

The Pawprint

Issue #03 | Spring 2019

AND THE OSCAR GOES TO....

GREEN BOOK!!!

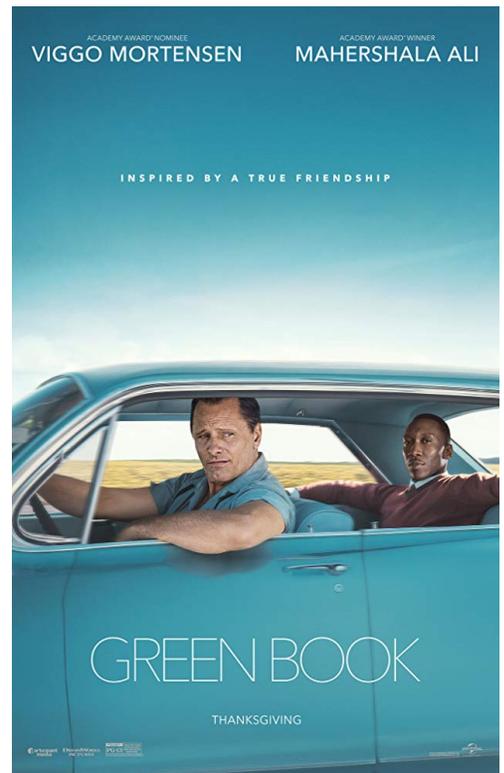
By: Noah Albanese

Written prior to Oscars 2019

Yes, it's not going to be *Black Panther*, or *Bohemian Rhapsody*, I predict that the best picture will go to *Green Book*.

The movie stars academy winner Mahershala Ali and Viggo Mortensen, and is directed by Peter Farrelly (Yes, he also directed *Dumb and Dumber*). The film has been nominated for 5 awards, including best picture and best actor.

In a time when our country is divided, and when it is difficult for us to accept others who might disagree with us, *Green Book* shows an alternate path where even completely opposite people can come together to have a life-long friendship. Tony, played by Viggo Mortensen, is street-smart with a very limited vocabulary, while Dr. Don Shirley is a genius pianist who doesn't know how to handle himself out on the street. The movie works because of their chemistry. That's what the whole movie is about - just a tour of the south where the two characters develop and learn from each other's opposite ideals. Tony learns how Dr. Shirley deals with racists, while Dr. Shirley learns how to survive in the real world. They grow to understand and learn from each other in order to survive their



cont. on page 3



The Letter from the Editors

Spring brings many new opportunities to Maple Hill High School students! Spring Sports, Clubs, the All Night Party, and Prom are coming up! So are finals, Regents, and AP tests. This busy time of year is very exciting, especially for the graduating senior class! In the upcoming fourth quarter, if you would like to contribute to The Pawprint, please contact Mrs. Colwell or any of the editors! Pieces of creative writing, news, reviews, or columns are accepted, as well as photography and art.

Jenna Wilkinson and Lily Stephens

The Pawprint Staff

Contributors for this issue:

Noah Albanese, Tari Civerolo, Thatcher Deyoe, Nick Janowski, Brayden Renslow, Isabelle Ridgeway, Abby Utter

Faculty Advisor: Mrs. Colwell



Is there something going on that needs to be advertised?

Any issue that you feel needs to be debated??

Do you really like to draw or write stories???

Come write for the Pawprint!

We're always looking for new content and new ways to show off our school's hidden talents!

Notes from the Guidance Department

SAT: Test date: May 4th – Registration deadline: April 5th

Test date: June 1st – Registration deadline: May 3rd

Register at sat.org/register

ACT: Test date: April 18th – Registration deadline: March 8th

Test date: June 8th – Registration deadline: May 3rd

Register at www.actstudent.org

Hudson Valley Community College will be hosting the Regional College Fair on March 19th. Over 150 colleges across the Northeast will be represented. Maple Hill will be bringing the juniors, leaving at 8:45 and returning at 10:40 (for A lunch). Permission forms are due by March 1st to the guidance office.

Continued from page 1

The movie also touches on racial segregation when it was common everywhere in the United States. During the trip, Dr. Don Shirley is beat up, forced to use the "colored bathroom", and forced to eat separately from guests, even those who come to watch him play piano. Tony tries to defend him, sometimes getting into violent fights, but Dr. Don Shirley instead politely rebels against these practices and constantly stops Tony from defending him with violence. As he states,

"You never win with violence, you only win when you maintain your dignity." Instead of violently confronting racist ideologies, Dr. Don Shirley tries to change his listener's minds by using his music, smiling and shaking their hands. That method works better in their favor than punching their way out of trouble in the deep south.

This movie is what this country needs, which is why Rotten Potatoes nominates it as Best Picture. I'm sure the Oscars will go with *Green Book* as well.



Rotten Potatoes©



What's News?

Project: Cameron's Story Book Drive

By: Abby Utter

Each year, seniors of the National Honor Society at Maple Hill complete their own individual service projects. For my senior service project, I ran a book drive through an organization called "Project: Cameron's Story." This organization supports the bonding of parents and their babies in the NICU at hospitals all around New York State. Sara Quartiers, the founder of Project: Cameron's Story, had a premature baby named Cameron who spent 213 days in the NICU. Mrs. Quartiers spent the time with her child reading to him because she was unable to touch or hold him. Cameron passed away in 2009. Mrs. Quartiers started this foundation soon after to remember him, and help other families make powerful connections with their babies in the NICU through storytelling.

I was inspired by Sara Quartiers story so I wanted to share her story by organizing this book drive in our Maple Hill School community, as well as in Story Place Preschool. Each book donated from this book drive will be a gift given to a family whose child is in the NICUs around New York State. My goal was to extend my book drive throughout the entire Maple Hill community, and I am happy to say that I achieved that goal. I received books from so many community members, and even people outside of the Maple Hill Community. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful cause!

What Team? Wildcats!

This weekend, come support your favorite Wildcats in the Drama Club's production of *Disney's High School Musical*! Featuring some of our favorite performers like Sarah Leverone as Gabriella and Ryan Stuto as Troy, as well as choreography by Adam Salerno, this show is bound to be a smashing success!



Performances will be March 1st and 2nd at 7:00 pm in the High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students! Hope to see you there!



The Misfire of BuzzFeed Reporting - Will it be remembered as Heroic or Villainous?

By: Noah Albanese

The recent bombshell report by *Buzzfeed News* could prove disastrous or heroic in U.S politics. Only time will tell.

On January 17, a report by *Buzzfeed News* concluded that Mr. Trump had directed his long-time attorney Mr. Cohen to lie to Congress about a Trump Tower negotiation in Moscow, a disastrous report for the Trump presidency. The following day, every news outlet jumped on the opportunity for a special report: CNN, CNBC, CBS and even Fox News. All of them reported that IF this were true, it would be a “smoking gun” for the Trump Presidency.



Back in Congress, House Democrats prepared the floor for indictment hearings, and a vote. The public was in shock, Democratic voters cheered, and Trump supporters came out on the defense.

But all this activity was silenced by Mr. Mueller’s investigative team the following day. Mr. Mueller’s team is usually silent to the public, and rarely gives statements. However, in a statement that “pretty much surprised everyone,” the team stated that, **“BuzzFeed’s description of specific statements to the special counsel’s office, and characterization of documents and testimony obtained by this office, regarding Michael Cohen’s congressional testimony are not accurate.”** The *Buzzfeed* reporters, Mr. Jason Leopold, and Mr. Anthony Cormier, denied Mr. Mueller’s report, stating in an interview on *CNN*, **“Our reporting is going to be borne out to be accurate, and we’re 100% behind it.”**

So which team is correct?

Well, Mr. Mueller and his team are the only people in the United States that have, if it exists, evidence that links the President of the United States directly to a crime. So it is fair to side with Mr. Mueller’s team on this issue. However, Mr. Mueller did not release any statement afterwards, and there was no clarification, or further detail. All we know is this--the *Buzzfeed* report is inaccurate in some regard. But how much is uncertain.

The Trump administration has continuously criticized news outlets like, *CNN*, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*, to name a few, and he has been very skeptical of the Russian meddling investigation by Mr. Mueller’s team for over two years now. For years, stories have surfaced, like the

Access Hollywood tape during Mr. Trump’s presidential race found by the [Washington Post](#); the FBI opening an inquiry into whether Mr. Trump was working for the Russian government; or the [New York Times](#) running a story of an illegal immigrant in a Trump hotel. None of these stories were able to take down Mr. Trump. However, if the BuzzFeed story’s most critical point -- that Mr. Trump directed Mr. Cohen to lie to Congress -- proves true, then it will be a bigger story than the Watergate scandal.

Historically, the Watergate report by the Washington Post is remembered as honorable and heroic. The report took down President Nixon, and brought to light the corrupt activity President Nixon committed. However, even the Watergate report had its flaws -- it wasn’t perfect. **Yes**, even the Watergate report had its flaws. [The report](#) is so complicated that it would take a whole article to explain the mistake, but to oversimplify, the reporters stated that their source, Mr. Sloan, testified to the Grand Jury, when he in fact did not. The rest of the story was correct. Curiously, lawyers that were defending Mr. Sloan stated that the report was inaccurate, which caused Americans to not believe the story all together at the time. But by now most of us completely forgot, or didn’t even know about this crucial detail. We only remember the heroic reporting of Watergate.

So, which one is it? Is the BuzzFeed story like the Watergate report that got a detail wrong, or is it a complete mistake that will destroy BuzzFeed’s credibility?

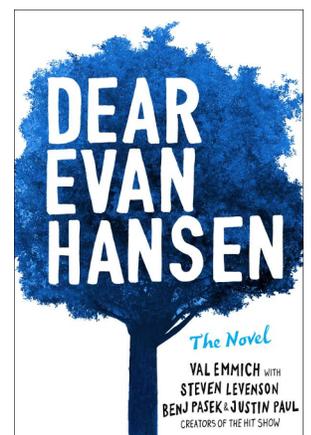
Library Updates

By: Tari Civerolo

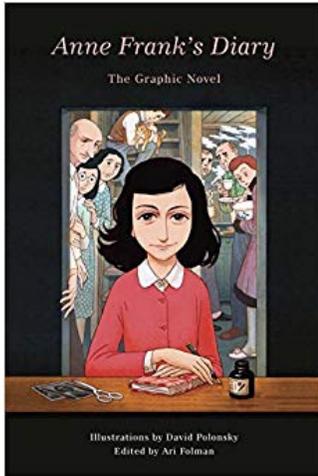
There are lots of exciting things happening in the library! We have new “stick together posters,” which you can come to the library to work on in your free time. You should also be on the look out for new books, which can be found on the shelves in front of the library. Mrs. Squier recently received an order of books, and another should be arriving shortly. Here is a round up of some new books that are worth checking out.

Dear Evan Hansen – by Val Emmich

In this novelization of the Tony Award–winning musical, Evan grows close to a family after their son, Connor, commits suicide—and they mistakenly believe Evan was his secret best friend. Author’s note with resources.



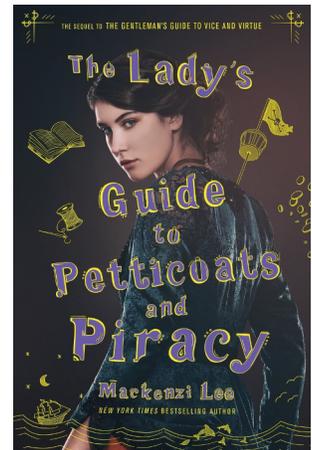
cont. on page 8



Anne Frank's Diary – a graphic novel of Anne Frank: the diary of a young girl, this beautifully illustrated work tells the story of Anne Frank and her family during the Holocaust.

The Lady's Guide to Petticoats and Piracy – by Mackenzi Lee

Felicity Montague wants to become a doctor. Her drive to overcome prejudice takes her on a cross-continental quest involving heists, pirates, and plenty of lifesaving medical care.

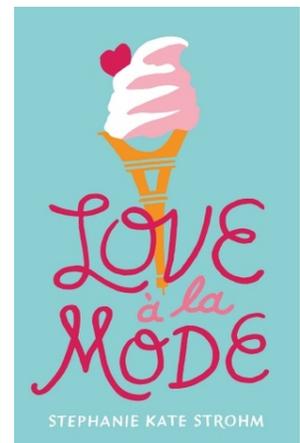


#murdertrending – by Gretchen McNeil

Seventeen-year-old Dee Guerrero is framed for murder and taken to Alcatraz 2.0—where convicts dressed in costumes kill each other in gruesome fashion, all for the pleasure of their fans watching online.

Love a la Mode – by Stephanie Kate Strohm

Rosie and Henry meet at a prestigious cooking school for teens in Paris, and sparks fly. But can they handle their stressful classes and their budding relationship?



Global Warming: and the impacts WE have on it

By: Nick Janowski

Global warming is awful and most people recognize this ongoing threat towards humanity (which is good). But, there is not enough change being done towards it to reduce the impacts of it on our Earth.

Despite popular belief, eating a vegan diet is the best way to reduce climate change out of all other things you could do (like driving an electric car, using solar power, making buildings more energy efficient). This bold statement was concluded from research done at the University of Oxford (which is one of the best universities in the world according to World University Rankings 2019). Anyway, they found that cutting meat and dairy from your diet can reduce one's carbon footprint by 73 percent (Independent, a well known British online newspaper).

This trumps using cleaner energy sources by a lot clearly... Eating less meat would do this much of an impact because cows pollute the earth more than cars! This is because the gas that cows produce known as methane is 23 times more powerful than carbon dioxide emissions from cars (Times Online). But meat is not the only thing that is bad for the environment, so is seafood. Overfishing has been a problem for a while and is depleting the ocean. Also, commercial fishing operations often catch more than they intended to, catching other species such as sharks, whales, sea turtles, dolphins, etc (One Green Planet). Since these creatures were not meant to be caught, they are discarded, injured, and left to heartlessly suffer. But the bycatching of other species is not the only thing that threatens them- so does climate change, caused by the wonderful things humans do above.

If you have made it this far, thank you for taking your time and reading this! If you are still interested in this topic I suggest you watch *Cowspiracy* and *Forks over Knives* (Netflix).



Dolphin trapped in netting (One Green Planet)



Sea turtle caught in wire (National Geographic)

The Importance of Studying

By: Thatcher Deyoe

It's hard to believe that we are already into the second semester of our school year. Although this can be seen as a prelude to the end of the school year, for most it's a scary time. For those taking any AP classes you know that AP tests are coming up fast. May is not that far away!! There is also the upcoming regents exams which happen after AP tests. With all these tests, it's good to start studying in small segments for each of your tests. Even though the tests are months away, if you start now you are more likely to retain the information. Now that I have hit you with the reality check of all the tests that will surely come, let's talk about some healthy study tips!

1. While studying it's important to take frequent breaks to ensure you aren't overdoing the material in one study session.
2. It's good to start big and work your way down. Try making a poster with all the information you can remember for separate units. This will make you reach back into your brain and remember all the important things you need in order to do well.
3. Get lots of sleep on the days you study. Never try to be the person who stays up all night studying. Study in segments over the weeks leading up to the tests.
4. Always stay hydrated and full while studying so your mind is not on your hunger or anything else. No excuses!
5. Most importantly, breathe. Make sure you always study with confidence and don't over stress about certain tests. Always have the mindset that one grade will not define your knowledge.

Remember to sign up for the Blood Drive! It will be Friday, March 1st! Students will be going around during lunch times if you'd like to sign up!



How to Study

By: Brayden Renslow

With only a few months until AP Tests, some first timers and even test taking veterans need some study time tips. Well lucky for you, Maple Hill Newspaper has exactly what you're looking for. Here are 3 tips to improve your studying.

1: Sleep

Most study guides will tell you something along the lines of "Sleeping after studying will improve information retention." But, there's an

even better strategy to retain the most information for your upcoming tests. Simply take this tip to the next level; sleep WHILE you study. By keeping your notes close to your head while you sleep, all the information will be perfectly retained.

2: Taking Regular Breaks

Everybody knows that taking regular breaks can help you from burning out, and help with keeping your study efficient. One of the best studying breaks can be a relaxing warm shower. But that raises the question, would it be even MORE EFFICIENT to study in the shower? By bringing your books and computer into the shower with you, you can double down and even making studying a relaxing act!

3: Chewing Gum

This is a CRAZY study tip, but most scientists have found that chewing gum while studying, and chewing that same flavor gum during the test can greatly improve retention. So therefore, running low on time to study? Procrastinated too much? Chew gum. The connection to gum and tests clearly demonstrates the benefits of gum for the human brain.

Study hard and good luck!





***Creative Writing
Corner***

~A Game of Milky Way Wishes~

By: Isabelle Ridgeway

Dreamland has been oddly peaceful lately. No monsters? No new evils? Not even Dedede messing up royally in his duty as King of Dreamland? Nope, nothing.

This, for most people, would be a relief. They can relax, enjoy their lives, and not be afraid that they're going to be hurt, either by said monster, evil, or not-so-good king; or by that heroic boy (or maniacal, depending on your viewpoint) dressed in pink, Kirby.

Speaking of the devil (angel?), Kirby. Messy strawberry blond hair, brilliant blue eyes, and an adventurous streak a mile wide. He's probably the only exception to people that don't enjoy Dreamland when it's drowsy. A boy that has saved the world countless times, and has sometimes accidentally put it in jeopardy, would no doubt enjoy short times of having the world be fine. Even young boys with lots of energy need breaks. But having nothing to do for a long while (A whole week! An entire week without monsters?!) can leave someone who craves action bored out of their mind.

And that's how Kirby was feeling, on this sleepy Saturday.

Kirby was sitting on his couch (pink, of course) in his pajamas (two-piece; the top pastel pink with a big, yellow star in the middle, and the pants the same color with lots of little yellow stars patterned all over them), hugging a small, yellow, star-shaped throw pillow, surfing through channels on his little box TV. He perked up when he found Cartoon Network, but was pouty-faced when he realized that nothing good was on. Who even watches TTG? And a new Steven Universe episode wouldn't be coming out forEVER...

"There has to be something to do," Kirby muttered to himself, getting up from the couch, pillow in hand, to go to his room. He picked up his school laptop, sat on his bed, placing his pillow next to him and his laptop on his lap, and opened up StarCall.

"Video calling Marx Nova and Magolor Starcutter... Please be patient."

Soon enough, Marx and Magolor's faces had popped up on screen. Marx had on his signature jester costume hat and bowtie, and his brown, messy bangs stuck out under his hat. Magolor had on his blue, gold, and white hood and his white scarf over his mouth. His blond, long (VERY long, longer than most girls') hair spilled out of his hood.

"Hey, guys." Kirby sighed, giving a weak smile for his friends.

"Hi," Magolor greeted, while Marx went more along the lines of, "Ey, wassup m'dude?"

"Nothing. Literally," Kirby replied.

"Hey, you alright there, Kirbs?" Magolor asked, sensing Kirby's saddened aura.

Marx caught on as well, and added, "Yeah, is something wrong? You're usually much more peppy."

"That's why I called, guys," Kirby explained. "There's an emergency at hand-"

"An emergency?! Are you okay, what happened?!" Magolor pulled his laptop screen closer to his face, a worried expression painted across it.

"I'm super duper, absolutely, positively BORED. There hasn't been any action around here lately! I was wondering if you guys could come over and cure my boredom."

Magolor visually relaxed a great deal, leaning back into the chair he was in. "I'm sorry, Kirby, I can't come over today. I'm working on a project for my advanced science class, and it's due come Monday. It'll probably take quite a while, and I don't want to run out of time doing it tomorrow."

"Well, I can come over!" Marx exclaimed. "I'll be right there, Kirby! I know how to cure a case of monster boredom in a jar of jiffy!"

"Thanks, guys," Kirby sighed again, and shut his laptop. He lied down on his bed, hugging his pillow again and waiting for his friend.

"Hm, I wonder how many tiles are on this ceiling. One, two, three, four..."

~~~

*Rat-tat-tat!*

"Hey Kirbs, open up! Your best friend in the entire world doesn't like waiting on the doorstep!" Kirby rushed to the door to meet his jester friend. He grabbed the star-shaped handle and

swung the door open, revealing a boy in full-blown jester costume - hat, suit, bow, and shoes - and a cape that was designed to look like yellow wings with outer space between them. Kirby was still in his pajamas, but he didn't care. His friends knew that he liked to do great things in comfort.

"Hey, Marx!" Kirby greeted, a smile lighting up his face.

"Howdy-do there, Kirbs!" Marx replied. "You're looking better alrighty, if I do say so m'self. Guess my presence is magical, huh?"

Kirby and Marx walked into the house, and Marx set down a strange box he had been hiding onto the table. It was designed with dark blues and purples with bright white stars to look like space, and there were words printed on it that read "Milky Way Wishes."

"Whoa, what's this?" Kirby inquired, inspecting the box. "It looks like some really old board game."

"That's exactly what it is! At least, I think," Marx responded. "I just pulled it outta my closet looking for fun things. Heh."

Kirby opened the box, to see an instruction manual, a board, and a pair of dice. He opened the booklet.

### ***Milky Way Wishes***

*A game of imagination*

*2-4 players*

*~Save the universe, or rule it~*

Kirby and Marx flipped through the instructions, trying to learn how to play. The game was a tabletop role-playing game. The story behind it was that the sun and moon had started fighting, disrupting sleep for everyone and causing confusion all over the world.

From what they understood, one person had to be the Galaxy God, who shapes how the game is played and helps with decisions throughout the game. There were two categories: hero and villain, and from there a lot of roles within those categories to choose from. Each person would choose a category and role, and from there everyone would go through a journey throughout the galaxy, starting from their planet in peril, gathering star power from each planet to summon a being with great power that would grant the entire group one wish. There

was a game board showing each planet from the galaxy on it, and wooden chips for players to track where they're going.

Kirby, being a real-life hero almost every day, chose the childish mage hero role. He picked up a chip and placed it on the starting planet: Popstar.

"What role are you going to play, Marx?" Kirby asked his friend.

"Villain!" Marx exclaimed. "The art of villainy has always fascinated me. Besides, villain characters are always better than hero characters anyways."

As Marx looked through the different roles for a villain, he got an idea. A mischievous twinkle in his eye, he placed a chip on Popstar and said, "Eh, on second thought I'll be the mischievous mage in the hero category. None of the villain roles.. grab my attention."

Kirby furrowed his eyebrows in confusion, but agreed. Working together was fun, anyways!  
"Ok then! I'll be the Galaxy God."

"Ok then, O Great God, how do we start?" Marx asked, bowing down in a quite silly matter.

Kirby giggled, and started pondering on how they could begin. "So... Marx, you approach me while I am on a hill watching the sun and moon battle. What do you say?"

Marx thought a moment, before putting on a goofy grin and responding, "Well, I come up, bouncing on my ball, and I exclaim, 'Hey, hey, hey! Could you help me to make peace between the sun and moon? We'll have to ask a God, Nova, to help us!'"

Kirby put on a grin as well, excited for how this adventure will turn out. "And I turn to you, smile, and respond while striking a heroic pose, 'Of course I'll help! I'm always up for adventure!'"

"Great! There's something we need to do first, though. We'll need to travel to each planet in our galaxy, gathering the Star Power from each, until we are able to summon this Nova. You with me?"

"I summon my warpstar, hop onto it, and exclaim, 'All the way! Hop on, this'll help with the travel!'"

~To Be Continued~



# The Pawprint



518-732-7701

1216 Maple Hill Road, Castleton , New York, 12033

[www.schodack.k12.ny.us](http://www.schodack.k12.ny.us)