

Thanksgiving vs. Covid-19

By: Oscar Petrie, 6th grade

Everyone loves to see their family during the holidays. That's just how it is, but that was before the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are a couple of ways you can stay safe and happy during this thanksgiving.

- Skip meeting face to face and use Skype, Zoom and Google Meet instead
- If you have to meet physically (not recommended) USE A MASK!
- Eat at your own house and stay outside if you interact with people outside your household

The Coronavirus spike has caused many deaths and infections, and Governor Walz is on top of keeping everybody safe. If you follow these simple guidelines, you could prevent yourself and others from infection!

[Google Form](#) - Please Fill this out for my data on how people will be spending thanksgiving.

Check out this [MAP](#) for up to date visuals of Covid-19 data.
Image Credit: CDC Covid-19 Data Map

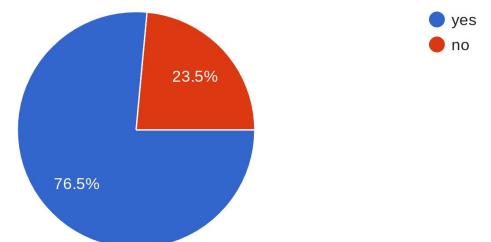
Are Phones Good Or Bad?

By Hailey McCain, 7th Grade

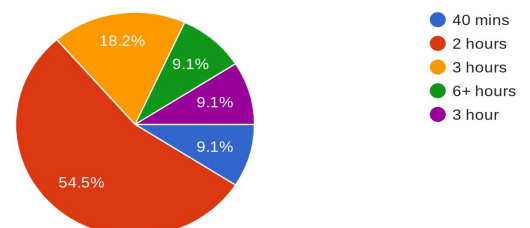
Phones seem to be the basis of the world. We text, chat, search, buy, and live on them. Most kids have phones and use their phones often. So, we asked what people think about their phones. One person said, "As long as it's limited, I think they are good because they can be used for learning, creativeness and communication." Like the previous review, most people are in the middle. An example review of being in the middle is "Good because you can talk to friends" and "They are good if people set limits. Also, they are a way for kids to talk to their friends from long distances and play games. Just because there is bad stuff on the internet doesn't mean that it's just sitting there on the front page."

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17 responses



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11 responses



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There are some people who wrote that over-using the phone is bad. One person said, "Phones can be bad and good. They can be used for good things like connecting with friends and family and getting school work done. However they can also be used for bad things like cyber bullying." Most of the responses are along the same lines. Phones are good for connecting with people, but bad if used excessively.

Tsunamis in Africa

By Aadhavshanjay Avinashkumar, 6th Grade


In Africa, there is a great risk of tsunamis. This is because of underwater landslides, where there is essentially a landslide underwater. The landslides are caused by continental plate shifts which creates the landslide, which then creates the tsunami. To help stop risk of tsunamis, you can volunteer on a community project to make cities safer from tsunamis, have a house away from a coastline that is prone to tsunamis or is know to have had a tsunami, and have a engineer check out your home if it is near a coast to see if you home is safe.

Crazy Weather!


By Daniel Vizcarra-Davis, 7th Grade

In the past weeks, there were some drastic changes in the weather here in Minneapolis. There has been record breaking snowfall, and then it all melts! It's happened twice already, and now it's brisk and chilly.

Surprisingly, these sudden changes are not because of climate change or global warming. They are because the earth is going around the sun. Because weather happens inside our atmosphere, when the atmosphere gets warm or cold it affects our weather. One example of this is once, there was an expedition going to Antarctica, one of the coldest places in the world. The people going on the expedition were told to bring their warmest clothes, but when they arrived they didn't even need to wear long underwear. That's one example of how weather changes fast and greatly.



The **Communications Team** invites you to join their **5 Day Earth Challenge!** Learn one of these facts every day, and after five days take this [Quiz!](#) It's a fun way to learn facts about the earth.



Monday - 27,000 trees are cut down everyday in order to make toilet paper.

Tuesday - 97% of the water on our Earth is the ocean.

Wednesday - The ice in Antarctica is equivalent to the amount of water in the Atlantic Ocean.

Thursday - The plastic items that are recyclable includes plastic 'PET' and 'EDPE' are recyclable. Plastic #1 (PET) are items that are water and soda bottles, peanut butter jars, salad dressing bottles, and so on. Plastic #2 (EDPE) are milk jugs, laundry detergent, oil bottles, drain cleaner containers, and so on.

Friday - Plastic items such as utensils, black-colored plastic, straws, plastic hangers, and polystyrene foam (styrofoam) do not belong in the recycling cart. In fact, they can damage facility equipment.

Global News



The Dragon Launches!

By Billie White, 7th Grade

Darkness and stars. It's all that the astronauts on the SpaceX Dragon could see through their windows, with the occasional spectacular view of the Earth. Slowly, they made their way through the dark, unforgiving void that we call space to the International Space Station.

On Sunday, November 15th at 7:27 pm, the SpaceX Dragon launched from Kennedy Space Center. Leaving a blazing yellow trail behind them, Astronauts Michael Hopkins (Missouri), Victor Glover (California), and Shannon Walker (Texas), and Soichi Noguchi (Japan) left Earth on the first ever private spacecraft to take humans to the ISS. The new and upcoming aerospace program SpaceX, owned and created by Elon Musk, the creator of Tesla, has taken an enormous step forward sending this spacecraft to the ISS.

Questionable weather and a small delay sealing the inner hatch left the launch hanging in the air, but they managed to take off only 27 minutes behind schedule. After 27.5 hours in orbit, the SpaceX Dragon docked on the ISS at 11:01 pm on November 16th. Despite a small issue with the thermal heating inside the craft, the astronauts made it safe and sound to the ISS for their 6-month stay.

Along with the astronauts, a plush Baby Yoda was sent up into space. Being small and soft, the Baby Yoda plush was a perfect indication of when they had reached Zero-Gravity and would start to experience weightlessness. Not only was Baby Yoda functional, but he was also an adorable addition to the flight.

The SpaceX Dragon launch and the journey was a momentous occasion that all ages of people enjoyed. Everyone young, old, and in between was able to connect because of it, and that is something they will remember forever.

Image Credit: NASA / Joel Kowsky

The PRC Wind logo features a green circular emblem with a stylized wind turbine inside, followed by the text "PRC WIND" in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the logo is a large, white, three-bladed wind turbine. The background is a solid blue color.

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National News



Joe Biden - Our President Elect

By: Shea Terry, 7th Grade

On April 25, 2019, after months of speculation, Joe Biden entered the race for the Democratic nomination for president, making his announcement with a video posted to social media. He becomes an instant front-runner in a crowded field, then appears to fade in the following months, performing poorly in early primaries. On March 3, 2020, Biden won a majority of Super Tuesday states to lead in delegates. He won Minnesota and swept the South, with states like Alabama, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Virginia. April 8, 2020, Bernie Sanders drops out of the race, making Biden the presumptive Democratic nominee. August 20, 2020, In a strange, socially distanced Democratic Convention was held partly in Wilmington, Biden and his running mate Kamala Harris officially accepted the Democratic nomination for president, kicking off a race to election day in a pandemic. Nov. 7, 2020. was a very good day for Joe Biden. The presidential race is called for Biden, making it official. He will become the nation's 46th president.

But where did it all start, where was Joe Biden born and where was he raised? Biden was born November 20, 1942, in Scranton, Pennsylvania, to Joseph Robinette Biden Sr. and wife, Jean. He was the first of five children, and as a child, he had a stuttering problem. In 1953 the Biden family moved to Delaware.

In 1966 Biden married his first wife, Neilia Hunter. In 1968, he graduated from Syracuse University College of Law and moved to Wilmington, where he eventually set up his own law firm.

In 1970 Biden took a seat on the new caste city council. Then, sadly, in December of 1970, Biden's wife, Neilia Hunter Biden, and their 13-month-old daughter, Naomi Christina "Amy" Biden, were killed in a car crash that also injured the couple's sons, Hunter and Beau. In 1973 he was sworn into the Senate by his son's hospital bed. Biden married Jill Tracy Jacobs of Willow Grove in 1977. In June of 1987, Biden announced plans to run for president in 1988, but he withdrew from the presidential race in September after questions were raised about quotes in a campaign speech. Afterward in 1988, he underwent operations for a near-fatal aneurysm near his brain after suffering from headaches, and surgery for blood clots in his lungs. Biden recovered and then in 1990 he defeated M. Jane Brady for a fourth term in the Senate.

Fast forward to 1994, when Biden wrote a \$30.2 billion Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act that legislates the hiring of 100,000 police nationwide. In 1977 Biden became the ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee. He served as the chairman of the committee from 2001 to 2003. In January 2007 he resigned. In 2007 he announced his second bid for president. But, in January 2008, Biden dropped out of the presidential race after a fifth-place finish in the Iowa caucuses. Biden appeared in Springfield, Illinois, in August with Barack Obama after agreeing to be his running mate.

In 2009 Biden was inaugurated as the vice president of the United States, the highest office ever held by a Delawarean. In 2012 Obama and Biden were re-elected, beating Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan. In 2015 Biden's son Beau died of brain cancer. Sympathy for the Biden family came in from all over the country, and President Obama gives Beau's eulogy in Wilmington. In 2016, Obama in the State of Union address charges Biden with leading an effort to accelerate finding a cure for cancer. In January of 2017, outgoing President Obama awarded then-Vice President Biden the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. Also, in 2017, the University of Delaware launched the Biden Institute, of which Biden is the founding chair. The Institute is a research and policy center focused on developing solutions to domestic policy issues. In November, Biden released the book "Promise Me, Dad: A Year of Hope, Hardship, and Purpose," about the time between his eldest son's cancer diagnosis and death.

Image Credit: CNN News, Los Angeles Times, Philadelphia Inquirer

School News

The Big Switch

By: Hailey McCain, 7th Grade

Our school has now moved to all distance learning. This will have positive and negative impacts on different things. The negativity will be mostly affecting students. Students all around the world are struggling to stay connected with friends, school, and the world. There are places that schools are fully closed because they don't have resources. The positive thing about going full-distance is that it will help stop the spread of Covid-19. By closing school we are hoping to help stop the spread, and by stopping the spread we will be preventing deaths and sickness.

Students not being in school will definitely negatively affect them. It will affect their mental and physical health. There is evidence of a higher rate of students having anxiety and depression because they can't be in the school building. Middle schoolers will definitely start to feel more lonely. The amount of students exercising daily will go down, which won't help their physical or mental health. It will be easy to predict what will happen with a student's health because people all over the world have already seen the effects of Distance Learning.

We are going all-distance to help stop the spread of Covid-19. Though there is debate as to whether distance learning actually works and/or if it's actually better for children. Authors from University of London looked over studies on the effect of schools closing, and found that "national closure of schools to combat COVID-19 is very weak".

Most of the evidence that closing schools helps is from past closings (from the flu, spanish flu, etc). In the U.K. school closures are only predicted to stop deaths by 2% - 4%. Covid-19 isn't hitting kids as hard as it's hitting the adult population.

But here in the US, closing school at all is helping slow down the pandemic. Even if we aren't preventing many deaths by closing school, we are preventing some. In this crazy, mixed up time, the most important thing is for us to stay safe and be connected.

Learning Model Parameters

Number of cases per 10,000 over 14 days, by county of residence	Learning Model
0-9	In-person learning for all students
10-19	In-person learning for elementary students; hybrid learning for secondary students
20-29	Hybrid learning for all students
30-49	Hybrid learning for elementary students; distance learning for secondary students
50+	Distance learning for all students

Diagram from StaySafeMN

Recommended Readings

For Real? Expensive Pigeon, Dead or Alive, and a Stone Head.

Among the more unusual news stories recently...a racing pigeon sells for \$1.9 million, a French radio station mistakenly reports that several living people have died, and a 2,300-year-old statue's head is found in the sewers of Athens. To read more [Click Here](#)

Nest Of Deadly Hornets Held Almost 200 Queens

In late October, scientists in Washington state destroyed the first nest of Asian giant hornets found in the US. Now they're reporting that the nest held nearly 200 queens - insects capable of going out and starting even more nests. To read more [Click Here](#)

Fat Bears, Sweet "Bread", and Space Toilets

Among the more unusual news stories recently...a bear named "747" wins the Fat Bear Week contest, the Irish Supreme Court says the bread in Subway's sandwiches is too sweet to be called "bread", and NASA sends a \$23 million toilet to space. To read more [Click Here](#)

School News

The Media Center Goes Digital!

By: Ryla Kaufman, 7th grade

What have you been reading lately? Was it a book? A newspaper? A website? An ebook? Since our school is all virtual, we can't get physical books from the school library, but we now have an ebook collection! Our media center has just created an online library website with access to over 300 different ebooks across a variety of genres and reading levels for you to enjoy!

You might be wondering how to find and access this online library, and it's pretty simple.

1. Go to the [school website](#).
2. Click on the academics tab at the top page and click on media center.
3. Click on the Husky head to go to the SAMS online library.
4. Click "sign in" in the upper right corner.
5. Login with your google account (not a Follett account).

Still having difficulty getting to the online library? Check out this helpful [document](#) from the media center staff for a picture tutorial on accessing and signing into the library as well as other online reading resources.

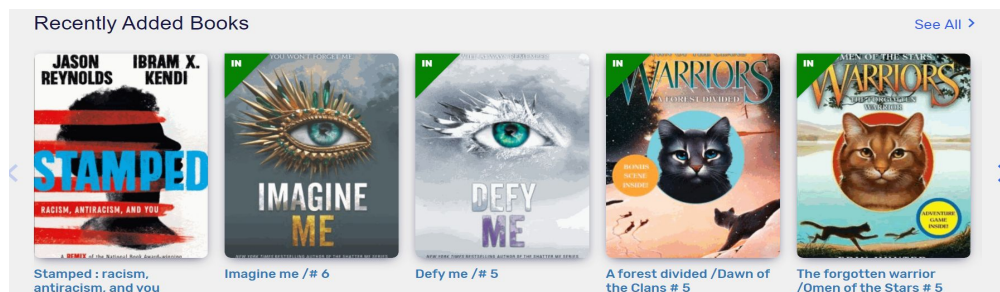
Everyone is allowed to check out 1 ebook at a time for up to 2 weeks from the online library. After the 2 weeks it will automatically be returned.

I spoke to our media center assistant, Ms. Boeckel, about our online library. "When everyone stayed home, there was no access to books. So, I looked last spring at trying to build an ebook library, but we only had about 10 ebooks in our catalog and no one really had access to them at that time,"

Ms. Boeckel explained, "I want to give students access to books. Right now you don't have access to all our books and it's an important part of school to have access to books." Ms. Boeckel also had a few tips for navigating the website and just some overall advice: "A couple of tips for the website is to give the website a little bit of time because sometimes it takes a really long time to load so give it a little bit of time to load. If you have any issues reach out to me jboeckel@isd282.org and to just keep reading, I miss all you guys and I miss all of you coming into the library and so this is my one way I can kinda try to reach out to you and keep you connected to the library at school and just keep reading."

What are your initial thoughts on the new online library? Even though it isn't ideal that we are at home, or that we can't check out physical books from the school library, it is nice that we have access to a large variety of ebooks to enjoy.

Special thank you to Ms. Boeckel for taking the time to answer questions about the library and for providing the school with a variety of ebooks.



About how many books do you think are in the library at school? Fill out this [google form](#) to enter your guess! The closest entry will get a shoutout in the next edition of the school newspaper!

School News

With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility

By: Ryla Kaufman, 7th grade

Earlier this week I had the opportunity to speak with our district superintendent, Dr. Renee Corneille about her job and the impact the pandemic has had on our schools. Dr. Corneille has been the superintendent for the St. Anthony New Brighton school district for two years, before which she was the middle school principal for eight. When the coronavirus pandemic caught everyone by surprise last year, the school and everything else started shutting down. Because of that, our school abruptly transitioned into distance learning. Now it is the 2020 school year, and everyone is back in their homes attending class on a computer.

Because of the rapid increase in COVID cases in our area, the school district is back online. Dr. Corneille, at the head of this decision making process walked me through how the school came to the conclusion that we couldn't do any more in person learning for the time being.

"Every day is usually a discussion about what we are doing regarding the pandemic, especially the last couple of weeks. We knew the numbers were rising and most of the time was spent thinking through **how we can keep the kids and our staff safe [while providing] as much in person learning as we could.** By the time last week hit it became clear that the numbers were too high and we had to make a decision."

Dr. Corneille also explains how she was working with the school board and other superintendents, as well as the Minnesota Department of Education and the governor himself to make the best possible decisions regarding the health and safety of the community.

Along with working with the governor, school board, other superintendents, and the Minnesota

Department of Education, Dr. Cornielle describes the LIT team, or Local Incident Team, that was created after the school year started. You might not know this, but in **our school district, two of the parents are trained epidemiologists and one is a trained public health emergency specialist**, which both serve on the Local Incident Team alongside Dr. Corneille, our school nurse, food service, facilities, and some of the teachers at SAMS. Dr. Corneille explains that the group meets once a week to read and interpret the data that is coming in about the coronavirus and they make decisions about what is the next best step to take and that the school made the decision to transition to a full distance learning model with the guidance of the LIT team.

The job of Dr. Corneille doesn't seem simple. Being a superintendent carries a lot of power, and if the story of Spiderman taught us anything, it's that "with great power comes great responsibility."



Dr. Corneille, 2019



Image from the school website

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What do you think a superintendent does for their job? Dr. Corneille described her job before the pandemic as full of meetings, mostly about what is best for our school district and making a budget to figure out how to pay for everything with the funding that our school gets from the state.

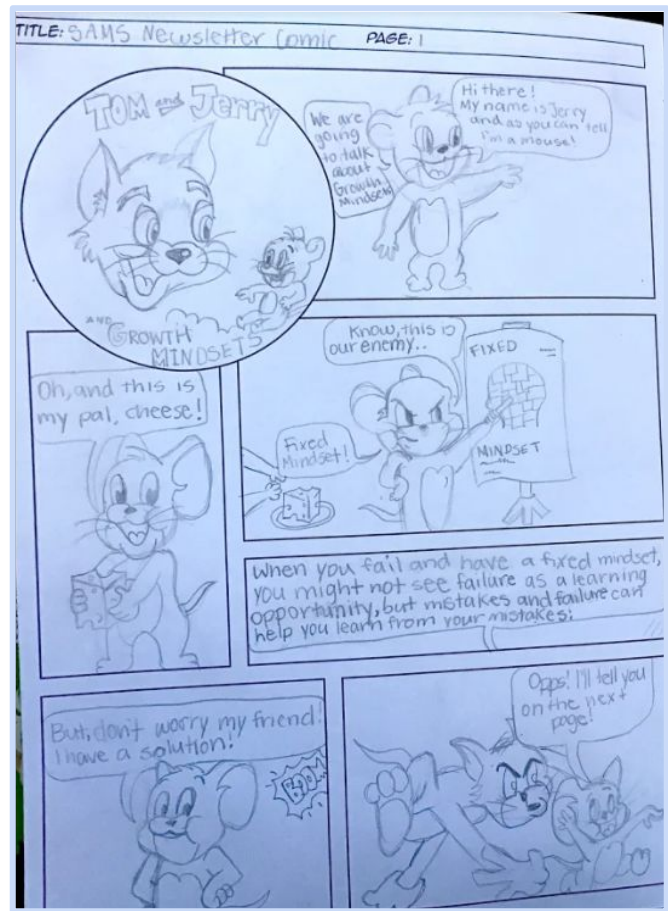
Dr. Corneille also explained how she would talk to people in the legislature and try to get policies changed so that our school, as well as other schools, could get more funding. Then, when 2020 rolled around and everything shifted, so did the role of our superintendent. "All day every day all I talk about is COVID," was what Dr. Corneille said about her job during the pandemic. She explained that most of her time is spent on discussions about what our school district is doing in relation to the pandemic and how to keep our community safe. **"And please don't hang outside of school, even though you want to because of COVID, even though it kills me. Host a Zoom, Google Meet, do a Netflix Party, do all the things you can do to hang out virtually, especially the next 6 to 8 weeks the more you can spend time in your home the better, I really hate saying it, but it is true,"** is the advice Dr. Corneille had about what we can do to help our community.

Dr. Corneille carries so much weight on her shoulders. Whether she is simply attending a meeting or trying to help our school, she is extremely important to all of us. I would like to thank her for taking the time to talk to me, and I would also like to thank her on the behalf of our school. *We wouldn't be able to get through this without you!*

Gaming Word Search

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Overwatch	AmongUs	Minecraft	BugsNax
PacMan	Roblox	Kirby	MarioKart
Pokemon	Yoshi	Undertale	



Ellie McCormick, 6th Grade

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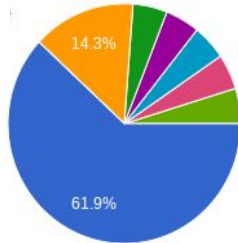
Gamer Buzz

By Carter Manous, 8th Grade

Last week I put a quiz out for the gamers at the school, about people's opinions on changes in gaming. The results are down below, and I would like to give an extra-special thank you to everyone who filled out the form.

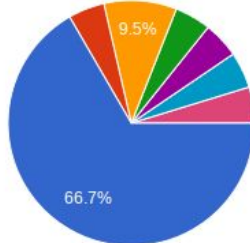
Minecraft Caves & Cliffs Update

- Like the Changes
- Dislike the Changes
- Like and dislike the Changes
- I have heard of it but I haven't played it yet
- I don't play
- Like the changes! also, there are bedrock betas and java snapshots. C...
- I don't play this.
- have not updated



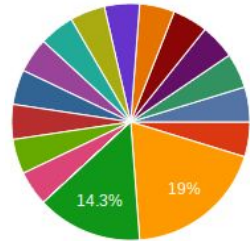
Among Us

- Like the game
- Dislike the game
- dont care
- it is a good game but I don't get why people like it so much
- Like the game but don't have it.
- What the heck is that
- Good with actual friends, otherwise pretty bad.



Pokemon Sword and Shield Expansion Pass

- Like the Isle of Armour
- Like the Crowned Tundra
- Like both
- Dislike both
- Dont like Isle of Armour
- dont like Crowned Tundra
- i dont play
- dont know this game



These are the results from the polls. There is a noticeable similar result throughout the questions: two or three common answers and lots of individual answers. This proves that the gaming community is super diverse. One more thank you to everyone who filled out the survey. This is Carter, signing off.

Need something fun to do in quarantine? Well we have it here in...

QUARANTINE CORNER

At home activities that you can do in less than 3 minutes, to keep you and your friends busy during quarantine

~Push Pin Art~

(This is a fun activity you can do with younger family because you can each make your own design!)

What you need-

- ☐ Something really soft to pin on (we used carpet)
- ☐ Paper
- ☐ Something to write with
- ☐ Push pin

Instructions-

1. Sketch your desired design out on a piece of paper
2. Place your paper on your soft surface (we used carpet)
3. Then start to push down with the pin over your sketch
4. Once you have finished pushing your pin over the paper, you are all done! Now you have a cool art piece to display around the house!

You can also print off these templates, for Fall decor!>>>>>>[TEMPLATES](#)

Watch this video to see how we made ours!>>>>>>[VIDEO](#)



Your Voice

There are lots of ways to get your voice into the school newspaper!

Look for opportunities to make guesses, contribute to a poll, or share feedback in **each** article.



You can also submit comics and/or share about your or your family's business below!

We want to hear from YOU! Check out these ways to get involved with the paper:

1. [Comic submissions](#) - Submit your comics to the Husky Times
2. [Ad Submissions](#) - submit an ad for your business or service