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DCMS Students Visit D.C.

This past December, several students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade had the opportunity to apply for a field trip to visit the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. Student applications were based on their level of interest in their history class, their response to the essay prompt, and the character choices they make at DCMS each day. Students boarded the coach bus early in the morning for the 2 hour drive to D.C. After arriving, our group was greeted by the Smithsonian staff and divided into two groups. Maps and other orientation information tidbits were shared. Groups then toured the museum at their leisure in their small groups of 5-8. Did I mention that we had great parent chaperones? Some of the awesome exhibits included gemstones, rock formations, Early humans, ancient Egypt and mummification, the newly re-opened dinosaur/fossil exhibits that are super interactive, and the beautiful butterfly pavilion. Students even saw a huge tarantula and got to watch (and touch) an alligator dissection. It was a pretty amazing trip.

Look for a 2nd opportunity to attend this trip in early March.

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Take the Polar Bear Plunge!

Have you ever taken the plunge? The Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge is a fundraising event in which individuals pledge $75 or more for the chance to plunge into the Chesapeake Bay in January in support of Special Olympics athletes who train and compete year-round throughout Maryland. You can plunge on your own or form a team to collect pledges. The plunge usually takes place at the end of January at places such as Sandy Point State Park. For more info, scan the above code with your camera.
The Little Book Corner

It's the middle of winter and you are burnt out on screen time! How about trying a book for a change? You remember those, right? Before your phone became your best friend? Here are a few that come highly recommended from some club members: All's Faire in Middle School is a great book and Newberry winner from author Victoria Jamieson. Join Imogene (Impy) as she makes the leap from being home schooled to joining a public middle school. Can you say different? This is all in her brave attempt to simulate becoming a squire in the upcoming Renaissance Faire. She soon finds out however, that fitting in can be as difficult as conquering a dragon.

Another great book is Restart by Gordon Korman. A boy who's been a bully and hanging out with the wrong friends gets a new start after a memory-loss-inducing accident. But can someone really change who he is, or will the old him merely come back over time? Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof. He doesn't remember hitting his head. He doesn't, in fact, remember anything. He wakes up in a hospital room and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again . . . starting with his own name. He knows he's Chase. But who is Chase? When he gets back to school, he sees that different kids have very different reactions to his return. Some kids treat him like a hero. Some kids are clearly afraid of him. One girl in particular is so angry with him that she pours her frozen yogurt on his head the first chance she gets. Pretty soon, it's not only a question of who Chase is—it's a question of who he was . . . and who he's going to be.

Dora Movie Review

You may not have watched the new Dora movie, but I have and it's amazing. As a supreme Dora fan its my duty to write this article. I truly didn't expect the movie to be good but boy was I wrong! The movie was amazing,. It had a amazing plot twist and extra funny characters. Even if you don't like Dora, I still recommend it because overall, it's a great movie. It starts off with Dora and her cousin having fun until he is forced to leave for America. Dora grows up and her parents (explorers) wanted to find this place loaded with gold and it was dangerous, so they sent Dora to America to live with her cousin and his parents. Dora stayed the same when she grew up however her cousin didn’t. Her cousin was more American like (assimilation) and knew how to be “normal”. Different people were chasing Dora, her cousin, her cousin’s friend, and apparently her parents’ friend. When they escaped, they figured out how to find the place. [Spoiler alert!] Little do they know that one of their peers was a trader! I’m going to end it off there because I don’t want to give away too much. Anyway there are definitely more movie reviews to come, however I highly recommend this movie. – Article by Kayla Sanchez gr. 7
Have You Heard of These Fruits?

It’s me again! Rafaila! Your food connoisseur! I’m here today to perhaps introduce you to some exotic fruits that you may not have seen nor tasted before.

Sure, we’ve all heard of the classics like bananas, apples, strawberries, grapes, and the list goes on. But have you ever heard of blue bananas? Or even Fuyu Persimmon? Or how about a Calamansi Lime? Those fruits are called exotic fruits. Let’s take a closer look at them.

**Blue Bananas**

Blue Java Bananas are found in Maui, Hawaii! They’re also known as the “ice cream banana” because of its hardy, cold tolerance. It is known for its sweet aromatic fruit, which is said to have an ice cream-like consistency and its flavor is like vanilla!

**Fuyu Persimmons**

The Persimmon originated from China and got its name from Japan. Persimmons are often referred to as “the fruit of the gods. There is a LOT of history and mythology surrounding this fruit! The Fuyu Persimmon is the most usable variety of persimmon because it is non-astringent, which means that its sweet when the fruit is firm!

**Calamansi Limes**

The Philippines is the major producer of calamansi limes. Calamansi is a hybrid — a cross between citrus and the kumquat. Although its not a lime, some people refer it to as a golden lime or a Philippine’s lime. The juice can be used the same way you make lime juice, but it has a stronger sour taste to it. Which one would you try? Enjoy!

Contemplating the Seasons

Do you like winter or do you like summer? Many people favor one over the other. I think I like summer better because you can go outside without freezing or wearing a coat, and you can go swimming...my favorite! Another advantage is that you aren’t in school all day. But some people favor winter more because it snows and you get off of school some times. You can ice skate and go out in the snow and build a snow man. Or you may be one of those people who love fall. My mom likes fall much better than winter or summer because of the turning colors of leaves. The temperature is usually pretty amazing as well. The nice thing about Maryland is that we typically encounter all of these seasons. If you are reading this with your class or with a group of friends, which do you each prefer? What are your major reasons?

Chinese New Year

Have you wondered how China celebrates their New Year? Well, they actually celebrate it as their Lunar or Spring Festival, which is their most important festival of the year. The eat a variety of delicious foods like dumplings, duck, and roast pork. It’s a time of celebration-decorating, fireworks, and those famous red envelopes filled with gifts. Some Chinese also celebrate Christmas. Santa is known as ‘Sheng dan lao ren’ (Traditional: 聖誕老人, Simplified: 圣诞老人; means Old Christmas Man). One of the most popular Chinese Christmas traditions is to hang beautiful paper lanterns indoors, outdoors, and strung around the plastic Christmas tree, which is called “Tree of Light”. Families add paper chains and flowers in bright, festive colors to the Christmas tree. One unusual tradition that’s caught on is the giving of apples on Christmas Eve. ... However, the Chinese pronunciation sounds very much like the word for apple, which led to apples being the symbolic gift given for Christmas Eve.
New Breeds of Dogs Just Announced for 2020!

Each year, the American Kennel Club adds a select few dog breeds to its official list. The additions come after decades of hard work from breeders, who make sure they meet the long list of requirements and expectations from the AKC. The breeds range from 10 to 200 pounds, and the dogs are all shapes, sizes, and colors. A few are even hypoallergenic. Some of these breeds have actually been around for centuries, but have only recently been introduced to the US and built up a following with their national club. Other breeds have just started building a following in the past few decades and are fairly "new" dogs.

The two newest breeds for 2020 are The barbet, a water dog from France. It's very smart and friendly with a soft, curly coat perfect for petting and snuggling. The other breed is a Dogo Argentino, a hunting dog from Argentina originally developed to hunt large animals such as boars and mountain lions.

Getting Ready For Valentines Day!!

By: Harmony Hall

Valentine’s day is coming up soon and if you want to make a sweet treat for your friends and family, sugar cookies are the way to go! To make these cookies you'll need to have:

1 cup butter, softened
1 – ½ cups confectioners' sugar
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon almond extract
2 – ½ cups all-purpose flour

Red decorator's sugar, optional.

In a bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add egg and extracts. Stir in flour; mix well. Chill several hours. On a floured surface, roll dough to 1/4-in. thickness; cut with a 2 – ½ - or 3-in. heart shaped cookie cutter. Place on ungreased baking sheets; sprinkle with sugar if desired. Bake at 375° for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Valentine’s Day Gift Ideas

Valentine’s Day is coming soon! February 14th is the big day! What are you going to get for the ones YOU love? Short on cash? Well no worries—the Newspaper Club is here with some GREAT DIY ideas! (well, DIY or affordable, that is).

1. Create your own personalized t-shirt or key chain! You can often buy these for under 10 dollars at Michaels or Walmart, or websites like ETSY.

2. Wash out an empty glass bottle (carefully), and enclose a personalized message. How sweet!

3. Cupid Coupons! Nothing says you love someone like making your very own coupons! These can be GREAT for both friends OR family members! What can you write on your coupons? How about things like: (coupon to help you with your HW; coupon to wash the dishes; coupon to walk the dog; coupon for one free hand, foot or back massage, etc).

4. How about creating your very own candy necklace? Scan here for the super easy directions!

5. Finally, one of the best and easiest ideas is to spend time with those you love. How about promising to put down all electronics for an evening (yes, this includes your phone, tv, video games, laptops, etc.) and having dinner together at the table? How about following dinner with a bunch of fun games-like Monopoly, Trouble, Connect Four, Head Bandz, Risk, or even some card games?

No matter what you chose, make it a great Valentine’s Day full of fun!
Are you thinking about applying to a Magnet High School next year? Well, you aren’t the only one! Are you nervous about the process? Don’t be! You would be a great addition to any school! But...you do need to make sure to adhere (follow) all of the guidelines set forth by the BCPS Magnet Office (use your camera on your smart phone to check them out-at left).

Okay, so are your first steps for success. First of all, be sure to keep working hard and getting great grades! Magnet schools take a look at your entire middle school report card grades and attendance—especially 7th grade. In the fall of your 8th grade school year, you will be able to start applying. You can apply on paper by downloading the application OR you can apply online. Again, scan this code by taking a picture with your smart phone to get an idea of what the application looks like. This was last year’s application—due in mid November.

Now, let’s go over some of the frequently asked questions about Magnet School. One of the first questions often asked is, What exactly is a Magnet High School Program? provide in-depth experiences and distinct choices for students with different interests, talents, and aptitudes. All magnet programs fulfill Baltimore County Public Schools’ requirements for promotion and graduation. What are some of the programs, you ask? There are so many! They range from law, to teaching, to the arts such as dance and music, to even things such as construction, business, and health fields. The cool thing is, you don’t just have to limit yourself to 1 program. You can choose up to any 3 programs and they don’t have to be at the same high school (but they can be!) After applying you will then have to take the Magnet assessment for the specific program you applied for. Don’t stress! A lot of what’s on the test is common knowledge that you learned in middle school (so pay attention….NOW!) A few months after taking the Magnet assessments—usually around early March—you will will hear from the Magnet Office if you were selected for their Magnet program, if you are on their wait list, or if you were not selected. It is highly advised to choose more than one program instead of only limiting yourself to one option. Expand your horizons! Magnet schools can be a great opportunity to truly explore your interests in depth—so truly consider applying this coming fall if you are an upcoming 8th grader. Current 8th graders—good luck! We hope you get into the program of your choice, or even make the waiting list (many students on the wait lists eventually get accepted after students who applied and made it to more than one program have to narrow their selection to one).
Can you imagine having law and punishment in 2020 like when Hammurabi of Mesopotamia ruled? What, you don’t know who Hammurabi is or what his laws were? Well he made laws because he was tired of people not listening. Some of his laws were: If you broke into a house you will be put to death. Another law is if a son hits his dad, his hand will be cut off. Additionally, if a builder builds a house for someone and it falls apart, killing them, then the builder will be killed. One final example is if a man is in debt and is unable to pay his creditors he shall sell his wife, son, or daughter or bind them over to service. It sounds like you had to be really careful of what you do. I am so thankful for the time we live in today with judges and a fair system. Hey! I wonder if Hammurabi’s Code of Laws would be written for our cafeteria. Hmmm.

Australian Wildfires

Each year Australia encounters a fire season during their hot, dry summers. But nothing has been in decades to the kind of wildfires they are seeing this year. In most cases, the fires are sparked by natural causes, such as dry lightening. Many say this year’s wildfires are so extremely bad because of Australia’s recent droughts in addition to a heatwave in December. It also didn’t help that strong winds assisted in carrying the flames and spreading the fires rapidly. Both humans and animals alike have been severely impacted. Many Australians are actively protesting to promote awareness for the climate crisis impacting their country. Thus far, over 18 million acres have been burned across Australia and at least 28 people have died, including firefighters.

To Get a Pet or Not?

It’s post holiday season and you are feeling a bit lonely. You are thinking about asking your parents for a pet (or a new one if you already have one). Here is some, “food for thought” about owning a pet:

Pro: They are so cute and you can play with them. They help stave off loneliness and boredom.
Con: They are a lot to handle and can make big messes. They want to play...often...even when you don’t.
Pro: They are one way to show you are responsible.
Con: They can also show you are irresponsible...gulp.
Pro: You can have a BEST friend that loves you unconditionally (no matter what)...especially dogs!
Con: They can “mess” on the floor and you may have to clean it up...often.
Pro: You can show ALL your friends you have a cute pet and they don’t.
Con: Your friends might miss your company because you have more responsibilities at home taking care of your pet.

Now you can decide if you want to get a pet!
Winter Doldrums Word Search

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Words to Find:

BLIZZARD  BOOTS  CHILLY
COLD       FIREPLACE  FROSTY
FROZEN     GIVING     GLOVES
HAT        HOLIDAYS   HOTCHOCOLATE
ICE        ICESKATE    ICICLE
MITTENS    PINETREE   SCARF
SNOW       SNOWBALL   SNOWFLAKE
SNOWMAN    SNOWSUIT   WIND
WINTER
Let's Talk About Tik Tok...

By Harmony Hall

If you’re a teacher, parent or student you have probably heard of Tik Tok. In 2017 the app reached 197 Billion downloads. Tik Tok is a music video-based social media app that allows users to record themselves lip-syncing, dancing, adding effects to videos, etc. Tik Tok is the second version of the app musically. Tik Tok is rated 16+, while Musical.ly was rated 12+. All though people 16 and under still use Tik Tok, people should be careful because if your account is public or if your child’s account is public, just about anyone can message you or them. And although the app is 16+ they encourage some trends that are not really appropriate for people under 16.

Now to the trends! Here are the top 5 Tik Tok trends of 2019 starting with, HBS (Hood Baby *SWEAR WORD*) This trend was mostly a group of people dancing together! There are many examples on YouTube. The next Tik Tok trend is called 223’s. The dance was influenced by the Cotton Eye Joe dance. Google it...you’ll know the song when you hear it. The next trend is Spooky, Scary Skeletons! It was a dance mostly done around Halloween. The song is Spooky, Scary Skeletons by Andrew Gold. The song was made in 1996 and has been a meme for years. Another trend was OK BOOMER, it’s a song made by Peter Kuli & JedWill. The song was made as a retort used to dismiss or mock narrow-minded, outdated, negatively-judgmental, or condescending attitudes of older people towards today’s youth.

The final trend is called the Renegade dance, it’s a dance with lots of hand motions and body movement and most people’s favorite part is when they “throw it back” or “grind” and other people who duet it do the other part. Hope this introduction to Tik Tok helped!

Cookie Debate

By Kayla Sanchez

Yes, we all love cookies, at least, I think? Anyway, which cookie do you prefer? Personally, I believe that Chips Ahoy cookies are the best for sure. Other people will think differently, it’s just a preference. Here’s my friend Ciara to state why sugar cookies are the best kind of cookies. “They are the best because they’re soft, and sweet, and they go good with everything.” Now of course I highly disagree. However, there are many different preferences for favorite cookies. Here’s Ms. Laubach’s quote on what her favorite cookie is, “I like a cookie called a Russian tea. It’s a cookie made with powdered sugar, butter, flour and walnuts”. Now I HIGHLY disagree with this mostly because it has walnuts which I have a history with. Now I’m going to list some cookies that you can choose from.

- Chips Ahoy
- Oreos
- Sugar Cookies
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
- Butter Cookies
- M & M Cookies
- Macaroons
- Double Stuffed Oreos
- Caramel Cookies

These all sound amazing, I’m getting hungry, I bet you are too. Anyway which cookie is your favorite and why? Enjoy some treats today!
MAP Testing is Coming!

Okay...so it’s not our favorite time of the year, but the final round of MAP testing is upon us but have no fear...INCENTIVES are here! The leadership team at DCMS came up with a few incentives (prizes) to make our testing a little less...well, dull. So listen up because YOU may qualify for one! The first two prizes are an outdoor recess prize. In order to quality, you have to have met your growth target in at least Reading OR Math. If you meet BOTH, you will be in the VIP Recess category and will earn an extra prize. The next categories are for the Most Improved and the MVP. The top 10 most improved students for reading and math in each grade level will be rewarded with a special, catered breakfast. The same goes for the top 10 highest scores in each grade level (MVP) for either reading or math. Finally, there will be a daily diligence award. This means that students can earn tickets EACH day for being prepared with their charged devices AND fully persevering (focusing/trying their best/not rushing) on the test. Prizes include daily treats, school supplies, and a chance to earn a seat for the upcoming field trip to the National Aquarium in Baltimore.

Let It Go...Again!  

By: Ciara W.

Do you like movies? I certainly do! I have a great movie for you to see if you haven’t yet...Frozen 2. I loved the first one. It was so amazing with songs like, “Let It Go,” but it left you wondering a few things, like why does Elsa have powers? Frozen 2 sums it all up telling us where she got her powers from and what happened to her parents. With amazing songs like “Into the Unknown,” a song I cant stop singing (I was singing it in my head while typing this), so I give it a 10/10... but let’s look in to other reviews. “This charming musical sequel again elevates sisterhood, empowerment, love, and acceptance -- while introducing catchy new songs that are sure to please young Elsa and Anna fans.” So this is telling me the he liked it too so now that you know how good it is GO OUT AND

Five Exciting Incentives!

1. The Daily Diligence Incentive
2. VIP Super Star Incentive
3. Super Star Incentive
4. MVP’s Overall Incentive
5. Most Improved Incentive

Snapchat Facts  

By: Frantresa

What is Snapchat? Snapchat is a multi-media messaging app used globally. How many users use Snapchat daily? “ According to Snapchat, users open their app more than 20 times a day on average. They also spend an average of 30 minutes using the app and create more than 3 billion Snaps daily. “– www.statista.com (that’s a lot :0)

How I would rate Snapchat and why. I would rate Snapchat from 1-10 a 5 because 1. I don’t use the app to text my friends I will most likely use it just for taking pictures since the app is kind of dying to me but lots of people still use the app for many reasons like texting friends, making streaks, meeting other people (kind of not safe ;-;) and so on, 2. I use Instagram more since I use it more and specific reasons but Snapchat I just take pictures then not use it but If I would ever run out of storage on my phone I would delete Snapchat since I don’t use it most of the time.

Is Snapchat considered social media? “ Snapchat is considered social media because it has a lot of social features. Snapchat has stories, streaks, and snap scores. The main draw to Snapchat is not just messaging. It also sends snaps to others, receiving snaps, increasing snap scores, and getting views on your story when you post. “ – www.quora.com
Getting to Know Ms. Ennis  By: Tarrah and Annalise

We took some time to meet with Ms. Ennis after school recently, to ask her a few questions. Here is what she told us about herself.

Q-What made you want to become a teacher?
I really wanted to encourage artists at a young age. You never know where art can take you!

Q-Where did you go to college?
Maryland institute collage of art.

Q-What do you like to do in your spare time?
I enjoy watching TV and creating my own personal art.

Q-What are your favorite TV shows to watch?
I enjoy watching RuPaul’s Drag Race and Game of Thrones.

Q-What are your favorite sports teams?
I don’t really have any

Q-Favorite foods?
Raman noodles with fried egg on top. Yum!

Q-Favorite guilty pleasure?
I love to lie in bed and watch Jersey Shore

Q- Favorite movie/books?
Star Wars and Gone with the Wind

Q-If you could meet any person in the world who would it be and why?
Queen Elizabeth...She seems like she would have a fun personality

Q-What is one way we can improve our school?
More teachers and staff in the hallway on a consistent basis.

Q-Finish this sentence: I like students who:
Are creative and not afraid to take risks.

Who is BTS?

BTS debuted in 2013. The seven members are J-Hope, Jimin, Jin, Jung Kook, RM, Suga, and V. Their songs are mostly in Korean. But BTS have become international superstars. They have more than 23 million followers on Twitter. Their YouTube videos have received more than 3 billion views. They had three Number 1 albums on the Billboard chart in a year. And in 2019, TIME included BTS on its list of the 100 most influential people. Their next album comes out on February 21. In March 2019, the Korea Times reported that Suga donated $88,000 to the Korea Pediatric Cancer Foundation. Six months later, RM gave away more than $83,000. That went to the Seoul Samsung School, to help students with hearing impairment. This year, BTS have a partnership with Formula E electric cars. It’s meant to raise awareness about climate change. The band wants to encourage fans to embrace clean energy. Now you know!

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Please sign up for the Newspaper Club if you want to be a reporter! See Ms. Lau-bach for details!