



The Husky Howler

No More Funny Messages



For about seven years, The Utah Department of Transportation has used silly messages on electronic boards to remind drivers on I-15 to drive safely. One message said, “Calm down, Hulk. Leave the rage off the road.” Spokesperson of the Utah Department of Transportation, John Gleason, said, “The intent [with the funny signs] was to create a conversation about safe driving behaviors and maybe bring a little levity to a very serious subject.”

On holidays the signs had holiday-themed jokes. Around Mother’s Day, one said, “Keep Mom’s favorite safe. Buckle up.” In July, one said, “Pledge allegiance to driving focused.” A Christmas sign said, “Deck the halls. Not the guy who cut you off.” Some of the signs were based on popular movies. One sign said, “Texting and driving leads to the dark side,” in reference to Star Wars. Another Star Wars sign said, “Use the seat belt Luke.”

However, Utah’s DOT stopped using the funny messages around four months ago. This was because the New Jersey Federal Highway Association thought the jokes were distracting and therefore a hazard. Highway officials were asked to stop. People haven’t said much to Utah’s DOT about it. Gleason said, “I think people just got so used to seeing them that it may be a case where people don’t even notice that they’re not there anymore.” Instead of funny road signs, Utah’s DOT has started to turn their focus to other road safety measures. –Hanne Davis

Oscar Nominations 2023

The Oscar Ceremony is coming up, and this year, we have an impressive list of nominations. Since 2022 is over, it’s time for awards to be given away. The Oscar Nominations Show was streamed live on Disney +, and hosted by Riz Ahmed and Allison Williams. Recently, some students took a survey about who they think should win each category. Here are the results:

Best Leading Actor: Austin Butler (Elvis)
Best Supporting Actor: Ke Huy Quan (Everything Everywhere All At Once)
Best Leading Actress: Ana De Armas (Blonde)
Best Supporting Actress: Angela Basset (Black Panther: Wakanda Forever)
Best Animated Feature Film: Puss In Boots: The Last Wish
Best Cinematography: Elvis
Best Costumes: Black Panther: Wakanda Forever
Best Directing: Everything Everywhere All At Once
Best Documentary Feature Film: Fire of Love
Best Documentary Short Film: How Do You Measure a Year?
Best Editing: Top Gun: Maverick
Best International Feature Film: The Quiet Girl
Best Makeup and Hairstyling: Black Panther: Wakanda Forever
Best Score: Everything Everywhere All At Once
Best Original Song: Hold My Hand (Top Gun: Maverick)
Best Picture: Avatar: The Way of Water
Best Production Design: Avatar The Way of Water
Best Animated Short Film: An Ostrich Told Me The World Is Fake and I Think I Believe It
Best Live-Action Short Film: An Irish Goodbye
Best Sound: Top Gun: Maverick
Best Visual Effects: Avatar: The Way of Water
Best Adapted Screenplay: Top Gun: Maverick
Best Original Screenplay: Everything Everywhere All At Once



Best Picture is the most prestigious of the Oscars. The two main ones that students want to win are Avatar: The Way of Water and Top Gun: Maverick. Both movies are long-awaited sequels to two of the greatest movies to rule the cinema (Avatar and Top Gun).

The Oscar Ceremony will happen on March 12, 2023. It will be hosted by Jimmy Kimmel. Good luck to all those nominated! -Henry Smith

ChatGPT: The Future of Personal AI Assistants



This article is mostly written by Chat GPT. That's right: every paragraph after this and even the headline was written by AI. If you would like to try out Chat GPT for yourself, go to chat.openai.com to sign up with a phone number and email. The prompt that ChatGPT is responding to in this article is: "write a news article about chat gpt including how to use chat gpt, it's capabilities and features, it's limitations, using it in school assignments, and how chat gpt will develop in the future in essay form". The rest of this article is an example of one of the many things ChatGPT can do.

In recent years, the world has witnessed an exponential rise in artificial intelligence (AI) and the role it plays in modern technology. One of the most talked-about AI language models is ChatGPT, developed by Open-AI, which has made significant strides in the field of natural language processing.

ChatGPT is an AI language model that allows users to interact with it through a range of platforms such as web-based chatbots, voice assistants, and mobile applications. ChatGPT is capable of processing natural language input and generating coherent and contextually relevant responses based on its vast text data sources. This has made ChatGPT an attractive tool for a variety of purposes such as customer service, education, and entertainment.

One of ChatGPT's unique features is its multilingual support, which allows it to generate responses in various languages. This feature makes ChatGPT accessible to a global audience and has the potential to bridge communication gaps between people from different linguistic backgrounds. Additionally, ChatGPT can generate responses based on specific topics, making it useful for personalized assistance in various fields.

However, despite its impressive capabilities, ChatGPT has limitations that users must be aware of. For example, the responses generated by ChatGPT are only as good as the data it is trained on, which means that the model may generate biased or incomplete responses if the training data is flawed. Therefore, it is crucial to use ChatGPT as a tool to supplement learning rather than a replacement for it.

One of the most promising applications of ChatGPT is in the field of education. With the help of ChatGPT, students can generate ideas, get feedback on their writing, or even write entire essays. ChatGPT can also be a useful tool for research and fact-checking. However, it is important to note that students should use ChatGPT as a supplement to their learning and not as a substitute for critical thinking and independent research.

As with any AI, the future of ChatGPT lies in the potential for advancements and developments. One area of focus for future developments is improving ChatGPT's ability to understand and generate responses based on context, making it more useful for complex tasks such as medical diagnoses or legal analysis. Another area of focus is increasing ChatGPT's ability to generate creative content such as poetry or music, which could lead to new forms of artistic expression.

In conclusion, ChatGPT is a powerful tool that has the potential to revolutionize the way we interact with technology. Its capabilities and features have made it attractive to a broad range of users, and its development has significant implications for various fields such as education, entertainment, and customer service. However, it is crucial to use ChatGPT responsibly, recognize its limitations, and use it as a supplement to learning rather than a replacement for it. As the technology develops and improves, we can expect to see even more impressive capabilities and features from ChatGPT, making it a valuable tool in various fields and changing the way we learn, work, and create. -Lauren Forsyth

Feature

The Chicken Finally Crossed the Road

Many of the things that we do have to do with electronics. Reading, studying, and even just methods of communication are all parts of our daily lives that can revolve around the computer. However, there’s another thing we use electronics for — one more popular than the rest — gaming. There are many games that people play, and one of the more common ones is Crossy Road.

Crossy Road is a free, easy game with one objective: To cross the road without dying. When the developer, Hipster Whale, first began to program the game, they had planned to put only six weeks into developing the game, but when they realized the game's potential, they put another six weeks of effort into it. Hipster Whale is an Australian independent video game developer and publisher founded on 20 November 2014 by Andy Sum and Matt Hall, shortly before making the game Crossy Road. According to Wikipedia, “Crossy Road was inspired by linear movement games (modern successors to classic platform games) such as Temple Run and Flappy Bird.’ The name and concept of the game is based on the joke, ‘Why did the chicken cross the road?’”

Crossy Road is an arcade video game, with the previous day of introduction being November 20th, 2014. The concept of the game was designed based off the common saying of, “Why did the chicken cross the road” In which case you- as a chicken- have to cross the road. The objective of Crossy Road is to move a character through an endless path of moving obstacles as far as possible without dying. Your original



character is a chicken that must cross a series of busy roads, rivers, and active train tracks. However, as the game progresses, you can collect coins that will allow you to purchase more characters such as the lucky cat and the speedy snail. People enjoyed Crossy Road because it was a simple version of Frogger (a game similar to today's Crossy Road). According to Polygon.com, “Indie games often aspire(s) to be different, and Crossy Road did, too. Hall and Sum wanted to create a free-to-play game that would sell well at first and then drift away.” The success was met instantly, with millions of dollars rolling in from the game’s straightforward design, causing a rush that left people with a fun, new game to play.

So, if you’ve never played Crossy Road, pull out a device and play the simple, yet enjoyable game on most platforms! -Kaitlyn Turley

Meet Baby Jude



Ms. Cannon had her baby on February 26th! He was born at 5:23 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs 1.2 oz and measured 19.5 inches long. Ms. Cannon and baby Jude are both happy and healthy.

The Husky Howler is the monthly newspaper of Farmington Junior High School in Farmington, Utah. The staff is made up of writers from all grade levels. Please email your questions, comments, or editorial replies to the Staff Advisor, Mrs. Kalakis at the following address: mkalakis@dsdmail.net

Outer Banks Renewed for Another Season



The long awaited and anticipated renewal of Outer Banks is finally here. Last month, on February 23rd, season three was released. Fans had waited for this moment for so long and its finally here! But, its not over yet. The hit show is renewed once again for a fourth season.

Even before season three was aired, we got news that the Pogues adventure in Outer Banks won’t end just yet. Five days before the show aired on Netflix, the streaming service announced the fourth season at the premiere of season three. At a fan event during the premiere in Huntington Beach, California, the renewal announcement was made.

On Instagram, the official Outer Banks account posted this about the show. “WE RAGED. WE SAW. WE CONQUERED!! OBX SEASON 4!!! LETS GOOOOO!” The cast is just as excited as we all are!

Season four is predicted to be out early 2024. Hopefully. Filming of the show might happen later in 2023 and we may even get a trailer by the end of the year. Season four won’t be here as fast as we hope. New twists, adventures, relationships, and more in season four will be much awaited but only time will tell. “Once a Pogue, always a Pogue,” John B.

–Taylor Sutterfield

Will Netflix Cancel It?



Lockwood & Co. was released to Netflix on January 27th. The new tv show has done well, but possibly not good enough to get a second season. Many fans of the show are begging others to watch it so that it doesn’t get canceled.

Netflix cancels a surprising amount of tv series after the first season. Teenage Bounty Hunters, Spinning Out, and Julie and the Phantoms are all shows that, despite being great shows, were cancelled after only one season. Fans are worried that Lockwood & Co. may have the same fate.

Lockwood & Co. is about, “A girl with psychic abilities joins two teen boys at the ghost-hunting agency Lockwood & Co. to fight the deadly spirits plaguing London, doing their best to save the day without any adult supervision.” The 8-episode series has supernatural thriller, mystery, and a little romance all in one. Another great thing about this show is that it is set in London, which means British accents, biscuits, and tea. The very creative storyline is based on books of the same name written by Johnathan Stroud. Rotten Tomatoes rated the show with a 90%.

The main cast includes Ruby Stokes, Cameron Chapman, and Ali Hadji-Heshmati. All of which are only in their early 20s. Also on the cast is Paddy Holland, the younger brother of Tom Holland who plays spider-man. Fans of Lockwood & Co. are begging for others to watch the series to save it from the same fate as many other Netflix series. “Lockwood has something for everyone, and it is definitely a must watch.” The next time you are wondering what to watch, give Lockwood & Co. a try. Let’s not let another great tv series get canceled before a season two.

–Brooklyn Rudd

Sports

FJH Track!

It’s officially March, which means it’s time for track season. While Track Intramurals have been going on since January, conditioning begins March 6th and will go Monday through Friday every week until March 20th, which is when formal practices officially begin. At formal practices, attendance will be taken and you will not be allowed to miss any more than three days without first notifying one of the coaches. A physical will also be required for the track season along with all the pa-



perwork that will need to be signed on Canvas. The physical and paperwork will all be due by March 16th and can’t be turned in after. If you cannot meet these requirements, you will not have the opportunity to participate on the track team.

On March 27th, 28th, and the 29th, the Decathlon will take place after school. The decathlon is where every student intending to compete during the meets, will try out for a spot in every event. These events include 100-meter, 200-meter, 400-meter, 800-meter, 1600-meter (Mile), Long Jump, High Jump, Hurdles, Discus, and Shot Put. After the decathlon, a listing for who will be competing in the next meet will be posted in the gym. There will be extra spots for people to have another shot at participating in an event for the next track meet. These are called the runoffs. The runoffs will be after school on Fridays, during the typical practice times. The first track meet will be on April 11th, the second will be on April 17th, and the third will be held on April 26th. There is no official time or school that they will be competing at yet, but the information will be given once the track season begins. There will be a fee for participation, \$50. \$10 for transportation, and \$50 for a uniform. If you already have a uniform from last year, this fee will not be necessary. –Samantha Garrick

Ready to Rumble



Wrestling, one of the biggest sports at Farmington Junior High, has just begun! Our wrestling team is training for the season and everyone is excited to see how they do. I interviewed 8th grader, Shawn Oscerson. I asked him, What is your favorite thing about wrestling? Shawn said, “My favorite thing about wrestling is competing in front of a crowd. It brings a extra thrill to the match and makes it so much more fun.” Our wrestling season goes from February 22 to March 22.

Shawn has been doing wrestling at Farmington for two years. I asked him what his favorite part of wrestling season is he said, “I love the grind of wrestling; wrestling is a lot of work and having your work pay off when you pin someone makes it feel so worth it. I have really enjoyed wrestling and would love to continue doing it for the years to come.”

Wrestling at FJH is a great option for anybody that wants to be serious about wrestling or even just wants to go to make friends. Wrestling is a great option for anyone willing to try. Shawn said, “Mr. King creates a great environment for all of the wrestlers. I have really enjoyed the season.” -Braeden Randall

March Madness



Photo Credit: Gregory Shamus

One of the biggest basketball tournaments is happening this month. March 14th through April 3rd is known as March Madness. It’s a single elimination with a field of 68 teams that compete in seven rounds for the national championship. The tournament has been going on each March since 1939 but has been called March Madness since 1982 because a sports broadcaster said it was March Madness during the game and the name stuck.

How do teams get to be one of the 68? There are two ways to qualify. The first one is an automatic bid between 350 teams and each one belongs to one of 32 conferences and each of those conferences have a tournament and if you win the tournament you’re automatically placed in March Madness, regardless on how your team did on the season. The second way to get into the tournament is through an at-large bid. This means that there is a selection committee that decides which 36 teams will qualify, based on who they believe could win the tournament. They look at all the stats and rankings and they rank each team at a process called seeding. They then split the teams into four regions, then each region gets ranked 1-16 and that is called a seed. They pit the top team against the bottom team in each group to reward the best teams success. Sometimes you can have a Cinderella game where the worst team beats the best team and eliminates them, and that’s what makes March Madness so exciting. –Lauren Hunter





FJH CHEER TRYOUTS

MANDATORY
STUDENT & PARENT
MEETING
APRIL 13 5-6:30PM @ FJH

CHEER TRYOUT CLINICS
APRIL 24, 25 & 26
3-5:30 PM

CHEER TRYOUTS
APRIL 27
3:30 PM - FINISH



Clubs

Howls from the Past

The following is an editorial from the April 1995 Husky Howler. Do you agree with Jeff? What are the similarities and differences between now and then?

LUNCH-LINE-LAMENT

The bell rings-- you're still waiting in line for the candy machine. It's finally your turn. Oh, no! Here comes Mr. Call. You try to hurry and put your money in, but he stops you. "Just a minute," you say, "Sorry," he replies as he turns off the machine.

How many times has this happened to you? It's one of the problems with FJH's new two-lunch schedule. It was plenty crowded when we had three lunches, but now it's just too much. Even if having two lunches is more convenient for the teachers, is it more convenient for the students?

Now, you have to practically risk your life to get into the machines. And even if you do finally get through to the machine and buy your candy, you come out in a lousy mood because of all the pushing and shoving. And then, they turn the machines off. Then that makes the other lines more crowded, so then they close the a la carte line. And then, you're forced to buy AND eat the school's lunch! We've really got a problem here.

60 cents for a candy bar? What??!! You can get one at the store for 45 cents. That's right, during the three years that I've been at FJH the price of candy and chips has gone up 10 cents! How come we're

being ripped off so bad?

The first week of the third term, the administration said that we'd just try this lunch schedule and see how it worked. But have they listened to any of the input that students have given to them? No, they've just gone on and told us to adjust to this new schedule, even if none of us like it. We've done fine on a three-lunch schedule before, why can't we just go back to it?

By Jeff Richards

Kindness is Key



There are many ways to make our school better place. One way is to just be kind to everyone, and we have a great place to do that. Kindness club does all kinds of great service activities that help our school and others. It can also be a place to become more kind and help others be kinder. Some of the service projects that they have done over the year is, they made valentines for people at our school, they wrote grateful note, and they made cards for the teachers. These activities make people feel great, but not only they people getting these services but the people serving others.

This club is run by our SBO's, they come up with great activities and service projects. One of our SBO's in charge of the club, Ainsley Monroe says, "My favorite part of kindness club is meeting new people and serving other." This club is hosted every other Monday and once you come three times you get a free T-shirt. Don't miss out and come to kindness club!

-Kennedy Toone

Want to be in the Yearbook? Join the Staff!



As the school year begins to slow, the desire to have your yearbook increases. While the students enjoy the luxuries of having a yearbook, we should all take a moment to look behind the scenes at the people who make the newspaper and yearbook possible: The Yearbook staff here at FJH! Furthermore, you will be able to see how the class is run and how you can apply!

Based on results from last year's applications, the students who were selected to be part of this years staff work together to write articles, create fun and interesting spreads for the yearbook, and do much more! There are typically four student editors, who "specialize" in different aspects of the yearbook or newspaper. The editors this year are: Braeden Randall (8), copy editor; Samantha Garrett (9), layout editor, Elizabeth Buckway (9), photography editor; and Alyssa Romano (9), as the marketing and design editor. They are in charge of directing and assisting the rest of the members in the staff by taking charge in the group setting to get the yearbook work done.

The staff isn't always immersed in work though. Often times the students can be found laughing and joking in between their work. Eighth grade student Hanne Davis said that, "I love newspaper/yearbook, even though it's hard sometimes to meet the yearbook deadline and it takes a minute to write articles, it's super rewarding at the end when we have a finished newspaper or yearbook. It's also really fun to get to know the people on the staff and make new friends." Along with this, Carter Jenkins (7), said, "I like the people, I like writing newspaper articles, I like working on the yearbook, I like Mrs. Kalakis, and it's good because I get to work with people I know." This goes to show how fun- if but a little stressful- being on the staff can be.

Each year the students have to reapply to get on the staff again. Applications for the coming year's staff opened on March 6th, and are due by the 7th of April. The requirements? You have to create and 8.5 X 11 card on any platform to give an example of your layout and design skills, as well as show how you can tie colors together. An article based on current events is also necessary, with a minimum requirement of 300 words. Finally, you must ask three teachers to fill out a form of recommendation to see if you would be a suitable fit for the staff. After all of these elements have been taken into consideration, the scores are tallied and the top 20 highest scorers are accepted into the staff.

Being on the Newspaper and Yearbook staff is a fun experience. You should try out if you enjoy working hard while still having a great time. Take a chance and submit your application to the advisor- Mrs. Kalakis- by the 7th of April to see if you have what it takes! -Kaitlyn Turley

Are You In The Goosechase?

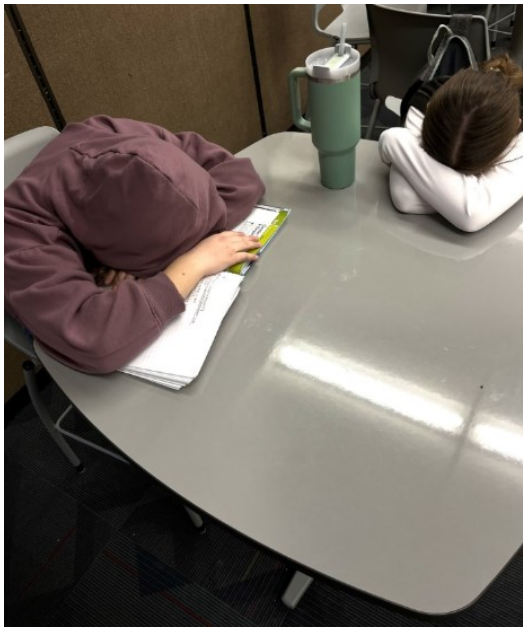
Kalakis created an online scavenger hunt to help us celebrate the 40th anniversary of FJH. There are several missions to complete that are fun and help you learn about the history of our school.

It's easy to begin. Simply download the Goosechase app and enter the join code: ZM9BK5. A prize is awarded at the end of each term to the student who is at the top of the leaderboard. There's still plenty of time to complete the missions. Get the app and have some fun!



Editorial

Spring Break is Important for Students



A recent survey of 1,000 parents with school-aged kids (K–12) found that 80 percent say their children either dislike school or are bored at school. This is why having breaks away from school is important. Benefits of having a longer spring break include increased energy, productivity, and better ability to focus.

To start, having longer breaks from school have been proven to help increase energy and productivity. The article “Advantages of school holidays” from Allison Academy states that; “Holiday breaks have proven to be highly beneficial for student’s mental health and wellness since they allow for spare time for relaxing or doing various activities of personal choice. Students juggle various responsibilities from managing six or seven classes, extra-curricular activities, part-time after-school jobs, and their own social lives.” As well as, “Normally, students are not recognized enough or given enough credit for keeping up with their responsibilities and the sacrifices they make to meet high academic goals. However, all students, regardless of their level, deserve and should set aside time for their own mental health and well-being. When properly managed, school breaks give students time to decompress from chaotic school schedules, encourage rest, and give students the boost they need to refocus and do their best when they are back in class.”

Another reason why longer breaks are beneficial is because they can increase a student’s ability to focus. Being at school everyday 24/7 can become draining for many reasons. A solution to this would be to just miss school often or once in awhile, however, it’s very hard to make up school even if you miss just one day. In an article from ThoughtCo, “School Issues That Negatively Impact Student Learning students” States that, “Missing just 10 days of school each year from kindergarten to 12th grade adds up to missing almost an entire school year by the time they graduate.

Some students have the ability to overcome poor attendance, but many who have a chronic attendance problem fall behind and stay behind.” This reason specifically is why planned breaks (like spring break) are so necessary, students get time off without having to worry about what they’re missing.

However, holiday breaks backfire when teachers assign a lot of homework to do over the break. It defeats the whole purpose of getting time off from the classroom if the students just have to do the same work at home.

In closing, breaks from school (in specific, holiday breaks) are important because they can benefit students in many ways including improved energy, productivity, and focus. –Alyssa Romano

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!



St. Patrick was a patron saint of Ireland. According to the website Time and Date, St. Patrick grew up in Roman Britain and was captured by Irish raiders and taken to Ireland to be a slave. After years of slaving in Ireland, he was able to return to his family and then entered the church. He then returned to Ireland as a missionary and worked in the west and north of the country. He is said to have died on March 17 around the year 493. This is why we celebrate St. Patrick’s Day on the 17th of March.

The most common symbols that we associate with St. Patrick’s Day are the shamrock and the leprechaun. The shamrock is a three-leaf clover and symbolizes the Holy Trinity and luck. It was called a “seamroy” by the Celtics and was considered to be a sacred plant that also symbolized the arrival of spring. The leprechaun is often described as a little red-haired man clothed in green. According to the website, History, the leprechaun’s original Irish folk name is “lobaircin,” meaning a small-bodied fellow. Leprechauns, like shamrocks, also symbolize luck.

St. Patrick’s Day is a global celebration. In the United States, we celebrate by wearing green. In Ireland, it’s a bit more festive. In Ireland they celebrate by wearing green, but they also pin green bunches of shamrocks onto their clothes. Green represents Ireland so by wearing green, they are representing their love for their country. After celebrating and making lots of Irish treats, in Ireland they end the day by going to church and honoring past patrons of Ireland such as St. Patrick. –Kiley Kunz

Let the Cleats Do the Talking



Image Source: Farmington High Girls Soccer

Have you ever wondered why Farmington Junior High has a Basketball team, Volleyball team, Track team, and Wrestling team but no Soccer team? The high school has a soccer team so why don’t we? I get it, it takes time, coaches, and equipment, but if we have volunteers and donations it would be so easy to make happen. We do have a giant field at the back of the school, don’t we? There are many people in our school who feel strongly about this. For example, Claire Carlson (7) has been playing soccer for ten years now and loves it. “I have played soccer almost my whole life and it’s one of my favorite things in the world. I hope that someday FJH will have a soccer team for all the people who love soccer as much as I do.”

So why wouldn’t we have a soccer team? Soccer is a very beneficial sport. It’s very physical and keeps you in shape. It builds foot eye coordination, not to mention increased stamina and muscle/ bone strength. Not only that, but it also creates friendships and teaches you to work together as a team. Reese May (9) has built many friendships through soccer. She says, “Soccer has been so cool because it has helped me meet lots of new people and find lots of new friends!” Soccer brings people together and can help involve more people in our school in outside of school activities. -Sage Wolfley

Why Ski in Utah?



In our home state of Utah, we are commonly known for having the best snow in the world. However, this snowy activity can prove to have some complications. So, the question is, how much are you willing to risk in order to take on the treacherous slopes? As a person born and raised in Utah, you are bound to know that skiing- or snowboarding- is a way of life.

It’s normal for people to skip school or spend extra weekend hours out in the crisp mountain air. However, simple issues such as injuries or faulty equipment can lead to disaster that is usually unprepared for. “Around 10% of injuries rise from collision with object or another person, 5% are lift-associated, and 5% result from equipment failure.” NSSA continues, “Serious injuries (paralysis, serious head, and other serious injuries) occur at the rate of about 44.6 per year.” Based on this, we can see that the smallest mishap can result in serious injury. And that’s just with skiing alone! Natural disasters such as avalanches and frost bubbles can cause more death than anything else people may experience on the slopes. “Avalanches pose a significant hazard in Utah’s mountains between the months of January and April, seasons of heavy snow accumulation and unstable snowpack conditions. Weather, terrain, topography, and snow conditions also impact avalanche activity. Avalanches are one of the deadliest natural disasters in Utah accounting for 52% of severe weather related deaths and claiming 117 lives in the state between 1958 and 2017. “Outdoor recreationalists are at the highest risk of avalanche exposure, not just backcountry visitors but also skiers and snowboarders involved in fatal avalanches at nine of Utah’s 14 ski resorts,” claims Hazard.utah.gov. However, there isn’t all bad things about going skiing. When you hit the slopes, you can create a bunch of fun memories and other experiences that you’ll remember for a lifetime. So even though there are a bunch of issues and other problematic factors that may come with this sport, the benefits definitely outweigh the cons. -Kaitlyn Turley

Arts & Entertainment

Why Everyone is Still *Satisfied* with Hamilton



Photo Credit: Sara Krulwich

If you're an 8th or 9th grader, chances are you remember sitting in history class when Alexander Hamilton was brought into the storyline for the first time. You also likely remember people bursting into song about Aaron Burr, sir, or rapping about the 10 duel commandments as conflicts arise. But how is Hamilton still so popular after all these years?

Hamilton is a Broadway musical which first premiered on January 20, 2015. Since then, it's exploded in popularity, especially after being put on Disney+ on July 3, 2020. The hip-hop rendition

of American history was written by Lin-Manuel Miranda, a musical genius who also helped compose music for movies such as Moana and Encanto.

Miranda was inspired to write Hamilton after reading a book about his life in 2008. He was moved by Hamilton's difficult childhood and eventual ascent into becoming one of the most important figures in American history. Miranda felt he saw a story that needed to be told, and decided catchy music would be the best way to do it. Little did he know, that decision would be enough to propel the musical to stardom and success.

Since then, history's had its eyes on the extremely popular musical. It's no wonder it's still being talked about when it contains songs such as Alexander Hamilton, The Schuyler Sisters, Aaron Burr, Sir, My Shot, You'll Be Back, Helpless, Satisfied, and more. The music - which is a fun combination of hip-hop, rapping, and pop - has played a part in keeping viewers enticed and always coming back for more. However, the songs would be nothing without the cast to sing them!

For many years, Lin-Manuel Miranda himself played the role of Hamilton, with Leslie Odom, Jr. serving as his adversary Aaron Burr, the dang fool who shot him. Alongside them, the original cast consists of Renee Elise Goldsberry, Phillipa Soo, and Jasmine Cephas Jones starring as the iconic Schuyler Sisters (Angelica, Eliza, and Peggy, respectively), Christopher Jackson playing the country's first leader George Washington himself, Jonathan Groff as the charismatic King George III, and Daveed Diggs playing both Lafayette and Thomas Jefferson, just to name a few. All are incredibly talented cast members with amazing voices who really carry the musical to the next level. As if that wasn't enough to propel the musical to popularity, for those who want to be in the room where it happens, don't throw away your shot: The musical is still touring across the country to this very day! If you want to buy some tickets and see the 10-dollar founding father without a father onstage, you can go online to find out more.

Anyone who's seen Hamilton can testify that it's a fantastic musical, but if you need professional opinions, look no further than the critics. At the 70th Tony Awards, Hamilton received a record-breaking 16 nominations and took home 11 awards, including the award for Best Musical. It also received the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Several of the original cast members also won awards for their contributions to the ground-breaking musical.

As you can see, there are many reasons viewers just can't get enough of Hamilton. A combination of a compelling story told by song and written by a musical genius, along with fantastic cast members and high praise from critics, all add up to make the musical one of the most popular musicals today. So, if you haven't seen Hamilton yet, how could you say no to this? Don't wait for it, watch it today on Disney+! -Kenna LeRoy

Popular Paintings

Do you recognize these paintings?



Of course, we must start with the most famous art piece in the world: The Mona Lisa. The Mona Lisa has been at the Louvre in Paris, France since 1804. The Mona Lisa has been stolen once but vandalized many times. In 1911, a man stole the most famous piece of art from the Louvre. He was caught when he tried to sell the Mona Lisa to a museum curator. The Mona Lisa was found and is now displayed behind layers of bullet-proof glass. There are also a lot of conspiracy theories about the Mona Lisa. Some people believe that the Mona Lisa was a self portrait of its painter Leonardo de Vinci. They believe that he painted himself but added feminine features. Another theory is that the Mona Lisa might be unfinished. Leonardo de Vinci's hand was partially paralyzed in 1517. They believe that the proof of this is that the Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. Some historians contradict this statement because the no eyebrow look was popular in the 1500's.

I bet you have seen the next painting, The Great Wave off Kanagawa. It is also commonly referred to as "The Great Wave" or "The Wave." This painting is valued at 1.6 million dollars. It is now being displayed at the MET (Metropolitan Museum of Art). One surprising thing about the painting is that it is not the only painting. The artist actually made a series, and this was one out of 36 paintings. The Great Wave is made from ink and paper.

You have probably seen the last famous painting, the Starry Night. The Starry Night was painted by Vincent Van Gogh in 1889. Right now, The Starry Night is displayed in The Museum of Modern Art in New York City. The Starry Night is now worth about 100 million dollars. The Starry Night that we recognize now is not the original. Before Vang Gogh painted the Starry night we know today, he painted one similar. It is known as "Starry Night over the Rhone." -Audra Hinckley



Art Unites Us

This month is Youth Art Month, also known as YAM. This month supports many school art programs and makes kids excited to learn about and create. YAM can help kids discover things and be creative. Every year there is a theme on which you base your art. The 2023 theme is art unites us. YAM celebrates kids' art projects on a national level. It is a contest to challenge kids to be creative.

To enter, you must make a banner of your art. If your art piece gets chosen, it will be advertised on social media so other kids and parents can see the incredible art of this program. Youth art month encourages kids of all ages to acquire the skills of problem-solving, observation, communication, and creativity. One popular event of youth art month is the State Flag Program. Kids will design with the national or state theme for that year. You create it on the pamphlet you are given on the YAM Art Month website. The fun thing about it is it is free to enter.

That gives you more of a chance to create without worrying about a fee. Another awesome thing about this program is that you get to meet new people and learn about people that were very influential in the art world. In YAM, kids will explore what it means to be a professional artist as they examine the elements of art and build their literacy skills. This is your sign to join the YAM Art Program. -Nora Jensen

Academics

SBO Elections

On February 21, it was official, the SBO elections started. Colorful posters covered with different puns and pop culture references can be seen on every inch of the school's bricks. Tons of different jobs are available when it comes to being a Student Body Officer. There is a social media



representative, historian, president, vice president, and more. Every year, the students of FJH get to vote to decide who help support and lead their school the upcoming year. To help the students decide who their vote goes too, posters and elec-

tion videos are made for everyone to see, made by the candidates themselves.

Cloey Bender, a 9th grader running to be an SBO for her sophomore year says she wanted to take the opportunity to become an SBO because "I think that it would be a great opportunity to make new friends!"

Becoming a SBO comes with a variety of responsibilities. Some of these responsibilities are planning activities like Fall Festival, working on assemblies, making posters, and, of course, morning announcements-plus so much more. This year, the school's walls are filled with different election posters from the large number of candidates, all hoping to be able to make the school better by becoming a Student Body Officer.

-Megan Barker

Folklore in the Classroom



Come join the mythical world of Literature Survey, a class dedicated to the mythology, folklore, and stories ranging from older times to modern cultures. The class was started this school year by Mrs. Kalakis and it is open to all grade levels. The class is inter-

mixed and takes place in Kalakis' room during 8th period. For their most current unit, the students are working on the Post Classical or Medieval era. This is mainly focused on folklore of the oral tradition in songs and stories, which includes the folklore creatures from these stories.

At the beginning of the creature checkpoint, the students were asked to find information about their desired creature to see if they would be able to do that creature for their poster. To assign these creatures, the students had their name put onto a wheel, and after studying which ones they wanted, they waited till their name was spun before going to put the name of the creature they wanted on the board. They had time to work on their posters during class and at home, and were later asked to present whenever the spirit of their creature told them to. Kalakis advised the students to use glitter on their projects, and a select few did just that. Kenna LeRoy (8) chose to do a Fenrir for her mythological creature. "I chose Fenrir because I thought he sounded cool and also I like wolves." Other creatures include the phoenix, hydra, dragon, griffin and many more. The posters will be displayed in Mrs. Kalakis' room like an art museum next week, and the students will have a chance to admire their work. For their projects the students were told to find out the following information about their creature: Strengths and weaknesses, their relationship with humans, powers or abilities, and the history or origin on the creature. After they had their information, they drew or printed a picture of their creature on provided posterboard to be finished in a specific amount of time. With the posters finally finished, the students are now working on fairy tale stories from all around the world. The class has a lot of variety. It's a different one, and it's fun. Kenna claims that she, "like(s) how we get to read a lot of cool stories from different time periods. It's not just Shakespeare like the counselor said it would be." Based on this, the current stories and songs being taught show us the details of the class that we wouldn't otherwise have known.

The class is enjoyable for all age ranges and all people who like literature. With this background context into the class, you should consider taking it if you like mythology and other realms in folklore! -Kaitlyn Turley

Death Core Lovers



Have you heard of William Shakespeare? Have you heard, watched or read his plays? If you haven't, I would be surprised. William Shakespeare wrote many plays like Macbeth, Midsummer Nights Dream, Hamlet, and Romeo and Juliet. Right now, 9th grade English students are reading Romeo and Juliet.

Romeo and Juliet is about two star crossed lovers living in fair Verona. Their families hate each other and fight a lot, which the king can't handle any more. The story carries on toward a tragic end. It is a popular play and many newer stories have allusions to it.

9th Graders have eight checkpoints and two final products in this project. First checkpoint is they make a PowerPoint about the Elizabethan Era (trends/things happening in Shakespeare's time). The 2nd checkpoint is a writable they do about what love means. Checkpoints 3-7 are Acts analysis of Romeo and Juliet. The 8th checkpoint is preparations for the Socratic Seminar they will do as one of the two final products. The other Final product is taking parts of checkpoint one and creating a creative project about a topic the 9th graders chose.

-Elizabeth Buckway

The 2nd Annual Fantastic Fantasy Trade Show at the Kalakis Expo Center



The creative energy was flowing on March 6th, 7th, and 8th in Mrs. Kalakis' English classes. As part of their latest project, students created a story and attempted to pitch their story idea as a potential novel, movie, game, or television series. Students were asked to present to their classmates on one day and act as experts on the other. As the experts, the students viewed the presentations of their peers and determined if the story would be a good fit for their business. Based on the notes written about each of the stories, the top few pitches were selected to compete for the top spot in the respected category that they had been nominated for. When the results were posted, Mrs. Kalakis held a vote that involved the students placing their personal winner on a slip of paper to be counted by the TA's. The winners were announced by the end of the class period, which resulted in four students leaving with a certificate and candy of their choice. The point of this unit was not however, to win in the nominee category. The cognitive skills for this unit included oral presentation, narrative, development, and many more. Overall, this unit was great for getting the students creative minds working, and it ended with a fun tradition implemented by Mrs. Kalakis at this year's Fantasy Narrative Expo. -Kaitlyn Turley

Comics and Games

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Quick Facts!

- The man St Patrick wasn't Irish, but British.
- St Patrick's name was Maewyn Succat until he became a Christian bishop.
- March 17 is actually the day St. Patrick died.
- Blue is the color associated with Patrick and Ireland. Green was a symbol of bad luck.
- Traditionally, there is no such thing as female leprechauns.
- Depending where you are, the odds of finding a four leaf clover range from 1 in 5,000 (0.2%) to 1 in 10,000! (0.1%)
- Don't get them mixed up! March 14th is Pi Day, representing the area of a circle, not the delicious treat.
- Phil the groundhog predicted a long winter until Spring starts on March 20th.



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Learn and impress
your friends with the
first 30 digits of Pi!



Down By the Bay

I just found this block of gold by the rainbow... what should I do with it?

No way that's real. It's totally fake!

Let's find out!

oops

Well... Um... I think it's real!

- CLOVER
- IRELAND
- SPRING
- EARTH DAY
- LEPRECHAUN
- GREEN
- PINCH
- PI DAY
- RAINBOW

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