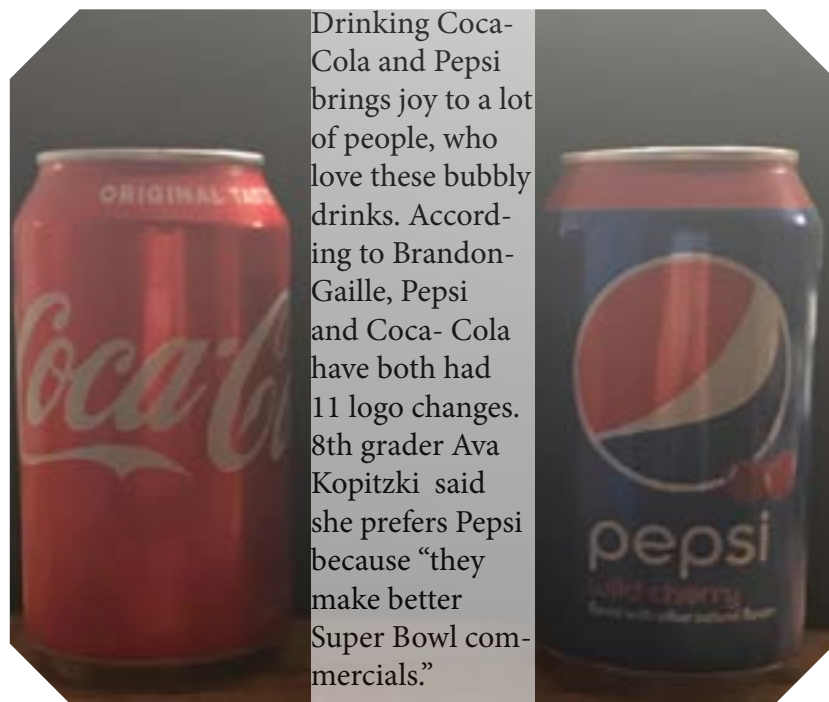


Pepsi's original name



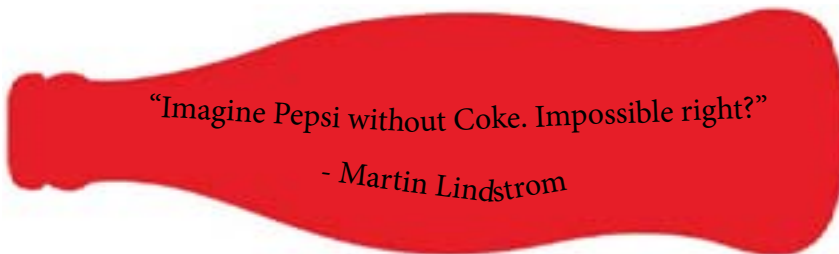
7th grader Peyton Richter says she prefers Pepsi because "it's sweeter." She also said that Pepsi is her favorite soda they make because "it has caffeine".

6th grader Zoe Cogswell says she prefers Coca-Cola because "it has a better taste." She also said it was her favorite soda they make because "it has a good flavor." However, when asked which company she prefers, she said Pepsi because "I like the different kinds of pop more."



Drinking Coca-Cola and Pepsi brings joy to a lot of people, who love these bubbly drinks. According to Brandon-Gaille, Pepsi and Coca-Cola have both had 11 logo changes. 8th grader Ava Kopitzki said she prefers Pepsi because "they make better Super Bowl commercials."

8th grader Ava Pitsch says she prefers Coca-Cola because "it's what my family prefers and I just like Coca-Cola." When asked how often she drinks Coca-Cola she responded, "Not that often because it's not my favorite type of pop, so maybe every month." She also said, "It's really sweet and very sugary."



"Imagine Pepsi without Coke. Impossible right?"

- Martin Lindstrom



WHAT TO DO ON A RAINY DAY

Rainy days are very common in this crazy Michigan weather, from just a mist to drenching and heavy rains. According to [www. weather-and-climate.com](http://www.weather-and-climate.com), the rainiest month is June (believe it or not). Many people like to do fun things on wet days, such as drawing, reading, or even DIY crafts. Here are a few opinions from staff and students about rainy days.



To a bright and fun yellow to a classy clear, umbrellas are a common product for rainy days because they shield the sun and rain. According to <http://dollysbrollys.co.nz>, the basic umbrella was invented more than 4,000 years ago. According to www.umbrellahistory.net, 33 million umbrellas are sold each year. Aubrey Greenfield likes to “play soccer in the rain, as long as [she] has good cleats.”



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6th-grade teacher Mrs. Flangan likes to clean the house on a rainy day and read a book. Mrs. Flanagan says, “I don’t like rainy days, I would way rather have a sunny day and go outside.” She also likes baking cookies- “Chocolate chip with extra chocolate.” Her favorite movie is Last Man Standing. Mrs. Flangan’s favorite board game is Candyland, and she likes to play it with her kids and “eat candy while playing Candyland.” Her favorite type of flower is a red rose.

7th-grade teacher Mrs. Brown likes to play board games with her kids on rainy days. She adds, “I like rainy days once in a while because they can help you relax.” Her favorite movie is *The Princess Bride* because “I like to watch it over and over. I just love it.” Her favorite board game is *Harry Potter* themed Clue because [her] daughters are reading the books along too.” She likes may flowers because her birthday is may 16 and her favorite flower is a Hydrangea.

8th-grade teacher Mr. Hincks likes to read on a rainy day. He kind of likes rainy days, “As long as they don’t cancel a baseball game,” He adds quickly. He likes to play games with his son. His favorite movie is *Braveheart* because it has a little bit of everything for everyone.” His favorite board game is the Game of Life, because “its kind of realistic.” “[His wife’s] favorite flower is a sunflower”. He adds, laughing, “I hope the showers stay away so I can play baseball.”

Chinese teacher Mrs. Hsu likes to stay at home doing housework and making food. Mrs. Hsu likes rainy days because “It washes off everything and all the plants and grass are watered.” In China, it rains very often. “Everyone had at least two umbrellas.” Her favorite TV shows to watch are Japanese and American doctor shows. She likes to “learn all the medical terms and compare their reaction time.”

WHAT TO DO ON A RAINY DAY

By: Brianna Penzien



On rainy days there are thousands of different types of indoor games like card games or regular board games. According to techanimate.com, from 2004 to today, board games have a sudden rise every December and decrease in the spring. Ava Gordon stated, "My favorite game to play indoors on a rainy day is the game of Life because it is just like real life and overall really fun."



6th grader Marcus Grabowski likes watching Anime on rainy days. He said, "I am watching the Black Clover anime show." That is just one of the many anime movies you could watch. Adding on, he stated, "I really like rainy days because it gives me an excuse to watch more anime." There are many kids at this school that love these shows and movies.



7th grader Savannah Bailey likes to stay at home on rainy days. She likes to do many things. For instance, she stated, "On rainy days I like being able to sleep in." When there is nothing to do outside that is always a option. She also likes watching one of her all time favorite movies, Secretariat.



8th grader Kaemyn Anderle likes rainy days. When asked if she believes the phrase "April showers bring May flowers" she stated, "I do believe it because flowers grow from rain and it does rain a lot in Michigan" The average rainfall is about 8 millimeters every 2 times it rains (mongabay.com). Adding on, Kaemyn's favorite flower is the rose and that wouldn't bloom without april showers.



8th grader Julianne Christensen likes to watch TV, play games and facetime her friends on rainy days. She adds, "I like to play the game of Life and Monopoly because they are long and fun to play with your friends." That is true, Monopoly takes about two-three hours to finish one single round. But overall the games are really fun.



SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP!



By: Lauren Schmidt



Brandy ♥ Melville



HOT TOPIC

Shopping can be a relaxing and fun break from everyday life for people of all ages. If you need a break from feeling stressed or just want to have a good time, going to a local mall might just be the answer. Shopping is a great way to be able to express yourself and find pieces of you that you'd never find before. Whether you're feeling like you want to be comfortable, sporty, fancy, preppy, or trendy, there are stores out there for you! The OMS students love to have their own personal style, which you can clearly see just by walking down the hallways of our school. So, what are the top picks for best places to shop for clothes according to Oxford Middle School students?

6th grader Samantha Ziegler likes shopping at Hollister more than any other store. "I really like the jeans from there," she says. She also likes the jackets from Hollister.



7th grader Miabella Miranda really likes wearing clothes from Urban Outfitters. "I like a lot at Urban Outfitters, but the hoodies are my favorite thing there," she said.



8th grader Aidan Gibson likes clothes shopping a lot, so he couldn't decide on one store! "I like clothes from Tommy Hilfiger, Urban Outfitters, and Zoomies," he said.

CALVIN KLEIN

Saks Fifth Avenue



RUDE LUDEN



Shopping at The Marshalls of Lapeer is a great because it's a clothing store with different brands that all people can enjoy. According to www.finacialbestlife.com, the average person spends \$161 on clothes every month. "I really like going to Marshalls because I can get a lot of my favorite brands for a better price. It feels cool to be able to get a deal, like I've accomplished something," says 8th grader Tessa Saussle.



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Why don't kittens like going to the mall? ... They prefer a cat-alouge

Where do horses shop? ... Old Neigh-vy!



LIKE AND SUBSCRIBE



By: Katherine Lewis



YouTube has taken the world by storm with almost 5 million videos watched every day! Since 2005, there has been over 1.3 billion hours of video footage that has been uploaded to YouTube. Students all over OMS spend many hours per day watching YouTube videos. Whether it's gaming, music, DIY's, challenges, or comedy videos, YouTube always has a way of entertaining audiences.



6th grader Nate Alexander says he likes to watch gaming YouTubers. "If I created a YouTube channel, it would be about gaming and biking. I spend most of my free time playing video games and watching YouTube so I would enjoy doing both." Alexander would also add some dirt-bike videos on his YouTube channel.



7th grader Natalie Bailes says her favorite YouTuber is Jenna Marbles. Bailes likes her vlogs and comedy acts. "I watch YouTube during my free time. Jenna Marbles inspires me to have fun and live life," says Bailes. Many people take interest in having their own YouTube channel. "My ideal channel would be vlogs that me and my friends make about things that we together."



8th grader Tristan Mikula says his favorite YouTuber is Surge. "I like him because he is really good at gaming." Mikula says he watches YouTube whenever he has time. He says that Surge does not motivate him but if he had an ideal channel, it would be gaming. "I enjoy playing videogames and I also enjoy watching YouTube. It's a good combination."



8th grader Tristan Mikula watches a video from his favorite YouTuber Surge. "Surge is a really good gamer and he is really funny to watch." Mikula spends most of his free time either gaming or watching YouTube videos. "I also like other YouTubers but Surge is my favorite."

If you could live anywhere...

WHERE WOULD IT BE?

By:Olivia Clark



Imagine you were given the chance to live anywhere in the world. Would you choose somewhere exotic like Australia, Mars, or Kenya. Or maybe you prefer to stay in Oxford. Lets see where some of Oxford Middles School's students would choose to live...



New York City is the largest city in the USA. Manhattan is home to over eight million people! With all the beautiful buildings, monuments, and central park, it's easy to see why someone might want to live in The Big Apple.



8th grader, Aiden Bowyer would love to live in Ireland. According to www.enjoy-irish-culture.com, Ireland has around 30,000 castles, that's enough for one castle per 100 square milies of land! Aiden says that's one of the reasons she would like to live in Ireland. "My family is from Ireland and its really beautiful there."



7th grader Samantha O'Harron in in love with Colorado's scennery, especially the mountains. The biggest mountain range in Colorado is the Sawatch Range, which stands at nearly 15,000 feet (www.britannica.com.) "I would like to live in Colorado because my cousins live there and I could go skiing . Also it gets warm there."



6th grader Daniel Petrusuv used to live in Canada, and if he could live anywhere he would choose to live in Toronto again. As stated in worldpopultion-review.com, Toronto is the largest city in Canada with a population of around three million. "I have family in Canada and there's lots of places to see in Canada."

SCHOOL SPIRIT

By: Michael Duong

School spirit is important because it strengthens the OMS community and is fun. Oxford Middle School has events during the year where students can show their school passion and accumulate points throughout the year for their team to earn a reward. To earn points for school spirit, each week there would be a clothing theme to wear on Friday. These are called spirit days. One example is the spirit week for Master of the House. During Master of the House, each grade competes against one another based on whether you're on the blue or gold team. Students compete in events such as a slide relay, obstacle course, bumper ball soccer, and tug of war. Teams are awarded points if they win and the team with the most points at the end wins. Besides Master of the House, there haven't been many spirit days. The Student Council is made up of students from 6th, 7th and 8th grade. The representatives are elected by the students for their grade. The Student Council decides on the spirit days and runs all of the events. For example, last year's reward was a pancake breakfast during advisory. The Student Council is still deciding on the reward for this year's winner.



For over ten years, OMS has planned Master of the House. The Student Council hangs a few posters around the school listing the spirit wear for the five days of the week. Despite that, Dale Schmalenberg says, "I think that the school should work harder to get more students to participate in school spirit. Since not as many people participate in school spirit not many people know about it."



8th grader Blake Smyth's favorite part of Master of the House was the slide relay. Blake liked the slide relay because "it's a race." Blake did the slide relay twice and bumper ball soccer once. He liked doing the bumper ball soccer because he was competing against the other team. Blake's favorite spirit wear was pajama day. Blake also thinks that a favorite color day should be added.

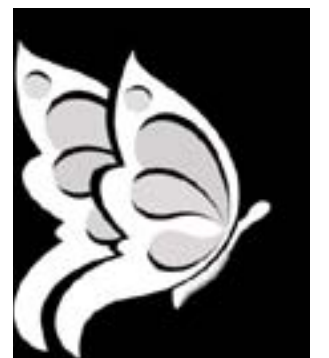
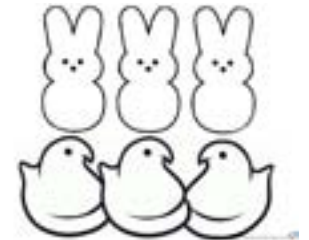


7th grader Melia Rayner's favorite part of Master of the House was doing the slide relay. Melia participated in the slide relay and had fun because they won the competition. Melia's favorite spirit wear was wearing blue for team colors.



6th grader David Hixon's favorite part of Master of the House was winning and scoring a goal in soccer. David had fun doing bumper ball soccer because "I really like doing active and athletic sports." David's favorite spirit wear was when he wore gold for team colors because he likes to support his team. David also thinks that, since it was very fun, "we should have more of these assemblies."

Fun Features



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Teachers Who Impact Us



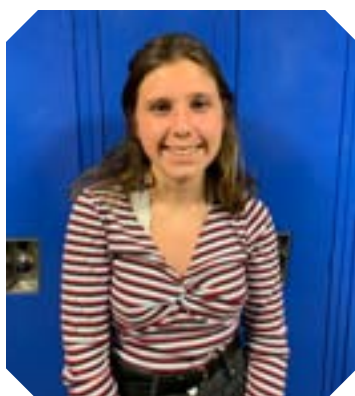
By: Ashlynn Redhage



6th grader David Hixon believes that sometimes teachers have an impact on their students. David thinks that the different types of teachers can affect your learning, and the teacher he likes the most is Mr. McDonald because he really inspires David. "He really gives us second chances and he really thinks that we can do things," says David.



7th grader Julian Mayin also agrees that different teachers have an impact on their students. There are teachers that he dislikes because they give their students too much work. Julian says it isn't easy to understand all teachers. "They all have a different way of teaching kids and it may not make sense to some kids," says Julian.



8th grader Amelia Foster thinks that teachers have a big impact on their students. She also agrees that it can be hard to understand some teachers because they can be kind of vague when they teach. Amelia says that she likes Mrs. Werner because of the way she teaches. "She would help you, and give you that extra push that you need," says Amelia.

“The Best teachers are those that show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see”

Teachers have a very significant and lifelong impact on their students. This doesn't just involve the way they teach, but also the way they help and care for their students. Teachers are also a huge part of a student's self esteem. In the same way, teacher's self esteem is based on their students as well. Many teachers wonder what impact they have on their students. Some students believe that their teacher's don't really care about them or that they find them unimportant. Then there are teachers that students find intrigued and excited about what they teach, and are very helpful and kind. Teachers that are kind to their students and aren't super serious all the time also are also usually a favorite to students because they make it easier to understand what they are teaching. Also, another big affect is the different personalities of the teachers. Some kids feel differently about some teacher's because of their personality. Their personality affects students a lot. (<http://www.ldonline.org>).



Hardworking and focused, Ms. McNeill's students work on their assignments for the day during their 6th hour geography. Ms. McNeill has 6 classes, but she still is there for all her students. Many kids enjoy Ms. McNeill's class, not only because of how easy-going she is, but also because of how much Ms. McNeill loves to help her students and make sure that they have fun.

Teachers Best Friends

Everyone has a best friend they look up to or it may even be a group of people. According to indiatimes.com friendship is one of the many emotions babies feel before they can walk or talk. This is why so many people have close friends because everyone strives to have someone they can talk to. Everyone at school always can tell when people are close because they are always together but no one ever can tell who teachers best friends are.

7th grade teacher Mrs. Baran says, "I would say that Mrs. Monkevich is my best friend because she has the most amazing ability to be tuned into who a person is. Like when I lost my sister, she was always there. So anytime that I was at a low point, she was right there-always. She is very supportive and she makes me laugh."

7th grade teacher Mrs. Monkevich says, "Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Baran are definitely my closet friends in the building. Mrs. Baran is more like a sister to me. We've been through many years together. But Mrs. Gibson is the ying to my yang. We balance each other very well. Between the two of us, when we are making lessons and everything, she will add things where I can't and I will keep her organized."

7th and 8th grade teacher Mrs. Gibson says, "Mrs. Monkevich is my teacher best friend and she is my counterpart in 7th ELA. We are constantly working together on curriculum, but then also speaking socially and supporting each other with parts of our lives overall. We are definitely very different personalities, but we work well together and both know our strengths and weaknesses and appreciate what the other person brings to the friendship and the 7th ELA department."

8th grade teacher Mr. Clark says, "The teachers that I would consider to be my closest friends are Mrs. Blaskoski, Mrs. Rowe, and Mr. Thaler. This is because they're all very nice people and they listen to my shenanigans all the time and laugh."

8th grade teacher Mrs. Blaskowski says, "Some of my closest friends in the middle school are Mrs. Watson, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Rowe, and Mr. Thaler. They are always there for me, make me smile, and make me laugh."

6th grade teacher Mrs. Flanagan says, "Mrs. Solinski is my best friend because not only do we share common interests and philosophy of teaching, but we also have a lot of personal things in common. Things that we like to do with our family's, we both love our pet puppies. So it's just things that we have in common that have made it work so well."

6th grade teacher Mrs. Solinski says, "Mrs. Flanagan is my best friend because we have similar interests and philosophy about teaching and about our students."

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Friendship
(Chinese Symbol)



Supporting each other and making each other laugh is just some of the many things they do for each other. According to indiatimes.com in one lifetime you make at least 396 friends but only 1 out of 12 of the friendships last. 8th grade teacher Mrs. Blaskowski says, "You meet a lot of people in your life. But the people who are meant to stay-stay in your life forever."

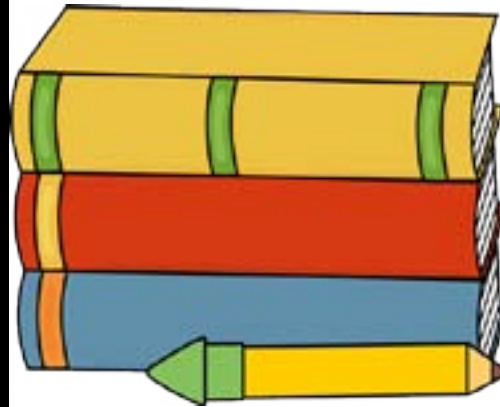
SWITCHING SUBJECTS

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Math Science History English Physical-Ed Algebra Biology Physics Art

Distinguishing teachers between one another is easy, one simply has to think of what subject they teach. It is most likely that a teacher is good at the subject they teach. However, The National Center for Education Statistics reports that 8 percent of public school teachers changed schools in 2012-2013. When moving to a new school it is most likely that a teacher will have to teach a new subject, as there might already be a teacher for their first choice.



Mrs. Gibson teaches 7th grade ELA and 8th grade advanced ELA. Mrs. Gibson says that it would be fun to teach film analysis as a full class if she were to switch subjects. She thinks that film would change up her teaching methods a little bit, but it would still be analytical like language arts.

Mrs. Flynn, OMS's choir teacher, says she would teach outdoor education. "I love being outside, I love the natural world, and I love to hike," Mrs. Flynn answered upon being asked why. When asked if she would be able to teach the subject proficiently she said that she would give it a go.

Mr. Hannah, one of OMS's Spanish teachers, would try out biology. "I would love to get out in nature and find the principals of biology in action." Mr. Hannah thinks it would be great to teach the food chain and importance of nature. When asked if biology would affect his current teaching methods, Mr. Hannah responded, "Yes, in Spanish there is a lot of balance between figuring out what a student already knows of the vocabulary." He thinks that he might be able to teach biology well, but he would have to read about the subject and talk to biology teachers.

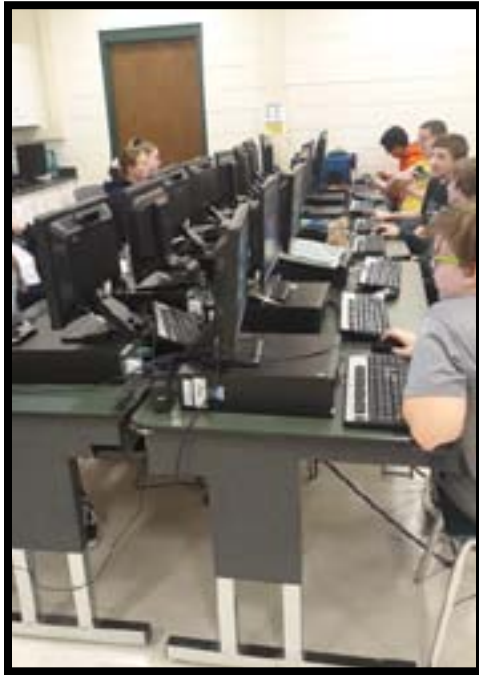


Oxford Middle School has some of the best teachers, but what if they followed another interest in teaching? Or will switching from perhaps math to history affect their methods of education?

UPDATING

By: Wyatt Ashley

"TECHNOLOGY IS JUST A TOOL. IN TERMS OF GETTING THE KIDS WORKING TOGETHER AND MOTIVATING THEM, THE TEACHER IS MOST IMPORTANT." - BILL GATES



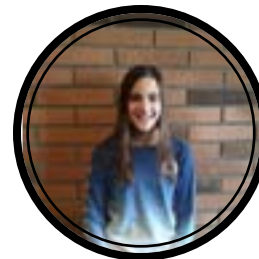
Working very hard, this is an 8th-grade class that is working very hard on their school work. Colleges are now spending \$500 to \$2000 on laptops for each student to replace expensive books with cheap e-books. "We need technology in every classroom and in every student and teacher's hand, because it is the pen and paper of our time, and it is the lens through which we experience much of our world" -- David Warlick

"The technology itself is not transformative. It's the school, the pedagogy, that is transformative." ~ Tanya Byron

There are different ideas of how the school should organize computer. One idea is students get a chrome book in 6th grade and keep it all of middle school. Another idea is to get a computer for the full year and return it at the end of the year. This is what the school is thinking as they are going forward as computers are becoming more and more important in learning. This year the ELA classes got new computer carts full of new chrome books. As learning is more and more dependent on technology the school needs a solution. An example of technology becoming more important is the 8th-grade science now uses a program called IQWST. The school also has a lot of work behind the scenes with the networking and security that takes a lot of work, so the school has a lot of work to do in the future.



8th grader William Maxlow said that he does think the students can be trusted enough to be given a computer at the beginning of the year and that the school would lose money from this. William also said that in the future technology will become more important in schools.



Lauren Farris in 7th-grade said that she thinks that school computers are out of date and that the school is doing a good job in updating them. She thinks that it would be a good idea to give 6th graders a computer and have them return it in 8th grade.



Mrs. Gibson thinks that the school is working hard and updating computers as fast as they can. She also thinks that the school is starting to get every classroom new computer carts. She added that giving student computers in 6th grade and returning them in 8th grade would be ideal but the students may be more likely to forget, lose and/or damage them.

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"In education, technology can be a life-changer, a game changer, for kids who are both in school and out of school. Technology can bring textbooks to life. The Internet can connect students to their peers in other parts of the world. It can bridge the quality gaps." ~ Queen Rania of Jordan

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Testing Trauma

By: Gracie Chraska and Aiden Bowyer

Every year in the State of Michigan, students in the grades of 8th, 9th and, 10th have to take the PSAT in math and english. According to educationaladvocates.com, around 3 million students nationwide take the PSAT. Nationwide, 8th graders took the PSAT on April 9th. They were assigned a classroom which was normally their advisory class and took a reading, writing, math with and without a calculator in the time span of 4 hours. Afterwards, students went outside and had about an hour out on the field to have a break before resuming their normal classrooms.

8th grader Isabel Rodriguez says, "The PSAT wasn't as bad as I thought it would be." Isabel did not enjoy the PSAT because she thought it was boring just sitting there. She is not looking forward to taking it again because she doesn't enjoy test taking. Isabel's favorite portion of the PSAT was the writing portion.



Taking a long test is not something very many people enjoy; however, the state of Michigan has decided that the 8th grade is required to take it along with 9th and 10th grade in order to prepare for the SAT in 11th grade. According to reports.collegeboard.org, 16,000 students who took the PSAT found a 200 point increase or more on the SAT than those who didn't take the PSAT. 8th grader Ryan Marshall says, "I think it's going to help me prepare for the actual SAT."

8th grader Daisy Kuhn says that, "I didn't enjoy the PSAT but it definitely wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be." She is not excited to take the PSAT next year because she doesn't want to take a test for another four hours again. Daisy's favorite portion of the PSAT was the first math portion.

8th grader Olivia Clark thought that the PSAT was harder than she expected it to be. She did not enjoy the fact that the 6th and 7th graders got late start while the 8th graders were stuck testing. Even though she didn't enjoy it, Olivia is looking forward to taking it next year in order to prepare for the real thing. "My least favorite portion was math without a calculator," says Olivia.

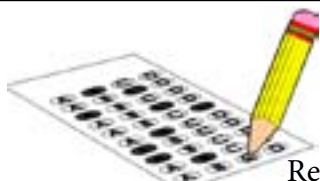
8th grader Cassie Kroon says that she enjoyed taking the PSAT because she thought it was a good experience to prepare her for when she will take it next year. "I am not happy that I had to take it but I am happy that I got more experience for the real thing". Her favorite portion was the math sections.

8th grader Kailee Wojcik was a bit nervous while waiting for testing day to come, but it wasn't as bad as she had expected. "I didn't like how I couldn't do anything when I was done. I just had to sit," says Kailee. Her favorite part was the reading portion and her least favorite part was the math without a calculator.

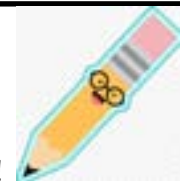


Recently, the state of Michigan has started to make 8th graders take the PSAT. According to Prepschooler.com, the purpose of the PSAT 8/9 is to establish a starting point in terms of college and career readiness as students transition to high school. 8th grader Hailey May says, "I like the fact that it is a paper pencil test."

8th grader Hannah Cron thought the PSAT was okay. She says, "It absolutely was not my favorite thing this year." She says that she was not fond of sitting down for that long and having to focus on the same thing, but her favorite part was the reading section.



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RACING TO WIN

Cece Nicholson

Track and field is a sport here at Oxford Middle School, as well as many schools around the globe. Athletes race around a track in various distances from 55m to 3200m. You may think running is not your thing, but they also have field events such as shotput, long jump, and high jump. Not only is track exciting and athletic, it's also a good way to socialize with your friends, or even make new ones. Track is an option for 6th through 8th grade, so give it a shot!



Racing her way to victory, 8th grader Alyssa Kuhl finishes strongly in her 1600m as she crosses the finish line. According to thoughtco.com, Russia's Svetlana Masterkova holds the women's 1600 mile record with a time of 4:12.56. "I don't think I could get a time like that," says Alyssa, "although, I enjoy pushing myself to beat my own personal time every time I step on the track."

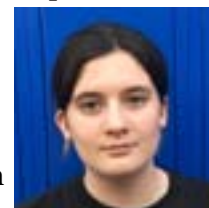
6th grader Owen Pavalock says, "I decided to do track because it's a good way to get exercise and I wanted to try something new." When asked what events he was doing, he said, "I plan on running the 200 and I might do hurdles."



7th grader Laina Rathurg says she wants to run hurdles and try shot put and long jump. "I decided to do track because it seemed fun and it's a good team building sport."



8th grader Ella Szymanski signed up for track because it's a good way to make new friends and socialize while working hard and staying in shape. "I really want to try hurdles, so I'm going to try and run the 200m hurdles."





Back into the Game



By: Anna Rinke

*"Never let the fear of striking out
get in your way"
- Babe Ruth, world's greatest
baseball player*

Tigers are back! April 4th was the home opener at Comerica Park. The opening game was the Tigers vs. Royals the end score was so close at 5-4 with that Tigers win. Baseball season started March 28th this year. The teams have been preparing during the spring to get ready for the season. The baseball season will go into September, during the season a total of all teams will have an estimate of around 2,430 games played according to MLB schedule. According to ESPN, in just 2017, around 1 billion people were watching the regular season of baseball. During the season all games lead up to the World Series. For a whole week teams play to make it in the top to move into the championships. The World Series Game is for the two teams that have made it to the top. Hopefully the tigers can finally make it. to the end and win the world series this year.



Picture on Google.com

8th grader Xavier Clark thinks that this year's team is a lot better than years before and that the defense for the team is good. Xavier went to the opening day game. He said that he was pretty excited to be there and he couldn't wait for the game to start. "I think the team will do very well and might make it into the playoffs."

7th grader Joey Bieniasz said that he thinks the team this year will do bad again. He has also been to a Tigers game, but watched the opening game at home. He thinks the team is better this year but doesn't want to get his hopes up. "The team is a little better this year, but I think they will not do any better. for the playoffs"

6th grader Nate Alexander said that the Tigers are actually doing good for once. Nate has been to a Tiger's game and he enjoys it every time. Nate thinks that the team might make it all the way to the end. "I was happy that the Tiger's actually won because they won the first game at their own field."



Wearing a Detroit Tiger's t-shirt is 8th grader Ethan O'Dawd, a Detroit Tigers fan. According to cbsports.org, the MLB was voted the second most popular sport in the United States. "I hope that the team does good throughout the whole season to make this years season better than year's before," says Ethan.



LIONS LOOKING UP?

By: Holden Jones

A struggling team in the NFL, the Detroit Lions have lost a great amount of their followers because of extreme mediocracy and frequent promising, but ultimately disappointing, seasons. However, the Lions are once again looking up as they signed some of the best free agents available and have the 8th overall draft pick (expected to be used on either a defensive-linemen or tight-end) in the 2019 draft. In addition to this Matt Patricia will surely lead this team better in his second season, and the Lions have a brand new offensive coordinator in Darrell Bevell who will hopefully create a new and improved playbook for the Lion's offense. However, the Lions have always seemed like an up-and-coming strong playoff competitor. They have time and time again failed their fans by having large losing streaks, crippling injuries, and blowout loses to the teams of their divisions. In addition, the Lions are relying on a basically brand new coaching staff that may not have developed a good understanding of the teams strengths and weaknesses and how to work with them. To make matters even harder, the Lions are in a very talented division, with the continually talented Minnesota Vikings and up-and-coming Chicago Bears. The competition for the division will be fierce. One can never be sure whether or not a team will be good in their next season. Everything from injuries to age can play a part in a team's performance. While the Lions look like a good team on paper, it is never a sure fact that they will do well in the 2019 season. Regardless, their fan base is still strong and has always supported their team through tough losing seasons. With this upcoming season the only thing that we can count on is the never ending hope in Michigan for the illusive superbowl title.



Being a Lions fan over the past few years has been pretty rough. Devastating, blowout loses happen often and any momentum gained is often quickly destroyed by loses, injuries, etc. Regardless, many Michiganders have remained loyal to their team through their droughts. However, some Lion's fans also root for other teams, so that they can still enjoy the superbowl and playoffs. 6th grader Brady Fox said that while he is a Lions fan he also likes the Saints because he likes Drew Brees and Alvin Kamara.

One of the biggest questions being asked every year is, "Will the Lions make the playoffs?" While it is possible, many people believe that the Lions offense may not be strong enough to compete with the defenses of teams like the Vikings or Bears. 7th grader Aaron Schiller stated that he doesn't think that the Lions will make the playoffs because their offensive team isn't very good.

The NFL Draft, known to many Detroiters as "The Lion's Superbowl", is often an exciting time for all football fans as their team may be able to acquire the next super-star for a very small price. With the 8th overall draft pick, it is very likely that the Lions will be able to draft a talented player who can be put into the roster immediately. This event is crucial for the Lions as a drafting good player could result in a playoff run as a weaker team. 8th grader Ethan O'Dowd agrees as he said that the Lions will probably be a good team but they're going to have to get a draft pick this season.



While the Lions have always been a losing team, they have managed to maintain a great following of fans, as shown through the largely popular fan gear sold in the city. The Matthew Stafford jersey was the 20th most sold jersey in the U.S. last year, according to 247 Sports, and continues to be on seen constantly throughout Detroit. "Matthew Stafford is not only a talented player who supports his team through the toughest times but is also a very kind person, who constantly does great things for the city of Detroit," said 7th grader Aaron Schiller.



Should Celebrities Get Special Treatment?



By: Evelyn Sawdon

Celebrities have been getting special attention for a long time. Its actually been so long that a lot of people don't notice when they are getting special treatment. Sometimes, their special treatment really stands out. It's especially showing right now, all over the news with some celebrity parents paying to get their kids into good colleges. So, the question delated now is if celebrities should get special treatment at all.



6th Grader Cayden Ray commented that he thinks that celebrities should not get special treatment because they're not much different than other and that they're still human too. He also commented that he doesn't think celebrities should get to pay to get they're kids into college because it isn't fair to people who have actually deserved those spots. One other thing that he said was that he doesn't think that his favorite celebrity (Uno Messi) gets special treatment.



7th Grader Olivia Mohalivich stated that she thinks celebrities paying to get they're kids in college is wrong too. She thinks this because the kids haven't really earned it. Also, she thinks that celebrities get special treatment so often because they are well known. She also thinks that Athletes and Actors/Actresses get the most special treatment of all of the celebrities because they are everywhere all the time.

Reading About their favorite celebrities in magazines, 7th graders Gabi Wait, Krystina Noaker and Annabelle Ruhala all were reading magazines in the school library. Selena gomez is rolling into the most famous celebrity of 2019 with 138 million followers according to Social Media specialist Dmitry Y. for bigbangram.com - "I didn't expect Selena to have that many followers and for her to be the most famous celebrity on social media." commented Christina.



8th Grader Lauren Farris said she thinks that celebrities paying to get they're kids into college is normal, but that kids shouldn't just be accepted based on who their parents are. Also, that the area of celebrities that get the most special treatment is Actors because they are a main attention. Although, her favorite celebrity is Selena Gomez and she doesn't think Selena gets special treatment.



Think Spring



How excited was the gardener about spring? So excited he wet his plants.

Does February like March? No, but April May

When do monkeys fall from the sky? During APE-ril showers

What season is it best to go on a trampoline? Spring time

What do you call a rabbit with flees? Bugs Bunny

What goes up when the rain goes down? Umbrellas

What month of the year is the shortest? May (only 3 letters)

Name a bow that can't be tied. A rainbow

What's Irish and comes out in Spring? Paddy O'Furniture

Where will you be in five years? I don't know. I don't have 2020 vision.

Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team? She always ran away from the ball.

Why was the bee mad? You'd be mad too if someone stole your honey and nectar.

This is zigzag word search puzzle. Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.

Spring

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Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes):

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| APRIL | MARCH |
| BIRDHOUSE | MAY |
| BLOSSOM | NESTLINGS |
| BLUE SKY | SEEDS |
| FRESHNESS | SOWING |
| GARDEN | SUNLIGHT |
| GREEN GRASS | YOUNG GROWTH |



Fun Spring Activities Checklist

The weather is warming up and everything's turning green. Shed your winter coat and get started on this list of fun ways to enjoy the spring season.

Courtesy of: **REALSIMPLE**

By Cameron Bukoski
and Dominic Croceni

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU...

May the 4th is a good day to sit around and binge watch the Star Wars Movies. May the 4th was made a holiday by Star Wars fans on May 4th 1979. The movies came out only 2 years before. Fans celebrate this day with movies popcorn and dressing up as you favorite star wars character



8th grader Matthew Strewleki, says “ It gives a glimpse of the future and expansive



8th grader Ethan Westanbarger states that he “only watched one and didn’t like it.”



“The Force will be with you. Always.” — Obi-Wan Kenobi. There are many toys and action figures based off of the Star Wars franchise. People buy these action figures called “POP” figures with are collectable action figures. There are many Star wars action figures you can buy to show your love for the franchise.



7th grader Dominic Fazzari says he likes Star Wars movies because “they are action packed and the story is interesting.”



7th grader Gabe Spencer says he “watched some of them but they just take too long to get



The Star wars movies are known by a lot of people, Lucas Film producers are in the process of completing the saga with the ninth movie, the return of skywalker. Cameron Bukoski says he is “really excited for the new movie and cant wait to go watch it at the movie theatre”



6th grader Bobby Freiburger has not watched any Star Wars movies, but he “likes the lightsabers.”



6th grader Matthew Grabowski says he “watched all the movies and likes the space frontier it takes place”

ARTICLE 13

By: Dale Schmalenberg

After years of debate, the European Union has passed a new internet copyright law, which is currently very controversial. The new law makes sites such as Youtube and Facebook be more responsible for the spread of illegal copyright material. Article 13 is just one component of the Directive on Copyright which, all together, is supposed to limit the way that copyrighted material can be spread across the internet. The Directive of Copyright makes it so that any companies will be at fault for any copyright infringements that take place on the site. To many people, Article 13 is also called "The Meme Ban" because the law states that websites are responsible for taking down content that infringes upon the copyright law. The problem with this, however, is that there is no good way for these websites to take down all of the material that infringes upon the copyright law. Currently, YouTube's Content ID will give copyright viewers to own any of their copyrighted content on their website, but for many other websites with large amounts of copyrighted content, Article 13 raises a large problem. How are they supposed to remove all of the copyrighted content on their site? And another, are memes infringing on copyright laws, memes use pictures made by other people, but then they are also changed and altered by people who make them. Information from <https://www.wired.co.uk/article/what-is-article-13-article-11-european-directive-on-copyright-explained-meme-ban>.



Browsing the internet in the Eu from now on will become much different, after the passing of Article 13 and 11. According to Google, if all countries in the EU enforce article 13 and 11, 508.2 million people will be affected by the new law. Ian alexander says, "I think that Article 13 was a mistake and will have a very bad impact on not just the EU but the whole world,"



8th grade Evan Cook does not like Article 13 because he says it removes some of the rights that people should have on the internet. He thinks that Article 13 should be reverted so that we can do the things that we used to be able to do on the internet. He thinks that it will impact the internet because it will cause people to not be able to do the things that they want to. He thinks that Article 13 affects creators on the internet the most.



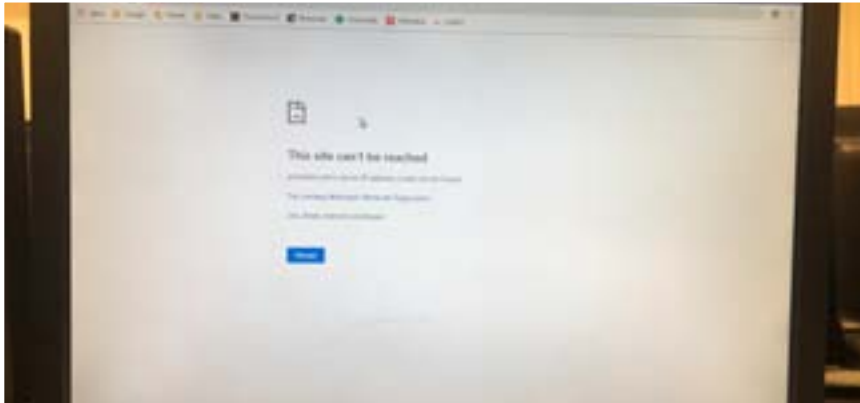
7th grader Travis Behinoki says that he does not like Article 13 because it is trying to protect copyrighted material, but it not doing a good job. He thinkst it should be changed because if it does not change it will make the internet in Europe bad. He thinks it will affect the internet because most of the memes in Europe will not exist. He thinks that depending on where you are, Article 13 may impact people differently.



6th grader Dean Rice says that Article 13 is weird and that it came out of the blue. He thinks that the things it bans on the internet are just trying to make their day, and should not be banned. He thinks that Article 13 should be removed. He says that it will impact the inernet by making it so that people who post stuff on the internet will get less popularity.

ARTICLE 13

By: William Owen



Taking huge risks with their current problems, YouTube is in danger of their company collapsing in the European Union. In an EU vote 328 to 274 votes, Article 13 is going to change all of the different things that we know about the internet. Mr. Cady says “. Although I do feel that artist, movies and other copyrighted material should be protected from commercial use without compensation... due to the lack of a reliable filter, I am against Article 13 of the EU proposal”

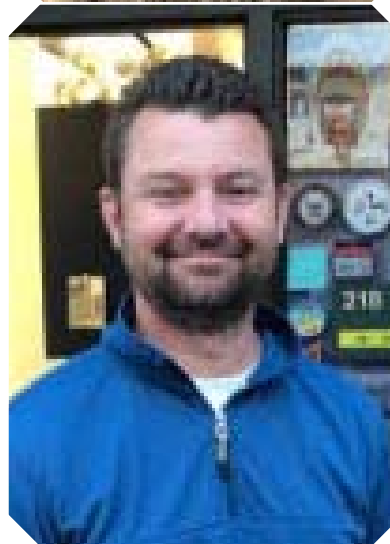
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Google
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Dropbox
MediaFire
Fandom.com
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Genius
Bandcamp
Wattpad
RevContent

**“I am
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6th grade PLTW teacher Mrs. Daversa thinks that Article 13 is putting pressure on companies where it should be putting pressure on individuals compromising people's content. While she thinks that it is good that there are new restrictions on copyrighted content, this is not the way to do it due to all of the things that the company has to do, not the individual. She also thinks that this might limit people to their creativity.



7th grade science teacher Mr. Thaler thinks that it “is not right at all.” He thinks that it is an obstruction of the freedom of speech, and that it isn't right that the government limits the review of different things over the internet. He says that there is no way that this is the only way that they could've fixed the current copyright issues going around, and that the government should be working on a better fix.



8th grade science teacher Mrs. Werner says that while there are major problems with people turning content into a different thing than it was meant for, she also thinks that the fine shouldn't be placed on companies, but on the individual. She says that Article 13 is not the way to change how the online atmosphere is, but this is a step towards the right direction. Mrs. Werner thinks that people should only be able to use another person's content for the purpose that it was posted for



Earth Day



By: Lily Nouman

6th Grader
 Dominic Daversa thinks that Earth Day is a day to appreciate and respect the Earth, while also showing all the amazing things it has. He says, "I feel like it's a day that you should celebrate the Earth and it's qualities."



7th grader Ella Flores says, "I think Earth Day means respecting the environment." She also told us that on Earth Day she has turned off all the light's in her house in dedication to Earth day.



8th Grader Blake Smyth doesn't usually celebrate Earth Day, but he said he would consider starting. Blake said, "I think Earth Day means helping the community clean and making sure the Earth is clean."

April 22nd is Earth Day and is a national holiday in which everyone is supposed to celebrate the Earth, and everything about it. Many people believe that Earth day is when you are supposed to clean up land and make the Earth clean again. It is important to celebrate Earth day to share the importance of this planet and how we should appreciate it.



"Earth Day should encourage us to reflect on what we are doing to make our planet more sustainable and liveable place." (Scott Peters). On Earth Day, over 7.8 billion trees are planted, that is over 1 tree per person! OMS is a middle school in Oxford Michigan that cares about Earth Day. They have many trees planted around the school, but this tree in particular stands out. It is beautiful while standing up and has the perfect bright green pine needles.

Community/World News

Fires in the Wild

Elizabeth Rice



Wildfires have made a difference this year in our world. According to www.iii.org from January 1st to March 8th there was 2,411 fires in the world, also 90% of wildfires are caused by people, so if we change things we do, we could reduce some of the fires that happen. Cnn and other sits like it have a lot of stories about majior wild fires happening in the Calaforina area. Even though wildfires are rare here in Michigan it still affects people around the world. We should still be informed and care about the people suffering around the world, especially if we want to travle and see some of these greatfavorited communties. Cnn and other sits like it have a lot of stories about majior wild fires happening in the Calaforina area.

Burning brightly, this candle represents the fires that burns down many houses and trees. According to www.nationalgeographics.com 4 to 5 million acres of land are destroyed by wildfires each year. When I asked how Riley Spurlock how she would feel if her home was affected by a wildfire, and she said, "I would be very sad, and disappointed because all of my belongings would get destroyed."



6th grader Dean Rice was asked if he feels we should learn more about wildfires and said, "Yes because we have to get an idean on what else is going on in our world."



7th grader Nevaeh Britt was asked if she thinks there should be safety lessons about wildfires and she said, "I think they should have it but it's just not really important, because we dont get a lot of fires and we should be learning about things that happen a lot here."



8th grader Ellamae Gilling was asked what her general opinion of wildfires are and she said, "I think they just happen because of peoples stupidity and lack of care for the woorld. Also it is really bad for our environment because it destroys a lot of people's lives."

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

By Leilah DeGasperis

Since the weather is getting warmer and yard work is starting to pile up, giving back to our community is something that some students are doing. Giving back to the community can mean a lot to some people and it can give you a good feeling inside. Oxford Gives Back is an activity that Oxford students can participate in to help people in need. Oxford helps older people and people with disabilities do their yard work and work that they aren't able to do.

Going outside, either to play or to pick up trash, is something first grader Lilly DeGasperis loves to do. According to BLS, approximately 62.6 billion people around the world volunteered through an organization or they volunteered for an organization between 2012 and 2013 and the rate is still about the same. "I like to pick up the the garbage that I see on the ground," Lilly said.



7th and 8th grade teacher Mrs. Gibson said that she has done community service in the past and is hoping she can continue in the future. She has participated in OGB and has built houses in Kentucky for the less fortunate. "I think it is important to take care of what we are given and give what we have to those who need it, whether it is food, clothes, or other service," Mrs. Gibson said.



8th grader Shyanne Hoyt said she likes to go outside because it's warm outside in spring. She also said that she doesn't see a lot of litter in her neighborhood or Oxford. "I did Oxford Gives Back in 7th grade and I thought it was fun," Shyanne said.

VACCINES ARE BAD?

By: Tanner F. DeMarco

Long ago, in the beginning of the world and, more recently, the United States, our nation was plagued by diseases brought by the first settlers that arrived in 1492. Hundreds of years later, nearly all of these diseases were eradicated by vaccines, which inject a small dose of the disease in question into your body so it learns how to defend against it. These vaccines, widely regarded as one of the best medical inventions in all of history, have recently been under fire by people who claim that vaccines cause more problems than they prevent. Although there are countless scientific papers disproving this idea, people still believe it. It has gone so far, in fact, that a small town in Oregon has been dealing with a Measles outbreak, which is a disease that has been eradicated since 2000. Recently, it has even spread to Michigan, according to state health departments.



Theatre teacher Mr. Gray believes that being unvaccinated is a health risk. “It endangers the whole population,” Gray explains. “If it doesn’t harm anyone else, people can do what they want, but it does [harm others].”

“I don’t think there is any philosophy that suggests having polio is a good thing.” - Bill Gates



8th grader Miranda Wyniemko believes that vaccines are not anything to be worried about. “They’re really good for you,” Miranda explains. “That’s how you prevent some diseases.”



7th grader Adam Hale believes that vaccines are healthy and normal. “Not having vaccines isn’t very safe,” Adam explains. “You won’t be protected from some viruses and infections.”

Winning, 8th grader Ian Alexander shows his Bandaid from his flu shot. According to the CDC, around 27% of adults don’t get their flu shots because they believe it’s unlikely they will get sick. “Flu shots hurt, but they’re important to get,” says Alexander.

FIGHTING FOR

HUMAN RIGHTS

In America

By: Ian Alexander

A lot of Americans will say America is really good about protecting human rights, but how well do we actually protect them? Arguably one of the largest human rights violation in America is not allowing refugees from the Mexican border, (<https://nyti.ms/2xjCDcn>) not only do we not allow them entry, we have also separated families (<https://nyti.ms/2RwD4fs>). Another major human rights violation in America is the abuse of human rights of inmates such as solitary confinement (<https://bit.ly/1MKLgtH>).



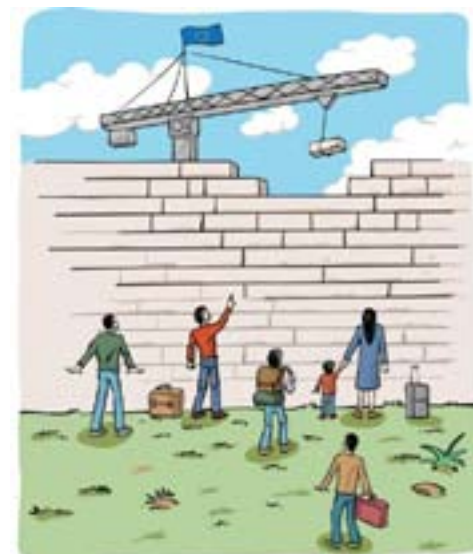
8th grader Troy Zeiter when asked about human rights violations in America say, "I don't think America violates human rights very often, some examples of human rights violations they have committed are not letting refugees into the country. I think North Korea has the most human rights violations in the world because the people there have very few freedoms and are not allowed to do very many things with very harsh punishment."



7th Grader Troy when asked about human rights in America says, "I believe America violates human rights a lot. Some examples include separating families at the border...and not allowing refugees in. I'm not sure which country violates human rights the most because there are so many."

Denying human rights is a very big problem in the world and has been since time began. At any time in America there are at least 80,000 people in solitary confinement. (<https://bit.ly/1MKLgtH>) "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights", Says the United Nations Charter.

An anonymous i says, "I think America violates human rights more than you would think. Some examples of how they do include the prison system using solitary confinement as a punishment. I think middle eastern countries violate human rights the most because of all the fighting and poverty it makes it harder to maintain human rights."

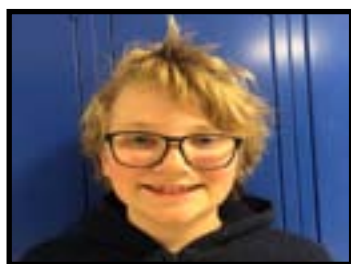


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HOPPING INTO EASTER FUN

By: Riley Spurlock

Easter egg hunts, spending time with family, and having a delicious Easter meal, those are all fun traditions people like to do on Easter day. Easter is celebrated all over the world in places such as the Philippines and Spain according to a Easter survey website. Sunday April, 21st this year is when the celebrating begins, with lots of joy and excitement!



6th grader Foxx River says that his family goes to a festival in the Detroit area for an Easter egg hunt. Then his whole family goes out to eat to a good restaurant near by to have a nice Holiday dinner.



7th grader Nevaeh Latvis says that she which usually goes to her familys house to celebrate Easter, and then her younger cousins have a big Easter egg hunt. Also they have a big dinner cooked by her family.



Having Easter egg hunts are very common when people are celebrating Easter. A Easter survey website says that one third of people in America have Easter egg hunts for younger children to celebrate the Easter holiday. 8th grader Savannah Feltrin says that when she was younger she used to have Easter egg hunts all the time and it was always a fun time to get to see what you would get inside the eggs, and was a great way to spend Easter.



8th grader Lana Czezechowski says that her family goes to church and then all of her family comes over and they celebrate Easter by having a good dinner and having an Easter egg hunt for all the younger ones in her family.



An Ode To Spring



Brianna Penzien!!!



“As spring comes around, I like to do many things outside. one of the things I like to do is go hiking with my family.” stated Kiley Penzien. This picture was taken at the top of a hiking train in Tennessee but In our small state known as Michigan there are over 90 miles of hiking trails. (michigan.org) Hiking can be a great activity to do during the spring as the temperature begins to rise. During the summer it tends to be really hot and the fall is colder so Spring would be the best time for fun and beautiful activity.



Hailey May!!



“Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is” Jessica Harrelson. Spring is the beginning of a season of new life. Plants start to grow, animals start to come out of hibernation, and the weather gradually gets warmer. According to teleflora.com over 3 billion tulips bloom every spring. 8th grader Brianna Penzien says, “I think that new life comes in many ways during spring. Animals come out more and people get a fresh start with the new warm weather.”




Wyatt Ashley!



Waiting for summer is a family from Oxford that is visiting tennessee for the spring. Travelagentcentral.com said that 53 percent of Millennials go on vacation for spring break. “Spring is nature’s way of saying, ‘Let’s Party!’” ~ Robin Williams

Holden Jones

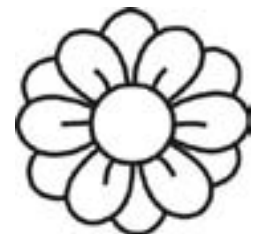
Ashlynn Redhage



“By far the best part of the spring is when you move from the white and dead winter to the green and life-filled spring. Young animals can be seen almost anywhere in the spring as many are just being born as the warm weather begins,” says Holden Jones, a 7th grade student at Oxford Middle school. Like Jones says above, many people mark spring as the “Season of Life”, as plants and flowers blossom and baby animals are born frequently. In the spring alone up to 9,000,000,000 chicks (seen to the left) are born in the U.S., according to UPC-online.org.



Many people come to greenhouses to buy their spring flower. On April 20th, over 100 people came to Deneweth’s greenhouse in Macomb to buy their flowers. “We usually buy our teacher’s a flower here or a small gift for the end of the year to show how much we care about them” says Nathan.




Anna Rinke



"You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming," Pablo Neruda, Former Senator of Chile said. Spring is here flowers are coming back once again. According to smartasset.com flower industries in 2018 made about 34.3 billion dollars selling flowers and other plants.

Michael Duong




"You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep Spring from coming" - Pablo Neruda. Spring is from April to May and is associated with sunshine, showers, and sprouting flowers. On May 10th and 11th, Lake Orion is having its 19th annual flower and art fair the with an expected 3,000 to 4,000 visitors

Sarah Mojek




"Spring has sprung!" Spring is finally upon us and with it brings a burst of flowers, bunnies, and joy. When people think of spring one thing that comes to mind is Easter, according to www.elitedaily.com an estimated \$14.7 billion is spent one Easter in the U.S. Robin Williams once said "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party.'"

Ian Alexander



"You can cut all the flowers, but you cannot keep spring from coming." Every year millions of flowers bloom throughout the world causing one of the most beautiful sights of he year. Dale Schmalenberg says, "Spring is nice because it gets warmer and you can actually go outside."

Keaton Linn




"Easter is recognized by spring". Easter in a holiday on April 21in the spring this year and is a common holiday in the USA. According to Forbes.com, 84 percent of everybody in the U.S celebrated Easter. Easter is a day to spend with family and remember the true reason why we have this special holiday.

Lauren Schmidt



"Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be" - unknown. The spirits at OMS are rising for the lovely season and constant reminder of nature's beauty. According to www.quora .com, there are over 400,000 different flowers in the world! "Seeing all the flowers in the spring just makes me feel happy," says 8th grader Tessa Saussele.

Paige Comito



"I love the smell of the flowers blooming and the weather warming," says Lisa Comito. On March 20th is when Michiganders can finally escape from the cold and start springtime. But with spring comes easter, a popular holiday that 8 in 10 Americans celebrate according to fundivo.com. "I like easter because it is time to get with family, weather is warming up, and there is easter egg hunts," Mike Comito adds.

Elizabeth Rice




"My favorite part of spring is that how the weather is getting warmer and you are looking forward to summer." says Rachel

Lily Nouman



"I really enjoy going on bike rides with my family on the Polly Ann trail." said Jennifer Nouman. With any chance we get, our family loves to take bike rides down the Polly Ann trail. We enjoy it most because it is a great time to get some exercise, while catching up on family memories. We love it most during spring because all the beautiful flowers start to bloom, and it's a great way to start off your weekend.

Katherine Lewis



"With no winter, spring would not be so pleasant." says Anne Bradstreet. Every spring break, many OMS students go on vacation. Many of the vacation spots include beaches with seashells, rocks, and seagulls.



Townsend. According to www.tccapital.com the first flowers of spring to bloom are daffodils, dandelions, lilies, tulips, iris and lilacs. "Personally my favorite flower is the dandelion because I like when they turn puffy and i can blow off the puff." Cece Nicholson says.

Cecelia Nicholson



"Spring is my favorite time of year because that's when it starts to get warm and I can spend time with my cousins for Easter," says 6th grader Charly Nicholson. According to www.forbes.com, this year, 80 percent of American adults will celebrate Easter. "I love Easter because I

get to spend time with my family and I get an extra day off of school," says 8th grader Elizabeth Rice.

Ava Gordon



"If we had no winter, spring would not be so pleasant". -Anne Bradstreet. Around 24 million people have spring allergies. Jacob Benninger says "I don't really like spring because of my allergies."

Olivia Clark



"My favorite part of Easter is spending time with my family" explains 8th grader Anna Rinke. According to fundivo.com, eight out of ten Americans celebrate Eastertide, while most choose to spend the Sunday with family or friends. Another common Easter ritual is decorating and finding Easter eggs. "It's a good

feeling discovering them."

Riley Spurlock



"I like Easter because I get to see my family, and spend time with them and also I get to eat candy and celebrate Easter with fun memories." said Elizabeth Rice. This is a picture of a tradition my family likes to do on Easter day, we always

spend easter going to church, visiting with family, decorating easter eggs and having a good easter meal. This holiday is always filled with laughter and fun, and is a memory that could never be forgotten.

Aiden Bowyer



"The promise of spring's arrival is enough to get anyone through the bitter winter." -Jen Selinsky. Each year Michigan residents patiently await the beautiful spring weather. Unfortunately they don't always get that as soon as they want. Spring officially starts on March 20th but the temperatures usually start to rise mid April. "Spring is not my favorite season. However, it seems like one day you just wake up and everything is green. I love that day," says Diane Bowyer.

Tessa Saussele



"Blossom by blossom the spring begins."-Algernon Charles Swinburne. Inside OMS a bouquet of flowers sit in the school's garden to honor spring, spring starting on March 20, according to weatherbug.com, "My favorite part of spring is watching the flowers bloom one by one, it makes spring so much better." says Lauren Schmidt.

Dale Schmalenberg



"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'let's party!'" -Robin Williams, spring has just recently arrived, and yet the weather is still all over the place, and plants are still confined to their windowsills. On March 21st, the first day of Spring the weather

was still only 39 degrees. "In the Spring, I have counted 136 types of weather in 24 hours," -Mark Twain.

Leilah DeGasperis



"Life is like riding a bicycle, to stay balanced you must keep moving." This spring, Lilly DeGasperis is starting to learn how to ride her bike without training wheels in her driveway because she wants to try something new. According to Very Well Family, the average age for a child to ride a bike without stabilizers is between 3 and 8 years old. "My favorite thing about spring is riding by bike," said DeGasperis.

Sarah Spearing



"My favorite thing about living on the lake is the view because it is a view like a painting everyday." Jim Spearing, who lives on Stony Lake in Oxford, says. Spring is just the time where people begin to enjoy the warm weather, many people choose to go out on a lake for that time of year and have fun on the water with friends and family. The state of Michigan has roughly 789,458 registered boats, and falls in third place for most registered boats in America, being beaten only by Minnesota, second place, and Florida, first place.