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Library Advocacy Day

By: Anthony Berrios and Tori Nusbaum, grade 7

On February 27th, 2019, 7 kids from Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School and 9 kids from Castleton Elementary School's Book Club went to the New York State Capital for Library Advocacy Day with Mrs. Rattner and Mrs. Squier and Miss Hill. The first thing that the students did when they arrived

and after going through metal detectors, we went to different Assembly members and Senate members offices to discuss raising the NY budget for libraries. Some people that we saw were **Senator Neil Breslin, Assembly Member Chris Tauge, Assembly Member Angelo Santabarbara, Senator George Amedore, Assembly Member Jake Ashby, Assembly Member Phil Steck, and Senator Daphne Jordan**. After meeting with them, we went to the rally on the first floor. We have asked different students from the school that went on this field trip what was their favorite part.

When we asked *Tari Civerolo* this question, she said, **"I really enjoyed being able to meet with legislators and voice our opinions. As kids, it sometimes feels like we have no say in government, since we can't vote or hold office, but being able to directly talk to legislators (or their staff) proves that we do have a voice and can use it to create change."**

We asked *Makalia Maier* the same question and she answered, **"My favorite part was getting to voice our opinions on how important libraries are**

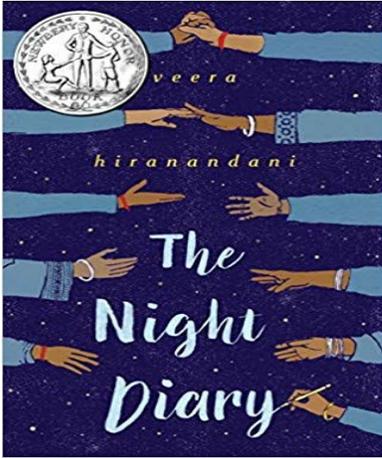
as students, seeing how lobbying, as well as proposed bills and requests for funding.”

Ailie Malone said, “My favorite part was being able to spread our ideas and use our voices. It's important to know who I am and what my voice is, and this truly gave us an opportunity to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others.”

We also asked the 6th graders opinions and some of them were, “My favorite part of advocacy day was the protest/pep rally. I loved screaming and holding up signs. I feel like I made a difference in everyday life. I hope the future 6th grade can go- Kaya.” Another one said, “My favorite part about library advocacy day was the pep rally (protest). I like how we held up the signs and screamed “libraries.” and I like how this one women put her thumb up cause we made signs and screaming ‘libraries’- Gabriella Pusateri.” Our last person we interviewed said, I loved this trip! It was amazing to see all these people wanting librarians at all different schools. The meetings were my favorite part. I spoke at all the meetings. When the words came out of my mouth they felt strong like they had a meaning. People heard me and all these adults in the room and the Senator’s were listening to me. They were thinking about what I said about libraries. One meeting I sat at this huge table and it was so nerve racking to talk and see all these people watching me. I LOVE LIBRARY ADVOCACY DAY!!! - Evan Lorenzo.”



Become a Library
CHAMPION



The Night Diary By Veera Hiranandani

book review by Jasleen Kaur, grade 7

A few weeks ago I read the book called *The Night Diary*, It is basically a story of a girl who is Hindu and in that

time period 1947 India  was dividing into two different parts. After her and her family knew that they have go to the different part of country because Hindus and Sikhs were going to be in India  and the Muslims were going to the different part of the country called Pakistan. 

They decided to go by taking a risk where everyone was getting killed because Hindus and Muslims were killing each other. This books tells about Nisha's journey which was really difficult for a 12 years old little girl with her little brother Amil, her dad and her dadi (grandma) who was very old and it was hard for her to walk and instead she should in the bed. And from my perspective I think this book is the best book in the world because I loved the story.

Mrs. Squier tweeted this picture and the author wrote back!



Ashes to Ashes by Jenny Han

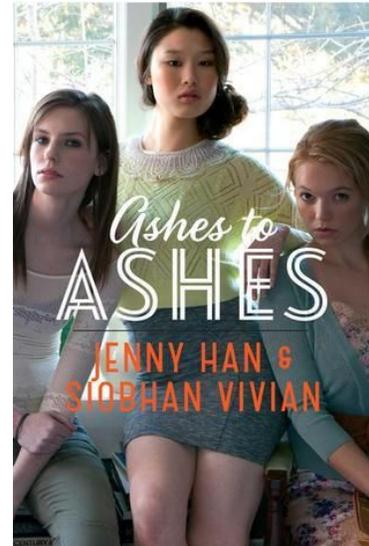
A Book Review by Bridget Soden, grade 9

Ashes to Ashes by Jenny Han is about Kat and Lillia trying to put the pieces together after their friend Rennie's death. However, their friend Mary is the only one to seem to know what happened but she is nowhere to be found. Each one of the girls blame themselves for what happened. Also, it seems that one of them is out for revenge. What will happen? Will everything go back to normal or will everything be burned to ash?

Ashes to Ashes is the third and final book in the trilogy. The first book was *Burn for Burn* followed by *Fire with Fire*. Each of the books are told in different perspective of each character. One second you could be reading in Lillia's perspective but then in the next chapter it switches to Kat's. This helps to create some sort of mysterious vibe going on because you have to piece the story together. However I think this is kind of difficult because you will have to pay attention to specific details or you may miss something which may make then ending confusing.

The books also have some more mature themes and situations for 7th graders however that doesn't stop the book from expressing the theme beautifully. The book shows that even with a loss, you still have people there to support you and you don't have to be alone.

The chapters leave you wanting to know what happens next and wondering how will this all end. I highly recommend this book to someone who loves mystery and loves to figure things out.



Be sure to vote in the Peeps Diorama Contest! There are twenty entries in the library!

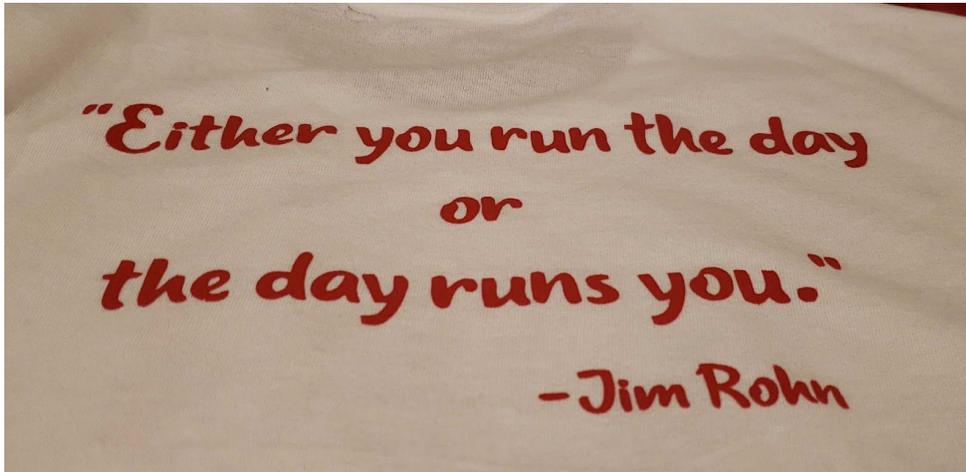


They will be on display in the library until Thursday, April 18.

Voting for three categories will take place from April 10 - 17.

- 1. Most Creative Display**
- 2. Best Use of Peeps and Peeps Puns**
- 3. Favorite Book/Scene Selection**

Winners will be announced on April 18.



Wellness

Day

By Bridget
Soden, grade 9

On Wednesday the 27 of March, Maple Hill had their first Wellness Day and it was pretty

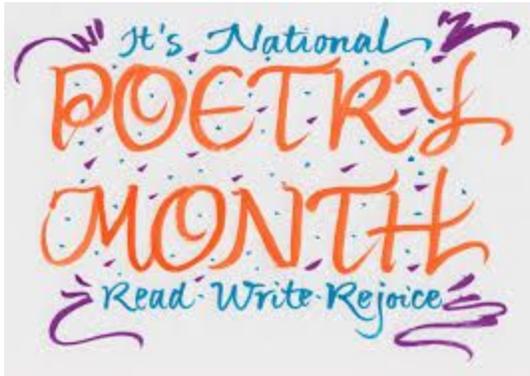
interesting. The school offered a lot of different activities which varied from how to get out of credit card debt to guided painting to crocheting. I did sessions such as food nutrition, crafts, guided painting and calming chemistry but there were so many others. A lot of my friends did rugby or muscle therapy and said that those were really fun as well.

My favorite was guided painting because we had to start a painting then after a while pass it to the right. After a while the painting is supposed to get back to you and you get to see how it turned out. Some people liked that and some people didn't. It depended on the groups and their reactions to the paintings, Mine actually didn't turn out as bad as I thought; to be honest, it ended up as a pretty night sky full of stars and planets. It's going to be my Mother's Day gift!

I really think that Wellness Day is something that we should have every year even after I graduate. 7th graders agree. They said, "I loved Heartspace Yoga," and "It was FUN!" Also, "The teachers were nice," and "It was a wonder of adulthood, the future, laughs and the world of reading, all in one day which makes me happy!" Wellness Day was very fun and also taught us life skills.



April is Poetry Month! Enjoy 7th graders' Original Poems!



PARTY WEIGHT BY PEYTON TAYLOR

I'M THE PARTY WEIGHT THAT NO ONE BOTHERS TO NOTICE
EVEN THOUGH NO ONE SEES ME DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T SEE THEM
HERE ARE JUST A FEW THINGS I HAVE NOTICED

AT FAMILY PARTIES:

NUMBER ONE

THE LITTLE COUSINS WILL ALWAYS ASK FOR SODA
BUT THEY NEVER FINISH THEM

JUST ANOTHER PIECE OF THE PARTY THAT ENDS UP IN THE WHITE TRASH BAG
AFTER EVERYONE HAS LEFT

NUMBER TWO

THE TEENAGE COUSINS NEVER LOOK UP FROM THEIR PHONES
STUCK CREATING THEIR FALSE LIVES ON INSTAGRAM AND SNAPCHAT
"GREAT PARTY! SPENT SO MUCH TIME WITH THE FAM!"

IS THEIR LATEST CAPTION

BUT "THE FAM" FEELS LIKE YOU WEREN'T EVEN THERE

NUMBER THREE

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

THERE'S ALWAYS THAT RELATIVE WE WISH WAS THERE
GONE TOO SOON

BUT THEIR MEMORY STILL LIVES ON
THEY'RE STILL WITH THE YOUNGER COUSINS
STILL DANCING WITH THE OLDER COUSINS.

BUT HEY
I'M JUST THE PARTY WEIGHT
NO ONE NOTICES
NO ONE CARES
BUT I SEE EVERYTHING
EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW I'M THERE.



Nature Through My Eyes

By: Anthony Berrios, grade 7

There is a tree.
It is stiff even when the wind blows.
The tree appears dead but it is very much alive.
Pushing through the cold weather.
I am always alive with joy.

The wind.
The wind is strong.
It's fresh as mint.
The wind is strong like a rock.
It is pushing my stuff.
It is pushing me.
Trying to push me away.
But I am never gone.

The sky.
It is blue, like water.
It is blue like how I feel sometimes.
But I am not always like that.

The sky also has clouds.
The clouds are wispy, free flowing, and foggy.
Sometimes I am dreamy and
my thoughts might be foggy sometimes,
but I always come back to mind.

The heat.
It is bright like a fire.
Like the fire that burns in my soul.
It is closing in on me.
It can be put out sometimes.
After it's put out,
I am back again.
I am me.

Spring



Spinning in the yard

Prepping for summer

Running while the flowers pop up around me

I love seeing all the new baby animals CUTE

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Never ending fun

Golden sun finally shines hot again Because spring has arrived

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Red Velvet

By Bridget Soden, Grade 9



Red Velvet is a South Korean girl group formed by SM Entertainment. The group debuted on August 1, 2014, with digital single “Happiness.” The original lineup were members Irene, Seulgi, Wendy and Joy but it wasn’t till March of 2015 when youngest member Yeri was added. Red Velvet made their Japanese debut in July of 2018 with extended play #CookieJar.

Red Velvet is considered one of the most popular K-pop groups worldwide by *Time* and *Billboard*. Their singles “Ice Cream Cake”, “Dumb Dumb”, “Russian Roulette”, “Rookie”, “Peek-a-Boo”, and “Bad Boy” have all charted in top five of Gaon Digital Chart. Singles “Red Flavor” and “Power Up” however topped the chart upon their release. They have won many awards for music, choreography and popularity, including awards such as Mnet Asian Music Awards for Best Female Group and Golden Disc New Artist Award in 2017. The director of Korea foundation for International Cultural Exchange while discussing the Korean Wave in 2018 has created Red Velvet as a major contributor and one of the country’s most talented idol groups who have “largely promoted K-pop.”

Red Velvet is known for their ‘dual concept’ which is none as their ‘red’ and ‘velvet’ sides with music release. Their ‘red’ releases have more of a pop type of music with more of a youthful nature. While their ‘velvet’ side has more of a darker and R&B style to it. They sometimes mix both styles to create a type of disco, electronic pop and hip-hop sounding music. Their dual concept has earned the group international fame and praise for their versatility in music.

“Red Velvet (Group).” *Wikipedia*, Wikimedia Foundation, 23 Mar. 2019, [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Velvet_\(group\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Velvet_(group))

Day6

By Bridget Soden, grade 9

Day6 is a South Korean boy band formed under JYP Entertainment in 2015. Day6 began promotions in early 2014 on the fourth episode of Mnet's reality-survival program *Who is Next: Win*.

"Lovely Girl" as a part of 2014 TV series *Bel Ami*. members: Jae, Sungjin, Dowoon. The group's but changed once member group in 2015. Day6 was band but member



They released a song titled the original sound track for The group consists of five Young K, Wonpil and name was originally 5LIVE Dowoon was added to the originally a six member Junhyeok left the group in

February of 2016. The group debuted with their first mini-album, *The Day* with lead single "Congratulations" on September 7, 2015.

On March 30, after the departure of member Junhyeok the group released their second EP, *DayDream*, with title track "Letting Go" and on March 31, the group made their first official stage debut on *M Countdown*, six months after initial debut. On December 29, 2016 Day6 announced their monthly project in 2017 called *Every Day6*. This project would release two songs every month on the sixth along with concerts before the release of monthly songs. The first monthly single was titled "I Wait" and side track "Goodbye Winter" was released on January 6, 2017.

Followed by the lead single "You Were Beautiful" and side track "May Day" on February 6 and "How Can I Say" with side track "I Would" on March 6. Their fourth monthly single was "I'm Serious" and side track "Say Wow" on April 6 and "Dance Dance" with side track "Man in a Movie" on May 8. In June of 2017 Day6 released their first full length album called *Sunrise* with a total of 14 tracks. Including the final version of "Congratulations" and rebooted version of "Letting Go". On the same day they announced their fandom name to be "My Day."

On March 14, 2018 Day6 made their first Japan debut with "If I Could See You Again" which served as the theme song for Japanese drama 'Repeat'. Day6 went on their first world tour titled *Youth* which will performing in 24 cities. Day6 is one of my favorite groups and isn't the normal boy group. They actually are a band which I personally think is really cool. So go check them out, you might enjoy.

“High on Life”

By Bridget Soden, grade 9

On March 22, Maple Hill’s SADD program sponsored the 9th through 12th graders all night party called “High on Life”. We went to Guptill's Arena, Get Air Albany and lastly Dave & Buster’s. The event happens every two years and I was really excited that this happened during my first year of High School. I thought the whole night was really fun and a great experience. I loved hanging out with my friends, goofing off and trying to beat each other in air hockey. It was also a good chance for me to meet some of the older kids and become their friends. My favorite part had to be Get Air Albany because I loved doing tricks on the trampolines and pushing my friends into the foam pit, as well as chasing each other around the ninja course and just over all having a good time. I think that the future 9th and 10th graders will really enjoy this night and it’s something great to look forward to. Thanks to all the teachers who stayed up late with us, including Mrs. Sullivan’s dog! I highly recommend that you go in the next two years and just have fun.



Storytelling Invitation

Any student in grades 7 - 12 is invited to participate in the Maple Hill Community Storytelling Group! Mrs. Murphy is back and we are planning three community performances. You can tell at one, two or all three!

The Maple Hill Senior Citizen Luncheon - April 30 Block 4

Castle Hill Residences on Green Avenue - Date TBD

Castleton Public Library - May 7 at 6:30 pm

Please stop by or contact Mrs. Fowler if you would like to join us!



Indian food



By

Jasleen Kaur, grade 7

Part 1

MY FAVORITE FIRST



1. Aloo ki tikki 😊

Recipe:-

1. Boil potatoes until just cooked.
2. Grate or mash them in a mixing bowl.
3. Add coriander leaves and green chilies.
4. Add ginger paste, garam masala (brown powder), chaat masala (spicy sweet powder), salt and red chili powder.
5. Heat 1 tbsp ghee (butter) till very hot in a kadai (pan).
6. Add flour and bread crumbs.
7. Enjoy!



2. Golgappa 😊



3. chaat papdi 😊



4. samosa 😊



5. Cholebhature 😊



6. Chow mein noodles 😊



7. Poha 😊



Kachori 😊



Pav bhaji 😊



Tomato soup(knorr) 😊

Please try these foods one day. When you go to an Indian restaurant around here, the taste will be similar but not exactly the same. We have stalls outside in the market in India. It is not like the malls or supermarkets that Americans go to. We have an open area with no roof. It has stalls and shops. Shops have roofs. The tastes are of Indian spices that are grown in gardens. Yummy!

The end 😊

Is a Burger or a Hot Dog a Sandwich?

Persuasive Argument Writing

By Oriana Letzelter, grade 7

You have heard is a hot dog a sandwich and is a burger a sandwich so today I am going to talk about BOTH. The first step into finding this mystery we need to know how in the world do we define a sandwich. Well, this clue could be found in the hands of a man called Merriam-Webster he defines a sandwich as “two or more slices of bread or a split roll having a filling in between.” Now that we know what are requirements are let us dissect a burger. Let's do a cheeseburger with pickles and ketchup. So we have bread, the bun, so check that off. And the cheese, the burger, the pickles and all of that stuff is the filling. So by definition burgers do make it as a sandwich. Now let's go to the hotdog. The mustard and the hot dog are the filling check but the bun is connected so that only one bun. So hot dogs by definition don't make the cut.

But before you take in the burger as a sandwich and leave the hot dogs in the dust we need to look at something. You are at a restaurant on a date. You are at a sandwich shop. You love their peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Your date wants a burger but there are none on the menu. But you just saw this story soooo if a burger is a sandwich why isn't it there?

Well, let's say you two go someplace else. You order your peanut butter sandwich that won't be as good but still good. But you notice that there are no burgers in the sandwich area but your date goes to the burger section. So why are the burgers in their own area? Well, it is because there are so many different types of burgers it makes no sense to add 50 things to a list of already 50 sandwiches. SO what is a burger?

Well, I can tell you why if you think a burger isn't a sandwich why your wrong. Because it all comes back to the definition the burger meets the list it just is special enough to make a name for itself. It is special enough to stay away from its sandwich family. And with that, that wraps up the debate on the burger.

But before I wrap this up I feel like we're forgetting something. The hotdog. I would not mention the hotdog unless I had proof that it could or couldn't be a sandwich. Now if you cut the side of the bread bam it is a sandwich. So yeah hotdog can come to the party because a burger and hotdog *CAN* be a sandwich but not all sandwiches are burgers or hotdogs. And with that, I think we covered up that debate.



Snakes

BY: Jordan L. 7th grade

In Mr. Smith's classroom, there are two snakes. Their names are Cinnabon and Cashew. Did you know, female pythons are usually bigger than males? That's what I call girl power! The snakes

are ball pythons, snakes that prefer to live on the ground. If you put a ball python next to a tree python on a table, the ball python will try to get to the ground while the tree python will try to climb higher. This is because of their instincts. Mr. Smith might let you hold them.



Shout out to Mr. Smith!

