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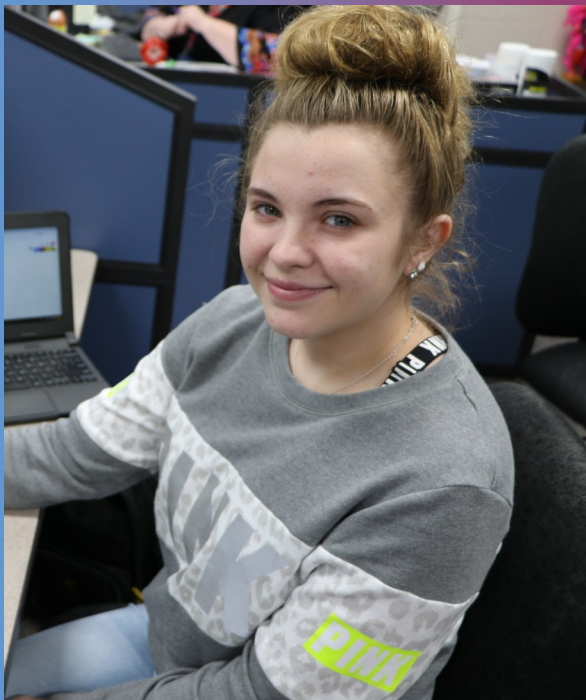
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Kind Calysta

By: Kailee Fisher

March has passed leading into the month of April. This means teachers at RULH High School have selected another student for Student of the Month. April's Student of the Month goes to Calysta Crawford.

Calysta is a sophomore here at Ripley High School and is known around school for her generosity. She is surprised about getting student of the month because she has never got it before. Calysta is currently taking English 10 with Mr. Scanlan, Child Development with Mrs. Rau, Culinary with Mrs. Rau, and American History with Mr. Bierley. Her favorite class is child development because she gets to work with little kids when she goes to the elementary.

In school, Calysta always tries her best. She works hard, and cares for others when they need it. When asked to describe her student image Calysta said she is a hard worker, kind to others, supportive to friends, and is always on task. Having these qualities has not only allowed for Calysta earn the title of Student of the Month, but has also allowed for her to be liked by many!

Calysta's future plans are to graduate high school and then work at a pound. When she gets enough money, she plans to buy a ranch and save animals from kill shelters. Her motivation is to make a mark in this world and to help innocent animals. This is a great goal to aim for and shows Calysta's generosity.

When asked who her role model was Calysta responded with, "My mom because she is independent, strong, brave, and kind." This sounds like a great person to look up to and her qualities has rubbed off on Calysta.

Earning Student of the Month means other students look up to you. Calysta's advice to the younger classmen is to not goof off, keep doing your best in class, and work hard. Great advice Calysta! Congratulations on earning Student of the Month. Keep up the good work!



Game Review:

A Way Out

Over the Spring break I got my hands on A Way Out, a co-op prison break game developed by Hazelight, the makers of Brothers: A Tale of Two Sons. Well, when I say “prison break game” that just brushes the surface of what you do in this game. The game follows the story of Leo Caruso and Vincent Moretti, two guys who meet in an early 1970’s prison. They end up working together to break out of prison. But, as fate would have it, their destinies are more intertwined than they thought.

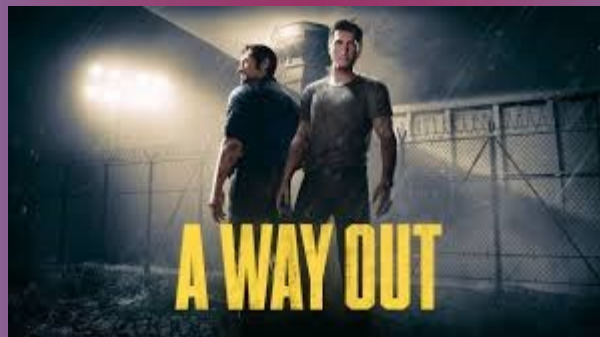
A Way Out is a very captivating game, but, the entire game MUST be played co-op with another player. Whether it be online, or couch co-op, you have to play with another player. While this may seem like a downside to the game, trust me. It works really well. The game just wouldn’t work as a single player game. You and a friend have to work together to solve puzzles, fight, and escape together.

Leo and Vincent end up traveling together to meet their goals. Without going too much into the story, they end up working together to take down someone who screwed them both over. As they go along on this journey, different things interfere, such as family problems, love, betrayal, and of course, the cops.

Overall, despite only being 6 to 8 hours long, I really liked this game. Of course, being developed by a smaller studio, it has some of the usual small studio problems. Slightly off voice acting is really the biggest one I’ve encountered. Over all, it is a very well made game with a captivating story.

Rating:

9.8/10



Why is Easter Important

Savannah Doyle

Easter Sunday is the culmination of Holy Week. Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian festival, and the one celebrated with the greatest joy.

The date of Easter changes each year, and several other Christian festivals fix their dates by reference to Easter. Churches are filled with flowers, and there are special hymns and songs. But not all Easter customs are Christian; some, such as the Easter Bunny, are pagan in origin. The Easter story is at the heart of Christianity. On Good Friday, Jesus Christ was executed by crucifixion. His body was taken down from the cross, and buried in a cave. The tomb was guarded and an enormous stone was put over the entrance, so that no-one could steal the body. On the following Sunday, some women visited the grave and found that the stone had been moved, and that the tomb was empty. Jesus himself was seen that day, and for days afterwards by many people. His followers realized that God had raised Jesus from the dead.

This is the religious aspect of course but there are other cultures that do not celebrate Easter as some do not revolve around God or Christ. For kids of course it's about the candy and the Easter bunny but Easter is important because it was a very important day in Christian history that kept the faith of so many followers of Jesus's message.



Top 10 Strange Holidays that are Actually Celebrated

By: Katelyn Miller

Fri, April 6 National Tartan Day

Tartan Day is a celebration of Scottish Heritage. This day celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath, which was signed in 1320. The Declaration of Arbroath is the document that the Scottish wrote to declare their independence and that they had the right to use their military if unjustly attacked.

Wed, April 11 National Pet Day

National Pet Day was founded by Colleen Paige in 2005. It has since been sponsored by the Animal Miracle Foundation & Network. It is celebrated yearly by pet owners who just pay special attention to their pet that day.

Thu, April 12 Grilled Cheese Day

According to food historians, cooked bread and cheese is an ancient food, enjoyed across the world in many cultures. The United States modern version of the grilled cheese sandwich originated in the 1920s when inexpensive sliced bread and American cheese became easily available. Originally it was made as an open-faced sandwich.

Mon, April 16 Wear Pajamas to Work Day

April 16 is the day after your taxes are due. To celebrate that, it is known as “Wear Pajamas to Work Day. This day was created to celebrate and unwind from all of the hard work and long hours of those whose job is to prepare taxes and the anxiety of the last minute tax filers.

Mon, April 16 Eggs Benedict Day

National Eggs Benedict Day is observed annually on April 16. It is a day set aside to enjoy poached eggs with Hollandaise sauce and Canadian bacon or ham on English muffin halves. There are two different stories in which this day became a national holiday. In 1894 stock broker Lemuel Benedict ordered “buttered toast, poached eggs, crisp bacon, and a side of Hollandaise” at the Waldorf Hotel. They were so impressed with the dish that they put it on the menu substituting ham and English muffins in place of the bacon and toast. In the early 18th century, Pope Benedict XIII liked an egg dish so much that he requested it time and time again. It is also believed that Pope Benedict XIII had an illness which added to his desire for this particular egg dish, hence the name Eggs Benedict.

Tue, April 17 Herbalist Day

“Every now and then, it is good to pause and celebrate the community around us. Thank an Herbalist Day on April 17th gives us the perfect opportunity to reflect and share with the people who have helped shape

us, guided our paths, worked alongside of us, and been our inspiration on our herbal journeys,” The creator of Thank an Herbalist Day stated. This has been an ongoing holiday since 2015.

Thu, April 19 National High Five Day

National High Five Day was started in 2002 at the University of Virginia. A group of students set up shop on the main quad of the campus and gave out high-fives and lemonade. The idea spread and over the years peoples of all ages and backgrounds have celebrated National High Five Day by giving high-fives all day to friends, co-workers and strangers.

“Celebrating NH5D is easy -- just give high-fives each year on the third Thursday in April!” -<http://nationalhighfiveday.com/videos/>

Fri, April 20 National Lima Bean Respect Day

National Lima Bean Respect Day is observed on April 20. Lima beans are an excellent source of protein, iron, magnesium, potassium and zinc. Lima beans can increase energy levels by helping to restore more iron. Most of us have tried lima beans as a child and didn't like them. It's time to give them a second chance as adults. They are delicious in soups, stews, salads, casseroles, by themselves or mixed with other vegetables.

Mon, Apr 23 Impossible Astronaut Day

Fans of the British science fiction television series, Doctor Who, celebrate April 23 as Impossible Astronaut Day. The unofficial annual holiday celebrates the day in 2011 when the first episode of the sixth season of the series was aired in the United Kingdom, United States, and Canada.



Strange Easter Facts

By: Katelynn Miller

On April first, nations all around the world celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the holiday we know as “Easter.” To celebrate Easter, here is a list of strange facts about easter.

1. It’s estimated that Americans spend \$131, on average, every Easter, between easter eggs, candy, dinner and decoration.
2. Half of the United States agree that chickens shouldn’t be dyed for Easter.
3. “Easter” was named from the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre.
4. Egg dyes were once made out of natural items such as onion peels, tree bark, flower petals, and juices.
5. The white lily is the official flower of Easter. As they represent grace and purity, many churches and homes have chosen to decorate with the white lily for the holiday. In fact, they’re commonly known best as “Easter lilies.”
6. President Rutherford B. Hayes created the annual White House “egg roll,” which is still done today. Who knew if Rutherford thought that the egg roll tradition would last so long? The First Family celebrated the Monday after Easter this year, for the 138th time. More than 35,000 people were expected to show up, and the theme was set to be “Let’s Celebrate!”
7. Americans spend \$1.9 billion on Easter candy. That’s the second biggest candy holiday after Halloween.
8. Back in the day, pretzels were often used to celebrate Easter.
9. Americans eat about 16 million jelly-beans every Easter.
10. Eggs have been seen as ancient symbol of fertility, while springtime is considered to bring new life and rebirth.
11. Americans buy more than 700 million Peeps during the holiday.
12. 76% of Americans think the ears of a chocolate bunny should be the first to be eaten.

13. The Easter Bunny tradition made its way to the US in the 18th century. It is believed to have originated in Europe where it was actually the Easter Hare. Other Easter traditions include wearing Easter bonnets, making Easter baskets and having Easter egg hunts.
14. 70% of Easter candy purchased is chocolate.
15. In 2007, an egg covered in diamonds (pictured) sold for almost £9 million. The egg is very special because, every hour, a cockerel made of jewels pops up from the top of the egg, flaps its wings four times, nods its head three times and makes a crowing noise!



Efficient Emily

By: Kailee Fisher

Student of the Month is an award that everyone should strive for. It is an award given to those who work hard and are passionate about everything you do. April's Student of the Month goes to Emily King. Emily is very passionate about her work and education, which is why she deserves this honorable reward.

Emily is a junior here at RULH High School, and is seen around the halls with a smile on her face. When asked if she was surprised for earning the title of Student of the Month she responded with, "I am surprised I got student of the month because I try to do my work to better myself and my future; the fact that I have been recognized for this motivates me to work harder as a student." Emily is currently enrolled in calculus, digital video, College English, and Spanish 1. Her favorite class is digital video because it allows for her to express herself. She is also able to create something that other people will enjoy. This not only makes others happy, but herself as well.

Emily describes her student image as one with a good work ethic. She catches onto the curriculum easily by listening to what is being said. Not only does she have a good work ethic, but she also has motivation, determination, and the passion to succeed in school. Having this mindset has allowed for Emily to excel in the classroom and go beyond expectations. This will allow for Emily to succeed in school and reflect on her future.

After high school, Emily wants to further her academic career at the University of Tennessee. Here she will study to become a veterinarian. If that doesn't work out, she will go to school to become a nurse. Emily's motivation is the career she wants to pursue. She wants to go through life without worrying and doing the job she loves. This is great motivation and a great goal to strive for!

Everyone has a special like to be like. For Emily, this per-
"...Despite the hard times, she al-
and get through life with a smile.
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helped shaped Emily into a hard-

Like her mother, Emily
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off in the end. Do it for yourself
This is great advice Emily! Congrat-
of the Month. Keep up the good



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History of Prom

By: Katelynn Miller

Prom is right around the corner at Ripley High School and students are preparing their outfits to rock the night! But do these students really know where the term “prom” came from?

“Prom” is actually short for “Promenade” which means “the formal, introductory parading of guests at a party.” Prom has actually been around a lot longer than you may think, except it was always referred to as “promenade” in the past. Prom actually began in the 1800s in colleges and universities to promote social etiquette and manners in each years graduating class.

Some of the earliest citations of prom actually refer back to 1879, when an issue of Harvard Crimson mentioned their “Yalie” rivals looked cheap at a presentation week that included formal dress and dancing accompanied by a promenade concert. Another early citation of prom was in a diary entry from 1894 that was about a student from the all-male college, Amherst College, was invited to attend a prom at the women’s school, Smith College. Soon at the turn of the century, prom was spreading to more colleges and high schools.

By the 1930s, prom had been just as American as baseball and apple pie. Prom at this point was held from coast-to-coast, high school-to-high school, and people attended the prom and danced under paper streamers, had full-blown dinners, and also had local bands playing gigs at proms. Over just a few years, prom had grown traditional among the United States. And soon in just the 1950s, high school gymnasiums were planted among schools in the US, making it even easier to have prom.

Prom was also held in venues and country clubs. The most grand prom venue was actually procured by Susan Ford, which was the President, Gerald Ford’s Daughter. This prom was held in 1975, and her senior prom was held in the White House. Susan Ford was the first to hold this honor, and still is the only First Kid to hold the honor today. The classmates at Susan’s Holton-Arms School practically forced the headmaster to comply, and after the President and First-Lady agreed, the event was held in the east room of the White House. The prom was covered by *People* magazine and the *Washington Post*.

There was a dip in the popularity of proms being held in the 1960s and 1970s, however, there was a resurgence for prom in the 1980s, and the resurge kept its pace in the 1990s, and the prom movement hit its peak in the early 2000s. This peak paved a way for prom-centric

teen movies such as *Pretty In Pink*, *Mean Girls*, and *She's All That*. As norms evolve throughout the 2000s and 2010s, race, sexuality and gender are changing prom completely. There are proms being held just for homosexual people or even a main race prom. Between transgender prom queens and prom kings who have disabilities, this world has become a more accepting place, and allows people to be themselves and makes people actually feel like they can attend prom and not be judged. Today the world is changing and prom is changing with it.



On this Day...

By: Casey Baker

April 1st - 2001 Netherlands becomes the first country in the world to make same-sex marriage legal

April 2nd - 1917 US President Woodrow Wilson asks Congress to declare war against Germany

April 3rd - 1312 2nd council of Vienna, Knights Templars suppressed

April 4th - 1818 Congress decides on the US flag: 13 red & white stripes & 20 stars

April 5th - 1762 British take Grenada, West Indies, from French

April 6th - 1385 John, Master of the Order of Aviz, is made King John I of Portugal

April 7th - 1919 1st parcel of land is purchased for Cleveland Metroparks

April 8th - 1990 New Democracy wins the national election in Greece.

April 9th - 1988 US imposes economic sanctions on Panama

April 10th - 1981 Computer glitch keeps Space Shuttle Columbia grounded

April 11th - 1984 Chinese troops invade Vietnam

April 12th - 1992 Earthquake rocks Germany

April 13th - 1969 Closure of the Brisbane tramway network.

April 14th - 1955 Elston Howard becomes the 1st black to wear the Yankee uniform

April 15th - 1970 "Cry for Us All" closes at Broadhurst Theater NYC after 8 performances

April 16th - 1957 USSR performs atmospheric nuclear test

April 17th - 2013 5 people are killed in Wana, Pakistan, by a United States drone attack

April 18th - 1951 Dutch Antilles government of Da Costa Gomez forms

April 19th - 1966 Roberta Bignay becomes 1st woman to run in the Boston Marathon

April 20th - 1972 Kallicharran scores his 2nd Test century in his 2nd Test Cricket

April 21st - 1960 Brasilia becomes capital of Brazil

April 22nd - 1970 Senators beat Yankees 2-1 in 18 innings

April 23rd - 1962 NY Mets win their 1st game ever, after going 0-9, beat Pirates 9-1

April 24th - 1965 Military coup under Donald Reid Cabral in Dominican Republic

April 25th - 1997 Seattle Mariner Ken Griffey Jr hits his 250th HR

April 26th - 1944 Papandreou government in Greece forms

April 27th - 1922 Yakut ASSR formed in Russian SFSR

April 28th - 1960 WIPM TV channel 3 in Mayaguez, PR (PBS) begins broadcasting

April 29 - 1981 Peter Sutcliffe admits he is the Yorkshire Ripper (murdered 13 women)

April 30th - 1945 Lord Haw-Haw (William Joyce) calls for crusade against the Bolsheviks



**ON THIS
DAY...**

Prom Survey

By: Katelynn Miller

Are you planning to attend prom?

20 responded yes

4 responded no

1 responded maybe

If you are going to prom, what color are you wearing?

Black and Blue-1

Black and White-1

Blue- 3

Navy Blue- 2

Red-1

Burgundy-1

Blush/Pink-3

Creame/Gold-1

Maroon-1

Nudes/Purple/Maroon-1

Silver-1

Tan/Peach-1

Not Sure/Undecided-4

Are you satisfied with the prom theme “Royalty & Red?”

Yes-16

No-2

Maybe-6

Are you satisfied with the location of prom?

Yes-17

No-2

Maybe-5

If you could change one thing about prom, what would it be?

Nothing/Unsure- 9

Walk-in location-4

Changing the theme-3

Other-2

Do you think that prom tickets are worth \$55 for those who juniors who did not work concessions?

Yes-12

No-6

Maybe-6

Females-Do you plan on getting your nails done professionally, or do you plan to do them yourself

Professionally-11

Self-done-4

Males-Do you plan on wearing a tux, suit or something else?

Tux-3

Suit-2

Other-2

What form of transportation do you plan on taking?

Reserved Vehicle- 4

Driving Self-12

Other-4

None-2



Do you plan on attending the after-party at the Georgetown bowling lanes?

No-12

Yes-4

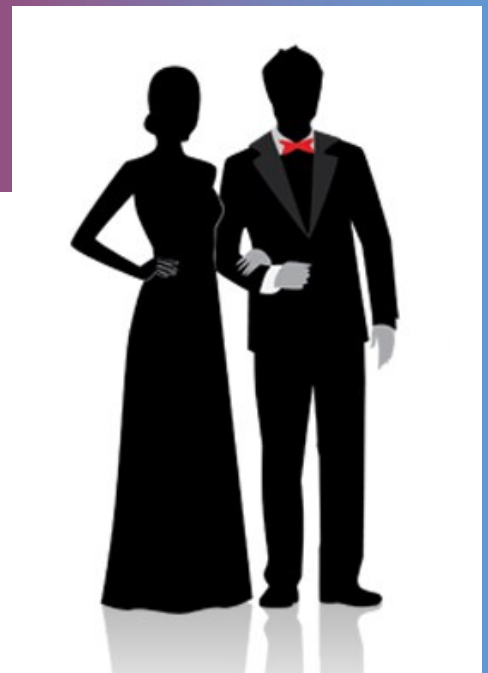
Maybe-5

Do you think that walk-in should be at the Cox Building rather than the high school?

Yes- 17

No- 1

Maybe- 6



Creative Quentin

By: Kailee Fisher

Student of the month is an award that many love to receive. Each month a student is selected from each grade to receive this award. This month, Quinton Thomas has been selected as April Student of the Month.

Quinton is a senior here at RULH High School and is known around school for his creativity. Although most seniors around this time are ready to graduate, Quinton is still working hard and is going out of high school with a bang! Quinton is not surprised he got student of the month because he is really nice. Quentin exhibits a high level of caring which is why he has been selected Senior Student of the Month.

Quinton is currently enrolled in greenhouse, career math, pottery, and choir. His favorite class is choir because he thinks singing is fun. When asked to describe his student image Quinton responded with, "Pretty good, I treat others nice." Having this image has allowed for him to become a great student, as well as a good person.

Quinton possesses many good qualities that make him a good student. He is a good writer, he is nice, he is creative, and he is smart. Having these qualities has allowed for Quinton to excel in the classroom. Not only does Quinton excel in the classroom, but his creativity also allows for others around him to be entertained.

In the future, Quinton wants to become a writer. Quinton has a lot of talent when it comes to writing, and everyone around the building enjoys reading his stories. Quinton's motivation is to make others, and himself happy. This is a great motivation to have!

Quinton's role models are his parents. This is because they treat him well and support him. Like his parents, Quinton serves as a role model. His advice to the underclassmen is, "Have fun, try hard, and you will be advice." Great advice Quinton. Congratulations on being selected as Student of the Month, Keep up the good work!



Astounding Alexis

By: Kailee Fisher

Each month teachers choose a student out of each grade worthy of Student of the Month. Although being a freshman in a new building can be tough, one freshman has stood out to the teachers. Alexis Fisher's hard work and determination has allowed for her to become Freshman Student of the Month.

Alexis is surprised she has received student of the month. This is because she did not think the school still did it. Although Lexi did not realize there was a student of the month, her hard work and determination has still stood out to others.

Lexi is currently taking Advanced English 9, Food Natural Resources, School of Rock, and Spanish 1. Although she excels in all of her classes, her favorite class is Spanish 1. This is because she has always wanted to learn spanish and culture interests her. When asked to describe her student image Lexi responded with, "I'm friendly to everyone I see, and I work hard." Having this image has allowed for her to become a great student, as well as a great person.

Alexis's future plans is to graduate top in her class, and get into a good college. As of right now she wants to become a pediatrician. These are good goals to aim for, and with Lexi's determination she is likely to meet them. When asked what her motivation is she responded with, "I've always wanted to lead a life as good as my parents did for me when I'm older, and I think high school plays a large role in it. Doing good in high school leads to better college opportunities, with college comes a good job and with a job you have the money to afford and manage the costs of a nice life." Having this mind set will allow for Lexi to become a better student, a better person, and have a better future.

When asked who here role model was Lexi responded with, "My role model is my mom, she taught me that it doesn't matter how small of an advantage you're given in life, if you work and don't stop trying for what you want you will see success. I've always looked up to her for everything, but for that reason especially. I want to be as successful as she was." Lexi's role model is very important to her and has taught her many important life lessons.

Alexis possesses many qualities that make her a good student. She works hard and never gives up. These qualities are important in both school, and life. Having these qualities has allowed for Lexi to be a role model. When asked what advice she would give to the underclassmen she responded with, "Stay motivated, in high school you of what needs done like previous years. You are given things, and your choice if you want to fail or you either do them or you don't, it is Congratulations on being selected as Student of the Month, Keep up the good work!



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Upcoming Games:

Detroit: Become Human

By: Colter Cottrell

Every Month, I like to highlight games coming out soon that I think are interesting. 2018 has certainly been an interesting year for games, with Kingdom Come: Deliverance coming out in February, A Way Out and Far Cry 5 that came out in March, and not to forget, one of the most anticipated games of all time, Red Dead Redemption 2 coming out in October, which will be covered in a later issue. I decided to skip to the month of May, as the only big game coming out in April is God of War 4, and I felt that I could not provide a good article as I have not played the first three. Instead, this article will be about a surprising blockbuster game, Detroit: Become Human

Detroit: Become Human is an upcoming game being released on May 25th. Detroit: Become Human is being developed by Quantic Dream, a Paris, France based game studio behind games such as Fahrenheit (AKA Indigo Prophecy) and Heavy Rain. The publisher for Detroit: Become Human is Sony Interactive Entertainment, meaning that Detroit: Become Human will be a PlayStation Exclusive.

Detroit: Become Human is a true revolution story. The city of Detroit produces androids, as close to humans as possible, much like gen 3 synths from Fallout 4. The androids are made to do hard labor and mundane jobs. They are used as slaves. The game is about the androids fighting back against their abusive human overlords. The main Playable characters are as follows: Kara is a newly created android with artificial consciousness who discovers how it is to live among humans and struggles to find her place in a world where androids are still not conscious and utilized as servants. Connor is an advanced police model android tasked with hunting down androids that have mysteriously deviated from their programmed behaviors. Markus is an android who takes it upon himself to free others like him from bondage. The game is centered around choice. Your choices forge the story. They can save people, or get people killed. Also, the games main characters can die at any time. The game is designed to keep going even if a character dies. In other words, BE WARNED: character death is permanent.

Do you like the sound of Detroit: Become Human?



ReadyPlayerOne

By: Kolby Alexander

This month's movie review will be on a movie that was just released into the theater as of March 29. This movie is Ready Player One. Ready Player One is a new science fiction movie by the infamous Steven Spielberg, the creator of many great films, including Jurassic park, Jaws, and Saving Private Ryan. This movie is about a very technologically advanced society that takes place in Columbus, Ohio in the year 2045. In the year 2045 people escape their harsh reality by going into the Oasis, a virtual reality world where people can be someone who they can't be in the real world. The Oasis was created by a man named James Halliday, a brilliant man with an even more brilliant dream. He created the Oasis and when he did, he also created a golden egg for all the players in the Oasis to find. The worthy player who would find this golden egg would gain complete control of the Oasis and all of James Halliday's riches. That's where our main character comes in, Wade Watts.

Watts lives in Columbus, Ohio with his aunt and her not so friendly boyfriend. Wade Watts goes on a winding treasure hunt with his five friends to find the golden egg, and on his way, he and his friends face hard challenges. Not only do they have to outsmart the tricky ways of the Oasis, but they have to beat the big corporation called I.O.I. in a race to riches. The movie is all around too good to spoil, so I won't unveil too many details. The movie is a must see to anyone who is an avid gamer as there are many video game cameos to see. The movie received a 75% on Rotten Tomatoes, which isn't half bad. So what do you think? Does the movie sound like you would enjoy it? If it does, I would strongly recommend going to see it at your local theater.



Easter Jokes

By: Kolby Alexander

1).What happened to the egg when he was tickled too much?

He cracked up...

2).Why was the Easter bunny upset?

He was having a bad hare day...

3).What did the Easter bunny say to the carrot?

It's been nice gnawing you...

4).What do you call a mischievous egg?

A practical yolker...

5).What kind of music does the Easter bunny listen to?

Hip-hop...

6).How does the Easter bunny stay healthy?

Eggsercise...

7).How does the Easter bunny keep his fur shiny?

With hair spray...

8).How does Easter end?

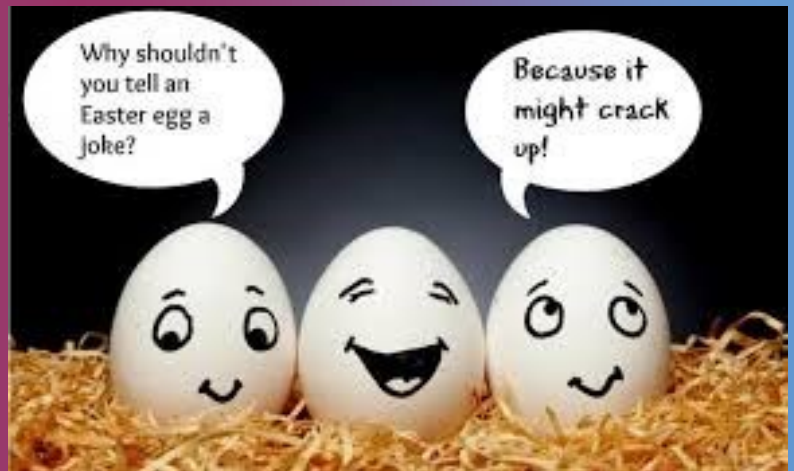
With an R...

9).What did the rabbits do after their wedding?

Went on a bunnymoon...

10).What does the Easter bunny eat for breakfast?

IHOP...



Weird Laws

By: Kolby Alexander

- 1). Bingo games cannot last more than 5 hours (North Carolina)
- 2).Chicken are not allowed to cross the road(Quitman Georgia)
- 3).If you cut down a cactus, you can be sentenced to 25 years in prison (Arizona)
- 4).It's illegal to sell your eyeballs (Texas)
- 5).It's forbidden for a female to be seen unshaven in public(Carrizozo New Mexico)
- 6).Bear wrestling matches are prohibited (Alabama)
- 7).In San Antonio, flirting is against the law(Texas)
- 8).If you have a mustache, it's illegal for you to kiss a woman (Eureka Nevada)
- 9).Policemen are allowed to bite a dog if they think it will calm it down (Paulding Ohio)
- 10)It's illegal to sing off-key (North Carolina).



Spring Survey

By: Kolby Alexander

The results are in for the Spring Survey that was sent out to the students.

What did you do over your spring break?

Many said that they spent time with their families, in their beds sleeping, playing sports, and enjoying being away on vacation.

Did you participate in Easter festivities?

68.8% of students said yes.

31.3% of students said no.

Did you go on vacation during spring break?

18.8% of students said yes.

81.3% of students said no.

What was your favorite part of spring break?

Many students said their favorite part of the break would have been sleeping, hanging out with friends, being able to relax, and the fact that they didn't have to go to school in general.

Did you enjoy having a week off instead of just a few days?

96.9% of students said yes.

3.1% of students said no.

What do you prefer, cold weather or warm weather?

71.9% of students responded warm weather.

25% of students responded cold weather.

3.1% of students responded neither.

What activities do you like to do in the spring? (gardening, sports, etc.)

Our students said that their overall favorite activities to do in the spring would be playing sports, gardening, being outside, and fishing.

What is your favorite part of spring?

Many students said that for them, the warmer weather was one of their favorite parts of spring, but along with that they also said that they really like seeing the flowers bloom, and that spring offers many opportunities to garden, as well as it is a clear sign that the school year is coming to an end, which means summer isn't too far off when spring comes.

Do you enjoy planting flowers in the spring?

31.3% of students said yes.

28.1% of students said no.

40.6% of students said maybe.

What apparel do you like to wear in the spring?

Students said that when spring starts they tend to wear jeans and tee shirts, short sleeved shirts and shorts, capris and flip flops, overall clothing that fits that spring feeling.



April Birthdays

By: Kolby Alexander

April Birthdays

Casey Baker 4/1

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Emily King 4/3

Gregoryona Miller 4/3

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Jacob Mckee 4/4

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Bradley Miller 4/11

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Loretta Walls 4/20

Brandon Mason 4/24

Erika Campbell 4/28

Gage West 4/24

Christopher Reuss 4/25

Danielle Bennington 4/26

Erika Campbell 4/28



April Beauty

By: Casey Baker

Winter is leaving, and Spring is coming. For many of us, the winter season is a natural time of rest, reflection, and an overall slower pace. This becomes even more apparent after the holidays are over. The days are shorter, as the light available to us from the sun is lessened in duration. With the cold temperatures and the long, dark nights we often want to take refuge in our warm homes and find a quiet space in which we can arrive at personal renewal after the rush and pressures of the previous three seasons. Winter is truly a season of preparation.

Then there is the time of in between, a time of transition when it is still winter and yet we can smell on fresh breezes the arrival of spring, especially on warmer days when damp earth gives off that undeniable scent of new life. We can sense spring and within us something begins to stir. We start getting happier and start feeling a little less drowsy. More people start coming outside because the weather is a lot warmer and nicer. Some people take walks, and some ride their bikes. The nicer the weather is, the more people that usually come out. Spring is the best season out of all of them, in my opinion. This is because sometimes it's hot, and sometimes the weathers just perfect, with the right breeze and everything. Spring time is the best time of all.



Good Things about Books

By: Casey Baker

The thing that is good about books is that reading can reduce stress. It can reduce stress because when we read, we're being still. It can help us build a better vocabulary. We get comfortable. Most people sit while reading. Our bodies do not carry special movements, they rest. The breathing slows down. We calm down. We imagine ourselves the worlds or situations described by words in the book. While reading we cannot think of other tasks or worries. Because of all this reasons reading does reduce stress.

Reading helps us build a better vocabulary. It has been proven that book readers have a richer vocabulary, so for them easier to find the best expression for all that they want to tell others. In general, the more you read, the richer your vocabulary gets. Furthermore, books are definitely a treasure trove of knowledge!

Reading stimulates imagination. We are limited only to the extent to which our imagination is limited. When we read about unknown places, our mind itself creates the imaginative images in our heads, rather than simply saving images from small screens in memory. Thus, the imagination and creativity of our minds are being strengthened by reading.

Reading lights up new ideas. Reading encourages us to think. Sometimes, we even start dreaming based on the content we read. In addition, reading gives us new perspectives, that the reader may not even have thought of itself! Thus, through reading, we get new ideas and inspiration, so that we ourselves may try something new or different, inspired the things we read.

Reading improves focus and concentration. While reading, we concentrate on the thoughts of the story or whatever is the content of the book. We usually read longer than we do other tasks. Unlike other activities, we do not run parallel thoughts or "other movies" in our heads while reading. The longer we read, the more concentrated we are. Learning requires concentration, and for this reason, reading books for fun and relaxation is an investment in one's ability to concentrate and it's consequently, a basis for successful learning. Reading also helps improve your memory. The thing that is good about books is reading them helps you with a lot of stuff.



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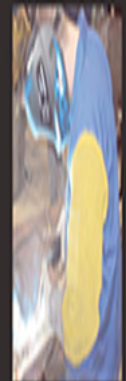
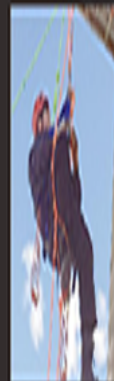
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