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Happy New Year

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The Joy of Sox By Ilana S.

Imagine walking out into the street, rain pouring onto your already wet clothes. Your feet are covered with a worn sock that you have worn for the past few months. Soggy socks squish under the pressure of your feet. You shiver whenever your feet touch cold rainwater. Aches and pains shoot up your feet whenever you take a step. This is the life of many homeless people.

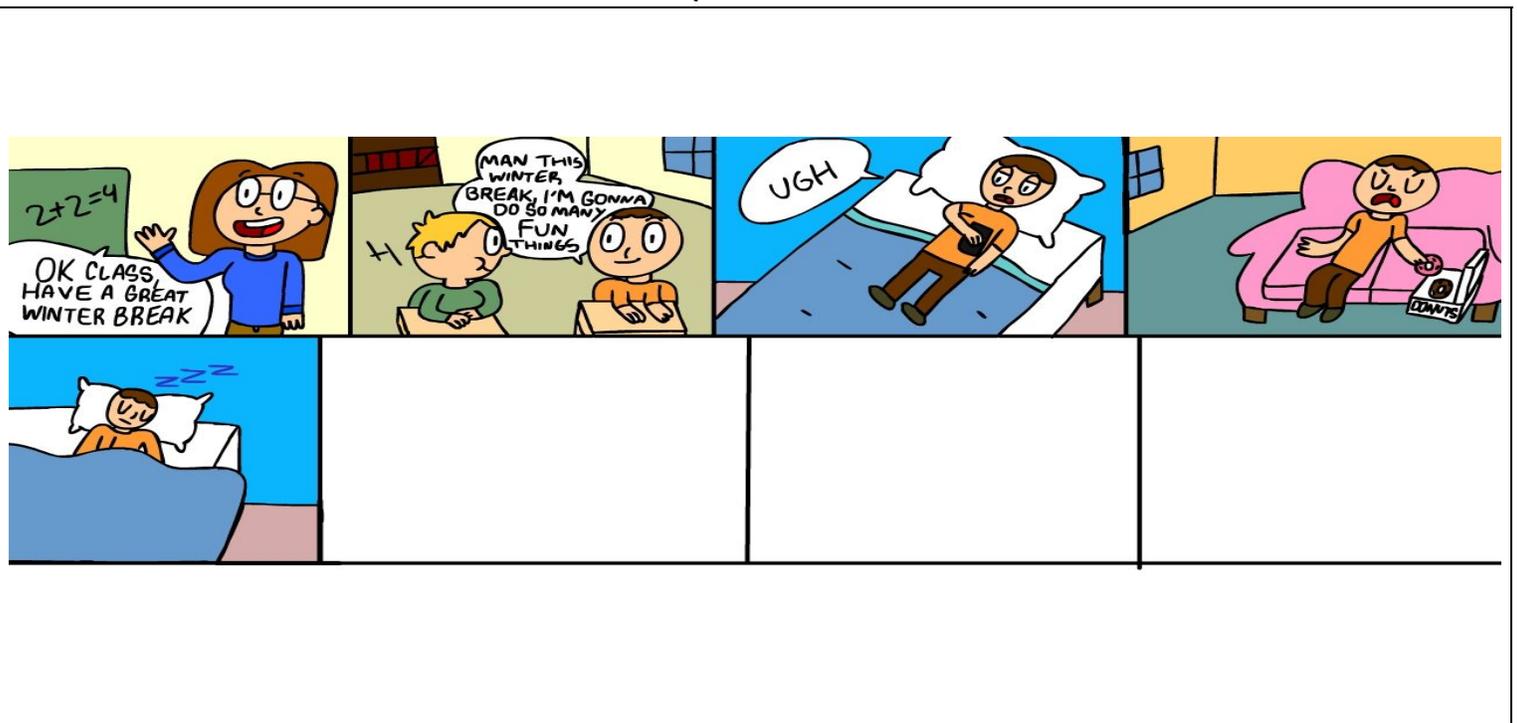
They cannot afford to get new socks for their comfort. That is why we had a Socktober collection during our last spirit week. We raised a whopping 5,633 pairs of socks in total!

Months later, we found out that we broke a world record! That's right. Most schools that do this collection only get to about 2,000 or 3,000 socks. We, however, pushed through and did an amazing thing. It was because of everyone that donated that we were able to reach this achievement.

Student council ended up donating to an organization called The Joy of Sox®. Their mission is to "give joy to those experiencing homelessness by giving them new socks." We really liked what they were trying to do, and they really appreciated our support. To learn more about this organization, visit www.TheJoyOfSox.org.

Imagine how many people we are able to help. Imagine how many people will receive the socks YOU donated. Congratulations, Harrington, we changed lives this year!

How was your Winter Break? By Gavin M.



How to keep your New Year's Resolution

By Emily F.

Some of you may not have a resolution, but maybe you should. It's always good to try to improve yourself. These steps will show you how to keep your New Year's resolutions.

1. Don't just give up now because you will never be successful. (Don't actually give up)
2. Think about what you want to improve. Do you want to get stronger, smarter, or get rid of bad habits?
3. Start small, don't make an impossible resolution. If you make it too hard you will want to give up.
4. Find out what you should do specifically. Don't say I want to exercise more, say I want to go for a 30-minute run every day or I want to do 100 sit-ups every day.
5. Figure out what would stop your goal. If you want to get healthier stop eating sweets. I know that ice cream is good but sugar will not help.
6. Treat yourself. If you are only eating vegetables to be healthy then you will be sad and give up, let yourself have something good. (Like ice cream)
7. Tell friends so they could help you. They could make sure you are working on your goal every day.
8. Don't do the same thing every day because you will get bored and want to stop.
9. Don't give up. If you do bad one day don't wait for next year. You don't have to only try to improve yourself on New Year's.

Good Luck with those resolutions, people!

Martin Luther King Jr: Remembrance

By: Caitlyn S and Kennedy D



Martin Luther King Jr. was a very important man in history. He was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a well-known civil rights leader and activist who had a lot of influence on American society in the 1950s and 60s. His strong belief in nonviolent protest helped the Civil Rights Movement to end racial discrimination and segregation. King fought for the equality of rights for African Americans, and the unfortunate who were in poverty. Martin Luther King Jr. was also a Baptist minister. King's life was unfortunately cut short, as he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, when he was just 39 years old. He was a very influential man, saying many quotes, including a popular one, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." He was all for people speaking their opinions and he thought doing so was very important. Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and is remembered each year on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which has been a holiday since 1986. King was a social activist, who led the Civil Rights Movement from the 1950s until his untimely death by in 1968. "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

The New Year's Resolutions for School

By Sophie S.

Looking to start out this new year on a high note academically. Try out these resolutions and watch your grades skyrocket!

1. Read more books.
2. Make new friends.
3. Try more in your classes (even gym).
4. Try new things (like writing or art) outside of school.
5. Make sure you are prepared for tests.
6. Complete all homework assignments.
7. Pay attention when your teachers are talking.
8. Use a planner.
9. Finish all of your projects with time to spare
10. Use your time productively.



New Year's Day

By Sophie S.

The New Year is finally here
Everyone gets a fresh start
There is no reason to fear
You all are good at heart
With a chance to restart.

There is a chance
To do anything
To sing, dance
Or even bring
Music to which you'd prance.

Adventurous forever
Able to soar
On any endeavor
Rising more
No sadness, no gore

Everything great
Pure as a newborn cat
I'll get you up to date
About things like that
Nothing to contemplate

Everything is born anew
It is all beautiful and pure
Like morning dew
The color of the sky, bright blue
That much I know is true.

Trends to Stay and Trends to Go

Sera S. & Kyla L.

Trends that we should leave in 2018

- **Mom jeans**- These have made their comeback from the '80s, and in our opinion should not be stylish anymore. They are very baggy and loose, and many are just old fashioned and unflattering.
- **Kylie Jenner Lip challenge**- this trend made an appearance on social media and quickly became popular. The challenge was that you would put a water bottle or some other plastic bottle around your lips to make them big. This trend was actually very dangerous and it needs to end.
- **Slides**- slides have quickly become popular and a lot of people wear them because they are very comfortable. The problem with slides is that a lot of people are wearing them at school and are getting in trouble. Slides are definitely meant for home.
- **Airpods**- airpods were a very popular Christmas gift and it has become a way to show money. There are a lot of jokes about airpods and though they are nice to have, there is really not much reason for them. Let's say you drop your phone, unlike wired earbuds, nothing will catch the phone and it could break. Also a lot of kids are using them in class and it's causing them to not pay attention.
- **Dad sneakers**- This trend, mainly started by famous people such as the Kardashians has been around for a little while now. They are platform shoes that just look like something grandfathers would wear.

Trends that should stay in 2019

- **Scrunchies**- They're such a helpful thing to have on hand. Once popular in the 80s, scrunchies are making a return, and they are quickly becoming popular. You can wear them in your hair or just on your wrist for decoration. Either way, we think scrunchies are a cute and helpful accessory.
- **Bralettes**- These are very stylish and helpful clothing items. They are very comfortable and many people enjoy them. They compliment many outfits and add a nice spin.
- **Polaroid cameras**- A lot of people are starting to get polaroid cameras and for good reason. They're an easy thing to take around with you and you can use the small pictures they produce in seconds to hang on your wall for decoration, to give as sweet gifts or just to have as a memory.

Untold Thoughts: Part II

By Ivy M.

(Original short story)

-Continued from December Paw Prints

Every now and then I felt a desperate need of wanting my mother back. I don't know how she lost her own soul, though I'm having a greed of wanting more and more answers from my father even if he wouldn't tell me how she vanished into thin air. The house was dull and empty just like how I remembered the first time I moved here as a baby. My father had shown me pictures of how the house looked when my mother had given birth to me.

Step-by-step I can hear him coming down the steps leading him into the kitchen. His frame came closer and closer and he leaned towards me placing a kiss on the top of my forehead. "Good Morning," he said placing the empty cup onto the sink.

"Good Morning father," I replied.

"Catherine, may I talk to you for a moment please!" he begged as if he only lived once and wanted another chance of living again.

"Yes" I said with assurance.

I began to head upstairs before he could even catch up to me. Finally, I made it upstairs at the center of the hallway where I found each of our rooms in different sections from certain corners. My body headed to my father's room and I sat upon the bed with my hands folded together to form a look of importance and respect. I kept waiting and waiting to the point I wanted to leave the room. What was taking him so long, I thought to myself.

Finally the door creaked open and father entered the room. He looked in at me and said, "Hey, did I interrupt you?"

"No, not at all." I answered. He sat down onto the bed creating the space to be much smaller. "I'm sorry that I haven't told you this before now. I just thought that you were too young to understand. But your mom was killed in a car accident. I know that I should have told you this sooner and that you always thought that she might come back. for telling you this that your mother had died from a car accident."

I didn't know what to say to him. Why had this taking so long for him to share this with me? I had so many things that I wanted to ask him, but the sad look in his eyes sent me the message that I should probably just stay quiet and not pry too much. He smiled a little smile, tousled my hair and turned to leave the room.

Eventually I began to follow the stairs which will lead into my room. I began to sigh feeling pity for myself, "Why would a day begin like this?" I questioned myself. I opened the closet reaching inside to find it full of different clothes. My hands reach upon the shelf grabbing one of my decent outfits I could afford to wear. I started to remove my shirt and my long bagged pants which really didn't fit me well. I carefully stretched my one arm into the hole in where it belonged especially with the other which fitted perfectly.

"Finished!" I panted with short breath. "Now that I know the truth about Mom, I guess I will just have to deal with it."

"Catherine, hurry up time isn't waiting." Dad yelled from downstairs. "We have places to go! We are going to go visit some family."

"Coming!" I yelled as I ran down the stairs. What else could this day possibly bring?

Lilly's Laughter Line

Riddles

- A man was taking a walk outside when it started to rain. The man did not have an umbrella, and he wasn't wearing a hat. His clothes got soaked, yet not a single hair on his head got wet. How could this happen?
- A girl was sitting in a house at night that has no lights on at all. There is no lamp, no candle, nothing. Yet she is reading.

Jokes

- What did the blanket say to the bed?
- How do you keep a bull from charging?

Answer Riddles

He is bald

There is a grandmother a mom and a daughter

Jokes

Don't worry I'll cover you

Take away its credit card

Minecraft

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 best material for tools, weapons, and armor
- 5 Spawn Mainly in flat worlds
- 6 block needed to create nether portal
- 7 Country that minecraft was created, capital city is Stockholm
- 10 Used to light objects on fire
- 12 Starting Character (Female)
- 13 Used for trading items, spawn in villages
- 15 Green Mob that blows up
- 16 unbreakable block

DOWN

- 2 Best weapon in Minecraft
- 3 Armor you wear on your chest
- 4 placed on end portal blocks to activate it
- 5 Starting character (Male)
- 8 Shoots fire charge, spawns in nether
- 9 Action to get materials
- 11 Used for making music
- 14 a 2x2 of it is infinite

MUST READS IN 2019

By J.J. T.

Reading, reading, reading. Some of us love to read, others not so much. Fortunately (or unfortunately depending on how you see it), I love to read. Having said that, here are some highly-anticipated books being published in 2019.

Book #1: *Two Can Keep a Secret* by Karen McManus

Two Can Keep a Secret was published on January 8th, 2019. It is the second book of author Karen M. McManus, who wrote the book *One of Us is Lying*. It is not a sequel, just another book from the author. The book is about Ellery, a teenage girl who has to move to a small town named Echo Ridge with her grandmother. The thing about this town is, 5 years before she moved there, a homecoming queen was killed. Not only that, but everyone seems to be keeping a secret. Everyone in Echo Ridge is giving off an eerie feeling, and Ellery doesn't like it. Anyway, if you had read the first book, this one is sure to be up your alley.

Book #2: *The Toll* by Neal Shusterman

The Toll, unlike *Two Can Keep a Secret*, has not been published yet. In fact, it is planned for September of 2019, so we've got quite a bit of waiting ahead of us. *The Toll* is going to be the third and final book in the Arc of a Scythe trilogy. The other two books in this series are *Scythe* and *Thunderhead*. If you haven't read *Scythe* yet, go read it, simple as that. Not convinced? Maybe this will change your mind. *Scythe* takes place in a society where what we know as iCloud has transformed into this giant, intelligent, sentient being called the Thunderhead. This "Thunderhead" has solved world peace, world hunger, conquered death, created the ability to de-age someone, and has figured out how to revive people. It has solved every problem mankind has ever encountered. However, conquering death brought up a problem in itself. Overpopulation. In order to keep populations at an acceptable level, there are people called "Scythes." These Scythes have the ability to kill anyone as long as they are limited by a quota and are unbiased. They, unlike everyone else, are not allowed to speak with the Thunderhead. *Thunderhead* ended on a huge cliffhanger, so make sure to read this one only after you've read the other two.

Book #3: *Wings of Fire: The Hive Queen* by Tui T. Sutherland

This last book is a bit of a different one, as it is the 12th in the series. If you are familiar with the series, great! However, I am going to give a brief summary of the first 11 books for those who are not. Books 1,2,3,4, and 5 are all about the Dragonets of Destiny, 5 dragonets who are meant to fulfill a prophecy and stop a war between the dragon tribes. They go through many adventures, each book being through a different dragonet's eyes. Book 6,7,8,9,10, and Darkstalker are all about a school being made in Jade Mountain so that dragonets from different tribes can learn together and connect with one another. Moon, a NightWing with special mind reading powers and visions, hears the ancient and immortal dragon Darkstalker trapped underneath the mountain. He requests for her to get him his scroll, the thing that can channel his power. She agrees and goes on adventures with her friends to find the scroll. The Darkstalker book is about his life, his powers, and how he came to be trapped under the mountain. Book 11 is about another continent, one other than Pyrrhia, where the rest of the books have taken place. Introducing three more dragon tribes, Blue has to get his sister back because they want her special flamesilk to power lights and to be used as energy. The 12th book picks up where the 11th left off, as Blue is going into his metamorphic stages. This book is told by Cricket, Blue's friend, and about how they plan to overthrow the corruption of the HiveWing queen. Get all of that? No? Oh well.

TEACHER TWIST WITH NADIA B!

Hello, and welcome to Teacher Twist with me, Nadia B! Today I am going to be interviewing my own social studies teacher, say hello to Mr Sides from the Oasis house!

Me, Nadia B: Okay, so I'm going to start with your name. Mr Sides. I saw that there was a plaque with your name and then some words on it...?

Sides: My name is actually a unique story. When my ancestors moved to the United States my name was Sietz. My family were farmers on the sides of hills which is how the name originated.

Me: Sticking on the social studies topic, what is your favorite unit to teach?

Mr. Sides: My favorite unit to teach is the Constitution. It is the foundation of our government and rights as citizens

Me: Where did you go to college?

Mr. Sides: I attended Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ

Me: How long have you been teaching in Harrington?

Mr. Sides: I have been here 20 years

Me: Did you teach anywhere before Harrington?

Mr. Sides: I attended Harrington and have been here all 20 years as a teacher

Me: What is your favorite project that you assign?

Mr. Sides: My favorite projects are the City Report and African American History Project because they both allow students to be creative.

Me: Thank you for interviewing with me, Mr. Sides! Before we go, do you have words of wisdom for our readers?

Mr. Sides: Words of wisdom I would share is to always be yourself no matter what others think because you're a unique individual.

Me: And thank you for reading Teacher Twist With Me, Nadia B. Bye!

