

Maple Hill Junior Paw Print

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Kandi Purse

By: Mariella Zuniga, grade 7



During quarantine I learned how to make different types of things with beads which is called kandi. There are endless ideas & patterns that people have made with kandi. Some examples are: stars, cuffs, shirts, single bracelets. I made a kandi purse which looks like this. I made it with pony beads and clear string. It did take a lot of time and a lot of beads but it was definitely worth it.

News From the Tech Help Desk



7th and 8th graders account for 89% of the loaned chargers and Chromebooks. It is your important responsibility to come to school with a charged Chromebook every day. The students and teachers at the Help Desk don't have enough loaners to meet the demand.

Safe Spaces for LGBTQIA+ Students

By: Parker Leggett and Lena Blanchard, grade 8

For LGBTQ+ students, it can be hard to find safe spaces. We interviewed 3 teachers, and they all said that you can go to them if you need someone to talk to. The GSA club has funded and provided Safe Space stickers in hopes to spread awareness for this cause. GSA has hoped to promote a safe environment for everyone no matter who they are. Many teachers, grade 7th through 12th, can be seen with these stickers on laptops, desks and classroom windows. Please note that we only interviewed 7th and 8th grade teachers, but the teachers we didn't interview may be a safe space as well, one of these teachers being Mrs. Gonzalez- Barone (200). You can always look in the door frame as well for some kind of Safe Space sticker.

First, we interviewed Mrs. Krug (214).

Q: How familiar would you say you are with the LGBTQIA+ community as a whole?

A: It's about how people identify. Nowadays people find it easier to find themselves due to less homophobia. Many years ago it was harder for people to find themselves and how they identify.

Q: What if a student came out as trans, genderfluid, non-binary, gender queer, etc.?

A: I would find out their preferred pronouns and name. I would also let them know that it is a safe space and I will help any student out to the best of my ability.

Then, we interviewed Mr. Mastracy (205).

Q: How familiar would you say you are with the LGBTQIA+ community?

A: I find myself to be very familiar with the community, but I try to educate myself more everyday.

Q: What would you do if one of your students came out as trans, nonbinary, genderqueer, etc.?

A: I would listen and be very attentive. I would try to provide resources or ask what to do to help.

Q: If you found out one of your students was being bullied for being LGBTQIA+ , what would you do ?

A: I would report it. If I see it personally, I would handle the issue to the best of my ability and follow up with discipline if needed.

Q:What do you do when one of your students says something along the lines of “that’s so gay” or uses a slur?

A: I would address it right away and use it as a learning opportunity to teach class.

Q: I noticed that you currently don’t have a safe space sticker, would you be open to getting one?

A: Yes, I would be, and I used to have one, but I lost it.

Q:What is your historical standpoint on this? I know that there’s been stigma in history around the LGBTQIA+ community.

A: I try to break the stigma. When we talk about different time periods, I feel like generations change and along with that attitudes change. Generations seem to become more accepting. We try to bring up the past, and try not to repeat it.

Finally, we interviewed Mr.Phillips (209).

Q: How familiar would you say you are with the LGBTQIA+ community?

A: I am somewhat familiar. I have some friends and family that are queer.

Q:How do you feel about the LGBTQIA+ community?

A:I don’t believe anything will interfere with me being supportive. I am always willing to talk.

Q: What about if a student came out as trans, nb, genderqueer, etc?

A: I am happy that they came to terms with that about themselves. A lot of people struggle because of not knowing how they identify. I try to use the correct name and pronouns as best as I can.

Q:If you found out one of your students was being bullied for being LGBTQIA+ , what would you do

A: I find a lot of homophobia comes from places of misunderstanding. Not many people are just mean for no reason. I find it beneficial to have a conversation try to figure out why that person is bullying a student for being queer.

Q:What do you do when one of your students says something along the lines of “that’s so gay” or uses a slur?

A: I don’t care for that. I have heard that in a couple classes and have had talks about that.

Q:What is your historical standpoint on this? I know that there’s been stigma in history around the LGBTQIA+ community.

A: Historically speaking, it’s interesting. It depends on where and who you’re talking about. Way back in time, people in Greece were openly queer, and then when medieval times came around things turned around, and now we are working back into people being openly gay.

A Review of She-ra and the Princess of Power

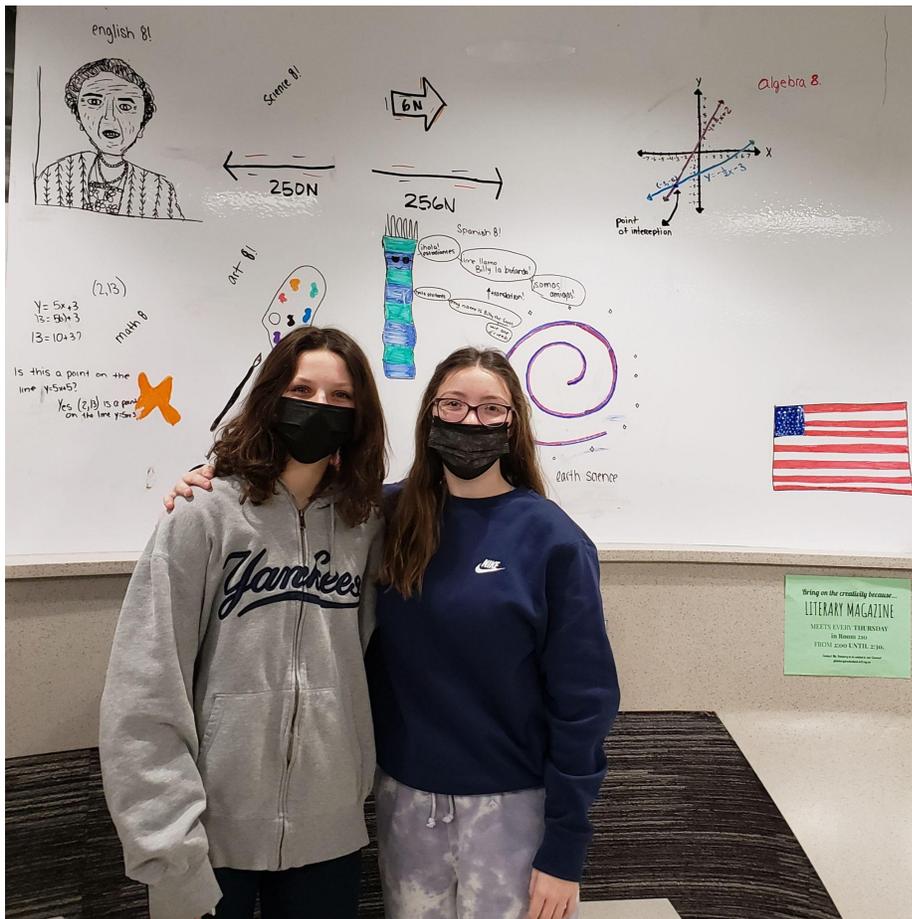
By: a Viewer

She -ra and the Princess of Powers is a show on Netflix. The show got published on November 13th 2018 and continued releasing five more



seasons. It is a reboot of the old show airing in 1985. This show follows two main characters, Adora and Catra, who have been raised as soldiers, later on Adora finds out that she is a princess and needs to fight against the side she was previously on. She-Ra and the Princess of Powers is very action packed, with lots of twists, character

development and romance. She-ra portrays friendship, mental health and includes lgbtq+ as well. Throughout the story of it, you learn more about each of the characters and understand them better. I would highly recommend watching this!!



Addy and Ella created some artwork to represent the 8th grade units! Do you see Eleanor? A galaxy? Force? A point of interception? Art? Espanol?

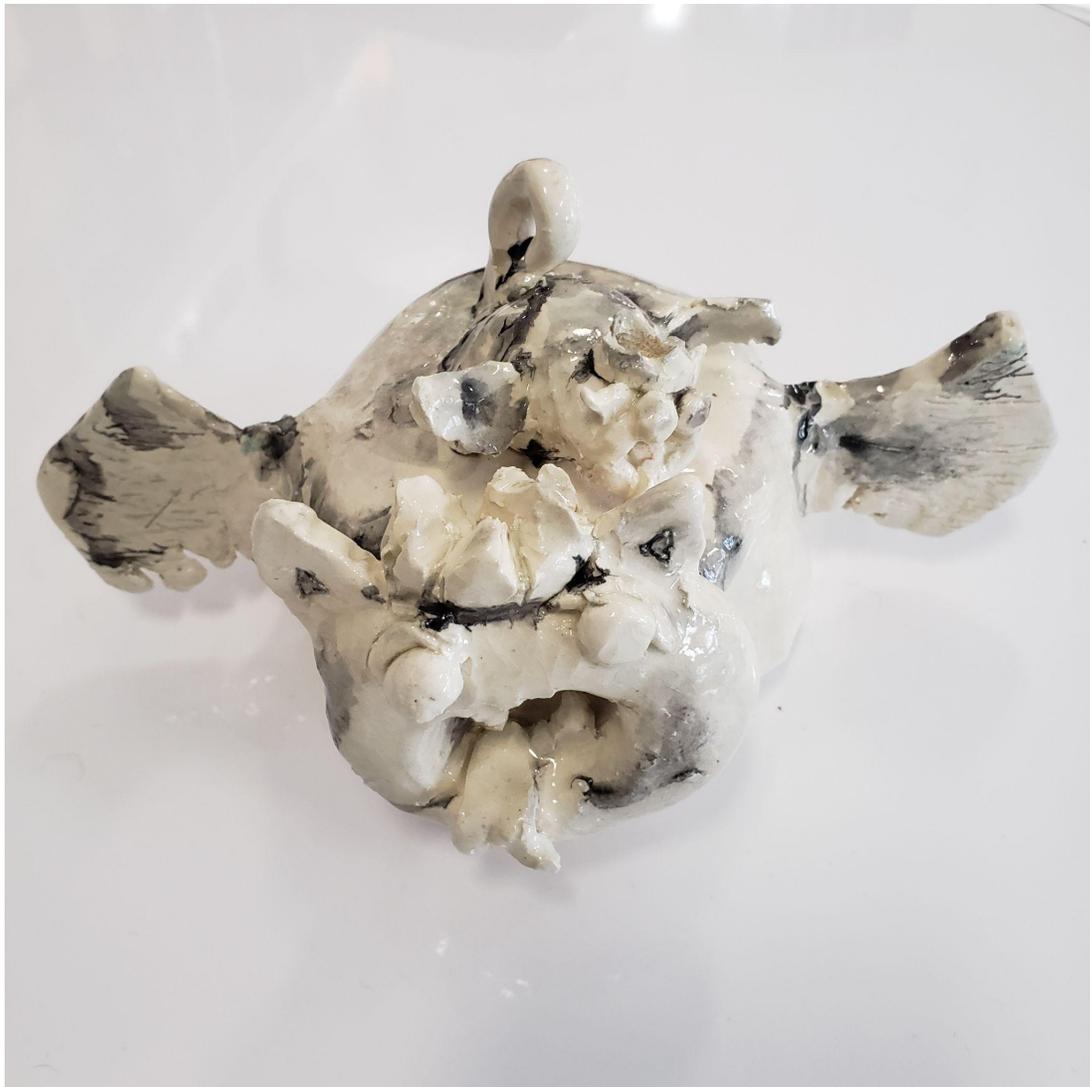
Monarch Gargoyles

By AJ, grade 8

In art class, we made gargoyles. First, we wedged the clay. This is a kneading technique to get the air bubbles out. Then we made two pinch pots for the main body. These got stuck together. Next, we scored and slipped so we could add details like fangs and wings. In mine, I added a baby gargoyle! We have to score and slip so that the added-on parts don't fall off and explode in the kiln. They baked in the kiln for 24 hours.

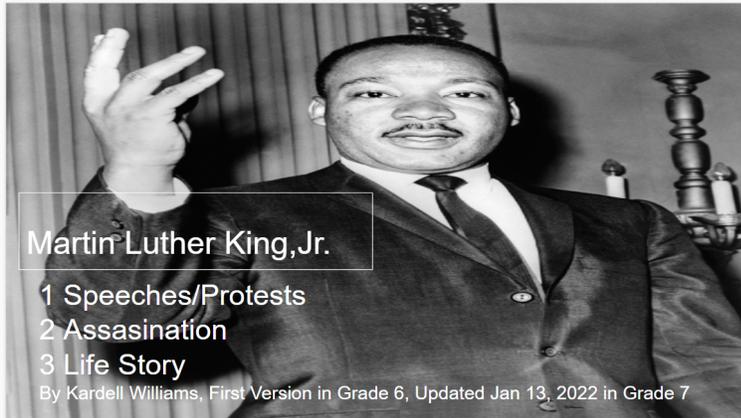
After that, we glazed. We used clear and black glaze. We could water down the glaze for a more "outdoorsy" look if we wanted to. We put the glaze on the entire gargoyle except the bottom. If glaze gets on the bottom, it will stick to the kiln. After glazing, we fired again. Then, they were done.

This is my finished piece: *Parent and Baby Gargoyles with Crowns*.



Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We have the day off from school on Monday, Jan 17, to honor Dr. King.

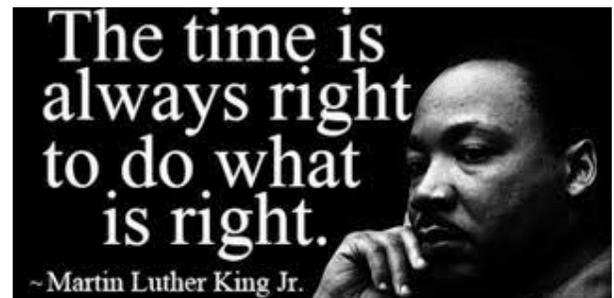
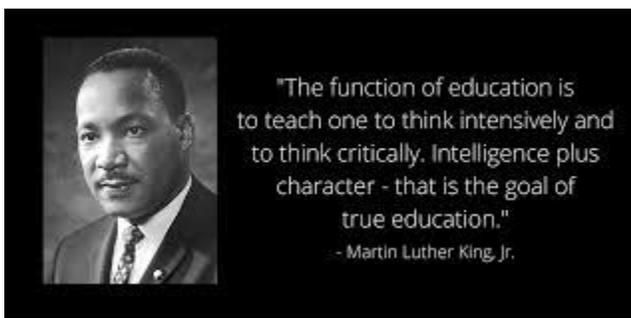


Here is a [link](#) to a **Google Slides presentation** by **Kardell Williams, grade 7.**

Here is a [link](#) to information about observances of the day in New York State. You can watch the program on WMHT at 9pm on Monday, Jan 17.

OPPORTUNITY AND PROMISE: NEW YORK STATE CELEBRATES DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

“Hosted by Christopher Jackson, this year’s program will take viewers on a virtual tour across New York State. Christopher Jackson is a Grammy and Emmy Award-winning songwriter/composer as well as a Tony Award-nominated actor best known for starring as George Washington in the critically acclaimed, award-winning Broadway musical "Hamilton." Through the eyes of New Yorkers from Syracuse to Poughkeepsie, Schenectady to Long Island, the program focuses on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and dreams with music, art, and inspiring stories that reflect the opportunity and promise of our fellow New Yorkers.”



WORDLE WORDLE WORDLE WORDLE WORDLE WORDLE WORDLE

The WORDLE craze is popular now. Fin, in grade 8, says, “It’s a fun game to play with friends and family. It’s good for your cognitive function.” “You can post your statistics on social media or send them to your friends. Then you can tally up to see who won.” “Every day, everyone gets the same word. So don’t give away the word!”

Here is a [LINK](#) to the WORDLE website.

Here are instructions.

HOW TO PLAY ✕

Guess the **WORDLE** in 6 tries.
Each guess must be a valid 5 letter word. Hit the enter button to submit.
After each guess, the color of the tiles will change to show how close your guess was to the word.

Examples

WE A R Y
The letter **W** is in the word and in the correct spot.

P **I** L L S
The letter **I** is in the word but in the wrong spot.

V A **G** U E
The letter **U** is not in the word in any spot.

A new WORDLE will be available each day!

Here is a game that Mrs. Fowler started with Fin on Jan 13, 2022.

WORDLE

Q	U	I	L	L
F	L	E	S	H

Q W E R T Y U I O P
A S D F G H J K L
ENTER Z X C V B N M

WORDLE

Q	U	I	L	L
F	L	E	S	H
A	B	O	V	E
A	B	O	U	T

Q W E R T Y U I O P
A S D F G H J K L
ENTER Z X C V B N M

We know that the “A” and “B” are in the correct places because they are green. We know that there is an “E” in the word but is not in the right spot because it is yellow. The grey letters are not in the puzzle. Can you figure out the word??

Nashville, Tennessee Road Trip

By Chase Landry, grade 7

Tuesday December 15: A Few Hours Before The News:

That night after wrestling practice was one that was surprising. When dinner was called the news was unveiled. A road trip, but where is this journey to take me?

10:30 pm: Off To The Road:

A Rental car, Ford Expedition, was what it was. That car smelled like someone smoked, then tried to cover it up by spraying air freshener. I was very familiar with that smell. I've encountered it so many times I can't keep track. This car was massive. I got the 3rd row back. I gave it the nickname, man cave, because it was my own space, both there and back. It was late, very late. I was clueless as to how long the drive lasted. So I did what I did best, sleep.

December 16, 11:30 am: Afternoon In Louisville: Start Of The Fun:

At last Louisville, after hours of road, but this was not our destination, there were still ways to go. I walked up the hill to see what was here. Louisville Slugger Museum And Factory. This is the place where 80% of major league baseball bats are made! There I held Babe Ruth's Bat, learned how the factory and museum was founded and took a tour.

The clock struck 12 and off to the tour I went. The first part of the tour was showing where the trees originated from. They measured the diameter of the tree, once they found the tree that suited them they cut it down and transferred it to a lumber yard. Then from there, carefully loaded the logs onto the bed of the truck. Finally transported into the factory.

The scent that flooded the air was recognizable, hot wood and finish, learned that smell from my dad. There were carts full of thick cylinders. These carts weren't the one's you'd see today; they were old and frankly looked like they were from a mine which they were. There were large machines they used to shape the bats that must have cost a fortune. Player's make certain requests that the factory endures. The bats were hand dipped

in finish and then hung to dry. At the end of the tour we received mini baseball bats. I couldn't let go of mine. To finish it off me and my brother took a shot at the batting cage. Ten shots is all we got; the best I could do is tipping a soft ball into the wall behind me. I left there that day with a smile on my face and feeling like a bit of a baseball fan, just a smidge.

Arrival in Nashville: Twenty hours of dreams and activities was worth it. Stretching my legs felt like heaven, heaven for a 12 year old boy. The hotel was massive, it was a Hilton to be exact. Our room was on the seventh floor. Two beds, one bathroom. It also had a tv and a desk next to that where I sat and wrote this article.



Dinner in Nashville: This place was mysterious. It looked like an abandoned warehouse, but it wasn't. It was an old factory remodeled into a small shopping mall. Dinner was ice cream, one scoop of salted caramel and the other milkiest chocolate.

While walking around there was a small shop that caught the corner of my eye drawing me in from the small glance I was able to receive. The shop was filled with some extraordinary things but my favorite was the crystals. I made a great friend out of the lady who owned the store. She was the only one there. I loved that shop so much I bought a bracelet made of Malachite.

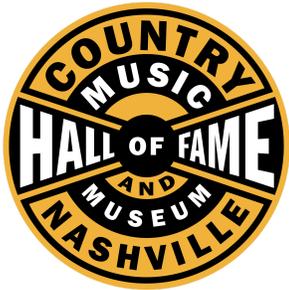
Early Morning of December 17: Gaylord Opry House Resort

After 20 minutes of trying to find a parking spot and another 20 walking to the resort we finally made it. Gaylord Opry House, the place was huge but it was one side in particular we were looking for. There we ice skated on what felt like a partly frozen lake. The rink was mostly water but I still had fun even though I fell on my butt and stomach. Next was tubing, me and my brother had a race to see who could go down faster and well we don't know who won. Then there was partly frozen bumper cars, more like bumper boats. Mom's cart barely even worked. It was hilarious. Finally there was Mission Save Christmas presented by the movie Elf.

The other side of the resort was like a Giant greenhouse but also like a giant village. There we did a scavenger hunt where we had to run all over the place to find the misfit toys. We spent hours in that place.

Dinner In Nashville:

Dinner was at a famous BBQ house called “Martin’s.” There I had a chicken sandwich with mayonnaise but that's not the best part. My brother quickly saw the ping pong table in the room next door. So after we ate we asked the bartender and he gave us the stuff to play. I lost badly but that's because my brother made every swing a grand slam. We spent 2 hours at that place.



December 18: Country Music Hall of Fame: Franklin:

The hall of fame was a couple of blocks from where we parked so we got a small work out. I personally know nothing about country music except a couple of artists from my mom. In the hall of fame I saw the couple artists that I mentioned Elvis, Johnny Cash and Dolly Parton. I saw Elvis's gold plated convertible and made a remix to “We Will Rock You.”

Walk On Broadway: Afternoon:

Broadway was crowded and had one key ingredient: The smell of cigarettes, beer and gas. Every shop on every block was playing the same song. One of my personal favorites, “Wagon Wheel.” All restaurants had country music live performances by country artists. Bubble Machines were on all roofs, I would swerve in and out of people to pop the big bubbles. On every corner there was a petal bar and I wanted to ride one.

Walk Through Franklin:

In Franklin there were lots of small shops. Only one thing I wanted to get there was a ring. There was no luck but I got lots of cool stickers.



Nashville Zoo:

As soon as I walked in the park I went to the bathroom and in the bathroom there was a black giant snake.

The park's first habitat was gibbon monkeys. They were fighting and swinging around the trees. Me and my brother couldn't stop laughing. In every stream there were koi and catfish. Next were flamingos, one was standing right next to the fence. Then there were 5 white rhinos, a baby leopard and zebras. I went on a ride with my brother that takes you up backwards and to be honest, going up was faster than going down. The reptile house was my favorite. The snakes were huge and the lizards were really funny because they were playing in the water. My favorite animal was the green anaconda in the water. At the end we went back to the monkeys for one more good laugh and then we were off.

Game Terminal:

Game Terminal was this really cool retro arcade. I was really good at Mrs Pac Man and a shooter game that I almost made an all time high score on. Almost every game there was free to play. There were so many people at that arcade it made it hard to play anything. The arcade smelt like beer and sweat but that wasn't the worst part. The worst part was that while I was playing I was standing next to the drunk people playing Blitz. Other than that I had a lot of fun.

December 19: last day: Tour of the city:

We took a tour of the city on a golf cart. The driver was a Pokemon Go expert. My brother and I caught lots of Pokemon while listening to the history of the city. There were cool landmarks like the twisted tracks, one was roller coaster tracks, the other railroad tracks.

The Last Thing:

I loved that shop in the factory so much I went back and bought two pieces of fluorite for \$50. I loved them so much. One piece was a nice dark purple, the other was a radiant aquamarine. We left right after the factory and I watched twenty hours of "Attack On Titan" on the way back home to New York.