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Memorial Day History

By, David Shmulyian

Memorial Day for the year 2018 will be celebrated on Monday, May 28. Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday in May each year. On this day, we honor the men and woman who died while serving in the U.S. military. In **1868** Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the grand Army of the Republic issued what was called General Order Number 11, designating **May 30** as a memorial day. It was originally called Decoration Day because of the tradition to decorate graves of fallen soldiers with flowers. Since 1971, Memorial Day became an official federal holiday. There are parades for memorial Days everywhere across the country. There are multiple military parades in NYC, the one in Queens is the largest. We will have our own parade in Secaucus. My grand-grandpa David was in the military and fought fascism during World War II. I am proud of him and will think about him on Memorial Day.



Autism Awareness Month

By, Kritika Jhamatt

Salutation my name is Kritika Jhamatt. Today I will be talking about Autism awareness month that just occurred in Clarendon School. Mrs. Colamarino and Ms. Primavera organize these events. During the month of April they have organized blue bracelets, blue shirt Fridays, pretzels, blue Gatorade and Italian ice to donate to the company of Spectrum Works.

The company Spectrum Works hires employees with Autism. They learn how to work and be part of a family. 80% of people with autism are unemployed. Spectrum Works goal is to turn that around. You can show your support by painting half of your face blue and sending a picture to spectrum works. We are happy to be a school that supports Autism Awareness.



Memorial Day

By, Meleena Garay

We all look forward to Memorial Day weekend for many reasons. A lot of people shop during the biggest sales of the year, others plan barbecues, while others go to the beach for the long weekend. But we should really understand the true meaning behind Memorial Day. This day marks the remembering of our fallen soldiers, who have fought for our freedom in this great country called the United States of America. We have to thank all those who have served and are currently serving our country. This holiday started years after the civil war and became an official holiday in 1971.



All About Hamsters and Why

They are Great Pets

By: Doreen Liang

Hamsters are great pets in many ways, just like any other pets. They are fluffy, cute, and fuzzy. When people think of hamsters they think of soft gentle and charming creatures. Unlike dogs, hamsters don't need to be taken on walks, they walk themselves. You only have to clean out their cage and bedding once a week. But from my experience I only clean out my hamster's cage and bedding once every two or three weeks. Hamsters only live for about two years. If they are well taken care of, they can live a maximum of three. Hamsters are rodents, similar to mice but not exactly mice. Hamsters are kept as house pets. They have tiny ears and tails. They can come in many different colors such as black, white, gray, blonde, or yellow. When you think of white you often think of the color's meaning as "easy to get dirty". I have a white hamster and she doesn't get dirty. In all there are twenty-four species of hamsters in the world. The most common type of hamster is a dwarf hamster. Dwarf hamsters can come in colors such as gray, yellow, blonde, and white. A dwarf hamster can grow to two to four inches long, some hamsters like mine could grow to be a little bigger than that. The European breed can grow to 13.4 inches. Hamsters were first found or discovered in Syria. They can also be found in Greece, Romania, Belgium, and some places in northern China.

Hamsters especially like warm, dry areas. These animals were brought to the United States from Syria in 1936. Ever since then these fuzzy animals have been kept as pets. From what I know, hamsters are nocturnal animals who sleep in the day and play at night. In order to sleep, hamsters usually dig up their bedding for a place to sleep. If two or more hamsters are in one cage, chances are they might fight or even kill each other. Dwarf hamsters like visitors while other hamsters do not. Some wild hamsters will hibernate in the winter like bears or beavers. When you feed hamsters they will store their food in their cheeks and bury it in their bedding. Hamsters eat nuts, seeds, fruits, corn, and vegetables. Wild hamsters eat dead insects, lizards, bugs, and beetles as part of their diet. Hamsters also have babies that is called litters. Females have three litters a year because they only live for two years. My hamster once had babies. When or if a human touches the newborns the hamster will eat her own babies! Hamsters are known to have very poor eyesight. Hamsters are blind once they are born. After a while they can see better. Hamster's teeth grow continuously but, chewing on wood can help shred their teeth. If you consider getting a hamster, make sure to pick one that will suit your family. Hamsters will become part of your family once you buy it. A good hamster for your family means a long lasting relationship.



Spring By Mohamed Hamdani

The trees' leaves are back. It's not winter anymore, the warm weather is back! I can finally enjoy the warm besides sitting in my Room with a large blanket to cover me. I can go play soccer in the warm (if I'm not lazy enough to just sit and watch tv) Besides staying in my bed all day and night, I'm finally released from the blanket. The fans in my house works 24*7. No more shoveling finally! No more having to deal with annoying siblings begging to go play in the snow. I finally don't have to feel the heater when I have air conditioning and some fans. Instead of having to stay with my baby sister and my family in a house full with heaters. We can just walk to the playground instead of having a baby crying all day long. I don't have to worry 'bout a thing despite the mosquitos.



Sports in Secaucus By, Doreen Liang

Spring is an important season. Flowers are blooming and much more. Anyway let's get back to the topic, sports. Spring is also a good time to play sports. **Soccer, softball, baseball, lacrosse, golf, tennis, track, fencing, swimming, and skateboarding** are all a form of sports in the spring. For starters, in order to play soccer you must have shin-guards, cleats, and a ball (the correct size). In softball you will need a lot of equipment such as a helmet, balls, cleats, a face mask, a bat, a bag, socks, batting gloves, and a mitt. Baseball is similar to softball, you will need: a glove, a bat, balls, batting glove, and a bag. Lacrosse doesn't require as much *stuff* as softball, all you will need is: a helmet (boys only), goggles (girls only), cleats, mouthguards, gloves, elbow pads, shoulder pads, cup, and a stick. In golf people are required to have: clubs, a driver, a bag, proper shoes, balls, and a tee. Tennis is an easy sport all you need is: balls, a racket, sneakers, and a bag. To do track all you need is a pair of sneakers. Fencing requires: chest protector (necessary for women), kickers, glove, and a weapon. To swim you will need a pair of goggles (not essential), a bathing suit, and a bathing cap. To skateboard people wear: a helmet, an elbow guard, a leg guard, and a skateboard. If you wish to participate in any of these sports you could join them.

Spring Bugs- Spiders By, Leon Merchel.

Why don't spiders get stuck in their own webs? Spiders have always been setting up sticky traps for their prey to fly into. Many people think to themselves, "why don't spiders get stuck in their own webs?". Unlike unsuspecting prey, spiders don't get in contact with their webs all at once. Instead, they move nimbly along the strands with only the hairs on the tips of their legs making close contacts with their sticky webs. It takes practice for a little spider to walk on its web. This lowers their chances of getting stuck in their own webs.

Many people are scared of creatures that actually help them. Spiders, for the most part, are not an aggressive creature that will *only* bite other creatures if threatened. If you see one around and decide to let them live, don't try to touch them because some species have poisonous bites and will bite if they feel threatened. Most spider bites won't do much damage to humans, and many don't have enough power and venom to hurt us, however, some species can be dangerous. The biggest reason spiders are helpful is because they eat other pests. Just how many mosquitoes can be found in the summer? Well, if spiders didn't exist (and bats), than the whole world would be covered in mosquitoes. They aren't the most efficient in pest control, but they do help with reducing the amount of pests in your home. Spiders also eat other spiders, pests such as flies, moths, centipedes, fleas and even cockroaches. However, if you are seeing a lot of spiders that means there's an ample amount of food for them, and means you have other pest issues in your home.



Let's Have Fun! Spring Ideas! By, Janani Sridhar

You can set up a backyard playdate for your siblings and I will show you the steps.....

1. Find a nice warm day to set it.
- 2 .Set up a table and label it "Arts & Crafts"
- 3 .You can think of creative ways to make spring related crafts such as a paper plate sun, you may as well decorate the table.
- 4 .Put up a sprinkler and your siblings and their friends can have fun running into it.
5. Put crepe paper around a tree just for decoration and it is totally optional.
- 6 .Set up another table, a smaller one and you may call it "Slime Time" where kids get to make slime.
7. Out of cardboard, cut a little box which will be rectangular. Cut a square in the middle and make it big. Decorate it and this will be a photo booth.
- 8 .Take out some snacks and have the kids sit and eat.
- 9.Enjoy! Have fun in the sun !



Drama Club to Perform
“Willy Wonka and the
Chocolate Factory”
By, Addison Rubin

Do you want to see an amazing, fun, and interesting play? Do you want to see a lot of singing, dancing, and wonderful actors? If so, then come see our drama club play “Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory”! This play is directed by the great Mrs. Lamatina, who has put a lot of work into teaching us all of the songs and dance moves. With Mrs. Lamatina directing, we guarantee this show will take you to the next level.

The characters and actors for this wonderful play are Nicholas De Hombre as Willy Wonka, a wonder magical man who has made chocolate over many years and soon has to retire and find someone else to take over his factory. Next, we have Katerina Christopoulos as Violet Beauregarde, a little country girl who is obsessed with chewing gum. Although Violet is a little rough around the edges, she can still be considered one of our favorite characters. Nicholas Grossi will be playing the Beloved Augustus Gloop, a greedy little boy who is always found with food stuffed in his mouth. This little boy is constantly hungry and always wants to eat more! Next, we have our little video game player, Mike Teavee, played by Evripidis Tsirogiannis. Mike can be found with his nose two inches from the screen. This little boy lives for his Nintendo video games and his computer.

Finally, last but not least, we have Ameya Athalye as Charlie Bucket a nice, friendly, kind kid whose family is poor. He is later the one who is chosen to take over Wonka’s factory. All of the people in this play are all extraordinary singers, actors, and dancers. So please if you want a play with pure imagination, great actors, and standing ovations, then come see our school play on June 6 and June 7.



Roses
By, Gina Kim

For this newspaper, I’m going to be writing about...roses! There are over 100 species of roses. The fruit of the rose is called a rose hip. It is extremely rich in Vitamin C. So, it is used for food supplements. It is also used to relieve stomach pain, and treat cancer. Roses can survive for a very long time. There is one type of rose called wild roses that bloom once every year. The oldest living rose was 1,000 years old! The tallest rose bush was 23 feet tall. Roses are known for the ultimate symbol of love! Even though roses are common, they are very special to many people to receive them.



Diary of a Wimpy Kid
The Long Haul
“Book Review”
By, David Shmuyian

If you recall, spring break was in April, and many people went on a road trip to all sorts of places. Well, on May 17, 2017 Greg Heffley went on his own in the **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** book, On this long journey Greg gets a pig, gets cramped in luggage, gets bit by said pig, goes to a fair, meets three crazy kids, plays car games, goes to a water park, and stays at multiple motels. To summarize, Greg gets into all sorts of trouble and shenanigans. First off, it started really good. Greg’s mom read an article about family road trips in her magazine “Family Frolic”. Hilarity ensues as we learn about past road trip experiences, Greg's dad's boat, and about the family aunt’s retirement home. At the end of the first day the family stops by a motel and it is really run down plus mom and dad have taken the only bed. Around half way they stop at a better motel and go to a water park called “Soak Central”. That’s basically the plot (there are some spoilers that i didn't list here - you are welcome for me not spoiling it). Now I covered the basics, and it’s time to get to the review. In my opinion, the story was great!!! With comedy, suspense, and everything in between. It was a really good book, and on that topic you should give it a read. It would give it 5/5 stars for being really funny, amusing, and a good show all the way through.



Why Do Bees and Bugs come out during Springtime?

By, Justin White
(Guest Writer)

It has often been said that bees and bugs are responsible for one out of every three bites of food we eat. Most crops grown for their fruits (including vegetables such as cucumber, tomato and eggplant) Nuts, seeds, fiber (such as cotton) and hay require pollination by these insects. The main insect pollinators, by far, are bees, even though there are also hundreds of other bug species that contribute to pollination. Bees pollinate a third of everything we eat. Bees and bugs loves the spring instead of the winter and even the summer at times. Because they are the most important specie that helps with pollination and they can only do that when it is spring time, this is the time when plants are blossoming. Pollination is needed for plants to reproduce and so many plants depend on these cute insects as pollinators. Many plants require this kind of pollen distribution known as cross pollination in order to produce viable seeds. Bees make excellent pollinators because most of their life is spent collecting pollen a source of protein that they feed to their offspring, not only do they love the spring to pollinate with all these flowering plants but they have to feed their family too. The business of collecting pollen requires a lot of energy, and so many flowers attract and also reward bees with nectar a mixture of water and sugars produced by plants.

During the winter or when we have inclement weather it is reported that we have losses ranging from 10% to 33%, that is because weather confines bees to the hive during summer or the winter. During the summer they become weak and easy prey. The bees need the flowers for food, while the flowers needs the bee to reproduce. "To the bee, a flower is the fountain of life, and to the flower, the bee is a messenger of love." Springtime is a joy to these species.



Spring Hacks-Flowers **By, David Schmulyian**

It took long enough, but spring is finally here!!! Since spring is a time to be around flowers, today I'll show you two flower hacks.

For the first hack I will show you how to make a flower necklace with only three things. First get:

- 1.flowers (any type)
- 2.glue
- 3.scissors

Step one, cut the flowers off of the stems. Step two: glue the stems together to be a bit larger than your head (this depends on how many flowers you have.

Final step: glue the heads of the flowers to your stems. And that is your flower necklace all done.



