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The V.F.W. Post 7337 Visit

On October 17, 2019, the 7th graders went to the VFW Post on Scott Avenue. They met Mr. Cosgrave, the Post Commander, and Mr. Gibbons, who used to teach here and still helps to coach. Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Carney, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Conlin, Mr. Brennan, and Mr. Sprenger were there with artifacts.
Mr. Reickert and Mr. Dominic are World War II veterans who were there. Mr. Dominic led us in singing, “God Bless America.”

History of the National VFW

By Sophia Breunig, grade 7

The VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) is a 121 year-old organization by U.S. war veterans that served outside the United States.They have 2.2 million members and have approximately 8,100 posts. What they do is simple,”honor the dead by helping the living.” They do so through community service, veteran service, national security, and a strong national

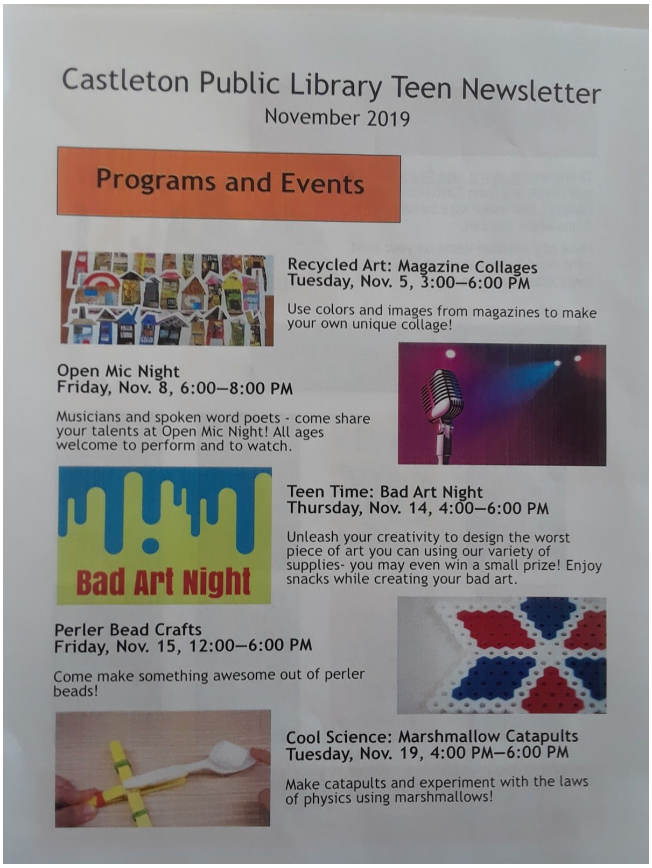
defense.

They created the “Buddy Poppy” based on the poem, “In Flanders Fields” by John McCrae. The poppy has become a symbol for veterans and defense members throughout the globe. They have sold over three-fourths of a billion poppies so far, which they donate to charity, or use to help their cause.

Information sourced by http://vfw12024.org/VFWHistory.asp

News from the CPL

Hello! I'm Joelle Adler, the youth services librarian at Castleton Public Library. Each month, check the CPL Teen Newsletter to see what's going on at the library. Here is November’s newsletter. We have a monthly "Teen Time" activity for students in grades 6-12, which always includes snacks. I hope you will be able to come to some activities or stop by the library anytime to say hi! Also, I will see you at the Flag Football Tournament with books you can check out right there!



Ailee

By: Bridget Soden, Editer

Amy Lee or her stage name Ailee is a South Korean solo artist under Rocket3 Entertainment. Before he Kpop debut she was signed under Muzo Entertainment in America. Ailee moved to South Korea in 2010, where she passed an audition and became an artist for YMC Entertainment for eight years. After being recognized for her signing on *Singer and Trainee*, she started acting on KBS drama series *Drama High 2*. She has received a Best Newcomer and Four Best Female Vocal Performances awards at Mnet Asian Music Awards. She is also nicknamed Korean Beyonce for her amazing vocal range and tone.

On February 9, 2012 Ailee released her debut song “Heaven” and music video which featured Gi Kwang of Beast. After her debut *BillBoard* commented, “From her debut single, Ailee proved that she had an ability beyond her years to communicate the deeper experiences one feels in love. In this dedication track, Ailee's partner protected her and 'taught her how to love in a harsh world.' Or, as she describes it, it's simply 'Heaven'”. After a month of promoting she already won two awards at Cyworld Music Awards and Best New Artist Award at Asia Song Festival.

On July 4, 2013 Ailee released her second EP, *A’s Doll House*, with lead single “U&I”. Within four hours the song top charts and earned Ailee her “All-Kill” status. As well as all stores around Korea selling out of the album on

the first day. On December 16, 2013, her company revealed that she would have a comeback in September of 2014 with single “Don’t Touch Me”. In 2019 she released her newest studio album titled *Butterfly* with lead single “Room Shaker”.

Ailee success has grown over the years, with solo concerts, OST’s, tours and countless awards. She is a very unique voice and a bright future ahead of her.

“Ailee.” *Wikipedia*, Wikimedia Foundation, 18 Oct. 2019, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ailee.

Super Junior

By: Bridget Soden, Editer

Super Junior is a South Korean boy band formed under SM Entertainment. The group was originally composed of thirteen members, Leeteuk, Heechul, Hangeng, Yesung, Kangin, Shindong, Sungmin, Eunhyuk, Siwon, Donghae, Ryeowook, Kibum and Kyuhyun. Super Junior debuted on November 6, 2005 with twelve members. Kyuhyun joined later in 2006. There global success came in 2009 with release of album *Sorry Sorry* and best selling single “Sorry Sorry”.

In 2009 however member Hangeng filled a lawsuit against SM Entertainment and left the group in 2011. In 2015, member Kibum contracted ended and in 2019 Kangin left the group respectfully. However this didn’t stop the group from branching out into different things such as acting and hosting. As well as producing their own music and music for the group. Even with nine active

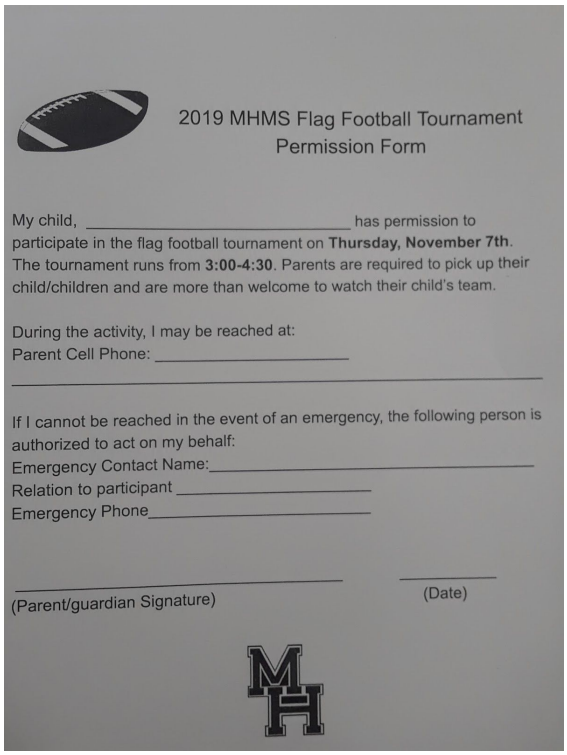
members, Super Junior set the stage for the next generations of idols.

They were the best selling K-pop boy group for four years in a row. With thirteen awards Mnet Asian Music Awards, nineteen from the Golden Disc Awards and second group to win the Favorite Artist Korea in 2008 at MVT Asian Awards. Nominated and won “International Artist” and “Best Fandom” at the Teen Choice Awards.

The nine member line up released their newest album *Time Slip* on October 14, 2019. However member Heechul can not promote in music shows due to injury.

Flag Football Tournament

Now is the time to get your team together for the flag football tournament! Permission slips are due on Nov. 5.



2019 MHMS Flag Football Tournament
Permission Form

My child, _____ has permission to participate in the flag football tournament on **Thursday, November 7th**. The tournament runs from **3:00-4:30**. Parents are required to pick up their child/children and are more than welcome to watch their child's team.

During the activity, I may be reached at:
Parent Cell Phone: _____
_____

If I cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, the following person is authorized to act on my behalf:
Emergency Contact Name:_____
Relation to participant _____
Emergency Phone_____

_____ _____
(Parent/guardian Signature) (Date)

Here is a link to the Google Form to sign up to bring in items for the concession stand. Donate today to help fund our field trips!

[Concession Stand Sign Ups]

Two Sentence Horror Stories

By: Bridget Soden, Editer

1. Don't be scared of the monsters, just look for them. Look to your left, to your right, under your bed, behind your dresser, in your closet but never look up, she hates being seen.
2. I woke up to hear knocking on glass. At first, I thought it was the window until I heard it come from the mirror again.
3. She wondered why she was casting two shadows. Afterall, there was only a single lightbulb.
4. There was a picture in my phone of me sleeping. I live alone.
5. The grinning face stared at me from the darkness beyond my bedroom window. I live on the 14th floor.
6. They delivered the mannequins in bubble wrap. From the main room I begin to hear popping.

7. You get home, tired after a long day's work and ready for a relaxing night alone. You reach for the light switch, but another hand is already there.
8. You're laying in bed and with your feet dangling out of the covers. You feel a hand grab your feet.
9. The officer finally got back to me. The call was coming from inside the house.
10. The last man on Earth sat alone in a room. There was a knock at the door.

Credit: [Deleted]. "150+ Short Two-Sentence Horror Stories To Freak You Out." *Thought Catalog*, 20 Aug. 2018, thoughtcatalog.com/michael-koh/2013/07/40-freaking-creepy-ass-two-sentence-stories/.

Autumn

By: Oriana Letzelter, Grade 8

Apple and pumpkin spice fill the air
Animals grow their coats from their heads to their tails
Colorful leaves start to fall off trees
And the summer breeze
Turns rigid and freeze
It is autumn time and I'm starting to fidget
From the new cold Thanksgiving filled season
Apples turn red
And animals are preparing for bed
As the yummy doughnuts come to me
School is in fall which makes me feel unfree
And as cider coldly comes down my throat
And my birthday comes closer and closer, like totes
It makes me feel older
Thank you fall for this great season; it makes me feel bolder
But I'm cold and just want summer

Spooky Word Search

By Sara Lugo, Grade 7

a l m a k s w v q e z c d u v k o t u m c h x m k s o v z d
z w s k x e x z g f o x v q j p o e n u j d z y t c p v z c
k d d u d t b y i q f c a g p m m g o d j l w q t s b h w t
c c c l b z h s a e t l q x w h u z h c c t e o j b c t a c
z f j d b u n f m b r l b y k o o p s l l d b f a l l i u f
a c j l a j z i g h t v n r o u m n x l d e k d y k t z y a
f v d s v i b z b t l o b h b a c b c u r t n h f h p b w s
n c t k i f d j k h o e p d i u t s q f u f k p x e w j m f
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Word Bank: **Use your highlighting tool to find these words!**

Carving	October	Halloween	Moon	Full Moon
Fall	Pumpkin	Spooky	Witch	Skeletons

What's Your Favorite Halloween Candy?

7th grader Cheyanne Abrahamsen votes in the library's Halloween Candy Poll. The winner was Reese's Peanut Butter Cups with 36 votes!

The best Halloween candy is Milky Way because I like its rich caramel and chocolate. Some people like Skittles but they need to remember that they are way worse for your teeth. Therefore, Milky Way is a better Halloween candy than Skittles.

~ Lucio Maruca

The best Halloween candy is Tropical Starburst because they are chewy, yummy and all good different flavors. Some people like chocolate but they need to remember that there is really good yummy candy out there. Therefore, Tropical Starburst is a better Halloween candy than chocolate.

~ Kendra Pulver

The best Halloween candy is Twix because it's the best chocolate ever. Some people like hard candy but they need to remember that they could chip a tooth. Therefore, Twix is a better Halloween candy than hard candy.
~Gianna Michel

The best Halloween candy is Almond Joy because I like the candy. Some people like whatever they want but they need to remember that you can get diabetes. Therefore, Almond Joy is a better Halloween candy than others because it is healthier. ~Amillia Sanchez

The best Halloween candy is Mounds because I like coconut. Some people like ring pops but they need to remember that they are artificial and sticky. Therefore, Mounds is a better Halloween candy than ring pops.
~Gabe Flood

The best Halloween candy is candy corn because it has Halloween colors and they're, like, the original Halloween candy. Some people like raisins but they need to remember that they are just dried grapes. Grapes are fruit and candy corn is candy. Raisins don't make sense to give out. Therefore, candy corn is a better Halloween candy than raisins. ~Taylor Wilcox

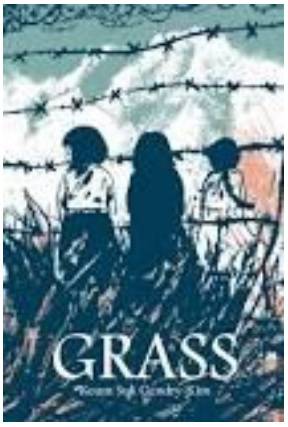
The best Halloween candy is a Hershey bar because they are so good and I like chocolate. Some people like sweet candies but they need to remember that chocolate is better because sweet candies are super sweet and sometimes make your face go . Therefore, a Hershey bar is a better Halloween candy than sweet candies. ~Olivia Eaton

The best Halloween candy is Air Head Extremes because they are sweet and sour. Some people like Almond Joy but they need to remember that Almond Joy have almonds which are nuts, therefore it is not candy. Therefore, Air Head Extremes are a better Halloween candy than Almond Joy. ~Tyler Bedell

The best Halloween candy is ring pops because they are so tasty and so good. Some people like chocolate but they need to remember that it can melt and get all over you. Therefore, ring pops are a better Halloween candy than chocolate. ~Nick Novak

Grass: a book review

By: Keum Suk Gendry-Kim



Is the true story of Korean comfort women during the Second World War. This was a time were poorer Korean women were sent off to Comfort camps thinking they would be able to support the families but end up having to “service” Japanese Imperial Soldiers.

Kuem anti-war graphic depicts the story of a Korean girl named Lee Ok-sun. Who was a Korean comfort women at this time and her journey to finally find her way back home. Showing the perspective of the time period through the lense of a vulnerable child. As well as the suffering of many Korean folk during the reign of the Japanesse.

Grass is drawn in black ink to that flows well with its beautiful landscapes and somber moments of Lee’s memories. *Grass* is known by many critics as a landmark novel that makes personal the desperate cost of war and the importance of peace.

I recommend this book, however the themes are a little too mature for younger readers. I was surprised to find this book in the library due to it being a touchy subject. This book is still an easier way to understand what happened to other countries during that time period.

“Grass.” *Drawn & Quarterly*, 27 Aug. 2019, www.drawnandquarterly.com/grass.

Treehouse Climate Action Poem Prize

The Treehouse Climate Action Poem Prize is given to honor exceptional poems that help make real for readers the gravity of the vulnerable state of our environment at present. A number of 7th graders have written poems to share their thoughts about climate action and they have entered this contest. [Find out more at Poets.org.]

Ice Caps

By Connor Dingman, grade 7

Every day, every night, we drive, drive, drive
giving off more, more, more,
exhaust.

Each puff making a crack somewhere on the top,
Or perhaps the bottom of the world.

Each crack makes another, and another, and another,
until the chain is too much, and another piece breaks off.

The heat from the cities, from the radiation, from our factories,
melting 400 billion tons of ice each year.

Every day the world changes in a bad way,
Help change it in a good way.

Ghosts

By Ailie Malone, Grade 7

Countless stars twinkling amongst a black velvet sky.

Calm, blue waters tinted silver with moonlight.

Lightning bugs, dotting the grass like flecks of gold.

A cool breeze brushes over, the grass rolling in a sea of green.

A moment of tranquility, peace etched in the sky.

A serendipity of nature, pulling me into the constellations.

Becoming one with the stars.

But all things, good as well as bad, end.

As the wind picks up, an urgency fills the air.

The air heats up, heats up, heats up till the world sets on fire.

The grasses shrivel, burning away to ashes.

My eyes water, smoke filling my lungs.

The water evaporates, dry, crackling dust surrounding me.

I can't see the stars any more.

I can't see the moon.

I can't see myself.

All I see are ghosts.

Climate change is bad
The Amazon is burning down,
the world, a frown
It's getting hotter,
all the water, scarce
Ice caps melting,
everyone yelling,
people protesting,
government resting
Is the government helping?
It's so overwhelming
Animals dying
No more birds flying
People fighting
Fires lighting
Government resting
Can we survive this horror?
Please pay attention,
It's about our Earth;
It's your decision.

By Evan Laurenzo, grade 7

Climate Change

By two awesome friends, Emma Howe and Fiona Gokey, grade 7

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Scorching, Burning, Melting,
Dying, Screaming, Giving up.
I cut down a tree to print this poem on paper...
Colorful corals, now bleached a sickening white
Sea turtles, people, birds and all living creatures, soon
__GONE__
We came to this planet to live,
Not to die, not to suffer
We took an oath to not use chemical bombs on our planet;
But our race itself, humans, have created ticking bomb of mass extinction.
Our world leaders promised they would fix this pollution problem-
Look where we are today,
On the edge of extinction, practically waiting until no one, until nothing is left on this "green" planet we call home to over 7.7 billion people and 8.7 million species of animals

If we don't do something now,
There will be no future.
There will be no tomorrow.

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The trees are dying,
the earth is crying,
for help is all it needs,
For the sake of you and me,

let's save the earth, bees, and the trees.

By Casey Cole, grade 7

Mother nature is dying, no more bees are flying.
The amazon is burning while the government is earning.
The coral reef is white, the monarchs might not take flight.
The temperature is higher, the entire world is dryer.
Climate change is huge, it needs to stop.
If we all work together, it can get better.

By Michael VanDeWal, grade 7

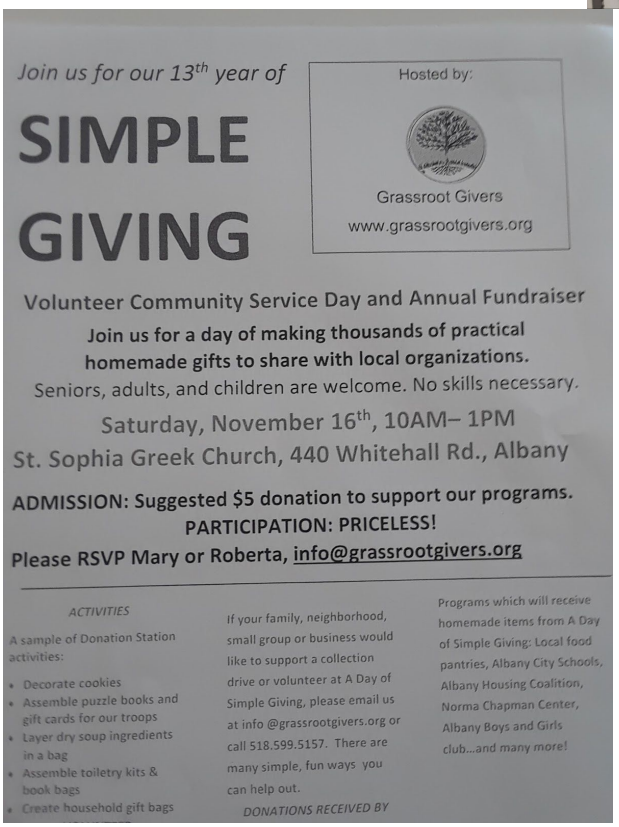
Weathers snow, Is as light a feather,
Weathers rain Can be a pain,
But in the end it goes down the drain.
Weathers hail, can be as heavy as a male whale
Weathers sun can make good puns and will roast your buns
Weather can be freezing and will make you start sneezing
Weather can be hot, tiem to swat at the bugs
Spring you will cling to but won't stay
Autumn is the time leaves will hit your bottom
Summer is a bunner when it goes
Winter can be quite bitter most of the time
The Weather can bring us closer together

By;Cheyanne Abrahamsen 7th grade

Grassroot Givers

By Sara Lugo, grade 7

On October 23rd, 2019, Patrick Ryan came to our school to tell Mrs. Fowler's 7th-grade classes about Grassroot Givers. Grassroot Givers is a non-for-profit organization that helps people in need of essentials. Grassroot Givers donates clothes and soaps for people who need



Join us for our 13th year of

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Hosted by:

Grassroot Givers

www.grassrootgivers.org

Volunteer Community Service Day and Annual Fundraiser

Join us for a day of making thousands of practical homemade gifts to share with local organizations.

Seniors, adults, and children are welcome. No skills necessary.

Saturday, November 16th, 10AM– 1PM

St. Sophia Greek Church, 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany

ADMISSION: Suggested $5 donation to support our programs.

PARTICIPATION: PRICELESS!

Please RSVP Mary or Roberta, info@grassrootgivers.org

ACTIVITIES

A sample of Donation Station activities:

- Decorate cookies
- Assemble puzzle books and gift cards for our troops
- Layer dry soup ingredients in a bag
- Assemble toiletry kits & book bags
- Create household gift bags

If your family, neighborhood, small group or business would like to support a collection drive or volunteer at A Day of Simple Giving, please email us at info @grassrootgivers.org or call 518.599.5157. There are many simple, fun ways you can help out.

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY

Programs which will receive homemade items from A Day of Simple Giving: Local food pantries, Albany City Schools, Albany Housing Coalition, Norma Chapman Center, Albany Boys and Girls club...and many more!

them as they try to get back up on their feet. If someone needs clean or nice clothes for a job interview, they are willing to help. Grassroot Givers is a very helpful organization for many people in need.

Grassroot Givers is holding their annual Day of Giving on November 16th from 10AM-1PM at St. Sophia Greek Church, 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany. Please see flyer for more information. They need volunteers. Maybe you can go help!
Patrick challenged us to collect 150 bars of soap and 150 puzzle books! So far, we have eighteen bars of soap and six puzzle books. Help us meet our goal by bringing in your donation by Friday, November 8!