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SUMMER PLANS

By: Hailey May

After school gets out its summer vacation and you know what that means—family vacation. Most families plan their trips months in advance so they can plan accordingly. Some people go across the country for the summer and some go across the state for a week or two. According to travelagentcentral.com over 35% of Americans take family vacations every summer. With so many people having their summers planned, I checked out what a few of OMS students have planned for the summer.



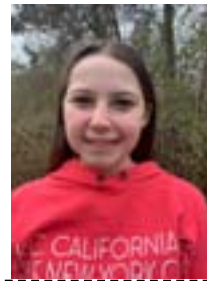
Most people go out of town for part of summer break. A lot of people go to the lake and go swimming with friends and family. In Michigan alone there are over 60,000 lakes according to mlive.com. I personally believe going to the lake is an important memory that people have with their families. Eighth grader Isabel Rodriguez says, “I think it is important to go to the lake with your family because you have more fun and those are the memories you will carry with you.”



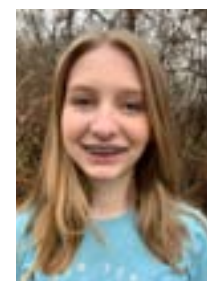
6th grader Thomas Unruh says, “My summer plans are to go to Washington D.C. with my family. I am really excited because I love road trips.”



7th grader Aidan Headlund says, “My family is planning on going to Mexico. I am really excited because I have not been to the ocean or Mexico.”



7th grader Olivia Mihanailovich says, “My summer plans are to go to Florida. I am extremely excited because my family is down there. Also, there is a water park we go to called Adventure Island and its really fun.”



8th grader Hannah Cron says, “For this summer, I will be going to Ogunquit, Maine with my parents and my grandma, I am really excited because I have not been there in a while and I haven’t gone with my grandma before.”



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SWIMMING IN SUMMER

Splashing, swimming, laughter and fun. Beaches and pools are always a good spot to spend your summer. Whenever it is a hot summer day you can always rely on a nice refreshing dip in a lake or pool to cool you off. According to a Michigan survey site it says there are about 62,798 lakes in the state of Michigan. About 10.4 million people own pools in Michigan according to a Michigan water survey. So spending time in pools and lakes are a great way to start off your summer off.

By: Riley Spurlock



6th grader Emma Beggs said that when she is going to the pool she brings sodas for a refreshing cold drink and she also brings volleyballs to bring to play with her family and friends.



8th grader Lana Czechowski said that when she goes to the pool, or beach she always brings tanning lotion so she can get tan.



7th grader Noah Morely said that when he goes to the beach he brings sand toys and shovels for the sand, so he can dig holes and make sand castles.



Lounging around in the sun, hitting beach balls around is the perfect mix. This is a beach ball and that is my favorite thing to bring to the pool in the summer. I play volleyball with my friends and family and it is always so much fun. Beach balls were first made in 1838, according to a Summer survey website. 8th grader Savannah Feltirn said that she enjoys playing with beach balls in the summer because they are light weighted and also because they are a lot of fun to play with for volleyball.





SUMMER

BIRTHDAY

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By: Lily Nouman

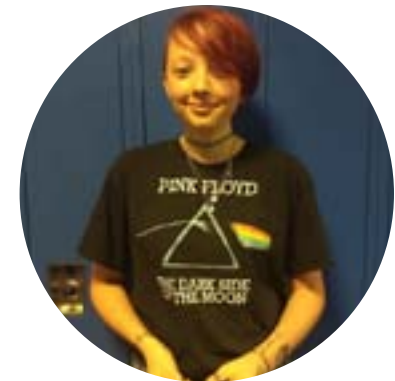
Many kids at OMS have summer birthday's. Quite a few kids love it, while some think it's frustrating. Kids who don't have summer birthday's don't get as much time to spend with family, and they don't have the opportunity to do as many things. Kids who have summer birthdays also have some other really cool things. For example, kids who have summer birthdays, although it seems irrelevant, they can have a better selection on fruits.



6th grader Samantha Zeiter has a summer birthday and believes it is the best time to have one! Samantha says, "It is the best time to have a party because you can have pool parties." Samantha usually stays home during her birthday, but she thinks it's worth it.



7th grader Sumareyah Hatten says that summer birthdays are the best. Sumareyah said, "You get to do more stuff during normal school hours." Many kids celebrate their birthday's during school, and don't get to enjoy their birthdays as much. Sumareyah says that its such an advantage to have a summer birthday.



8th grader Trinity Moshier also has a summer birthday and thinks they are great too! She says, "It is nice because the party can be inside or outside!" Trinity thinks that summer birthday's are great and she really enjoys them because you have more time to spend with family and friends, while doing the things you like.



With her birthday in the summer, Jenna Christoff gets to celebrate her birthday on August 6th with her family because everyone is free. As she is turning 12 this year, she has many things she would like to do before she becomes a teenager. Jenna says, "I enjoy having a summer birthday because it gives me more time to do things I like." Jenna likes to have either confetti or vanilla birthday cake.



The Color Run



By: Evelyn Sawdon

A color run is a well known 5 kilometer run that happens all across the world. Here at OMS, on the 18th of May, there is one of our own. All students at oxfordschools were able to participate in the color run and even get a t-shirt. At the color run, everyone running gets splashed with tons of bright colors and as they run they can get some Kona Ice while they're there. The Color Run participants, you get to run around and play with your friends while also getting exercise and getting a bunch of fun color thrown around. When you participate in it, you get a shirt to remember the color run and a color pack to toss around or even throw on your friends after and get to know you are helping your teachers and the school. The color run is a fun activity and it is fun to participate in. There is even going to be another

6th Grader Dakota Lizyness commented that he thinks the color run is a good idea. He thinks this because its good to raise money for good causes. Also, he said that some advantages to the color run is that you get to raise money and get to have fun while doing it too. He said that he would more likely would have wanted to do the run with his Father.

7th Grader Jenna Christoff said she thinks that the color run is a good idea. She said that this is because it gets people involved and get also kids outside with their friends. Another thing she said was that she is super happy she got to participate in this because she got to help raise money for a good cause and it was just overall just super fun. She said that she would like to participate in this with her Dad because he is more sporty than her Mom.

8th Grader Anne Waite explained that she agrees, she thinks the color run is a good idea. She thinks this because it lets people get outside and exercise while hanging out with friends all at the same time. Another thing she said was that she won't be able to participate in the color run because she has a dance competition. Also, she commented that an advantage of having the color run is that you get to be with your friends. But a



Running through all of the color, 7th graders Neveah Latvis and Taylor Derey ran in the second race of the day. According to <https://thecolorrun.com>, in 2019, there will be around 40 different color runs in the U.S. Which, isn't including the non-registered color runs like ours. Allen Klein for www.brainyquote.com, "Your attitude is like a box of crayons that color your world. Constantly color your picture gray, and your picture will always be bleak. Try adding some bright colors to the picture by including humor, and your picture begins to lighten up."

We raised an astonishing \$1,300 for OMS after covering costs of the event!

The Good Boys

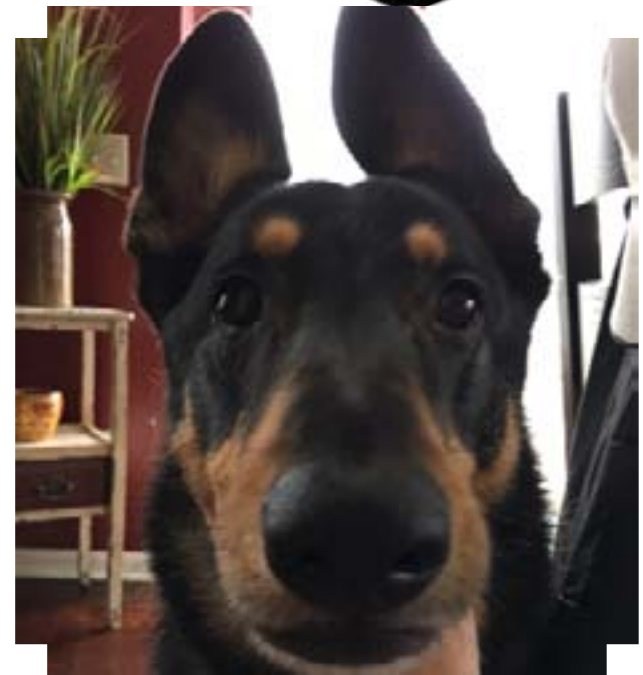
Paige Comito

Dogs have been man's best friend since the beginning. They never leave their owner's side and are the best friends anyone can have, it's not surprising that many households own at least one. In fact, approximately 60 million households in the U.S. own a dog according to the Insurance Information Institute. "Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." ~ Roger Caras.



Trotting through the snow is Sirius, the black German Shepherd Dog. German Shepherd Dogs are the No. 2 most popular dog on American Kennel Club's list, and rightly so. These canines are very loyal towards their owners, and will protect them to their last breath. But are there other dogs similar to the GSD? "I love shepherds because they look so beautiful. They have a presence about them that lets you know that they will protect you not matter what," says Lisa Comito.

“A dog is the only thing on Earth that loves you more than he loves himself.” ~ Josh Billings



8th grade Macey Strevel has a fondness towards Doxins. "I've always grown up with Doxins, at one point when I was younger I had three Doxins running around my house, so I've always grown accustomed to them." Macey currently has a Doxin herself and thinks they make really good pets.

7th grade Keira Billis likes beagles because they're very energetic and like to explore. "They have big ears and short legs which I find pretty cute." She thinks that beagle's make good pets.

6th grade Brady Fox's favorite dog breed is the Rhodesian Ridgeback. Brady likes Ridgebacks because he used to have one, and they're a nice dog. Brady thinks that Rhodesian Ridgebacks make good pets, most likely because of their loyal and intelligent temperament.

What's Your Zodiac Sign?

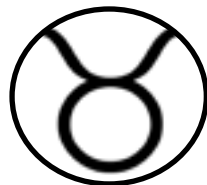
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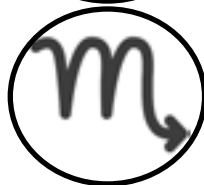
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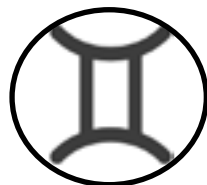
LIBRA~ September 23- October 23. **Strengths:** gracious, fair-minded, social



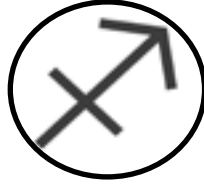
TAURUS~ April 20- May 21. **Strengths:** Reliable, patient, practical



SAGITTARIUS~ November 22- December 22. **Strengths:** Generous, idealistic, great sense of humor.



GEMINI~ May 21- June 21. **Strengths:** Gentle, affectionate, curious



CAPRICORN~ December 22- January 20. **Strengths:** Responsible, disciplined, self-control



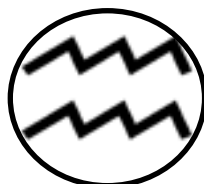
CANCER~ June 21- July 23. **Strengths:** loyal, emotional, sympathetic



AQUARIUS~ January 20- February 18. **Strengths:** Progressive, original, independent



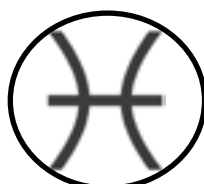
LEO~ July 23- August 23. **Strengths:** Creative, passionate, generous



SCORPIO~ October 23- November 22. **Strengths:** brave, passionate, stubborn



VIRGO~ August 23- September 23. **Strengths:** Loyal, analytical, kind



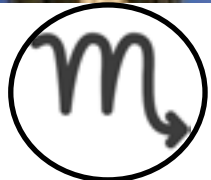
PISCES ~ February 18- March 20. **Strengths:** artistic, intuitive, gentle

Zodiac Sign, are based on your birth date and believers claim they explain pre-determined personalities and characteristics. Even though some people's personalities may change over time, their core personality will always stay the same. Knowing about your zodiac sign can help you better study your own personalities and help you with your social life and how well you know yourself. Whether you believe they are accurate or not, knowing your personalities that help you get along with others is important. (<https://www.theodysseyonline.com/the-importance-of-zodiac-signs>).



Entertained and happy, 7th grader Savannah Bailey sits in front of the computer, searching about her zodiac sign, which is virgo. Savannah hasn't learned much about zodiac signs, and for a while she didn't know what hers was. "I don't know much about my zodiac sign, but I think it is cool learn about what my sign is good at around other people and my personalities," says Savannah.

6th grader Angela Cooper's zodiac sign is Sagittarius. Angela agrees that her zodiac sign matches her personality and style. "My favorite zodiac sign would probably be Leo," says Angela. She thinks that zodiac signs are important to know, and they are useful, but doesn't know the purpose.



7th Grader Natalie Bales' zodiac sign is Leo. Natalie agrees that her zodiac sign matches her personality and style. "I don't think there is a purpose to Zodiac signs, they are just there for fun," says Natalie. Her birthday is on July 25th.



8th grader Cy Charest's zodiac sign is Scorpio. Cy thinks that her zodiac sign matches her personality, but not style. "I don't really think there is a purpose to Zodiac signs, unless you are into that kind of thing," says Cy. Her birthday is on November 21st.



Armed Forces and Memorial Day

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SUMMER JOKES:



Q: What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?

Swimming trunks!

Q: Do fish go on vacation?

No, because they're always in school!

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Q: Why did the dolphin cross the beach?

To get to the other tide!

Q: Why don't oysters share their pearls?

Because they're shellfish!

Q: Why do fish like to eat worms?

Because they get hooked on them!

Q: What is a shark's favorite sandwich?

Peanut butter and jellyfish!

Q: What is a frog's favorite summertime treat?

Hopsicles!

Q: What do you call a fish that doesn't have any eyes (i's)?

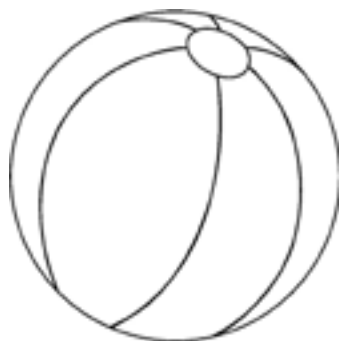
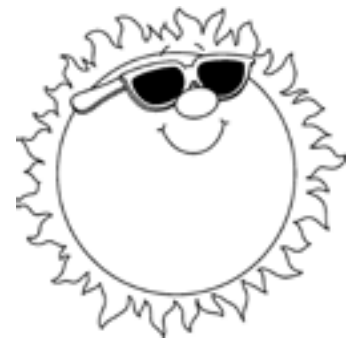
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Q: Why should you never blame a dolphin for doing anything wrong?

Because they never do it on porpoise!

Q: Why are fish never good tennis players?

Because they never get close to the net!




REFLECTING ON THE YEAR

By Wyatt Ashley

There is a lot of changes that Oxford Middle School has made in the 2018-19 school year. Some of the changes being new busses, instruments, computer cart, new dress codes, and new phone policies. Some of these changes are well needed, for example, the instruments for the middle school band were in disrepair and now the school has many new tubas and other instruments including a timpani. The school bought the science, math, and language arts classes new chrome books this year so they can do an online curriculum. This is a positive change and helps integrate technology into learning. This year we also have new phone policies that the school has put in place. A lot of these changes are a step in the right direction and Oxford Middle School is working every day to improve the learning of students and try new tactics to keep up with all of the changes to better prepare their students for high school and beyond.



Reflecting on the year Landon Mysen, Lucas Smith, and Sam Wedicar all in 8th grade said that one change in the school was the drinking fountains and the new water bottle filler. They also brought up that the new busses are more comfortable. They said that for both reasons above their school experience this year has improved and is making their school experience better.



One of the largest events that happened in Oxford Middle school for the 2018-19 school year is most of the classes got carts of new chrome books. Each Chrome book cost over 169 dollars according to laptopmag.com. This is the computer cart in the 8th-grade gold science class. This is for the new online curriculums that Language arts and Science are using. Now students use technology most of the class days and this helps the students that are absent to get some of the work done.



The school also has new buses for this year. This was part of a bond that Oxford citizens voted on, the last election. This was an important upgrade as the buses started getting older and are falling apart. Many students like these new buses and how the interiors are nicer than the older buses.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR

By Cameron Bukoski

When the school year comes to an end and summer is only weeks away, students reflect on what they did this year and what goals they want to pursue next year. Whether it's in grades, sports, or anything else. Setting a goal for yourself makes you work hard for the thing that you want to achieve and it makes us become better people. Whether your goal is big or small, setting a goal for yourself and achieving it can be very rewarding because you worked hard for it. These are some examples of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders explaining their goals for next



8th grader Logan Blankenship's goal is to "get better friends and to be less anxious about absolutely everything." Improving yourself when it comes to friends and social life is a good goal because it teaches you how to become a better person and how to interact with people better.



7th grader Lucas Sibb wants "to get all A's and B's" for his goal for next year. Improving your grades is a great way to improve yourself and it will help you get accepted into a good college, which will help you in the future.



6th grader Maxton Myrand wants to have "good grades, good teachers, and just to have fun." Most people want to improve their grades for the years to come. Having fun is also a great goal because it will make you less stressed and helps you focus on becoming more balanced in life.

"If you want to be happy, set a goal that commands your thoughts, liberates your energy and inspires you hope" - Andrew Carnegie. Grades can play an important role in improving yourself and setting your goals. People work towards improving their grades so they can get into a good college, and it teaches people to work hard towards something.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

By: Cece Nicholson

People would describe their years in many different ways. Whether it was a sad and emotional one or it was filled with fun and exciting adventures, there is always someone or some moment that stood out to you. Here are what 6th and 7th-grade students say their highlight of the year was.



Finishing up the school year, students reflect on their favorite parts of the year. For some, sports are the students' favorite part of the year. Over 200 students joined track this year, and 70% of the 30 people I surveyed described it as their favorite part of the year. "I really enjoy track," says 6th grader Charly Nicholson. "I like being able to talk to my friends and I find running fun."

6th grader Trent Haner says, "My highlight of the year was football season because I really enjoy watching football and playing it."



6th grader Sophia Butzu says her highlight of the year was "basketball season because I got to spend time with some of my friends that I don't usually talk to outside of school."



7th grader Chase Williams says his highlight of the year was "the school musical because I really enjoy acting and it was really cool that I was able to enjoy my hobby at school while making new friends."



7th grader Grace Morgan says that her highlight of the year was getting 100% on her math summative. "I work really hard so getting a good grade meant a lot to me, which is why it's my highlight of the year."



LAUGH OUT LOUD

By: Anna Rinke

Sounds of laughter fill the room as something funny happens. Almost everyday we find something that makes us laugh. During the school year, many have had funny or embarrassing things happen to them, or others, that now, thinking back to it was a good and funny memory made. Although some things might not be as funny as we might think it's how we react during the moment that makes it count.



Falling down the stairs 8th grader Devyn Hughes says that things that accidentally happen always seem funnier. According to www.thecitizen.co.tz, on average a person might laugh about 17 times a day. "A day without laughter is a day wasted," said Charlie Chaplin, an English comic actor, filmmaker, and composer.



"We don't laugh because we're happy, we're happy because we laugh" - William James, an American philosopher and psychologist

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6th grader Alana Salmo said that during the school year a lot of funny things have happened, but one stands out over the others. During the first week of school she said that she was walking down the hallway and tripped and went face first into the ground. "It was so embarrassing at the moment, but thinking back to it, it's so funny."

7th grader Jeremy Smith's funniest moment in school was during the first semester. He said that he was in the hallway with his friend when his friend decided to jump down the stairs. As his friend jumped, he hit his shoulder on the railing. "That was literally so dumb, but it was so funny-I couldn't stop laughing."

8th grader Victoria Adcock said that one of the funniest moments in school was during the first semester in science. It was funny because Duke Jackson came in wearing a dress and started to dance. "It was so funny, everyone was laughing it was definitely one of the funniest things that happened."





Middle School Memories



By Aiden Bowyer and Gracie Chraska

As middle school comes to an end for the 8th graders, they look back on all the memories made during the past 3 years. Going to high school is a big deal and students are one step closer to finishing their education and living as an adult. Growing up can be a scary thing, so it is important to take time out of our day to reminisce and think of how far we've come and the great memories that brought us to where we are today.

8th grader Mason Bourgeau says, "my favorite part of middle school was DC because I was able to see all the monuments with my friends." Mason is going to miss the teachers the most because he has had a good experience with them all through middle school. He is most looking forward to the clubs and opportunities at the high school because he gets to meet new people and make new friends.



8th grader Logan Warstler's favorite memory was Mackinac because he got to go to a really cool place with his friends. "I'm going to miss the teachers the most because most of the teachers were really nice," says Logan. He is most excited for graduating so he can get a good job.

To end their middle school career at OMS, friends are saying goodbye and getting each others numbers in order to keep in touch over the summer. According to www.cbslocal.com, only 50% of friendships last into adulthood. "I'm really going to miss my friends over the summer. I hope many of them will last for a long time," says 8th grader Monet Bidock.

"Washington D.C. was really fun and I now have a lot of great memories from there," says 8th grader Hannah Cron. Over 300 of our 8th graders here at OMS in November went on the D.C. trip. It is the biggest trip that our middle school offers and one of the most anticipated trips of students middle school career.

8th grade teacher Mrs. Werner's favorite memory from when she was in middle school was 8th grade graduation because she felt like she finally got through it. Her favorite memory since she's been teaching here is watching the students grow every year. "I'm going to miss how genuinely nice the class of 2023 is," says Mrs. Werner.

8th grader Daisy Kuhn says, "My favorite memory is Master of The House because it's really fun to watch." Daisy is going to miss her friends the most because she is moving away. She is most excited to make new friends at her new school to make it more enjoyable.

8th grader Cassie Kroon says that her favorite memory from this year was the Mackinac trip for the 8th grade music students. "I really enjoyed Mackinac because I got to hang out with my friends and enjoy a concert with them." high school.

AMERICAS ROCKIN ROLLER

By Keaton Linn

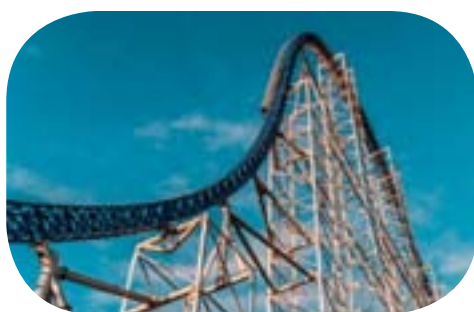
About Cedar Point

“Roller Coaster Capital of the World!”

Sandusky’s own theme and water park, Cedar Point has voted #1 theme park in the U.S by Amusement Today 16 consecutive times. One of Cedar Point’s most recognizable ride is the Top Thrill Dragster, a 420-foot coaster that is right in the middle of the park so you can’t miss it. This coaster is the second tallest coaster in the world and third fastest in the world. Another noticeable coaster is at the front of the park-Gatekeeper, a ride that goes through keyholes that make you go over the top of people entering the park. The second best coaster in the USA by Amusement Today is Millenium Force at Cedar Point. This coaster is 320 feet tall and goes 90 miles per hour down a 90-degree drop straight-down. If you are a thrill seeker, this park is recommended for you. On top of all this, in honor of Halloween, Cedar Point hosts an event called Halloweekends, where people can go through haunted houses, get scared while walking through Frontiertown, on the way to Steel Vengeance and Maverick. Cedar Point has every person dream with dares and scares.

Cedar Point Shores is an outdoor water park located on Cedar Point grounds. If you plan on going to Sandusky, but it is too hot for Cedar Point, go to their waterpark with 8 slides, 2 lazy rivers, and other places for younger kids. There is an admission fee for Cedar Point Shores but it is worth it.

Other than just rides and slides, Cedar Point also has different restaurants and arcade games to try. For example, they have 3-point games where you can win a flag, jersey, or basketball. The restaurant they offer are Starbucks, Panda Express and some other treats you can get are funnel cakes, slushies, and frozen lemonade.



One of the most known rides at Cedar Point, the Millennium Force, is a roller coaster that’s all steel and built in 2000 as the 14th roller coaster built at Cedar Point. Also, according to cedar-point.com it was “the tallest roller coaster and the first to top 300 feet.” Ava Gordon says, “It is one of my favorite rides at the park and everyone should ride it.”

Cedar Point



Riding the newest roller coaster at Cedar Point, Steel Vengeance is the tallest hybrid in the world (half wooden and half steel). According to cedarpoint.com, this coaster has broken over 10 world records and is 205 feet tall with a 90-degree drop. A person named Mercer Bank said this quote about Steel Vengeance after riding it. “The ride will last 30 seconds, but the hairdo will last the WHOLE day”.

COASTER: RIDE ON

By Tessa Saussele

Field Trip

The end of the year field trip, Cedar Point is something that almost everyone is looking forward to. Cedar Point is a reward for maintaining the good grades and meeting the requirements in order to go. Then, picking the right partner and planning what rides you are going on are crucial. Everyone is fired up for different reasons, either with anticipation for the roller coasters or hanging out with friends. No matter what part is their favorite, everyone is excited for a day to celebrate a good year.

Crowd Favorites

8th grader Brody Burns says this is his first time ever going to Cedar Point and he is most excited about going onto the roller coasters. He is excited to go on every ride, but is least excited to go onto the Dragster.

8th grader Lexi Acton says she is really excited for Cedar Point and she is most excited to ride the biggest roller coaster and hang out with her friends. "I'm not that nervous to ride the roller coasters because I've been to Cedar Point before," says Acton.

8th grader Brad Cardona is thrilled for Cedar Point again. Cardona says, "I am most excited for the roller coasters and I am most looking forward to the Dragster and the Millennium Force."

When Mrs. Werner's and Mr. C's classes were surveyed on what part of Cedar Point was their favorite.

Mrs. Werner's class, which has 31 total students, said that 0% of them said that hanging out with friends or family is their favorite part. 28 students or 90% said the roller coasters were their favorite part. 3 students or 10% said that the waterpark was their favorite part.

Mr. C's class was surveyed and 31% of the class said that their favorite part is hanging out with friends and family. 50% or 16 students favorite the roller coasters the most. Lastly, 19% likes the other events that Cedar Point holds the most.

6th grader Will Philbrick's favorite ride at Cedar Point is Gatekeeper. He likes the ride because of the twist and the turns and how it doesn't just go straight up and straight back down and there is an inversion at the top.

7th grader Brady Warman's favorite ride at Cedar Point is the Iron Dragon. This is his favorite ride because it goes over the top of the water so you can see the fish and it was tall and fast but not super tall and fast.

8th grader Zander Brown said his favorite ride at Cedar Point is Millennium Force—the 2nd tallest in the world. He liked it because its coaster is fast, has massive drops, and gets his adrenaline pumping every time.

8th grader Alana Gizinski says, "I'm really excited for Cedar Point because I am excited to eat the food and hang out with my friends." Also, the ride she's most excited for is the Top Thrill Dragster.



MOVING OUT

CLASS
2023

Elizabeth Rice



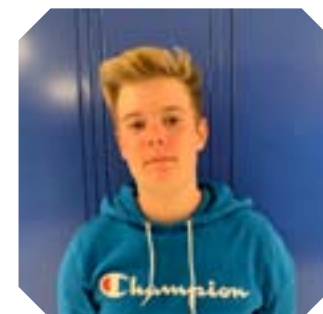
8th Grader Joey Abdu was asked how he felt going into high school, and he said, "Not good, because it's scary going somewhere new."



8th grader Grace Butzu was asked if she was nervous for high school, and she said "Yes, I'm nervous for losing friends but i'm excited for making new friends."

OHS

Moving to high school is a big jump for 8th graders. Some kids might describe this change as a new adventure and others might not be looking forward to it. Preschool was the first level of our lives, then elementary each change is exciting but scary. Now middle school is level 3 but all these 8th graders are moving to the 4th level, high school. I asked a few 8th graders some questions about moving out and this is what they had to say.



8th grader Logan Wilmot was asked how he felt about leaving the middle school, and he said "I'm excited for high school because I think it will be better for the middle school."



This huge building is Oxford High School. This is where all the 8th graders are going next year to be 9th graders. According to www.schoolsdesigns.com Oxford High school is 262,000 square feet. I asked Cecelia Nicholson how she feels about the size of the high school, and she said, "Its to big because I feel like im going to get lost."



8th grader Maddie Johnston was asked if she likes being a middle school or if she would rather be a junior high and she said "I rather be a junior high because it just seems easier because people know what their doing."

CAN WE CHANGE THE WORLD?

By: Brianna Penzien

This world is a crazy place. There are many different types of technology and advancements in society. Although there are a lot of fascinating things, there are also a lot of sad and broken parts. For an example, there is a lot of littering, bullying, and cheating just in our small town. However, students here at our school can make a impact on these issues. Weather you know it or not, you have potential to do great things in our world.



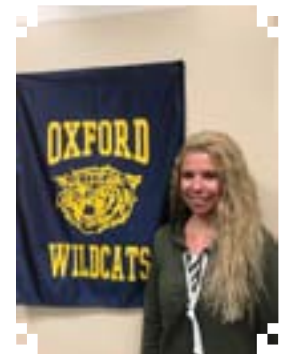
6th grader Jesse Lemon helps out the world by taking a special needs student to choir everyday. He adds, "I think a common issue in this world would bullying." Lemon also thinks more kids need to take stand againt bullying

7th grader Alanna May thinks littering is a common issue is littering. She adds, "A way we can fix this issue is by coming into groups and cleaning up trash on our roads and just around out town." There are many different churches and organizations that are making a effort to clean up.



8th grader Katelynn Bilbey gives some advice to people who are making a differance. She states, "People that are taking a stand should come up with new ways to make a differance that could make things happen faster." There are many different ways we could change the routine on how we go about taking a stand.

Be The
Change
You Wish To See
-Gandhi
In The World.



OMS's seceratary Ms.Barkmen thinks there is a lot of potential in the students at OMS to make a differance in this world. She says, "I think people need to be more kind to each other." That is just one easy thing we could do to make our community a better place.

If we come together as a community we can get much more done than if we were by ourselves. Just in Oxford alone there are over 4,000 people (city-data.com). "We all could do a organization that helps people out for free in our community called Oxford Cares to make a differance." said Hailey May.



IT'S AN HONOR

By: Holden Jones

After a year of long, hard work and intense studying and research, at last we are almost at summer. The end of homework, tests, and studying and the beginning of the beach, being with friends, and relaxing. However, before it is all over, our great school takes the time to reward the students who have worked the hardest and have kept their grades high while impressing their teachers and peers. Honors night is a night meant to recognize those students with medals and certificates that symbolize their achievements in the past year. It is one of the greatest honors in this school and is an amazing moment for the students necessary. Regardless of the fact that some students may not be able to go, honors night is a great night as it brings attention to those elite students who constantly work hard in school and perform at their highest ability possible. Several rewards can be earned throughout the night, based on your achievements as listed below.



The golden medal. Signifying a year of grades that were never below an A, the golden honors award is always accompanied by a golden medal, the only medal given out on honors night. Students rewarded with this medal enter the small group of elite students that have kept a 4.0 all year. 7th grader Kyle Kavc earned it last year and stated that he has worked hard all year this year in the hopes that he may get this award once again.

Gold

The Gold award is the highest award possible at honors night and is reserved for only the handful of students who managed to maintain a 4.0 grade point average throughout the year. It is the most difficult feat to accomplish and very few students are capable of this each year. To the students who manage to uphold a 4.0 they are awarded with not only a certificate stating that they had either all A's or A+'s, but also a golden medal.

Silver

The Silver award is the award reserved for students with a grade point average of 3.5-3.99. Like the bronze award, it is presented to students as a certificate that proves the student had an average grade of an A-.



In our school, there is no honor greater than the Gold honors award, signifying the incredible achievement of maintaining a 4.0 all year. As one of the few students to acquire this award last year, 7th grader Kyle Kavc stated that getting the award "felt really nice [as his] hard work paid off and [he] got recognized for his hard work."

The excellency awards are always a fun and exciting award to get, as it shows you beyond grades where you really excel and what you might even have a future in. For many students, there is a specific class where they wish the most to get an excellency award. This usually stems from working extremely hard at a class or hoping to have a future in a job that includes this specific subject. 8th grader Troy Zeiter stated that, above all, he hopes to get an excellency award in Geometry since it is an honors class.

**Bronze**

The bronze award is an award for students who have maintained a grade point average of 3.0-3.49. It is presented to students who have achieved it in the form of a certificate and signifies getting an average grade of a B in classes.

Excellency Awards

Excellency awards are more specific awards that signify a student excelling in a specific class, rather than excelling in every class as a whole. Every teacher gets to recommend around 10 students, except for honors classes who get to recommend more. These students will earn a certificate that proves that they were excellent at that specific subject. Anyone is eligible for excellency awards, but it is typically reserved for students with A's in that class.



For every 6th grader the first honors night is always a fun and exciting event, as they learn about the rewards all middle schoolers get when they work hard enough and persevere through the hard parts of the year. 6th grader Nolan Mauser said that he is excited and hopeful for his first honors night because "it will be an awesome time for [him] to hang out with his friends and celebrate."





RATINGS AND CAMPS



By: Katherine Lewis

The 8th grade orchestra earned all ones at Festival this year and last, so they were given a special opportunity to go to State Festival. The orchestra voted together and decided to take this chance and go to States. On May 4th, they went to State Festival where they were required to play harder songs for judges who are more strict at rating. The 8th grade orchestra spent weeks rehearsing for State to make every song perfect. In the end, the orchestra received the highest rating of a one. Also, some dedicated musicians might participate in orchestra camps and auditions over the summer to improve their skills.



8th grader Dylan Morris plays the viola. He says he felt that they did relatively good at State Festival. "We could've improved our rhythm on a few songs, it was off in some spots." As the school year comes to an end, some musicians might be doing things over the summer. "I plan on auditioning for different orchestras this summer." says Morris.

8th grader Norah Chapa plays the violin. "I loved having the opportunity to play for more judges for State Festival. Also, I plan on going to Blue Lake over the summer. I love going to Blue Lake because there are always new people to meet and you get to see old friends as well. The songs we play are also really fun and challenging."

8th grader Jackson Brandt plays the bass. "I feel like we did very well at State Festival and Mr. Berzney is a good teacher. I'm going to miss him next year. We kind of messed up on one of the songs with the counting but overall, we did good and it was a great experience to do something at a higher level and play for more judges."

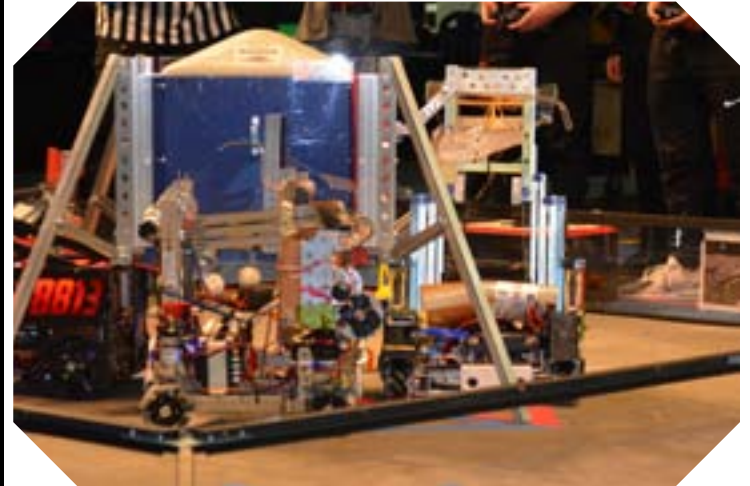


8th grader Norah Chapa says that her orchestra got an overall rating of a 1 (the highest score). Chapa states that her orchestra practiced for a few months in order to prepare for State Festival. "We could've paid more attention to the counting"

BEST ROBOTIC MINDS IN THE WORLD!

By: Michael Duong

Every year, robotics teams from all over the world in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) program come together and battle it out to see who is the best. The World Championships were held in Detroit, Michigan and Houston, Texas. This year, FTC team TOWR 5291 was lucky enough to be selected by the lottery to participate in the World Championship competition in Detroit. In the lottery, a team's chance of being selected is greater if their team has been around longer. This made them the first FTC team from Oxford to participate in the World Championship. In the World Championship, most of the FTC teams are made up of high school students. However, since the program is so big in Michigan, FTC is restricted to middle school students. Less than 10% of teams at Worlds were middle school teams and the rest were high school. With 15 team members and hundreds of hours of work and dedication, TOWR competed amongst teams from Taiwan to Italy to Romania and England. TOWR was able to place 11th and be the 10th highest scored match without penalties out of 160 teams. This was the best out of the 13 middle school teams. The students on TOWR had a rare and amazing experience meeting people from all over the world who are engineers like them.



Intensely competing, team TOWR completes the challenge of lifting off the ground just as the match ends. There were 160 FTC teams all competing in the Detroit World Championship. "Seeing everyone coming together was amazing and all of the thousands of people watching was surprising," says 8th grader Wyatt Ashley.

science and technology heroes." "To create a world where science and technology are celebrated ... where young people dream of becoming

-Dean Kamen, Founder



6th

grader Tristan Krajcarski is a builder and is on the drive team for TOWR. Tristan's favorite part of robotics is that

she meets new people who became her friends. Tristan's favorite part of the competition was using the robot in the actual competition because "it was very exciting." If Tristan could change one part of the competition, she would have more time to build the robot because "it was hard to get the robot built in time."



8th

grader Katie Rustoni(left) is a builder and Alex Foster(right) works on the engineering notebook. They both are on the drive team for TOWR. Katie's favorite part of robotics was "meeting new people, making friends, and having fun."

For Alex, her favorite part of robotics is "everything because it's the best thing on Earth." Both Katie's and Alex's favorite part of the competition was meeting people from all over the world. If Katie could change one part about the competition it would be how well the team did. Alex, on the other hand, would've made it so that there is only one World Championship competition so she could meet all of the teams.



7th

grader Kiley Penzien is a builder and also does CAD for TOWR. Kiley's favorite part of robot-

ics was "learning how things work." Kiley's favorite part of the competition was "seeing the other robots and their teams because we've never been before." Kiley liked all of the competition and wouldn't change anything for it.

Towards Next Year

By: Sarah Spearing

Every new school year provides teachers with new challenges, but also new opportunities. Whether it's different lessons, students, or just general school curriculum, no school year is the same. Some years may have similar, or even the same lesson plans as the year before, yet there is always something that changes in a teacher's schedule. OMS teachers are able to teach the students in their classrooms, while still working on their lessons behind the scenes, and possibly working on future lessons and projects. Each teacher's delivery of lesson plans could differ from other teacher's, providing them with a classroom atmosphere that is unique to them.



With around 1,200 students each year at OMS, and about a 21 to 1 teacher to student ratio, although many classes have more than 30 students, OMS teachers are constantly working their hardest. The OMS website states that their vision for their students is "to create a world-class education today to shape tomorrow's leaders by being better everyday" and it clearly shows they are trying their best to fulfill that goal.



6th grade language arts teacher Mrs. Kimiec says that next year she hopes to start an online notebook in Google classroom, since her classroom now has access to chromebooks, and wants to start using technology more in her classroom.



7th grade math teacher Mrs. Brown states that next year she would like to focus on how different students learn and to understand their strengths and weaknesses in her classroom.



8th, 7th, and 6th grade choir teacher Mrs. Flynn says that one of her goals that she would like to accomplish for teaching next year is to have a composer come to OMS and compose a song with the choir students.



Throughout many years, OMS has been through many teachers and students, yet the staff and teachers continue to keep OMS a welcoming building. Mr. Smokovitz, who got teacher of the year for the 2018-2019 school year has been at OMS for five years, and in the Oxford school district for eleven years. Mr. Smokovitz says that one thing he wants his students to take away from his teachings is "that they have the ability to do amazing things, whatever that means for them"



BE THE DOZJUN

By Leilah DeGasperis

The Aqua Club is a swim team that has many locations around the nation including one at Oxford High School. The Aqua club's symbol is a dolphin because our coaches want us to fly high. Aqua has lots of swimmers of all ages. From swim lessons to competing on a team, Aqua can offer something for everyone. The program was founded by Olympic swimmer Nimrod Bar-Or. This is what some of the swimmers said about this program and their experience...



"We do more kicks than a soccer player, more flips than a cheerleader, and more yards than a football player," said anonymous. Everyday, an Olympic swimmer swims on average about 5,468 yards and that is about 3.1 miles. The length of this pool is only 25 yards. "I swim a mile to two miles every practice and I get pretty tired" said 8th grader Shyanne Hoyt



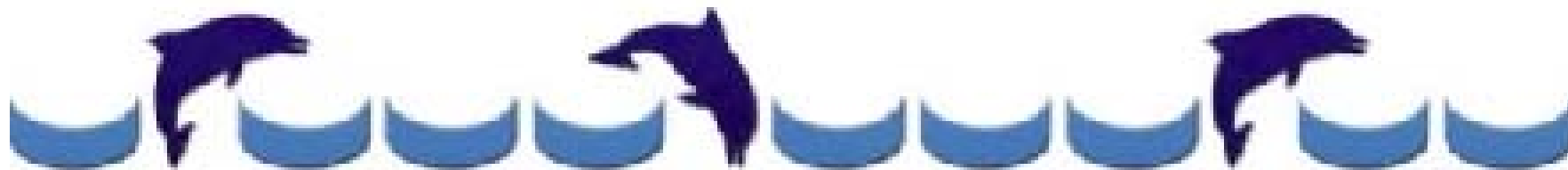
6th grader Elyse Bishop said her favorite part about Aqua Club is the encouraging coaches. "They are wanting to help me get better," Bishop said. One of her goals is to get faster times while on the team.



7th grader Kiera Souiltis says her favorite part about Aqua is that everyone is so nice to each other and the practices are what every swimmer can do. "The important part of swimming is to try my best," says Souiltis.



8th grader Norah Wright said her favorite part of the team is swimming with her friends and constantly improving. One of her goals as a swimmer in Aqua is to get to a higher team and beat her personal records. "One of my overall goals is to get stronger," Wright said.



SCORING FOR SCHOOL

By: Olivia Clark

Oxford Middle School has many sports ranging from track to bowling. But the most popular sport in the world, soccer, is missing from the middle school. Many students enjoy playing soccer and would gladly try out if OMS had a team. School soccer is much cheaper for families compared to club soccer. As cited in trottiernews.org the average travel soccer team costs around 1,000 whereas a school soccer team only costs students to spend about 150 dollars on equipment. There also many more benefits that a soccer team could bring to Oxford Middle School.



6th grader Isabella Hurst says she would gladly try out if OMS had a soccer team. According to grassppersoccer.com, 250 million people around the world play soccer. Isabella thinks that a lot of people would try out for the proposed soccer team. "I think OMS should have a soccer team because a lot of people at our school enjoy playing soccer, and there's no soccer team."



7th grader Taiyonna Cox says she would try out because soccer is fun to play with your friends, and it would be fun for a school team. As stated in acitvekids.com, families who have an income of less than 25,000 are less likely to participate in sports due to the cost. "I think a lot of people would try out because they're a lot of people who are good at it."



28%

of students would try out if OMS had a soccer team



Kicking a soccer ball is fifth grader Ryan Clark. According to acitvekids.com, youth sports participation drop as player stop playing around middle-high school age. Having a soccer team at Oxford Middle school may help athletes continue to play soccer without having to worry about paying for expensive club teams. "...it would be cool to play with people you know from school next year."



6th grader Christian Gibson says he would try out to see if he would like playing soccer. As stated in nfnhs.org, there was around 28,000 kids who played soccer in Michigan as of last year. Christian stated that he thinks a lot of people would have fun playing soccer at OMS. "My favorite part of soccer is probably scoring."



8th grader Norah Chapa wouldn't try out, but she thinks having a soccer team would be good for OMS. As stated in trottiernews.org, club soccer teams average 1,000 dollars. Therefore, having a school team would greatly benefit students, cost wise. When asked if she thinks OMS should have a soccer team, Norah said, "Yes, because soccer is just as big of a sport as football."



Honoring Mothers



By: Sarah Mojek

Mother's Day is a day to show gratitude towards the mothers of the world. People like to celebrate Mother's Day with cards, flowers, and brunches. Families tend to gather together on this day and often have special traditions. Mother's Day occurs on the 2nd Sunday of May and this year it fell on May 12. Many students at OMS also celebrated by spending time with family.

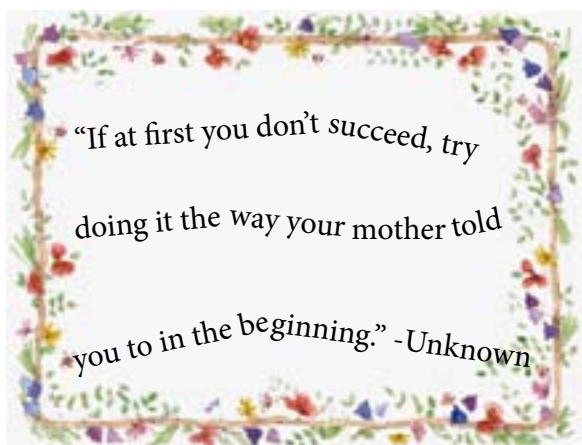


On Mother's Day children usually give their mother a gift. According to Eastern Floral, about one-quarter of flowers purchased every year are for Mother's Day. Abraham Lincoln once said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

6th grader Keele Eberhard said that on Mother's Day she spends time with her mom and thanks her for being so nice to her. When asked about Mother's Day gift ideas she suggested "flowers, necklaces, and jewelry." She said that she believes Mother's Day is important because "mothers are the person who gave you life and you should be thankful for that." She also said she believes it is important to spend time with your mother on Mother's day because "your mother is the person you are celebrating."

7th grader Zoey Moore says of Mother's Day, "We typically celebrate my birthday and other people's birthday because all my cousins have May birthdays and it's easier to celebrate that way and my aunt, my uncle, my mom, and my grandparents all come to one house and we celebrate Mother's Day and eat a good dinner." When asked if she believes Mother's Day is important she said, "I think it is important because our moms do a lot for us and it's one day we can give back." She also said that she thinks it is important to spend time with your mother on Mother's Day because "it's a day to appreciate her and all that she does."

8th grader Liam Zelenock said that he makes a card for his mother and gets her a gift for Mother's Day. When asked about gift ideas for Mother's Day he responded, "A common one that almost everybody does is a flower and something that they're interested in." He also said that he thinks Mother's day is both important and unimportant because "it is really nice to respect your mother and she would do almost anything for you, but it is also commercialized."





Reality TV: Good or Bad?



By: Lauren Schmidt

6th grader James McClear really likes watching reality TV. “My favorite reality TV show is the Bachelor or Bachelorette,” he says. He and his mom watch The Bachelor together.

Recently, there has been a debate over whether reality TV is good or bad. The good side of reality TV is that it can be really entertaining, give people inspiration, and help people be able to bond over common interests. On the other hand, the bad side of reality TV is that it can seem fake or scripted, can be a bad influence on kids, and some people simply find it annoying. So, what the students of Oxford Middle School think of reality TV?

7th grader Savannah Bailey doesn't really like reality TV. “I feel like a lot of parts of it might be scripted. It's just really fake,” she said. She doesn't have a favorite reality TV show because she doesn't like it.

8th grader Caylee Beebe likes to watch reality TV. “I like the Bachelor because even though it's dramaticized, I find it really entertaining to watch,” she said when asked which reality TV show was her favorite.



8th grader Mariah Mitchell really does not like watching reality TV. “It's just way too fake for me,” she said when asked why. She also said that the drama can just be too much sometimes in those shows.



Watching reality TV online has become a huge phenomenon not only in the world, but also with the students at Oxford Middle School. In fact, according to www.webster.edu, more than fifty percent of the prime time television audiences tune into a reality TV show. “It's just really entertaining to watch,” says 6th grader James McClear.



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What do you get if you cross a dog and a film studio ? Collie-wood !

CYBERSECURITY JOBS

By: William Owen

Cybersecurity is a very demanding field with many options available for students to study. The average pay for an IT security analyst is \$233,333 a year according to the leading IT analyst company DICE, with top salaries going up to \$380,000 a year. Cybersecurity jobs are in demand. In fact, there are roughly 1.5 million job openings for cybersecurity jobs right now, and there are expected to be at least 3.5 million openings by 2021. Since there are so many jobs that are so high-paying, there are some people that have started to look into cybersecurity opportunities now.



Cybersecurity jobs are a major field these days and there are also conventions being based on them. The 2019 MCISSE Convention was for CyberPatriot competitors, and a lot of people talked about jobs there. There are going to be at least 3.5 million jobs in cybersecurity in 2021, according to DICE, a cybersecurity analyst company. Zee Abdelnabi, a cybersecurity professional, said at the convention "Cybersecurity is an easy profession to get into, because nobody will try to get into such a seemingly hard field."



6th grader Jack Bracci says he is very interested in a cybersecurity job. He got interested in cybersecurity from having access to computers for most of his life, and enjoying working on them; and he likes it because of how good at it he feels. The area of cybersecurity he is interested in is protecting people against threats online.



7th grader Lucinda Haselton says that she is interested in a job in the cybersecurity field. She said she hopes to work for a consulting company, or people that can come to your home and help figure out security vulnerabilities. She says the thing that started her interest in cybersecurity was that she liked to work with computers and she finds it fun. She also is part of the Cyber-Security club here.



8th grader Paul Ziegler is interested in a job in cybersecurity, because he thinks it seems cool to be able to help counter cyber attacks. Something that he would like to do is white hat hacking, or being hired by a company to hack into their product to determine its safety. Paul thought that the Cybersecurity club sounded fun, and that is what got him

To the Moon?

By: Dale Schmalenberg

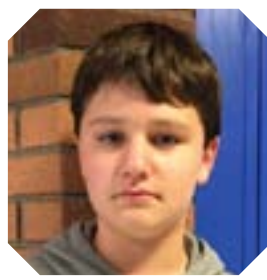
On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong, took humanity's first step on Earth's only natural satellite, the Moon. The U.S. would send men to the moon 5 more times, until 1972, when there were just too many obstacles for NASA to continue sending men to space. Now, private companies are looking closely at the Moon, ready to go back. Companies such as SpaceX, Rival Company, and Blue Origin are a few private companies who are looking to go back to the Moon, but what is there to do on the Moon? We have samples of moon rock from half a century ago, and the Moon is a very hostile environment, with temperatures ranging from 260 to -280 degrees fahrenheit, and 3 days away from help on Earth, so the question remains, do we need to go back to the Moon? Info from <https://interestingengineering.com>

Barraged with craters for billions of years, ever since it was formed, and due to the Moon's lack of atmosphere, there is no way for the craters to disappear, so they still remain on the Moon's surface, the same reasons foot prints from 1969 are still on the Moon's surface. According to google, the Moon is about 4 billion years old, and is about 1000, mi across. 8th grader William Maxlow says, Yes, we should go back to the Moon because we have new technology that we could use to gather information we could not get to before."



6th grader Anthony Barnarn thinks that NASA should send men back to the Moon again because it would be an excellent research opportunity.

He thinks that we should go to the Moon before Mars because we should become more experienced at travelling to different places first. Anthony says that if he had the chance he thinks it would be a great opportunity to go back to the Moon.



7th grader Keegan McDonough does not think that we should go back to the Moon because he sees no reason to go back. He says that if we were to go to back

to the Moon we should go to the Moon before we go to Mars because we could set up a sort of a base there. If he had the chance to go to the Moon he would go because it would be pretty cool to leave Earth.



8th grader Ethan O'Dowd thinks that we can now recover more information and learn more about the Moon with the new technology we have today. He

thinks that it will be a better idea to go to the Moon before Mars because it is closer. If he had the chance, Ethan would like to go to the Moon because he would like to leave Earth and explore things in space.

MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING THE FALLEN

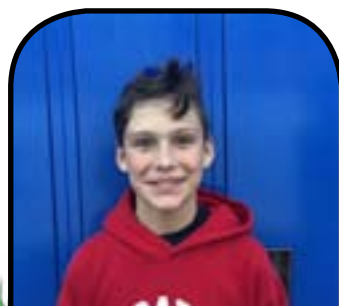
by: Dominic Crocenzi



Memorial Day is celebrated with parades, prayers gatherings, and ceremonies to honor the fallen soldiers. Many ceremonies are held at or near national cemeteries honoring the soldiers who died fighting in the war. Memorial Day is a good day to thank veterans for their service and to participate in at least one of the many events held on Memorial Day



8th grader Jeremy Wray says he “goes out to eat with family and when they are done they go and celebrate at their house.”



7th grader Jeremy Smyth celebrates memorial day with family because its good to honor soldiers who died for our freedom and liberty.



6th grader Andrew Mentier says he celebrates memorial day by “going out with his family and celebrates at a restaurant sometimes.”



Mrs. Stitzel says she had “a member in the Army who was her brother and I was moved from too many countries and states such as Georgia, Afghanistan, Italy, Germany and more.” Her brother served in the Military for 31 years and She says he “lost many friends in the war” and other close people to him. To honor his friends who were lost in the war Mrs. Stitzel’s brother goes to Arlington Cemetery to honor them. Mrs. Stitzel contacts her brother and prays for him and others on Memorial Day and attend a ceremony with other

Mr. Thaler says he had “father in the navy and was also stationed in many countries and states such as Virginia, Italy, California and more.” Mr. Thaler’s father served in the navy for 25 years and has lost many close friends to war. He visits the graves of many fallen friends and family and honors them. Mr. Thaler talks to veterans, he shares and listens to their stories and him thanks them for their service on Memorial Day to honor the men who fought for this country.

Mrs. Gibson says she had a “Great-Uncle, Grandma, Uncle and cousin all in different forces like Air Force, Army, and Navy.” They all served longer than 4 years and are greatly appreciated in her family. They were stationed mostly in the U.S. but some were stationed in Europe. Mrs. Gibson celebrates Memorial Day by watching the parade, praying, and listening to the veterans’ stories. Mrs. Gibson honors fallen soldiers by visiting her family’s graves in a national cemetery near Kalamazoo, where her grandma is buried.

There are many memorial day celebrations and ceremonies but the Boy Scouts wreath Laying ceremony is really important because that’s when the Scouts place wreaths in unknown graves or known graves to honor the graves that have not been visited. This is just one of the millions of ceremonies and celebrations in the U.S. and other countries honoring fallen soldiers.



A Tribute to Parents and our Country



Lauren Schmidt!!



Going to the White House in Washington D.C. is a great way for the citizens of the United States to celebrate memorial day. According to www.nytimes.com, 70,000 to 100,000 people visit the White House each month. "Seeing the white house was a really cool experience and felt really patriotic," says 8th grader Tessa Saussle.



Olivia Clark!!



Making memories with mom is just one of the things that makes mothers day special. According to muchneeded.com, over 20 billion dollars are spent to honor moms on May 12th. "I love my mom because she's the best" exclaims Addison Clark, who loves spending time with her mom on the lake.



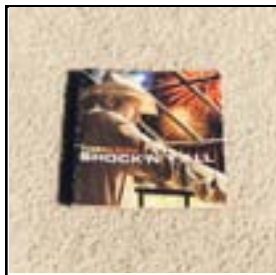
Leilah DeGasperis!



Risking their own lives for ours, soldiers in the military are fighting for our country and the people in it. Celebrating Memorial Day means to take time and remember the people who have died in active military service. "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away," once said Douglas MacArthur.



Keaton Linn



Listening to a Toby Keith song is a way to celebrate Memorial Day because it shows how the men and women across seas keep us free and safe. According to Billboards.com, Toby Keith has released 17 albums and 4 greatest hits of music. One of his hit songs, *Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue*, has a lyric that says "When we see old glory flying there's a lot of men dead, so we can fall asleep at night when we lay down our heads" to show his appreciation and support for the US military.

Aiden Bowyer



Red, white, and blue line the streets every year on the last Monday of May to honor our fallen soldiers. According to www.kqed.org, nearly 7,000 U.S. troops have been killed between 2001 and present day. "It is important to remember fallen troops because they died defending our country and fighting for our freedom and our liberties," says Diane Bowyer.

Wyatt Ashely



Getting ready for Memorial day is an Oxford family that is visiting an iconic statue replica. According to AAA, over 43 million people are traveling for memorial day. "As America celebrates Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who have given their lives in our nation's wars" John M. McHugh.

Dale Schmalenberg



Celebrating Memorial Day is something that people do differently all around the country, many people lay flowers down at cemeteries, some don't celebrate at all. The first Memorial Day was in 1866 in Waterloo, in memory of the countless soldiers who died in the civil war.

Michael Duong



To celebrate Memorial Day, many schools will take the day off and people will put an American flag in their yard or shoot off fireworks. Celebrated on the last Monday of May since 1868, Memorial Day recognizes the men and women who have died while fighting for America. "In the End, we will not remember the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." -Martin Luther King, Jr.



Riley Spurlock



80 degrees, sun setting, staring at the beautiful sunset in Florida. One thing that my mom loves, is being in Florida and spending time with family and friends. She loves sitting in the sun and having a fun time on the ocean. This is a picture I took when me and my family and friends were in Panama City, Florida. We had so much fun and made so many memories that I could never forget, and will last a lifetime.



Holden Jones



Hugging tightly, student and daughter Parker Jones clearly shows her love and affection toward her mother on the day she, and all mothers, most deserve it: Mother's Day. So many people on this day make a great effort to talk to their mothers and thank them, as shown through the 122 million phone calls sent towards mothers in America every Mother's Day, according to The Morning Call or www.mcall.org. "I love Mother's day because it's a day where I can truly show my love and appreciation toward my mom," said Paker.



Anna Rinke



"If love is as sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love," Stevie Wonder, an American singer. A day made just for a mother, Mother's day is a time to thank all the mothers in the world and make them feel appreciated. According to www.romper.com, about 64 percent of all gifts given to mothers on mother's day are flower and floral industries rake up about 1.9 billion dollars yearly.

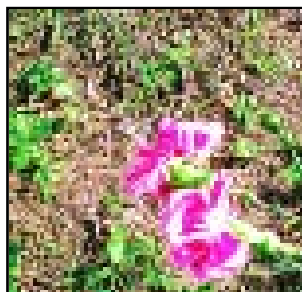
Sarah Mojek



Beautiful flowers and cards are popular for Mother's Day, people love to show their appreciation for their amazing mothers. According to Town and Country, about one-quarter of all flowers bought throughout the year are bought for

Mother's Day. Honore de Balzac once said, "A mother's happiness is like a beacon, lighting up the future but reflected also on the past in the guise of fond memories."

Katherine Lewis



Every year as Mother's Day rolls around, families come together to give appreciation to the woman who brought them into this world. Among those, many give gifts to their mom's like colorful flowers and fancy gifts, showing their thankfulness.

"For Mother's Day, I gave my mom flowers and a box of chocolates." said 8th grader Anna Rinke.

Sarah Spearing



Right as the flowers start to bloom, Mother's Day on May 12th is celebrated for mothers everywhere, by getting mothers gifts or just spending the day with them shows our appreciation for all that they do in our lives. On average, people who celebrate Mother's Day will spend about \$162.94

on gifts this year for Mother's Day. Michelle Anderson says, "My favorite part about Mother's Day is knowing that [she is] going to do something special with [her] daughters that day."

Lilly Nouman



"I love mother's day most because I like all the little crafts my children make me." Says Jennifer Nouman. Mother's day is a special time, where kids get to appreciate all that their mothers do for them. Many mothers enjoy it too because it's a time when they get the appreciation they deserve. In particular Jennifer Nouman

loves receiving anything her children make for her, she believes it is very special.

Ashlynn Redhage



Mothers Day, It's important to show how much we love our mothers! Things such as flowers, cards, and hugs can help us show our appreciation to our mothers! Erich Redhage had bought flowers for his wife on mother's day. "I go to the

flower shop in Romeo so often, that everyone there knows me by name," Says Erich.

Brianna Penzien



A great gift for mother's day is not a box of chocolates but a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Carinations, Cherry blossoms and Daffodils are just three of the different easy to find flowers. Haily May stated, "I got my mom flowers and she really loved them!"

Cecelia Nicholson



"The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness," Honore de Balzac. Mother's day is for honoring mothers and mother figures all around the world. According to www.aboutflowers.com more than 250 million roses are produced for Valentine's Day.

Elizbeth Rice



A very colorful card for mother's day this year just sits and waits to be given to a wonderful mother. So many people celebrate mother's day all around the world. According to www.infoplease.com 43.5 million people are moms. I feel that all moms should be appreciated for all the hard work they do for us.

Paige Comito



Getting a present for your Mom on Mother's Day can be hard, and most of the time we end up browsing the internet for the perfect gift. 8 in 10 Americans celebrated Mother's Day in 2016 according to Fundivo, and that is a lot of gifts

for mothers. But what do middle schoolers give their moms? "I gave her a card and flowers," said Ava Gordon. "I got my mom a painting," replied Ian Alexander.

Tessa Saussele

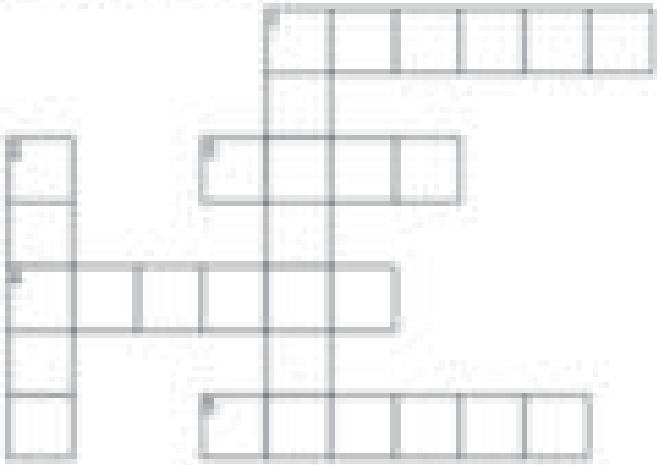


Standing at the store in front of the flowers, struggling to buy your mother the perfect flower for Mother's day. According to fortune.com about an average person spends 172.63 gifts but 21.4 billion are spent on flowers alone. "My favorite part about mother's Day is spending time with my family and I get to receive my



favorite flowers and receive gifts from my family." According to Toni Detwiler

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