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Upcoming Events/ Holidays

- ◆ Spring Recess: Schools Closed
March 30 - April 6

An Interview with Ms. Amaro by Stephanie W.

Stephanie W.: "Where are you from?"
Ms. Amaro: "I am from Cuba."

Stephanie W.: "Where are your parents from?"
Ms. Amaro: "My mother is from Spain and my father is from Cuba."

Stephanie W.: "What schools/universities did you attend?"
Ms. Amaro: "I attended Touro University."

Stephanie W.: "Why did you decide to work in the education field? Was there a special moment or person that inspired you?"
Ms. Amaro: "My mother was a teacher and she inspired me."

Stephanie W.: "What was one of your first jobs? What did you learn from that experience?"
Ms. Amaro: "It was being a teacher and from it I learned that each person is different."

Stephanie W.: "What are some of your hobbies and interests?"
Ms. Amaro: "I enjoy dancing."

Stephanie W.: "Is there someone you look up to and why?"
Ms. Amaro: "I look up to my father because he went to another country when he got a contract in Cuba as a dentist."

An Interview with Ms. Ashby by Rosalba G.

Rosalba G.: "Where are you from?"
Ms. Ashby: "I am from Barbados, but I grew up in England."

Rosalba G.: "Where were your parents from?"
Ms. Ashby: "They were from Barbados."

Rosalba G.: "What schools/universities did you attend and for what degree?"
Ms. Ashby: "I attended NYU for a Bachelors of Science in English Education. I received my Masters in Reading."

Rosalba G.: "Why did you decide to work in the education field?"
Ms. Ashby: "College Professors helped me make this decision."

Rosalba G.: "What was one of your first jobs? What did you learn from that experience?"
Ms. Ashby: "It was working at a uniform factory. I learned that you needed to work hard to earn money."

Rosalba G.: "What are some of your hobbies and interests?"
Ms. Ashby: "I enjoy art, listening to music, and reading."

Rosalba G.: "Is there someone you look up to and why?"
Ms. Ashby: "I look up to Maya Angelou. She was very thoughtful and inspirational."

Rosalba G.: "What is a fun fact about you?"
Ms. Ashby: "I like to study new languages even though I don't speak any."

Rosalba G.: "What tip do you have for students?"
Ms. Ashby: "You have to try many things in life and then set a goal to see where you get."

National Women's History Month by Jennifer S. and Malia B.



Learn a New Language!

English - What's your favorite sport?

Arabic -

ما هي رياضتك المفضلة؟
ma hi riadatuk
almufadalata?

Chinese -

你最喜欢的运动是什么？
Nǐ zuì xǐhuān de
yùndòng shì shénme?

French - Quel est ton sport préféré?

Italian - Qual è il tuo sport preferito?

German - Was ist dein bevorzugter sport?

Spanish - ¿Cuál es su deporte favorito?

Swahili - Ni mchezo gani unaopenda?



Michelle Obama

Michelle Obama is the wife of former U.S. President Barack Obama. Prior to her role as first lady, she was a lawyer, Chicago city administrator, and community-outreach worker.

Mrs. Obama was born in 1964 in Chicago, Illinois. She attended Princeton University, graduating *cum laude*, meaning with distinction or honors, in 1985 and went on to earn a degree from Harvard Law School in 1988.

Following her graduation from Harvard, she worked at a Chicago law firm, where she met her husband, future U.S. president Barack Obama. The couple married on October 3, 1992. As first lady, she focused her attention on current social issues, such as poverty, healthy living and education.

A meaningful quote from Michelle Obama about education was when she said "The ability to read, write, and analyze; the confidence to stand up and demand justice and equality; the qualifications and connections to get your foot in that door and take your seat at that table – all that starts with education." Mrs. Obama said

this at the Let Girls Learn Event to Celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th, 2016 in Washington D.C. Once we have the education, so many opportunities open up for girls and boys alike.



Justice Sonia Sotomayor

Sonia Sotomayor made history on August 6, 2009, when the U.S. Senate confirmed her nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. Appointed by President Barack Obama, Sotomayor became the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice. She is the third woman to become an associate justice of the Supreme Court. She follows Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Sonia Sotomayor once said this in reference to how she grows and learns. Ms. Sotomayor stated that, "There are two questions I ask myself every day. One is: what have I learned today?The second is: who have I helped today?"

What is Social Bullying and How to Prevent It

by Hanan A.

WHAT IS SOCIAL BULLYING?

Social Bullying is defined as a form of unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance that is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated.

Social Bullying, which is sometimes referred to as *relational bullying*, involves hurting someone's reputation or relationships. Social Bullying includes:

- Leaving someone out on purpose
- Telling other children or teens not be friends with someone
- Spreading rumors about someone
- Embarrassing someone in public

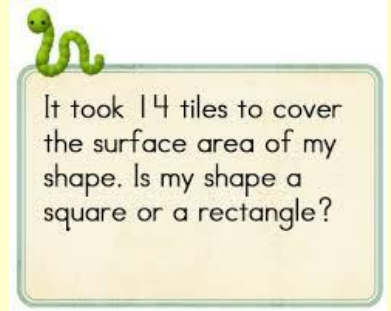
Social Bullying can take place when talking to people face to face or indirectly by using a social media site or texting. Social Bullying is wrong and there are several ways to prevent it.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT SOCIAL BULLYING?

Here are several steps that can be taken to prevent Social Bullying in school.

1. Have school-wide anti-bullying policies
2. Implement a several-step approach to helping students who might be social bullies
3. Provide support to students who have been bullied
4. Involve families and communities to help make this positive change

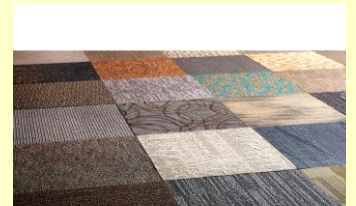
Math Problem of the Month



Be the first to answer correctly and your name will appear in the next issue. Must show all work and explain your answer.

Turn in your answer to Ms. Fagan or Mr. Kroenert.

Answer from February's paper: 42% left over



Music in Our Schools Month By Allura C.



March is National Music in Our Schools Month. This month encourages support of teachers, students and programs that make the concerts and performances possible.

Music is important for many reasons. One is that it helps to stimulate the brain. Also studies show it improves the study of different subjects. Whether through chorus, band or an orchestra, music is very rewarding.

HISTORY

National Music in Our Schools began in New York in 1973. The purpose for Music in Our Schools Month was

to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children – and to remind citizens that school is where children should have access to music.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Play Music.
- Listen to and or watch an band or orchestra play music.
- Learn about the history of different instruments and musical styles.
- List ways in which music is a part of your everyday life. Compare your list with friends and family members.
- Create a poster to support Music in Our Schools.
- Draw your favorite musical instrument.
- Create a collage of musical instruments and musicians out of copies from magazines and newspapers.

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Recipe to Try:

Total: 2 hours and 25 minutes

Oreo Cookie Cream Pie

Prep: 25 mins.

Freezer time: At least 2 hours



to bake with. Also when you have a recipe like this luscious Oreo Ice Cream Pie, no actual baking is required!

Ingredients

- 1 Oreo cookie crumb crust (store-bought or homemade)
- 4 cups/1 quart vanilla ice cream (or Oreo Ice Cream, softened)
- 1 package Oreos
- Garnish: chocolate syrup and/or whip cream

How to Make It

1. Place Oreos standing up along the edge of the prepared crust.
2. Carefully spoon softened ice cream, into prepared crust.
3. Squirt chocolate syrup in thin layers over the top of the pie. Decorate with about 4 or 5 crushed Oreo cookies.
4. Freeze for at least 2 hours prior to serving.

On March 6, 1912, the first Oreo was made. Since then, the Oreo has become the world's best-selling cookie, and for good reason. You'll find many dedicated fans who insist on keeping a package of Oreos around the house.

While you may be tempted to munch a stack of Oreos, they're also a lot of fun

We're on the Web!

<http://www.johnhfinley.org/>

Help to Create Our Newspapers' Logo!

Our school mascot is the Panther.

We need a drawing of one for our school newspaper.

So take out those pencils and put on those thinking caps and start sketching some ideas! Our school colors are black and maroon, however, your drawing can be any color or colors.

Drawings are due Thursday, May 31, 2018. Afterwards students will vote on the drawing they like the most from our website. Currently there are several that you can decide from on our school website.

Hand in your drawings to Ms. Fagan or Ms. Wynn.

Example



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7th Grade -Malia B.

8th Grade - Hanan A.