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PLANNING YOUR FUTURE

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6th grader Emma Beggs dreams of becoming a professional basketball player. When asked what college she wants to attend she said, "I would want to go to Iowa State."



7th grader Allison Hepp wants to be an engineer. She said, "I've heard MIT would be the best school for engineering," when asked her dream school



8th grader Aubrey Greenfield has put a lot of thought into her future, especially with colleges. "I would like to go into political science or major in criminology and I've heard Michigan is good for that," she stated.

Throughout their childhood, almost every kid thinks about what their future will look like. What job will they have? How are they going to get to their job? Who will they meet? A lot of times, college is part of the answer to those questions. Here at Oxford Middle School, there are some students who have given a lot of thought to what college they might go to and some who constantly stress about college and their pathway to it. The students here have certain dream colleges, practical colleges and backup colleges are considering. It is also common in the students here to have jobs already picked out. Of course, the jobs they now think they want now may change in the future, but most of the colleges chosen are based upon a certain occupation. So what colleges are the top choices of Oxford Middle School students?



At Oakland University, a Oxford High School senior would be in close proximity to home, be given a great chance at being successful in college, and have a more affordable tuition. According to www.usnews.com, Oakland University has a total undergraduate enrollment of 15,901 students. "I loved being at Oakland University. The nursing program really helped shape me to become a nurse," says Oakland University graduate, Toni Detwiler, mom of Oxford Middle School student Tessa Saussle.



Did you hear about the math teacher who's afraid of negative numbers? He will stop at nothing to avoid them.



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BOYS



Thinking about the future is tough for some people and easier for others. Some already have their jobs picked out which makes picking college easy, but some have no clue what they're going to be and others haven't even started thinking about college, saying it's too far away to be thinking about it. Here at Oxford Middle School students were asked what they want their future to look like. We asked them what college they want to go to and what they want to be when they grow up.



6th grader Aidan Burkhardt says, "I want to be a professional basketball player because I love sports and I'm very good at communication." If Burkardt could go to any college, he said that his dream college is Michigan State University.



7th grader Aidan Hedlund say, "I don't know what I want to be when I grow up, but I would want to be in the tech field." Also, Hedlund say he wants to go to Michigan because its the town he grew up in and he wants to stay in his hometown.



At SAIC (School of the ArtS Institute of Chicago), students practice arts and learn to advance their art by new techniques and new ways. After students graduated high school, about 3,640 students enrolled into SAIC. According to 10th grader, Sydnie Saussele, "I want to go to this school because I know it will help me with my art and very safe. It will help me in the future getting the best job I can get."



8th grader Jacob Buchanan states that he wants to be an engineer, but is not sure what kind of engineer. Buchanan also says his dream college is Univerity of Michigan because they have good programs that he's intrested in.

What did the buffalo say when his son left for college?

Bison!



Scheduling for the Future



By: Anna Rinke

By: Katherine Lewis

8th grader Brody Burns says that in high school he is hoping to get into marketing, auto-repair or a technology class. Brody says that these classes but would definitely help prepare him for college. "I feel just fine, but I know if I screw up I won't get into college."

8th grader Norah Chapa said that in high school she is really looking forward to getting into Orchestra. Norah had said she she hopes that she'll get into the symphony orchestra, and when asked how she thinks the classes she wants to take for high school will affect her future she said, "If I do good at the beginning and work hard then that's good, and it will lead me in the right path."

8th grader Tristain Mikula says that in high school he is interested in getting into more of a hands on class like auto repair. Tristain stated that if he was to get into these classes that it would give him more of a secure landing spot and a good career. "I don't feel too scared but at the same time not too confident."

Transitioning into a different setting with new people, different teachers and classes can be overwhelming. High school has multiple choices for classes like engineering, marketing, film, music, and physical activities. These classes could have a great impact on the kid's future. but it's all part the transition into high school. High school is the next big step of the 8th graders becoming 9th graders , not knowing what's to come during the year but ready to face it head on.

Wyatt Ashley is among one of the many 8th graders moving into high school next year. Only about 68.9 percent of students that graduate actually go to college. "I believe



that the teachers I've had throughout my life have definitely prepared me for high school and further more."



8th grader Ethan O'Dowd is deciding with class he should take in High school. "I think about taking auto repair because it is a good job to have in the future and makes good money."

8th grader Ethan O'Dowd says that he would be interested in learning about Guitar and Auto Repair. "Guitar because I like to play music and auto repair because it would be a good future job." O'Dowd says he feel extremely confident in going into high school.

8th grader Tessa Bonk says she is interested in ceramics. "I enjoy being creative, I am very excited to go into high school and meet new people from other grades." High school is very important because it directly affects your future, "I need to do good in high school or else I might not be able to get a good job."

8th grader Ryan Lundy says that he is interested in learning about auto repair. "I like to fix things and it would be a good job to have in the future." Picking the right classes in high school has a direct impact on your future. "If I don't choose the right classes, then I might not be able to find a job, and therefore, I won't be able to take care of myself. I need to choose a class that I am interested in and would be willing to have as a future job."

MUSIC OR ART?

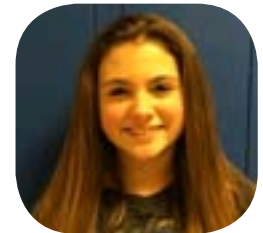
By: Cece Nicholson

Students are asked to choose between art and music classes once they enter middle school. If you choose art you can take art, theater, and ceramics (once you go into 8th). If you choose music you can take choir, band or orchestra. You can also dual enroll for music and take choir and band, band and orchestra, etc. Picking an elective is a way for students to choose a class that they think will give them an easy A or one that they are passionate about and continue to take as a career.

6th grader Cole Dietiker chose to do a dual music elective. "Music has been apart of who I am for as long as I can remember. I have always loved band and singing, so I chose to do choir and band as my middle school electives."

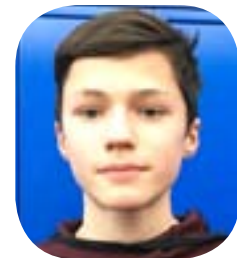


7th grader Alexia Perry chose the art side of electives and takes theatre. "I really like acting and doing performances. I find the class fun, which is why I chose it."



8th grader Reina St. Julianna has taken every elective OMS has to offer. According to childrenmusicshop.com, 1.3 million elementary schoolers don't have access to take a music or art class. "I feel very grateful that I have the opportunity to these electives, knowing that some schools don't have the option at all," says Reina.

8th grader Pauln Ziegler says that he chose ceramics because "I don't like theatre and I'm bad at art." So obviously ceramics is a good option for students who don't find an interest in anything else other than art or music.



SNOW DAY BLUES

As the weather gets colder and snow falls more often and in greater amounts, many people look to the school administration to see how snow days are decided. According to the school, snow days are decided when the school superintendent Tim Throne talks to the superintendents of other schools and checks the weather for the day. He also makes sure the roads are safe enough for the many buses and students to make it to school. This system is not perfect, however; Sometimes, though rarely, weather turns out to be worse than expected and students are still told to come to school. This can sometimes result in an early dismissal so students leave school ahead of an impending storm. Occasionally, the indecisiveness of the school when it comes to snow days makes its way to the student body. Many students and teachers alike question the process of determining snow days.

7th grader Sean Wilson thinks that the school does well when calling snow days. "Yes, I do," said Wilson when asked if he believed the school usually calls correctly. "When we do go to school and they're considering a snow day, no one dies. When we do have them, it's unsafe to drive to school."



8th grader Isaiah Evans also believes that the school has good judgement when it comes to snow days and that many students exaggerate about the snow. "Yeah, a lot of the times when people say we should have snow days it's only a couple inches of snow and it's gone very quickly," says Evans.



8th grade science teacher Mrs. Werner thinks that the procedure for determining snow days could be improved. "I think it's really subjective right now and there should be someone [to call snow days] for the whole area because not everyone lives in Oxford who comes to OMS."



Snowing lightly, the school day becomes slightly more exciting as the student body speculates whether there will be a snow day. The Oxford school district has already passed the snow day limit with 9 days already being called; however, we were just approved by the state for the 3 day extension from the starting 6 days that all schools in Michigan are given. Despite this, snow days are still a possibility due to Oxford's duty to make sure the students arrive at the school safe and are at no risk of harm. "Snow days give me more time to do my homework," says 8th grader Jackson Brandt, speculating the things he could do with more time at home.

By: Cameron Bukoski & Dominic Crocenzi

YEAR ROUND SCHOOLS

Long summers or exdtended weekends, for students, the choice is easy but is it the best?



8th grader Jacob Ben-niger likes the normal school schedule because "it gives kids time off from school."



8th grader Tanner Ojala prefers the "longer summers because I can hang out with my friends more than one weekend"



7th grader Dominic Safferian likes the normal school schedule because "I would like to have one big summer break"



7th grader Keegan Wynn prefers to "bigger summers than year-round school because it allows a break from school."

The school calendar represents our school schedule. The calendar shows the days we have off of school, late starts, along with the early release at the end of the year. The school calendar is a great way to be informed on the school schedule. Instead of a year-round school, OMS has a schedule where we have a long break in the summer.



6th grader Logan Ziebarth would not want a year-round school "because I really don't like school that much."



Should Oxford middle school switch to year-round school? they both have benefits and disadvantages Year-round schools allow longer holiday breaks and extended weekends while the long summer offers a break from school for about three months. There are plenty more reasons why but the students should decide.



6th grader Brennan McDonald states that "Longer the summer the better because I can go to friends houses and have fun."



Drama Club is Still Going?



By: Ava Gordon

Drama Club is an after-school activity that over 75 students participate in. Students play improv games, present monologues, practice for plays and much more. It lasts until 3:30 on Wednesdays. Mr. Gray runs it in his room, but there is a Board which works together to improve the Drama Club. The Drama Club starts after the play ends.



Smiling widely, Tanner Ojala does an interesting scene at Drama Club, involving a killer. When asked why he loves drama club, he said, "There are people out there like you. They are fun to be around." Ojala thinks everyone should be in drama club because "they are not very good at making friends, or they always wanted to be an actor and didn't know where to start. Or if they had stage fright and wanted to get over it."

"Don't be afraid to express yourself.. If you're passionate, do it." -Rebekah Schuler, a 6th grader

In Mrs. Brown's class, 4 out of 26 kids were interested in/is in drama Club. In Mr. Forrester's class, it was 7/30 kids

6th grader Rylee Miesler thinks people join because "they get you to have fun and meet new people and friends. Most kids are nice and outgoing. You make a lot of friends there, and your just happy."



According to www.stagewise.ie, there are many health benefits to acting in theater! Here are a few!

- 1) Self confidence
- 2) Imagination
- 3) Empathy
- 4) Concentration
- 5) Cooperation
- 6) Communication Skills
- 7) Fun
- 8) Emotional Outlet
- 9) Physical Fitness
- 10) Memory
- 11) Appreciation for Arts and Culture



7th grader Rebekah Schuleri, is the assistant stage manager in the recent play and she is part of fundraising for the board. She likes drama club because "we get to hang out with friends and do theater games (or skits and monologues)". Schuleri came because she "liked Mr. Gray and the people", so she decided to stay. She says, "Join-it is totally worth it and it is so fun!"

8th grader Liam Zelenock was the character Barry 1 (Dad's) and he is one of the Games-masters. Zelenock likes Drama Club because of "everyone's amazing personality. We always hang out together. It is a lot of fun". Zelenock thinks people should join the drama club because "there are many options for people, between backstage, acting or just being crazy, there's a place for everyone. It can help you make friends. Plus, Mr. Gray is totally tubular!"



VICTORY ON THE MAT

Elizabeth Rice

Wrestling can be a very difficult sport to play; you have to be strong and have a lot of of endurance. According to www.livetrong.com wrestling is one of the most exhausting sports out there, you also need to have a lot of different techniques to succeed. I asked Macy Miner an older sister of a wrestler, what watching is like , and she said, “ It seems really hard because whenever I see my brother after he is done with his match, he is really sweaty and out of breath.”



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This is a photo of Dean Rice wrestling at Poniact Middle School, this Oxford Middle School's first scrimmage of the year. Last year the middle school team went undefeated-let's hope they do it again this year. When I asked what his goals for wrestling this year are , Dean Rice said, “I really hope we do as good as the team did last year.”



Andrew Rusch was asked if he did wrestling for a club, and he said, “ yes, and I plan on doing it for school to.” He was also asked if he found wrestling challenging what he said to that was, “ It depends on your skill level on how challenging it is.”



Madeline Hernandez was asked if she thinks wrestling is hard, she was also asked if she did club or school wrestling, and she said, “ At some points yes it is hard, I do club and school wrestling, and the normal middle school is harder.”



Gavin Aldred was asked if he finds wrestling hard, he was also asked if he likes wrestling and he says, “ Yes I like wrestling. Sometimes I find it hard because of the practices.”

Athletics

READY, SET, SPIKE!

BY: AIDEN BOWYER & GRACIE CHRASKA



Volleyball is becoming increasingly popular in the U.S. According to ESPN.com 76% of girls volleyball players are between the ages of ten and fifteen. "I like volleyball because it's a fun way of exercise," says 6th grader Avery Bowyer.

Volleyball is one of the more popular sports here at Oxford Middle School. Many 7th and 8th grade girls like this sport and wanted to try out this year. This year there was a record number of 58 girls that tried out for the 8th grade team. However, only 28 girls made it this year. Even though not everyone made it, all of the girls did a great job at tryouts. Everyone has different reasons for their love of volleyball.



This year a record number of girls tried out for the 7th and 8th grade teams. Here at OMS we have 2 7th grade teams and 2 8th grade teams. "I was really nervous to open my letter when I got it but I was also very excited," says 8th grader Hailey Wilson.

8th grader Alex Dawood tried out for the team this year because it's her favorite sport. Her favorite thing about tryouts is opening the letter to find out if she made it. She had also made the 7th grade team and her normal position is middle back. "My favorite thing about volleyball is playing on a team and working together,"

8th grader Taylor Barnes tried out for the team because it is like a second family to her. Barnes has been playing volleyball for a year now. "I started playing volleyball when I got hit in the face with one," says Barnes. Taylor likes volleyball because she likes playing on a team and working together with others.

8th grader Brynn Patterson tried out because she likes to improve her skills and she likes playing with her friends. Her favorite part about tryouts is scrimmaging people you normally wouldn't play. "I enjoy volleyball because it's not that crazy of a sport, but you're still playing and getting cardio."

7th grader Nevaeh Latvis tried out for the team because it's really fun and there's a lot of positivity. Her favorite part about tryouts is getting help from the coaches. Neveah has been playing volleyball for one year. "I started playing because my mom played it," says Latvis.

7th grader Savannah Bailey tried out for the team because she likes playing with her friends on a team. "I like knowing my team is there for me," says Bailey. She started playing volleyball two months ago because her mom and friends got her into it. Her favorite part of tryouts is getting to see who else is trying out.

7th grader Alexia Pare tried out for the team because it's fun and she likes playing with her friends. She started playing volleyball two years ago because she was bored in the summer and thought it would be something she was good at. "My favorite thing about playing a team sport is that everyone is working together," says Pare.

By: Hailey May

✂ Life Hacks ✂

Random Life Hacks

- Use a CD spindle as a bagel container
- Put pancake batter into an empty ketchup bottle for little to no mess
- To remove the stem on strawberries, put a straw through the middle of the strawberry
- Use a can opener to open plastic packaging and avoid cutting yourself
- Use a hair clip to hold headphones
- Use a frozen sponge for an ice pack
- Cut a toilet paper rolls and use as a cuff on wrapping paper to keep it from unrolling
- Use binder clips to fix broken keyboard feet
- Hide valuables in empty food containers

Most people have days when they go on youtube and search up life hacks. they do this so they can have a simple way to make their life easier. In order simplify your search here are 16 life changing hacks.

Recycling is very important when it comes to life hacks. According to William Owen one life hack is using a bottle to water plants by filling it with water then putting it into a plant pot. according to Container-recycling.org over 60 million water bottles are thrown away everyday.



8th grader Alivia McGuire said, "If you ever break a flipflop you can use a bread chord to fix it."

7th grader Georgia Harrell said, "Put labels on containers to know what's in them."



6th grader Hazel Robertsoi said, "If you ride a bus, do your homework on the bus, or if not, go to homework club to get work done."

Study Hacks

- Walk before a big test to boost your memory and brain power
- Read out loud while studying to improve memory
- Use an app to block other distracting apps while studying
- Listen to music to block out noises around you and focus
- Pace yourself; study section by section and take breaks
- Find your zone; also known as the time you can focus most
- TAKE NOTES! Notes are some of the most important pieces of information because you are putting what you learned in your own



DC VS MARVEL



By: Sarah Mojek

The topic of Marvel vs DC has been long debated and everyone seems to have a favorite. The two franchises both have well known movies, comics, and heroes. Marvel has the Avengers, while DC has the Justice League. Both are popular and both have had recent movies. DC recently released *Aquaman* while Marvel recently released trailers for three of their upcoming movies including: *Captian Marvel*, *Avengers: Endgame*, and *Spider-Man: Far From Home*. Of course, students at OMS have opinions on the matter too.



Amazing companies are pretty rare but Marvel and DC have been a great source of interesting characters and movies that people love. According to www.quora.com, Marvel has made a total of 99 films. 7th grader Will Mcleod said that he prefers the movies to the comics and that his favorite Marvel character is Spider-man because “he can shoot webs and move around.”



6th grader Deniny Easur says she prefers DC and that Batman is her favorite hero because “his gadgets are cool”. She said that she prefers the movies over the comics because “I watch the movies more than I read the comic books.”



7th grader Jack Richey says he prefers Marvel because “they have more superheros and have more movies and stuff.” He said that his favorite Marvel hero is Deadpool because “he is really funny and has regenerative powers.” He also said he prefers the movies over the comic books because “you get to see it instead of imagining their voices in your head.”

8th grader Ella Cordes says she prefers Marvel because “DC is really dark and it freaks me out.” She said that her favorite Marvel superhero is Falcon because she likes his wings. “They are awesome and they are a technical genius.” She also said, “Marvel is a source for hope because whenever something attacks ,they are always there.”

Music Genres That Affect us

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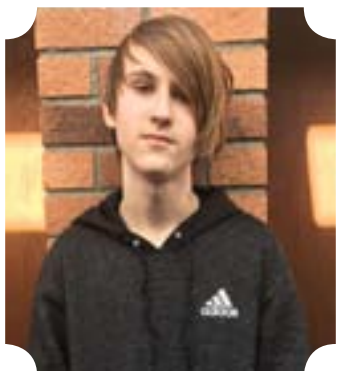
To listen to music is to feel strong emotions. Songs may inspire pride, sadness, anger, happiness, and many more. According to ifpi.org the music industry is worth \$130 billion globally, which shows just how much music is worth, and how much it is loved. "If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music." ~ Albert Einstein



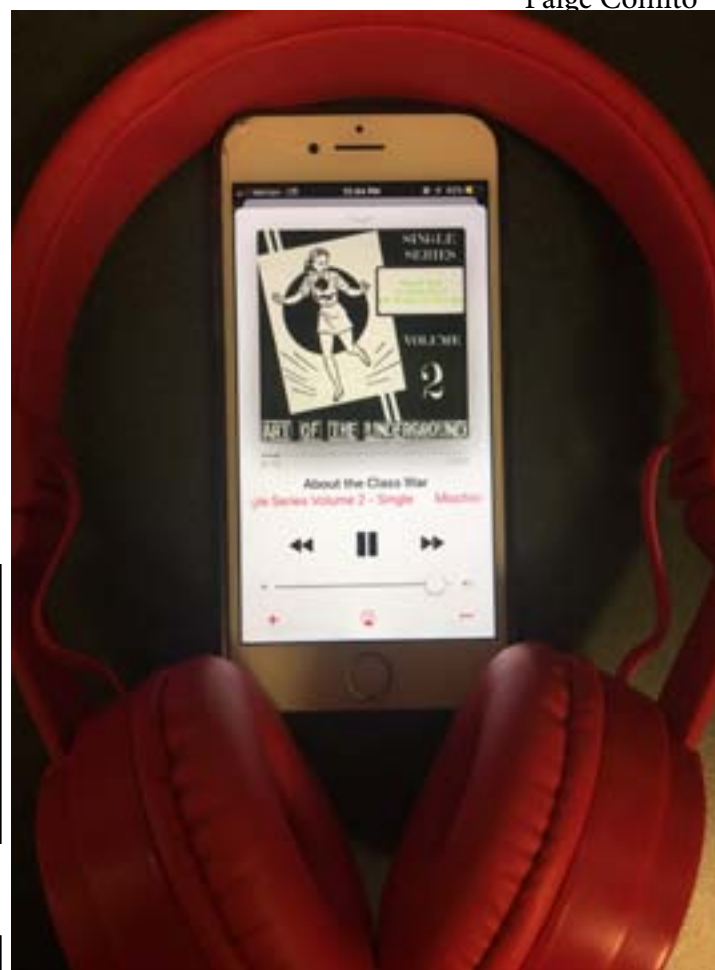
6th grade Saylor Russo said she listened to music everyday. "I like pop because it's energetic and can start my day," she told me. "I like to listen to music when I'm bored, or when I want to have fun and dance."



7th grader Gabi Wait loves to listen to music because of many songs expressions, beats, and melodies. When asked more specifically which genre she likes, Gabi replied that while she does not like a specific genre, she loves music similar to Imagine Dragons and Panic! At The Disco.



8th grade Jacks Russel listens to jazz, country, and rock music. "I listen to music whenever I'm bored or for school purposes. I do not listen to it that often but I still like it," he answered upon being asked how often he listens to music. Jacks says he likes music because it helps him get his groove on.



Now music is becoming even more accessible anywhere with earbuds and phones to listen to it on. But is this good? Yes! According to a study called the Mozart Effect; classical music can make babies smarter and instrumental can help students study. On the other hand, pop music and the like have a rhythmic beat that helps to get one's blood pumping and ready to dance. However, each person has a different brain and therefore each song and genre has a different effect on each person.



IS AI REALLY GOOD?

By: Dale Schmalenberg

Today's world presents us with many challenges, which many people have been solving with the innovation of robots. Things like cars are now being replaced by self driving cars; manufacturing jobs are being replaced by robots, which can work more and don't need to be paid; and home assistants such as siri or alexa. All of these things have something in common, Artificial Intelligence. Artificial intelligence is becoming more and more part of our lives. The idea that a robot could think all on its own seems extraordinary and revolutionary, but is it really a good thing? Everyday people lose their jobs because robots are more efficient, but that's only the beginning, soon robots will become smarter and smarter, and what will happen when robots become as smart, or even smarter, than humans? Will they revolt against us?

This is what some classmates have to say...

To create intelligent robots, hours upon hours of work is required, to make code that allows it to work. If the artificial intelligence industry wishes to really advance, it needs more workers, at the moment, there are about 90,000 people who are capable of working on AI. 8th grader William Owen says, "While AI might help us in multiple ways, it could affect the economy and force us to rework how we live in many ways." Info from Google.com.



8th grader Gracy Willits thinks that artificial intelligence is a good idea, and that we should keep improving it. She thinks that at the moment, Artificial Intelligence is more helpful than it is harmful, and that for now, we should continue developing it. She also thinks that in the future Artificial Intelligence will become harmful because there could be people who use it for good things and that there will be people who will use it for bad



7th grader Lily Boisvert thinks that AI is a good thing, and she thinks that it is much more helpful than it is harmful, but she thinks that it could be more harmful at the time than in the future because right now it is much more likely to malfunction, and it is more likely for it to break, and could cause the lives of others. She thinks that in the future we should take caution in the future when developing AI because there could be problems.



6th grader Jack Bracci thinks that artificial intelligence can be good in some situations, but if it became too good, then it could become a possible threat as it might backlash against us, but it could be good because it could save lives, like an autonomous car. He thinks that at the moment AI is more helpful than it is harmful, but we should watch out for the future. He also thinks that if we advance Artificial Intelligence too much then it could become harmful

Car Technology

By: William Owen

Cars play a massive role in people's lives and the economy. Cars are a massively reliable way for many people to get to work or school, or do everyday chores instead of having to walk or ride on bikes or walking. Cars can severely boost or ruin a country's economy as they are one of the top three items traded around the world. Cars are also a major part of the economy in the aspect of how people can go to multiple places. If people didn't have the mobility of a car, there wouldn't be as many advancements in technology. There wouldn't be as many groundbreaking discoveries, the world would miss some of its most amazing moments if cars were missing from our world. Cars keep evolving though, more and more to fit our needs, and it makes our lives more and more interesting.

"You can develop a relationship with a car and that's what non-car people don't get..."

Jeremy Clarkson, Host of The Grand Tour

Top 10 Best Sold Cars Worldwide

Toyota Corolla
Hyundai Elantra
Ford Focus
Kia Rio
Ford Fiesta
Volkswagen Jetta
Toyota Camry
Chevrolet Cruze
Volkswagen Golf
Honda Civic



New Car Innovations:
Heated Seats
Adaptive Cruise Control
Cameras/Sensors
Automatic Lifting Hatches
Ambient Lighting
Keyless Entry
Smartphone Intergration
Automatic E-Brake
Electric Engines
Active Exhaust Valves
Driving Modes
Automatic Weight Distribution
Wi-Fi Hotspot
Traffic Light Predictor
Voice Recognition
Automatic Parking
Welcome Lighting
Massaging/Heated Seats
Lane Assist
Carbon Fiber



Running around a car show is a great thing to do when you love cars. At a street car show in Lapeer, a modified Oldsmobile Cutlass has its hood popped open for people to view. According to proctorcars.com, 63% of people would like to get their cars modified or already have. "I think that it can express people's imagination and ideas about the car," says 8th grader Dale Schmalenberg.



Car statistics from motor1.com and The Daily Drive UK

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6th grader Ian Schneider says that his favorite cars are McLarens in general. He likes them because of the shape of the body as well as how fast it goes. His favorite feature of cars is when the car is rear engine. A car being rear engine makes it have a different center of gravity, and also adds a lot of weight in the back. This means that if the car has too much or little power, stuff will affect the back more, and is also safer for the driver.



6th grader John Peters says his favorite car is the Chevrolet Camaro. He likes it because of the design on the body. Both his favorite feature and his favorite innovations are wheels on cars. There are multiple things interesting about tires from the rim design to the tread on the tires being used for different purposes. The thing about a car's rims is they can affect the car's weight and how it handles on the road.

7th grader Julian Mayin says that his favorite car is the '67 Chevrolet Impala. He likes the car due to its inclusion in the TV show Supernatural. His favorite part about cars today are the sounds of the engines and how they work. One of his favorite innovations was how companies make their cars more safe for both drivers and passengers, including safety cameras, advanced seatbelts, and better, more functional airbags.



7th grader Troy Hufnagel says that his favorite car is a Volkswagen Beetle due to the style of the car. His favorite feature in a car are the engines, and how the body style is changed. One of his favorite innovations is how stereos in cars are becoming more advanced. Some examples of this are higher volume capabilities and Bluetooth connections. In newer cars, stereos are being made to make you feel the music by making the speakers specially tuned and it can make audio quality better.

8th grader Connor DiGasbarro says that his favorite car is the Lamborghini Aventador LP-700. He says that this is a cool car because 'who doesn't like a Lamborghini'. His favorite thing about cars is the engine, and his favorite innovation is the electric engine, which does not use fuel to run the vehicle and can be charged and run cheaply. Also, electric engines are extremely good for the environment.

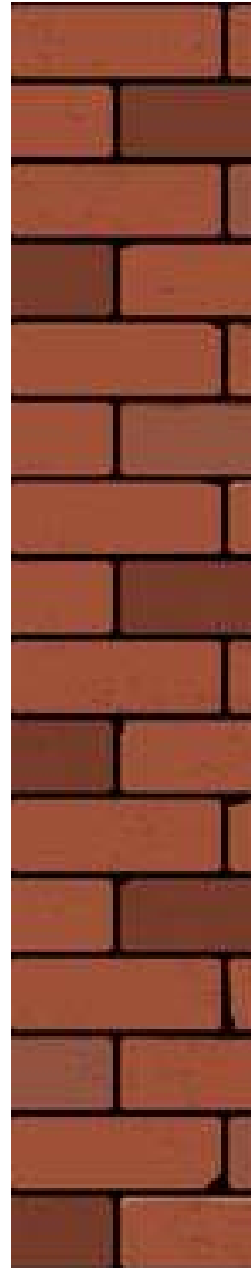


8th grader Luke McMahon says that his favorite car is the Porsche 918 because of the hybrid engine, in the car, which means that it runs off of electric and fuel power. His favorite feature on a car is the aerodynamics. His favorite innovation in cars is the exhaust because it makes the car sound cooler, and it can make the car better for the environment.

THE MEXICAN BORDER

By: Ian Alexander

As most people know, one of President Trump's campaign promises was to build a wall along the U.S./Mexico border. Now is the time where the President is attempting to follow through with the promise, threatening to use the greatest power he has access to; the state of emergency. Declaring a state of emergency will allow the wall to be funded without congress approving of a budget, and with money for the wall included. Not only has this been threatened, the president has already shut down the government in an attempt to hold congress in an attempt to force them to approve his bill. All of this has happened because President Trump was unable to fulfill his promise to make Mexico pay for the



3.3% of Americans
are illegal imi-
grants.



Glaring is the difference between the American-Canadian and the American-Mexican Border. The Mexican border has armed guards, spiked fences and other defenses to keep people out; whereas, the Canadian border is primarily trees for miles and miles. 8th Grader Mason Bourgeau says, "The US-Canadian border is more open and easier to traverse than the US-Mexican border."



courtesy of <https://www.123rf.com/clipart-vector/wall>.

An anonymous 6th grader says "The wall helps reduce drugs in America because most sources say the drugs are smuggled from America. I believe that the wall will be built and paid for by Mexico."



courtesy of <https://friendlystock.com/free-donald-trump-vector-clipart/>

An anonymous 7th grader says, "I believe the wall is a good use of government funding because it stops people from coming in illegally. I do believe the wall will be completed, but it won't be paid for by Mexico. I think some people don't believe the wall is effective because people will find alternative ways to surpass the wall."

An anonymous 8th grader says, "The wall isn't a good use of government funding because people can just go over and under it. President Trump should give up trying to build a wall because

12 Million Imigrants
live in America

The Government Shutdown

By: Michael Duong



With the government shutdown, many government buildings were closed. The Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri is one of the many buildings that were shutdown during the thirty-four-day shutdown. "The government shutdown should never have happened and it caused many problems for people that didn't deserve trouble," Will Owen.

The second longest government shutdown was 21 days during Clinton's presidency. This shutdown has been the longest in history lasting for 34 days (<https://nyti.ms/2D49LIif>). It is regarding the wall on the Mexican border. Congress voted to not fund President Trump's plan for the wall. This caused the government to shutdown. After about a month, Congress and President Trump compromised with a short-term bill that will fund the wall so that the government would come out of its shutdown. The bill that Congress passed is only a temporary solution. The government may shutdown again after the funding expires. However, Donald Trump may declare a state of national emergency so that the government won't shutdown. Many lives were greatly affected by the shutdown since they weren't being paid. Both supporters and non-supporters of the wall believe that the government shutdown should end.



6th grader David Hixon is against the government shutdown. He doesn't believe that the government shutdown was necessary. However, he is still a supporter of the wall. He believes that the government "should put money into the wall" for better border security. Although the government shutdown hasn't affected David personally, he has seen some people who have been affected by it.



7th grader Hannah Petrushev believes that the government shutdown is not necessary. She is also against the shutdown and the wall. Hannah said that Trump thinks that we need the wall because it will help the country, the government shutdown isn't necessary. Hannah is against the government shutdown and the wall because there are other ways to "fix the problem." Since Hannah is Canadian she hasn't been affected or knows anyone who has been affected by the government shutdown.



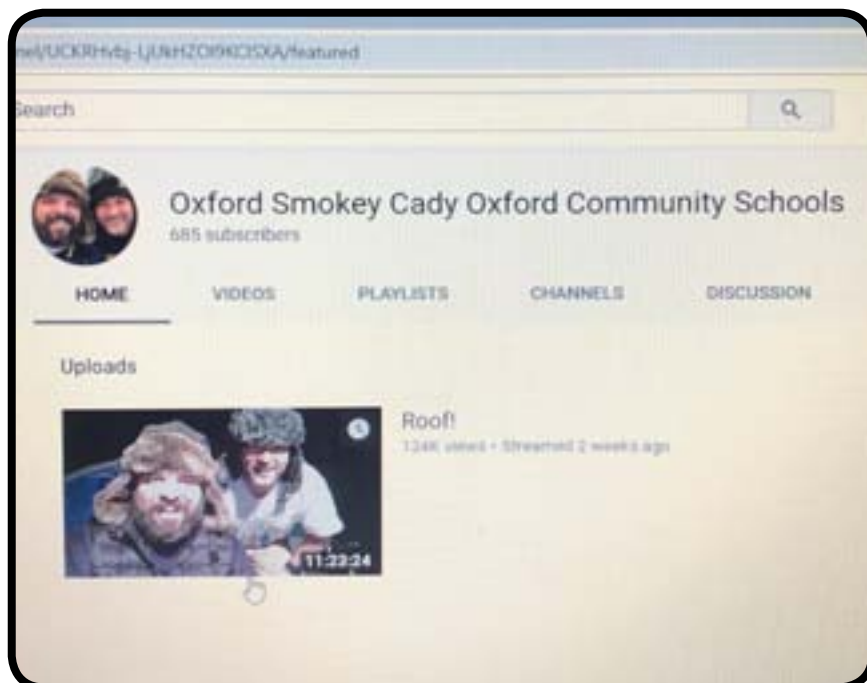
8th grader Lauren Farris is against the government shutdown and thinks that it's not necessary. She is against it because "it does not pay people who work and they have to still work." She is also against the government shutdown since it isn't helping anyone. Some of Lauren's close friends' parents are being affected by the government shutdown, so she knows how hard it is for them to "go weeks without being paid".



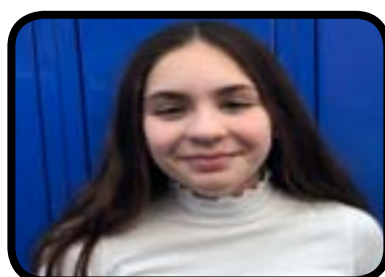
HOW FAR WOULD YOU GO?

By: Riley Spurlock

What is extreme service? How far would you go to do something good for a good cause? For example, the ice bucket challenge for ALS or camping on the roof of a school would be considered an extreme service. According to a U.S survey website, there is over 1.5 million charities in the U.S. and there are people doing good things for people in need every day.



Giving an example of an extreme service page of some of our teachers in our school. Mr. Cady and Mr. Smoky made a deal with all of OMS saying if they could raise enough money for the charity American Suicide Prevention then they would sleep on the roof overnight. So they ended up raising enough money or the most money and slept on the OMS roof in the middle of the winter and when it was down to negative three degrees at night. They made a YouTube page of them vlogging on the top of the school roof and saying how much it was worth it for a good cause. According to 8th grader Savannah Feltrin she said she watched their youtube live and she said what they did for a good cause was amazing



8th grader Kendra Keller says that she thinks extreme services raise a lot of awareness and that it shows the community how much they care and are willing to go the extra mile just to help someone in need. She also thinks that raising money for people in need is always helpful and it goes a long way and is worth it.



7th grader Luke Druaghtz says that he thinks the ice bucket challenge was a good extreme service because it went world wide and raised a lot of awareness for ALS, it was very successful, but a bit of a challenge because the ice was freezing cold, although it was worth it because it was for a good cause.



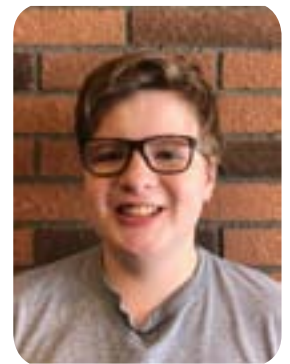
6th grader Peyton Feltrin said that if he had to choose a charity he would raise money to give homeless people coats, gloves and hats so they would keep warm in the winter and then he would deliver them to a shelter, so the people at the shelter could hand them out.



Lovely Valentines Day

By: Brianna Penzien

On February 14th, we celebrate a holiday known for being all about love. Whether it's toward a family member or a special someone. This day is commonly known as Valentines day. Many people celebrate this day differently but the main purpose of this day is to show how much you love and appreciate the people around us. On the other hand some people decide to gear this day more toward boyfriends, girlfriend, husbands and wives instead of there just everyday friends and family. This day is truly the most romantic and lovely day of the year and the future years to come.



8th grade student Kaitie Rostini was asked if she thinks valentine's day should be a special day, she answered, "Yes but basically because my birthday is three days after so I get a bunch of chocolate".

Not only is Valentine's Day about showing your friends how much you care about them but it is about other special people in your life. These two students decide to spend this day together, holding hands to show how much they care about each other. Many people spend this day like this.

8th grade student Keaton linn was asked what his favorite part of Valentine's Day is and he stated, " My favorite part of Valentine's Day is buying candy for everyone I care about." What a nice thing to do.



7th grade student Jacob Chouinard was asked if he thought valentines day was a good or bad idea when it was first created He said, "Yes because you can express your feelings to anybody and just tell them how you feel". Many people use this day to confess how they feel to another person just because it is the day of love.

When asked what her ideal valentines day would be like 6th grade student stated, "My ideal Valentine's Day would be with all the people that I love, friends and family, together with decorations and more". This would be a good way to spend this day not by yourself but surrounded by loved ones.



Adding Sugar to Valentine's Day

By: Olivia Clark



Giving gifts around Valentine's Day is a yearly tradition that 53% of Americans take part in (www.finder.com). Many people choose to give candy as a gift. According to a poll taken at OMS, chocolate ranks #2 in most popular Valentine's day candy. Overall candy is just one of the things people gift on Valentine's Day.

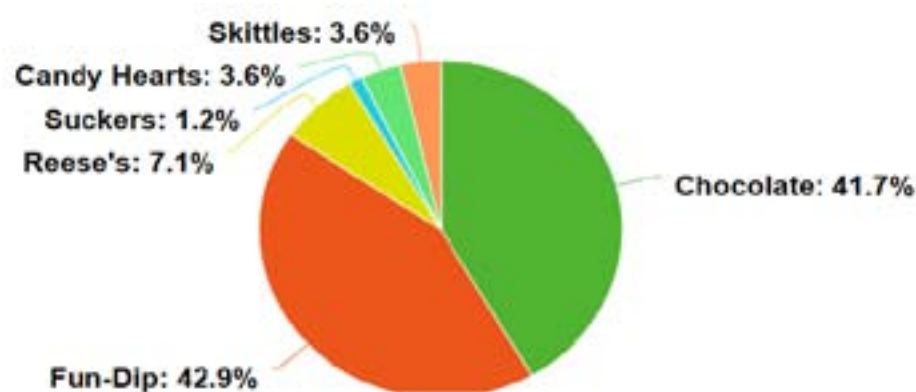


8th grader Katie Rustoni is in love with Skittles, Sour Patch Kids, and anything fruity. On average Americans spend \$136.57 each on Valentine's Day (www.abcnews.go.com). "If I could send valentines day candy to anyone, it would be my brother" says Katie.

S T U D E N T S

Valentine's day is celebrated all over the world! The majority of people who commemorate Valentine's Day do so with candy. Some of the most popular candies given to people on February 14th are suckers, assorted chocolates, and fun dip. The most popular candy given away in Michigan are conversation hearts.

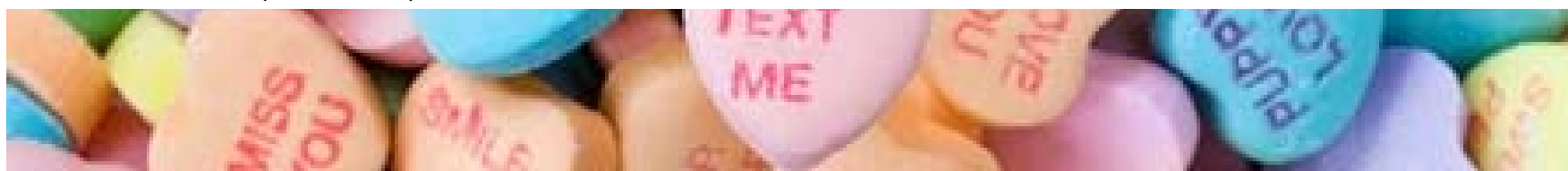
Some of OMS's Favorite Valentine's Day Candies Are...



7th grader Skyler Ellis doesn't like Smarties, but she does love M&M's. The year for the most money spent on Valentine's Day (19.7 billion) was 2016 (nrf.com). "If I could give candy to anyone I would give it to my guy best friend Braydon."



6th grader Aubrie Miller loves chocolate because it's "good." According to a poll taken at OMS chocolate comes in 2nd place for all time favorite Valentine's Day candy. "I would give candy to my mom because she helps me out with a lot of things."



S T A F F

By Leilah DeGasperis

Valentines Day is the holiday that is known as “The Festival of Love.” People celebrate it in so many different ways including giving cards, letters, flowers, or presents to their loved ones. This is how the staff at our school celebrate.



Around Valentines Day, staff can send Valentines to lots of people in school or at home to show how much they care about another person. About 53% of people send Valentines to their spouse (finder.com). “I would give a Valentine to my daughter,” says Ms. McNeill.

“I love when people are sweet and things that taste sweet.”
Mrs. Flanagan



6th grade teacher Mrs. Flanagan said her favorite candy is anything dark chocolate. Her favorite part of Valentines Day is everyone being nice to each other. She would send a Valentine to her daughters.



7th grade teacher Ms. McNeill said she like savory over sweet because she isnt a big candy person but she does like gummy bears. “I like seeing all the happy people,” she said when asked her favorite part Valentien’s Day



8th grade teacher Mrs. Werner said she would like to surprise her son at school with candy and make him happy. “My favorite part of Valentine’s day is seeing everyone happy,” she said.

Adding Sugar to Valentines Day



SuperBowl 53

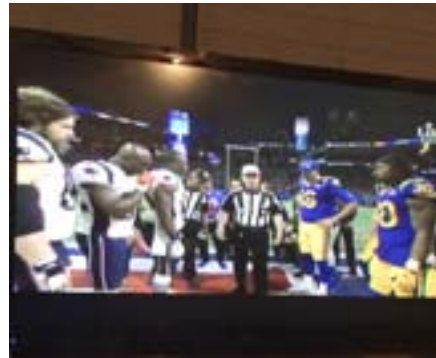


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By keaton Linn

RAMS VS PATRIOTS

The lowest scoring game. Super Bowl 53 was a 2019 spectacular show with the New England Patriots vs the Los Angeles Rams. Even though the teams had a really good record, no team managed to score a touchdown in the first half. The score at halftime ended up 3-0 Patriots. Then things started to get intense. The Los Angeles Rams kicker, Greg Zuerlein, kick a field goal in the third quarter to make the game 3-3. Finally, in the fourth quarter, the Patriots scored the first and only touchdown of the game with a 2-yard rushing touchdown to make the score 10-3. With one minute to go, after an interception from both teams, the Patriots score a field goal. This field goal made the score 13-3. The score finished as the Patriots win 13-3.



Watching the Super Bowl on February 3rd, which takes place in Atlanta, is an amazing experience for Americans to have a party and cheer for their team. According to Statica.com, in 2015, 111 million people watch the Superbowl on TV. Dominic Crocenzi said he likes watching the Super Bowl because he can watch the game with his family and eat good food.

NUMBER FACTS:

- 1st Super Bowl was in 1967.
- 6 Super Bowl has been won by the Pittsburg Steelers and the Patriots.
- 51 Super Bowls have taken Place since the first in 1967.

by CNN.com



6th grader Reed Swieczkowski favorite part of the Super Bowl was Tom Brady winning another Super Bowl.



7th grader Isabelle Hubbard favorite part of the Super Bowl was the kickoff of the Super Bowl 53.



8th grader Kyle Dimalanta said his favorite part of the Super Bowl was when the Patriots missed a field goal.

By: Wyatt Ashley

2019 SUPER BOWL CELEBRATIONS

Did you watch the super bowl this year? If so you are one of over 98.2 million people in the United States (according to statista.com). Not everyone is watching the Super Bowl just for the game. During the super bowl, there are usually new funny commercials for our favorite brands. Many people use this as a time to visit friends and family and hold parties.



To get ready for the game this Oxford family made this Mexican dish. The game started at 6:30 and ended at about 11 PM on February 4th (si.com). Many families make special dishes for this event and stay up through the night to see this game. "The truth is the Super Bowl long ago became more than just a football game. It's part of our culture like turkey at Thanksgiving and lights at Christmas, and like those holidays beyond their meaning, a factor in our economy" said Bob Schieffer American TV journalist.



Super Bowl ticket can cost over 2,600 dollar according to mentalfloss.com



According to money.com dominos sales rais over 80 percent on super bowl sun day.



A TV ad that is 30 seconds long is over 5.25 million dollars accoring to thestreet.com.



Over 1.33 billion chicken wings are eaten on the Super Bowl according to forbes.com.



6th grader Serenity Carr said that she enjoyed the Super Bowl and that she liked half time. Serenity said she watched the Super Bowl at home and had a lot of food. She said she is hoping to watch the Super Bowl next year.



6th grader Brady Fox said that he liked the Super Bowl. He went to his friend's house to celebrate the Super Bowl. He also liked the halftime show and is planning to watch the Super Bowl next year.



7th grader Emma Beggs said she watch the super bowl and thought that it was interesting. She also said that she did not like half-time because she did not find it interesting.



8th grader Xavier Clark said that he went to Jacob Lanni's house. Xavier said that his favorite food for the Super Bowl is chicken wings. He also said he likes the Super Bowl and he watches the whole thing.



8th grader Jacob Lanni said that he stays at his house and invited Xavier Clark. Jacob said that his favorite food that he eats at the Super Bowl is bean dip. He also said he liked the Super Bowl and he watched the whole game.

Our Love in Pictures...

Hailey May!!



To love someone is a very strong emotion. Valentine's day is a day to celebrate the people you love. According to dictionary.com the meaning of love is "a feeling of warm personal attachment or deep affection, as for a parent, child, or friend." also according to 1800 flowers every year, more than 36 million heart shaped boxes of chocolates are sold across the country. Gracie Chraska says "Valentine's Day is a great day not only to celebrate your significant other but to the love between friends and family."



Aiden Bowyer!!



To love someone or something is a magical feeling. Valentines day is February 14th and is surprisingly one of the more popular holidays. According to cnn.com, \$19.6 billion in candy is sold every valentines day. "Valentines day is a good day to appreciate your loved ones," says 8th grader Gracie Chraska.



Sarah Mojek!



To find someone or something you love is amazing and for many people they have found something they love, their dog. According to the American Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals about 78 million dogs are owned in the United States. American humorist Josh Billings once said "A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."

Dale Schmalenberg



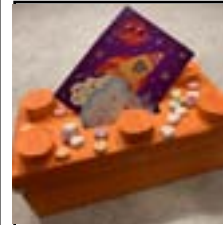
To love is what comes to mind to most people on Valentines Day, on February 14th, people all over the world express

their love for people in different ways. People from 16 different countries celebrate their love for one another on Valentines Day. Maya Angelou says, "If you only have one smile give it to the people that you love," about

What love means to us....



Dominic Crocenzi



To Love and to like someone is defined on the day known as valentines day. In grade schools students bring in homemade boxes to collect valentines from other students. What goes into those boxes are cards and candy, a popular candy is heart messages and suckers. Valentines

day has been around since the 5th century and has been announced a holiday nearly half a century later. Cameron Bukoski states that "Valentines day is important to people who want to express their love for each other".

Wyatt Ashley



14th is a big day for many people, including Ian how is hold a red heart in the OMS library. This year over 19.6 billion will be spent for valentine day

according to cnn.com "There is only one happiness in life: to love and be loved." – George Sand

Michael Duong



To love and to be loved are the most important things in life. Valentine's Day on February 14th has seven symbols, roses, hearts, cupid, lovebirds, doves, love knots, and laces. "I have decided to stick with

love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

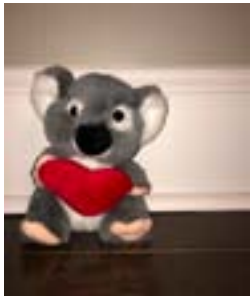
Lauren Schmidt



To love someone is to give you people that will support you through thick and thin and make you a better, happier person like my brother, David Schmidt, and my horse, Louie. According to ww.happify.com, 5,000 people say over 20 years one person's happiness spreads through their social group. "I really

just love being around people who want to support me and who really love me," says David Schmidt.

Leilah DeGasperis



To give gifts on Valentine's Day is a tradition that is spread across the nation so people can show how much you

love someone. Around 198 billion roses were bought this year on February 14th. "I love Valentines Day because I love the look on my moms face when she sees a gift on the counter for her," said Leilah DeGasperis.

Cameron Bukoski



L-O-V-E spells love. Valentines day is a great time of year to tell that special someone that you love them. Love makes us happier and our lives better. Common symbol to represent love is a heart.

Many people around the world on valentines day give out heart shaped items to express love to each other. According to abcNews, americans spend in total 18.2 billion dollars on valentines day every



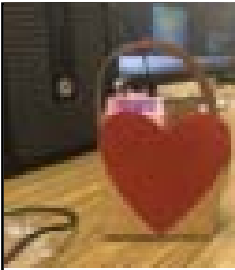
Olivia Clark



"Roses are red violets are blue, sugar is sweet and so are you!" Valentine's day is a day to celebrate the love you have for those around you. According to www.proflowers.com around 110 million roses are sold around

Valentine's Day. Meanwhile the average adult will spend a whopping 143.56 dollars on gifts (www.forbes.com). Valentines day isn't all about the gifts though, it's about spending time with the people that care about you.

Elizabeth Rice



Will you be my valentine? This a picture of grace Butzu's valentine that she got from Lilah Pratt on valentines day. According to onehealth.org valentines day brings more loneliness that a happy or lovely feeling. I asked grace Butzu how her feel-

ings are on valentines day, and she said, "I don't really like it because it makes me realize how lonely i am."

Paige Comito



To spread love is an essential part of Valentine's day. However, one should make sure they are spending their time with the right person, as 53 percent of women will end their relationship if they get something unsatisfactory according to GroovyCandies.com.

Therefore, spending time with one's pet is the safest bet. "I got my dog a blanket one Valentine's day, he loved it," Lisa Comito said.

What love
means to
us....

Riley Spurlock



To have Chocolate creme filled hearts, red and pink decorations everywhere, people filled with love is the best. This is my sister and her favorite chocolate treat for valentines day. Valentines is

a very special day for some it shows how much people care about another person through love and joy. One thing we usually do for valentine's day is enjoy some sweet chocolate treats and show our love to one and other.

Katherine Lewis



To love one another is what Valentine's Day is all about! Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14, it's a festival of love and appreciation filled with chocolates and cards.

"Valentine's Day is an important holiday to show your appreciation towards a specific person." says Katherine Lewis.

Keaton Linn



To candy to cards, Valentines day is on February 14 and is a day where love is shown to people who mean the world to you According to abc news, 18.2 billion dollars will be spent on Valentines day this year. Valentines

day is a day to spend with anyone that means the most to you and to show appreciation to everyone.

Anna Coronado-Rinke



To show love to the most important people in your life is what Valentine's is all

about. February 14th, Valentine's day, although it is not a federal holiday people all over the world take part in showing love to their loved one's. According to Finder.com, about 135 million American's are expected to drop about \$30 million on Valentine's this year. "All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."



Brianna Penzien



Two Best friends decide to spend this day known as valentine's day together. Not only do people love and cherish there family but they love

and cherish there very own friends, like these two. It is always a good thing to have a good friend or two to always be there for you and be by yourself. According to aol. com the average person should have 5 friends.



Across:

- 1. Before we send a valentine
- 3. Small hearts are made of this.
- 5. Something you don't like is _____.
- 8. These are beautiful flowers.
- 11. It's given away.
- 14. Someone who gets a lot of valentines is _____.
- 15. After we write a valentine
- 16. On Valentine's Day we _____ a valentine.

Down:

- 2. Giving a valentine is _____.
- 4. The card we write
- 6. A flower with thorns
- 7. The reason we celebrate Valentine's Day.
- 9. Cupid's weapon
- 10. It's in the box.
- 12. He brings love.
- 13. Two people going out

