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Goodbye Mr. and Mrs. Pillow (by Sydney S.)

As this year comes to an end we say goodbye to two very special people, Mr. and Mrs. Pillow who will be retiring this year and consequently leaving us. They have been teaching for 8 years at Big Hollow for a total of 32 years of teaching, being our gym teacher and coaching the basketball team. They will leave with a lot of great memories, as they were and always be loved by faculty and students. They said "one thing they will truly miss is all the great teachers and students who are awesome". "What will you do when you retire?" I asked them, they said "they will be spending a lot of their time with their 3 grandchildren (Amya 11, Raymond 8 and Carter 2, along with their 2 children Melissa and Ryan). What words of encouragement would you like to leave the students? "To the students I would like to say and leave to them is... be your own individual, always be true to yourself and most of all is kind and respectful to others," these were some great words by our beloved Mr. and Mrs. Pillow. We won't say

Summer vacation
starts on May 26th!
No more school or
homework!

A graphic illustration of a tropical beach scene with a palm tree, a beach chair, and waves in the background. The text is overlaid on this scene.

Tasty treat for 4th of July

By: Jasmin P.

#1 Patriotic Ice Cream Sandwiches



What you need

- Homemade or store-bought chocolate chip cookies
- Vanilla ice cream
- Red and blue sprinkles

Recipe:

First, place a plate or a paper plate under the cookie upside down on the paper plate.

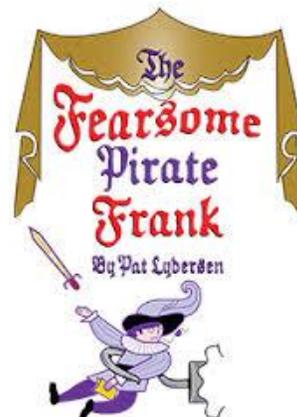
Second, take a scoop or less of the ice cream and place it on the cookie that is facing upside down.

Thirdly, place the last cookie on the vanilla ice cream

Fourthly, have a paper plate of sprinkles and grab the ice cream sandwich and circle the ice cream cookie around the sprinkles all around.

Lastly, clean up the mess and enjoy your ice cream sandwich!

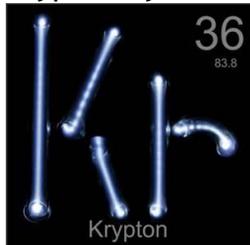
Big Hollow Fine Arts Presents *the Fearsome Pirate Frank*
J.D. L.



'The Fearsome Pirate Frank' ★★★★★

Do you enjoy pirates? How about zombies? What about mermaids? *The Fearsome Pirate Frank* had it all. *The Fearsome Pirate Frank* was about an actor, named Frank (Neil K.), who was about to give up his unsuccessful acting career when he was visited by a Mr. Smee (Jason D.), a producer that persuaded Frank into acting as the lead role in his new pirate play. However, during one of the performances, Frank, a fellow actor named Esmarelda Effington (Chloe S.), and his "crew" were captured by a real group of female pirates led by the real Fearsome Pirate Frank (Emma L.). It was revealed later on that Cap'n Frank was being haunted by the undead spirit of her old captain, Ben Davies (Ian W.), who was following her in a ship run by a crew of pirates. Eventually, due to his pure heart, it was up to Frank the actor to vanquish Ben Davies and his zombie crew once and for all. Narrated by a host of hilarious characters and buccaneering fun from start to finish, *The Fearsome Pirate Frank* was un-arrrrrrrguably an emotional joyride for all.

Krypton by Sean E.



Krypton is not just Superman's weakness. It's also element 36 on the periodic table, and its uses are very intricate and create the ability to do many things we previously were not able to do. Krypton originated from the Greek word, "kryptos". Krypton was discovered on May 30, 1898 by Sir William Ramsay, a Scottish chemist, and Morris M. Travers, an English chemist, while studying liquefied air. They boiled away at the liquid air, and after that, a small bit of it contained Krypton. In fact, only .0001% of the earth contains Krypton. Krypton is mainly used for photography flashes, and in some cases, even used to make a green-ish glow. It happens to have an atomic number of 36, and is in the non-metal category!

Geo Quiz

Movie Edition

By J.D.L.

1. Where were the *Lord of the Rings* movies filmed?
 - A. New Zealand
 - B. Middle Earth
 - C. The same place as *The Hobbit*
2. Where were the Tatooine scenes from the *Star Wars* movies filmed?
 - A. Egypt
 - B. Tunisia
 - C. Tatooine
3. In the movie *Indiana Jones: The Last Crusade*, where was the finale filmed?
 - A. Jordan
 - B. Howard
 - C. Israel

What Makes Cartoons and Animated Movies So Fun? By Elizabeth N.

You spirt to the couch hoping to get the best spot before the movie starts. Once it does you see Cinderella's castle as rainbow of glitter jumps over it. You know you are watching a Disney movie expecting a funny movie for families that is animated.



Most of the time younger viewers 4-12 see ,and love funny cartoons of a talking mouse, or two twins named Dipper and Mable on television or they and their parents see the Minions or a police officer bunny and her friend the Fox in a movie. All these are a type of art which is called animation that is the illusion that pictures are moving. We all loved these at a time and most of us still do (Me included) love to see these and are a huge form of entertainment, but the question is what makes them appeal to younger views so much? One of the reasons might be that at a young age we were more suited to read books with huge pictures, and that had very little text making our brains think that anything with pictures is interesting. Another reason might be how most live action television shows live or movies are suited more for older or mature viewers that face a more serious topic making it unsuitable or boring for younger viewers. The last reason is quite simple but animated movies and cartoons are just fun they have that appeal to younger viewers (Even adults) that make them that likable. Well, that is my take on what makes animated movies or cartons so fun. Now what is yours?

Naruto Jutsus
By: Nate Y.

WARNING: EVERYTHING ON THIS PAPER DOES NOT ACTUALLY WORK. THIS STUFF IS FROM A SHOW.

Hand Seal Chart



Shadow Clone Jutsu: To do the hand sign make 2 half tigers and cross them. It will make clones of you that can actually fight instead of illusions. The number of clones depend on how good you chakra is and how much you want.

Lightning Style: Chidori- The hand seals are Ox, Rabbit, Monkey, Dragon, Rat, Bird, Ox, Serpent, Dog, Tiger, Monkey. Must have a lot of speed to use. Makes a lightning source in hand and pierces target. When running towards target you are going so fast that you have tunnel vision. Since you cannot see correctly, you will be open to attacks on the side. Most ninja cannot use the Chidori unless they possess the heightened visual perception of the sharingan or byakugan.

Greek Mythology: The Beginning by Mason H

Let's get the basics laid down. We had Gaea, mother earth, and Chaos, which is chaos. The pit of Tartararous was in the abyss. Nobody made it. It was just there. Gaea took human form but then got bored. So she made the sky, whether she willed it to happen or chaos felt like being nice. So Ouranos the sky was created and also took human form. Then Gaea and Ouranos fell in love they had 12 kids the first titans. 6 girls and 6 boys their names were: (not in order from oldest to youngest) Kronos, Theia, Themis, Rhea, Mnemosyne, Tethys, Pheobe, Oceanus, Hyperion, Coeus, Crius, and Lapetus. Then they had triplets the first Cyclops named Brotos, Steropes, and Arges. When Ouranos saw them he chained them up and threw them into the pit of Tartarous, then they had another set of triplets the one-hundred arms ones and their names were Aegaeon, Cottus, and Gyges. Sadly, when Ouranos saw them he chained them and threw them into Tartarous. Then Gaea flipped out and created a blade call scythe and then she said "Who will take this and kill your father and become the ruler of the galaxy?" At first nobody answered, some walked away. But finally Kronos, the youngest titan, agreed to it. He liked the idea of power, he had a plan. First Gaea had to act nice and then Kronos and 4 of his brothers, Koios, Iapetus, Krios, and Hyperion. Kronos bribed them by saying "You will rule the 4 directions." (Plus they were the only ones left.)
To be continued.....

Most Recognized Companies in Comic Books

By J.D.L.

Have you ever heard of Wayne Enterprises? Or S.T.A.R. Labs? These are very popular companies in comic books. These are the backgrounds for some of the richest superheroes and supervillains in the history of comics. Think you know them all?

1. Wayne Enterprises (Batman)
2. Stark Industries (Iron Man)
3. LexCorp (Lex Luthor)
4. OsCorp (Green Goblin)
5. InGen (Jurassic Park)
6. Queen Consolidated (Green Arrow)
7. Pym Technologies (Ant-Man)
8. Roxon Energy Corporation (Marvel Comics)
9. S.T.A.R. Labs (The Flash)
10. Ferris Aircraft (Green Lantern)
11. ACE Chemicals (The Joker)
12. The Daily Bugle (Spider-Man)
13. Hammer Industries (Whiplash)
14. Fantastic Four Inc. (The Fantastic Four)
15. The Daily Planet (Superman)
16. Cross Technological Enterprises (Yellowjacket)

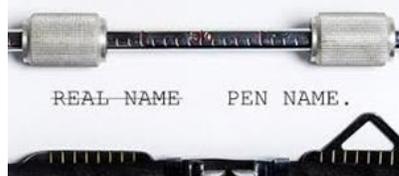
The Fun of Pen Names by Lillian M.

Pen names often hold a little mystery, just imagine you are a bestselling author and nobody knows it's you! Even this name is a pen name. Though Pen names hold a great in convince to the fans of their work it can hold benefits to the authors such as unnamed mystery fame or if their book fails, and the author who is well known like *cough* J.K Rowling *cough* Anyhow... if you wonder what kind of FAMOUS authors used pen names there are I can name a few such as:

- Stephen King
- J.K Rowling
- Ed McBain
- Albany William Kennedy
- Richard Matheson
- C.S Lewis
- Joyce Carol Oates

Now I also bet you wonder what a pen name mean? Well it is a made up name in which some person/author uses to hide their identity.

In the end various authors many who are famous, or ones that have won various awards have used these fun works of imaginative names to swindle or trick the readers into thinking it is somebody else that wrote the work, so overall Pen names is a fun type of trick that at times may be a real annoying, but most of the time mean a good trick or a fresh start for several types of authors.



EARLY HISTORY OF ROBLOX 1963-2006

By: Logan G.

Today we will learn about the history of Roblox. In the year of 1963 Co-founder of Roblox David Baszucki was born. On December 16, 1967 the second Co-founder of Roblox Erik Cassel was born. The year of 1994 was when the idea of Roblox was made but because lack of technology it wasn't made. Than two years later 1996 to be exact Roblox was officially worked on. In 1998 some "test" textures were made, you can actually still find them on the new Roblox site today!!!!!!! January 19, 2002 they made a basic sword texture. Roblox used to be called in 2004 dynablock but they thought it would be forgotten which is actually a good thing. In 2006 a currency called Roblox points (which is like player points today) was made to buy hats but in mid-2007 it was replaced by robux. Here's a sad fact on February 11, 2013 Co-founder Erik Cassel sadly lost a fight to cancer and his death was announced on the blog and may he rest in peace.



8th Grade Leaves Encouragement

(By Sydney S)



As we move on to high school, the 8th grade class of 2016 leaves a bit of encouragement against bullying in our school. My name is Sydney I'm an 8th grader here. I'm the only student at Big Hollow Middle School that is deaf/hard of hearing. When I came to Big Hollow three and a half years ago, my biggest fears were being made fun of, teased, or not being accepted. But that was not the case. I made many new friends, kids accepted me, and involved me in the activities and clubs. They were willing to learn sign language, and even learned about the device that helps me hear. When I decided to build the three Buddy Benches for the schools, I really wanted my 8th grade class to be a big part of the bench project for the middle school. I wanted to focus on our school being a bully-free zone, and my 8th grade peers really showed me how kind and accepting they can be. I want the other students to learn from our 8th grade class that we can be bully free. My peers were asked to sponsor the bench by donating money to have the bench built, which they were so gracious to do. When it was done I put a plaque on the bench to make sure everyone knows that our class leaves this bench to the school for all the students. Hopefully for years to come, we can encourage them also to say no to bullying and follow in our footsteps to accept everyone no matter who they are. Right now it is displayed in our main lobby for everyone to see. Thank you to my fellow 8th grade class for letting me be who I am and accepting me, and make me feel always welcomed, this was the best 3 1/2 years for me because of you. I hope you all keep encouraging other students to say no to bullying.

The Meaning behind April and May by Zohair M.

Did you know that April was taken for the Latin word Aprilis? The month April was meant to honor the goddess Venus. In Roman times it was the second month on the Roman calendar; it was placed before January and February in about 700 BC. After that they called it "April Easter" because it meant the goddess Easter whose feast was on that month. And a cool fact is that long ago an Asia royal family took their new places in April in the royal family. However how May was named is a way different story. The month May is derived from the name Maia, the name of a Roman goddess. May's birthstone is an emerald which represents emblematic of love and success. May is the fifth month and is often known as start of summer. Because of that May is considered when the plants start blooming after the month of April. May is also the name for a hawthorn flower which grows in summer and has bright white petals and an emerald-green stem to support it. Finally, in Roman times May was thought to of bring happiness to the world.



When the ring comes round by Elizabeth N.

When you hear the ring
 You always stand up and disappear
 When you hear this ring
 You always go up and say farewell
 You say goodbye
 And worry you will,
 Lose all that you worked so well on
 But you still know you're safe
 Since you have all your tools
 Your arms and legs and most of all your brain;
 When you hear the ring
 You know it is the end of school.

By Mason H

Greek Mythology the Beginning continued

Last article I left off at where Kronos and his 4 brothers Koios, Krios, Hyperion, and Iapetus were going to kill their dad Ouranos. The plan was for Gaea to act nice and for Kronos' brothers to hold Ouranos down and for Kronos to end it. It worked, Kronos was ruler of the universe his brothers got different directions Krios got the south, Koios got the north, Hyperion got the east, and Iapetus got the west, the titans of the four corners of the world. Kronos married Rhea and they had kids because everyone else had kids. Kronos had kids too their names were (in order) Hestia, Demeter, Hera, Hades, Poseidon, and Zeus. Kronos swallowed them all except Zeus because when he killed Ouranos he cursed him, your children will overthrow you. Rhea tricked Kronos into swallowing a rock instead of Zeus. So Rhea took Zeus to Crete and had warriors and nymphs guard him. So he grew up, then when Rhea thought of an idea they were ready. Zeus was to transform into a titan and serve drinks. The plan worked the titans gave Zeus the job. Then one night at a party Zeus drugged Kronos puke out his siblings. Then they left to Crete and got advice from Gaea. They were to go to Tartarus and get the Cyclops and the hundred handed ones to make them weapons. The task was difficult; a monster named Kampe' was guarding them with a fire whip. But they were happy to help they would throw weapons over the boulder. Zeus got the bolt, Poseidon got a trident, and Hades got a helmet. The ladies got nothing. Then Kampe' saw them and Zeus used his bolt to make lightning and she got disintegrated. Then they got locked in a bloody war but the gods had a trick they had the Cyclops and the one hundred handed ones. They threw boulders from the mountain over and that destroyed the mountain the titans were at so the gods threw all the titans except Atlas and the ones that helped the gods. Atlas had to hold up the sky for all eternity.

8th Grade
 graduation is on
 May 24th!
 Congratulations
 class of 2016!



1. Both A & C; *The Hobbit*, as well as *The Lord of the Rings*, were both filmed in New Zealand
2. B; Tunisia was just the right place
3. A; The finale was filmed in front of a real Roman temple carved out of a cliff in Jordan.