

The Bulldogs Have Talent!

The 2nd Annual Middle School Talent Show was a raging success!

By Jasmine Silvestri *Team 7 Barker* On March 29th 2019, Northern Lehigh Middle School had its

Annual 2nd Talent Show. It took a lot of courage for the performers to get up on that stage to show their talents off. Some performers went completely out of comfort their zones to put on this amazing show for us to enjoy. Some of the acts even got a little emotional when it

came to performing in front of their fellow family members and peers. We even had some teachers show off their cool tricks and talents. Mr. S' "Queen" performance was a great way to start out the show and to get everyone pumped. We even had a few participants perform more than once. Abigail Peartree sang two wonderful songs for us, "A-Team" by Ed Sheeran and We then had a familiar face come back to show off his rockin' guitar skills. Mr. Barnes' guitar solo blew us through the roof, literally!



We also got to see Keona Dver's awesome art skills. She is truly a talentartist. ed Though she might have had a little mishap, Jaysha Cuadrado sang "I don't know my name" bv Grace Vanderwaal. and she killed it. Up next,

"Sunflower" by Sierra Burgess. She amazed us with strong, independent voice. We then had another singing act with Natasha Leiby-Kiffer singing "Be Alright" by Dean Lewis in a higher key. Jacey Szarek then showed us her gymnastic and tumbling routine. was the one and only, AJ Jimenez-Wittong, with his funny but also cool pencil/ drum act, and with a little help from the wonderful, Ms. Case! To get the audience up and dancing, we had some of our teachers dress up in glow-in-the-dark outfits and

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danced for us. Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Frank, and Ms. Schultz showed us their cool dance moves and even threw some glow sticks for the people out in the audience!

Next, was the famous Fortnite dance competition. There were many competitors on the stage, but ultimately, Devin Rivera showed everyone his epic Fortnite dancing skills and won the competition. If you're a young lady and you love Ariana Grande, then you were in for a treat as we had our "7 Rings" performance. So raise your Starbucks coffee (or if you're Mrs. Dunham, any coffee) and you couldn't help but sing along. After that, we had a mini Beethoven, Brittney Diehl, come up and perform "Fur Elise". After that wonderful classical tribute, the crowd had to brace themselves and ready for the Phantom that arrived. David Sutliff sang "Music of the Night" from the "Phantom of the Opera". Next, the "Karate Duo" Lily and Caitlin showed off their amazing



By Lily Groover and Brittney Diehl

Team 8 Barkers

Being an emcee during our 2nd Annual Northern Lehigh Talent Show allowed us to see every little thing that happens behind the scenes.

From the technical difficulties to nerves, the talent show was an overall enriching experience. It provided us with a small taste of what show business is like. If you attended, you would know that each and every single one of our contestants deserves a

standing ovation. However, although the talent show ran smoothly,

the work that led up to the annual

kicks and tricks. Even though we couldn't see their performance live, the video that they made was great and showed off their karate skills. Another Grace Vanderwaal song sung by Giana Rosario was "Sweet Child of Mine" by Guns n Roses with Cameron playing bass, Ben on the drum set, and Diego playing trumpet.

After the whole "talent" part of the show, the audience voted to



"Clearly". Next, we saw Gabriella w Smoyer weight lift about 150 th pounds and more. Wow! So watch e out, because if you get her angry th she just might lift you next time. If Back again, but with a partner in sh crime, was Giana Rosario with Kameryn Smith singing "Amnesia" by g 5 Seconds of Summer. And lastly, we had Cameron Kuntz, Ben Reitz, and Diego Fenstermaker perform

chose who was their favorite act was. Drum roll please.... in first place was Lily and Caitlin's karate act! In second place was AJ's pencil performance. In third place was David with "Music of the Night". Overall, the Talent Show

was an amazing experience and we thank Mrs. Dunham and all the Talent Show participants for making the show fantastic. I encourage you, if you haven't been to the talent shows in the past, to attend them year after year because they are a great way to spend a Friday night!

THE SCENES with the Emcees

event was having almost everyone pull their hair out. From practicing lines over and over and over again to holding auditions the very last minute, the talent taught us that hard work really does pay off. Even if that hard work was reduced to two hours of a Friday night. Everyone at that show, participating or not, had a blast. With people shouting their classmates on to encouraging speeches and hugs behind the curtains, the talent did not only

the curtains, the talent did not only provide an exhilarating experience for the students here at NLMS but a bond between classmates that might last a lifetime. Getting to know others and discover their passions, pastimes, or hidden talents was something that we as a whole would not be able to do if not for Mrs. Dunham and her planning of this show. Although last minutes changes had us screaming at the talent show Gods, having that sense of family around us and knowing that we could do it made us, Brittney Diehl and Lily Groover, believe that the 2nd Annual Northern Lehigh Talent Show was something unforgettable and worth the time and effort EVERYONE put into it.

Spring Musical: *Bye Bye Birdie*

By Alex Feifel *Team 8 Barker*

The year is 1958, teenagers in bright colors from head to toe roam the streets of America. Sweetapple, Ohio is buzzing with news of young teens Kim MacAfee and Hugo Peabody going steady (modern-day dating) shakes the town. The Elvis Presley inspired superstar phenomenon, Conrad Birdie, gets drafted into the Army for the Vietnam War. His manager, Albert Peterson, and his manager's secretary, Rose Alvarez, come up with a plan. When Kim MacAfee gets chosen to be Conrad Birdie's goodbye kiss, the audience will witness the pandemonium, drama, and humorous show that is 'Bye Bye Birdie'.

Our high school is diving into this musical comedy and will be performing from March 21st to March 24th. It's a real fun show, the complete opposite of



our schools past musical, 'Sweeney Todd'. The cool thing about this year is that middle school students were offered the chance to audition. The middle schooler cast includes myself, Lily

Wanamaker, Giana Rosario, Elizabeth Binder, Seth Adams, Bianca Carrion, Jessica Erkinger, and Jackson Hunsicker. Jackson's even playing a supporting role as Randolph MacAfee, and Bianca has a special appearance showing off her dancing skills. The rest of us are in the Ensemble. We all are very grateful for the opportunity we've been given to audition and be apart of this amazing experience. We've made very great progress, and we continue to keep getting better. Our amazingly talented director, Colette Boudreaux, is the most kind caring person but at the same time pushes us to our limits like any good director should. She does everything she can for us and we appreciate her so much.



Snow Days No More: A Fast Track to Summer

By Lily Groover

Team 8 Barker

How many snow days have we had this year? 6 or 7? That's way too many. We're chipping away at our spring break AND our summer break. But, let's say we do school at home. Online. No more sleeping in, you bums. Every single person in this school uses a website called Google Classroom. We could easily log onto to Google Classroom while sitting at home, and munching on some chips. But wait, what if I don't have a device at home to connect to the internet. I can't do my work then. I'll happily inform you that you have a way to do your work. You know that thing that we lug around on



our shoulders every single day, a Chromebook? Boom! Problem solved. I feel like we should prepare for a snow day the day before. Our teachers should assign something that correlates to what we're learning, and have it due the day we come back to school. Now, we're always going to have those unexpected snow days that we can't help. But, those three or four days we can save will make a difference.

Cons to Snow Day Make Up

By Brittney Diehl Team 8 Barker

Recently, the idea of having online school to make up snow days has been provided. Although this idea was given with the best intentions, there are many flaws to giving this thought to life. Currently, teachers struggle to get students to work in class. By giving some students the extra responsibility would not be favorable. Aside from that, those who procrastinate would still be doing the homework assigned that snow day the next day in class. Many students do that when we have a snow date now. Additionally, the absentee rate might go up even we

start this snow day online schooling. Instead of going to school, a kid could say that they would only need to do it online to makeup

the work. This, in turn, would cause those who struggle to go to school daily a reason not to go in



the first place. Although many students already take their Chromebook home with them, it still gives more liability to those devices when all students need to take them home. The next day in

class they could forget their Chromebook at home or there could be a greater chance for them to damage the technology. Separately, it would also be an extra burden for some of the stu-

dents to worry about. They would probably as the following questions: Did they forget their Chromebook at school? Was their homework assigned online? What WAS my login? Overall, going through with the idea of online schooling to make up for snow days would be a major mistake done by the district of Northern Lehigh.

Technology is Damaging Our Next Generation

By Brittney Diehl *Team 8 Barker*

A recent news report proves that learning via a tablet may cause adolescents to gain dysgraphia. A therapist decided to devise a plan to help these children with the issue.



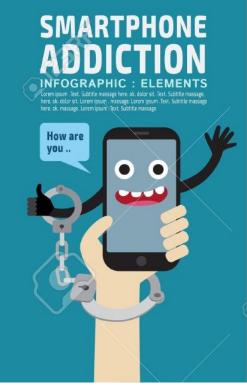
Dotterer found that because of the use of technology to help kids learn, they are "'touching'" not "'pushing'" which causes their fine motor skills to decline. Currently, they see about thirty-three percent of children with dysgraphia issue, but the numbers are quickly escalating. The internet was made to as-

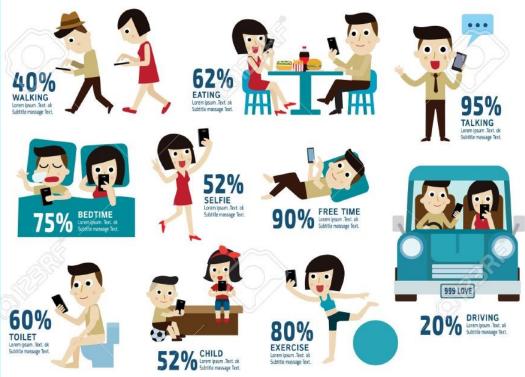
sist man in their endeavors to make



the world a better place. AI was made to help, not take away from our society's as well as future generations' intelligence, but to add to such intellect. However, with these recent studies, technology is proving to slow the intellectual growth of the human race. Aside from some video games turning adolescents violent, this new discovery advances the damage that computers and robotics are having on our world. Although the invention of the advanced machinery we call artificial intelligence may have helped man in the past, the present, as well as the future, may not be what we should be looking for the next generations to come.







Viral Challenges

By Ayden Scanlon, Haylie Fenstermaker, and Jasmine Silvestri Team 7 Barkers

Every time we look around, it seems like there is a new trending challenge that makes it way through the main stream. Often times, these challenges are ridiculous and intended to be funny, but the truth is they are potentially very dangerous. The "Momo Challenge" is a hoax about a non-existent Internet challenge that was spread by users on Facebook and other media outlets. It was reported that children and adolescents were being enticed by a user named "Momo" to perform a series of dangerous tasks including violent attacks and/or suicide. The "Momo Challenge" gained the public's attention in July 2018, when it was noticed by a YouTuber, "ReignBot". Targeting teenagers, people presenting themselves as "Momo" on "WhatsApp" messages try to convince people to contact them through their cell phone. As with other Internet "challenges" such as the "Blue Whale" challenge, players are then instructed to perform a succession of tasks, refusal to do so is met with threats. Messages are subsequently accompanied by frightening or gory pictures. Though, the authorities have not yet endorsed

school administrations have issued warnings about the "Momo Challenge" and repeated common advice about Internet safety for the children. The "Momo Challenge" originally started with the name "Mother Bird", and it also started in 2016, but it just now started to become popular. The "Momo" picture was produced by Keisuke Aisawa at special effects firm "Link Factory". The firm denies any involvement with the "Momo Challenge" itself. The pictures were posted online in 2016 when the sculpture was publicly exhibited. With its bulging eyes and huge beak-like mouth, images of the sculpture, named "Mother Bird", can be disturbing. A close-up of the face gives the impression of a mask or a woman with strangely distorted features.

There are other dangerous challenges like the "Blue Whale" challenge. Blue Whale, also known as Blue Whale Challenge, is a social network phenomenon dating from 2016 that is claimed to exist in several countries. It is a "game" reportedly consisting of a series of tasks assigned to players by administrators over a 50-day period, initially innocuous before introducing elements of self-harm and the final challenge requiring the player to commit suicide. If a player tries to quit this challenge, the game ada whale on your hand with a razor and then send a photo to the curator", "the curator tells you the date of your death and you must accept it", and then the last day is to "jump off a high building and face your death". In 2016, Philipp Budeikin, a 21-year-old former psychology student who was expelled from his university, claimed that he invented the game in 2013. He said his intention was to cleanse society by pushing people to suicide whom he deemed as having no value. Although, originally claiming innocence and stating he was "just having fun", Budeikin was arrested and held in, Saint Petersburg, and in May 2016 pled guilty to "inciting at least 16 teenage girls to commit suicide". He was later convicted on two counts of inciting suicide of a minor. This "game" has affected many innocent lives and caused them to start self-harm simply because someone told them to. "Games" like this are not okay to be left alone. Action should occur when new "games" appear and start to change the way people start to look at their own life.

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any physical harm directly from the "challenge", police forces and challenge has the player do are, "wake up at 4:20 A.M. and go to a

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The "Pink Whale" challenge is like the "Blue Whale" challenge, but it gives off a different and more positive message. The "Pink Whale" challenge is all about positivity, while the "Blue Whale" challenge is all about selfharm, depressing messages, and ending with acts of suicide. The "Pink Whale" challenge is about doing good and positive tasks to make people feel good about themselves. The final task/challenge is to "save a life" of a friend or animal. For an example: "Complement and hug a fruit.", "Yell, "I Love Myself" in the middle of a street.", "Talk to a plant about your day.", and "Compliment someone who is a bullying victim." These are just some of the few feel-good tasks that you would be required to complete. All of the 50 tasks are about making yourself feel good about your appearance, personality, and it even tells you to reconnect with someone that you haven't talked with in a long time. Created in Brazil in April, the game has already become popular on the internet, with more than 300,000

followers on Facebook and 45,000 on Instagram, alone. Hopefully, these latest positive challenges can take the lead over the dangerous, negative ones.



Social Media is a Plague on Our Self-Confidence

By Haven Moore *Team 7 Barker*

Snapchat. Instagram. Twitter. Facebook. These are only a couple of social media websites you have heard of, or maybe even participate in. They show so many different information from all over the world, exotic pictures, and new people you may never meet on the streets. However, participants are affected by the amount of Photoshop, obsession over appearances, body- shaming, and other distorted features. Not only does it affect your idea of normal human appearances, but it makes you addicted to the excitement of a new post, and reading the comments on someone's post. So, it's hard to care for yourself when you've taken a liking to the cause of it. Hate. It's everywhere. This element relates to people's selfconfidence being completely destroyed. The media always has something to criticize. It may not get to some people, but to others it does. Whether any size, color, race, or gender possible, we're all the same down to the bone. However, this statement does not get through some peoples' heads. Social media just contributes to

this matter. Now, social media has

many negative impacts on people's mental health. After reading this article, you've probably figured that out by now. Social media is addictive. A review study from Nottingham Trent

University looked back over earlier research on the psychological characteristics, personality, and social media

use. The authors conclude that "it may be plausible to speak specifically of 'Facebook Addiction Disorder'... because addiction criteria, such as neglect of personal life, mental preoccu-



pation, escapism, mood modifying experiences, tolerance, concealing the addictive behavior, and less well-being appear to be present in some people who use [social networks] excessively." This is an unobvious plague. Social media also makes the users jealous

of many elements of the media. It makes them compare themselves to others online, which of course makes them feel like they aren't worth much compared to people that all have their own style and life. "I need to look like that", "I want to have that", "I need more of this". These are common statements you probably will hear on the media and everyday life. We all should be happy with what we have. Unfortunately, it's a tricky topic and feeling to deal with. This triggers sadness, and less-well being. As you can see, social media causes a vicious cycle that can result in low self-confidence. To summarize my point, social media is a powerful thing. It can be used to learn, inspire, and just to have fun

with. However, it can also be used to destroy others' self-esteem and them-

selves. It's hard to quit. It's like a drug. You don't want to do it, but you keep coming back for more to feel like you have something to do. Instead, eliminate or decrease your usage of social media. It may be hard for you die-hard media fans, but after a while, you feel free. As if you have bricks lifted off your shoulders. And best of all, you feel better about yourself. But hey... isn't that what we all want?

Spring's Traditions

By Ashley Moyer Team 7 Barker

With the cold gone and the warmth around the corner, yearly traditions are pulled in tow too. Here in America, we do things a little bit differently than in Thailand. In America, we have the White House Easter Egg Roll. This tradition is believed to have started in or around 1814. It takes place every Easter Monday and has kids from all over gather at the White House. To compete in this sweet race, you must roll eggs with wooden spoons across the front lawn. The president usually overlooks this activity, along with his family and a giant Easter bunny. Prizes are normally Easter eggs and small trinkets. Now in Thailand, their tradition is called, the "Songkran Water Festival." Songkran, meaning "astrological passage" in Sanskrit, is celebrated within Thailand's New Year's Day. Festivities normally involve going to a Buddhist monastery, visiting elders, and, of course, throwing water. In Chiang Mai, the



Northern India. This festival includes throwing colored powder at each other while paying tribute to the hues of the spring season, as well as events from Hindu mythology. This celebration usually lasts a full day and night! In Gloucester, England, competitors take part in chasing after a wheel of cheese. The wheel of cheese is thrown down the very steep hill of Cooper's Hill and seconds later, competitors throw themselves down the hill after it. The first person to cross the finish line wins. This tradition, however, is a lot more dangerous



than it seems. With bruises, bloody knees, and broken bones a common side effect, we welcome the traditions into one of the slightly more rougher activities. These are few of many spring traditions throughout the world. You'll just have to experience them first hand to have the true experience.

northern capital usually has the biggest celebrations, lasting up to 6 days! Locals and tourists around the streets are equipped with cannon-sized water guns, pressure hoses and buckets. All ages take part and enjoy dancing in the streets, while loud music fuels their fun. Next, we head over to Northern India, where they celebrate Holi! Known as one of the most colorful festivals in the world, it is celebrated by Hindus all across



Leadership Covers up Society's Mistakes

By Brittney Diehl

Team 8 Barker

Presidents' day is a holiday celebrated by Americans across the country on the third Monday in February. This celebration is a way to look back on and commend the past presidents of our nation as well as pay our respects to the one serving the United States of America today. These presidents, past and present, are those we chose to look up to, to desire to be at certain times, and to wish the job onto those we love in the future. Most like the idea that they can pick and choose who to lead them through a ballot boxwhether that be a town selectman, a governor, a mayor, or even the representative of our nation. Despite this, most love being in charge of their own fate, and those actions that lead to their supposed destiny. However, if they leave the decisions as small as repairing an old sign or signing a treaty to someone else, are they really making their own decisions, or are they trying to push the burden off to someone else?

Some wish to not make hard decisions on their own, they want others to help make them with tough matters. Usually, those who ask say they want a "new perspective" or a "new look" at the circumstance at hand. Despite this reasoning, is it not a way to provide a loophole for one's own mistakes? A "new perspective" turns into a poor excuse to cover their own backs from accusations that could damage their reputation in the mind of society. The human race is always moving, racing around to point fingers and determine out a solution just to deny another's answer. If having a leader is what we desire, then is it we who are making the decisions until that figure slips up? Americans rely on the selfconfidence boost of not having done anything wrong. It was not them, but another official in charge of a

group's safety and security. In that way, are they giving up their free will, or they so afraid of being wrong, that they must always be right? Although man may be the highest on the food chain, those of the same species are fighting for authority to raise them even higher than their current status.





Spring Advice Corner

By Giana Rosario

Team 8 Barker

We didn't get a lot of advice this time around, but I still think it's worth it to show you what we got. Thank you to everyone who helped make this article possible. Remember there will only be one more chance to ask for advice this year, so keep them coming!

Advice for the seventh graders:

- Trust your teachers.
- Use your time wisely in Flex.
- Just do your best and the teachers will be proud of you.

- It only takes a little effort to pass, so put in a little effort
- Actually pay attention in class, you might learn something new.
- Don't wait until last minute to complete assignments.
- Use your planner.

Q: How do I avoid rude people?

A: Honestly, I don't think you can completely avoid rude people. Just ignore what they say and remember that there are other people that can prove them wrong. Q: What do I have to do to get good grades?

A: You should pay attention in class, take notes, and study.



Assembly Galore!

By Jasmine Silvestri and Madison Weber Team 7 Barkers

In February, we have had many assemblies including; "Heart for the Homeless" assembly, presented by Mr. Rooster Valentini, which was on Wednesday, February 6th, "Safe to Say Something", presented by Terrance White, which was on Thursday, February 7th, and lastly an assembly about the Civil Right Act.

On Wednesday, February 6th we had a guest speaker come to talk to us about the homeless children and families in our community. Our guest speaker, Mr.Valentini, told us about his job and how he works with people who, their houses burn down, if they were abused, and many other tragic causes. He also explained to us that these children face a terrible and scary decision of having to come to school not knowing if they might be asked where they live, if they will be made fun for the fact that their hair is greasy, or why they wore the same clothes for three or more days in a row. To help a child or a fellow student out, Mr. Valentini has asked that you donate at least one item. There was a box delivered into your classroom on Thursday, February 7th. So, we ask you kindly to donate any hygiene items like deodorant, toothpaste, a toothbrush, soap, and etc. But please, don't raid your house! And again, thank you for the donations.



Thursday, February 7th we had another guest speaker come and talk to us. This assembly was about another serious concern. Mr. White spoke to us about an app that helps you anonymously tip in a helpline service about any threats and/or any forms of self-harm that a student might do. Anyone can fill this out on any device as well. And once you have sent in a report, you can always go back and add or change anything to it. The program (SHP) is led by several family members whose loved ones who were killed in a mass shooting at Sandy Hook School. Sandy Hook Promise is a nonprofit organization that focuses on gun violence before it happens. Sandy Hook Promise has educated millions of youth and adults about the signs that are shown for violence with its Know The Signs Violence Prevention Programs. This resulted in the intervention and



prevention of multiple school shootings, gun violence, suicides, and other violent threats. Additionally, SHP prevention programs have helped lessen bullying in schools. So, don't be afraid to speak up if you know of any threats to yourself or anyone else.

On Thursday, February 28th, we had a duo of performers come to reenact the Civil Right Act. This performance included many different activists that took part in the Civil Rights movement. The two actors did very well portraying the characters and making the performance as realistic as possible. Some of the activists that were brought back to life in

their performance were Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, and many many more. These actors came in to show us what life was like in 1964 before there was equality for people of both races. It ended unequal application of voter registration requirements; and prohibited racial segregation in schools, at the workplaces, and in public accommodations, such as bathrooms. They even told us about the bus boycott that took effect on December 5, 1955. We learned about how even young school kids participated in the Civil Right Act. We also learned about a young 15-year-old girl who was the first colored student to attend a "white" high school. When she was walking up towards the entrance of the school people would spit on her, yell, kick, and push at her. The courage this young girl had was incredible, and we only got to see this because of the wonderful actors that acted the scene out. This is just one of the many scenes that were brought back to life through this amazing performance. The assembly was mesmerizing to watch. Let's hope to see them next year, for another inspiring rendition!

Overall this marking period was full with many different assemblies of different kinds. Though some were more enjoyable than others to watch, they were all for a good cause. And if you donated anything, no matter how small, thank you for helping someone in need. Thank you all for sitting quietly and respectfully during the assemblies, it showed the pride for our school.



By Haven Moore

Team 7 Barker

Do you love to watch sports? Do you want to support our school? Well, think about coming to the two

sports starting up this Spring: Track and Field, and Junior High Softball. Show up to the meets, and games! Don't know much about these sports?

Well, Track and Field is a sport which includes athletic contests established on the skills of running, jumping, and throwing. The name is

derived from the sport's typical venue: a stadium with an oval running track enclosing a grass field where the throwing and some of the jumping events take place. Track and field are categorized under the umbrella sport of athletics, which also includes road running, cross country running, and race walking. The foot racing events, which include sprints, middle- and long-distance events, race walking, and hurdling, are won by the athlete

Spring Sports Pitch with the fastest time. The jumping and

throwing events are won by the athlete who achieves the greatest distance or height. Regular jumping events include long jump, triple jump, high jump, and pole vault, while the most common throwing events are shot put, javelin, discus and hammer. There



hammer. There are also "combined events" or "multi-events", such as the pentathlon consisting of five events, heptathlon consisting of seven events,

and decathlon consisting of ten events. In these, athletes participate in a combination of track and field events.

Softball is a variant of baseball played with a larger ball on a smaller field. It was invented in 1887 in Chicago, Illinois, the United States as an indoor game. The game moves at a faster pace than traditional baseball. There is less time for the base runner to get to first while the opponent

fields the ball; yet, the fielder has less time to field the ball while the opponent is running down to first base. There are four bases on the infield (first base, second base, third base, and home plate); the bases are arranged in a square and are typically 45 to 65 feet (14 to 20 m) apart. Near the center of this square is the pitcher's circle, and within the circle is the "rubber", a small flat rectangular piece of rubber about a foot and a half in length. The rubber can be 40 or 43 feet away from home plate, depending on age level and the league one is playing in. The game is officiated by one or more neutral umpires. Players and umpires are generally free to ask for a brief stoppage at any time when the ball is not in play (called a time out), or immediately following a play once its outcome is clear. Seem interesting? Sure does! Sound fun to watch? You bet! So don't be shy, and come on down to support the games and meets for these players. Who knows, you may come to like these sports. You can always sign up another time!

By William Doll *Team 7 Barker*

11. DK-Metcalf

DeKaylin Zecharius Metcalf is an American football wide receiver for the Ole Miss Rebels. He is the son of former National Football League player Terrence Metcalf.

10. Devin White

Devin White is an American football linebacker for the LSU Tigers.

9. Marquise Brown

Marquise "Hollywood" Brown is an American football wide receiver for the Oklahoma Sooners. He is also the cousin of Oakland Raiders wide receiver Antonio Brown.

8. Ed Oliver

NFL Draft Prospects

Edward Oliver is an American football defensive tackle for the Houston Cougars

7. Christian Wilkins

Christian Wilkins is an American football defensive tackle for the Clemson Tigers.

6. Josh Jacobs

Joshua Jacobs is an American football running back for the Alabama Crimson Tide.

5. Jeffery Simmons

Jeffery Bernard Simmons Jr. is American football player who is currently a starting defensive tackle for the Mississippi State Bulldogs.

4. Rashan Gary

Rashan Gary is an American football defensive tackle who plays college

football for the Michigan Wolverines. In 2015, he concluded his high school football career at Paramus Catholic High School in New Jersey. He was ranked as the No. 1 recruit in college football's incoming Class of 2016.

3. Josh Allen

Joshua Allen is an American football quarterback for the Buffalo Bills of the National Football League. He played college football at Wyoming.

2. Quinnen Williams

Quinnen Williams is an American football defensive tackle for the Alabama Crimson Tide.

1. Nick Bosa Nick Bosa is an American football

Nick Bosa is an American football defensive end. He played college football at Ohio State.

The Latest Disney/Pixar Movies!

By Kaitlin Stock Team 7 Barker

Recently, everyone has been rushing to the theatre. Why is that? This year there are so many new Disney and Pixar movies coming out. Some are just remakes, but others are whole new movies. This is what you can expect this year on the screens:

1. "Captain Marvel"- This movie will feature the first female lead movie from Marvel. Last year, Marvel brought in about 860 million dollars per movie. This movie is expected to make just about as much as "Wonder Woman", or about 821 million dollars worldwide. This will be released on March 8th. So save up your cash and come see this movie when it hits the theatres.

2."Dumbo"- This will be just a remake coming to the world a March 29th. It is supposed to be very different from the 1941 cartoon. But of course, it's still a cute elephant with big ears. Many families will be showing their kids this classic Disney movie that's revamped version has us all wanting to watch it.

3."Avengers: Endgame"-On April 26th we will welcome this sequel to "Avengers: Infinity War!" to theaters. Within 24 hours, the trailer got 289 million views from fans waiting to see this movie. If you go to www.marvel.com/movies/ avengers-endgame, they have an official countdown to when the movie comes out. We all know fans won't be disappointed by this movie.

4."Aladdin" - This classic movie is going to be majorly upgraded on May 24th. It is undoubtedly going to bring an audience of all ages to the film. Naomi Scott will betray princess Jasmine and Mena Massoud will play are lead...Aladdin. Who's ready to see this live-action remake hit theaters?

5."Dark Phoenix" - Although this technically is a 20th Century Fox production, Disney bought the company last summer. This movie is a sequel to "X-Men: Apocalypse" that has Jean Gray unleashing her powers as the Phoenix. This will be the first X-Men movie released in Disney's name. Fans will surely be rushing to the theaters to see this movie with a little twist on June 7th.

6."Toy Story 4" - Who remembers the original Toy Story animations. That movie was now made over 23 years ago and was the first Pixar movie ever created. Now the animations are so much better. Bo Peep is back too. Woody and she try to find Buzz in a fairground where he is being marked as a prize! Mark your calendars for June 21st, because this movie will hit theaters this summer.

7."Spider-Man: Far From Home" - While Peter Parker is on vacation in Europe, he has to try and save his friends from Mysterio. The storyline takes place after the events of Avengers: E n d g a m e . Which...SPOILERS...means he survives those events. When will this be on the big screens? Right after you celebrate the Fourth of July. July 5th will be the release date of this movie.

8."The Lion King" - Instead of a live-action remake, we get a photorealistic CG remake. Simba is back on his journey through the Pride Lands of Africa. James Earl Jones, the same person famous for Darth Vadar, plays our beloved king of the jungle Mufasa. July 19th is when we will get to see our little lions back on screen.

9.The New Mutants" -

This is based on the Marvel Comics team of the same name, the story will follow five young mutants, just discovering their abilities while held in a secret facility against their will. Although this is a Fox-produced film, because of Disney's acquisition of Fox, this is now going to be a Disney released film, too. When can you go and see this? How about August second. With actors like Masie Williams from "Game of Thrones" and Charlie Heaton from "Stranger Things," why wouldn't you want to see this movie?

10."Artemis Fowl" - Based on the 2001 novel by the same name, the story follows Artemis Fowl II — a 12-year-old prodigy who sets out on an adventure to rescue his criminal father and restore the family fortune. Come out to your local theater on August 9th to see it on the big screen.

11. "Frozen 2" - The plot is largely under wraps, but you can

be back for more adventures in Arendelle. Some of the original actors are still in this movie like Josh Gad, (A Dog's Purpose/A Dog's Journey) but others like Sterling K. Brown (This Is Us). November 22nd is when you can go see this film.

12."Star Wars: Ep. 9" -All we really know is that this will be the conclusion to the Skywalker saga. We know Billy Dee Williams (Lando Calrissian) will make an appearance and that Carrie Fisher



will, posthumously, too. December 20th is when we expect to see

the newest Star Wars episode come into the picture.

2019 is going to be wild! As you can see, so many new and exciting movies are coming out. Get ready for a wild ride on the movie coaster!

Avengers: Endgame

By Aaron Pender *Team 7 Barker*

Assemble and avenge the fallen on April 26, 2019 for one of the biggest films of the year. From Marvel Studios comes the final Avengers film, Avengers: Endgame. We last saw a few of our heroes turn to dust along with half of the universe last year in Avengers: Infinity War. Some heroes including:

- Spider-Man
- Doctor Strange
- Most of the Guardians of the Galaxy
- Scarlet Witch
- Falcon
- Black Panther
- Vision (He had his life when his gem is taken from him by Thanos)
- Groot

Adrift in space with no food or water, Tony Stark sends a message to Pepper Potts as his oxygen supply starts to dwindle. Meanwhile, the other remaining Avengers --Thor, Black Widow, Captain America and Bruce Banner -- must figure out a way to bring back their vanquished allies for an epic showdown



with Thanos -- the evil demigod who decimated the planet and half of the universe. There are several theories about how and who will kill Thanos and save the universe. The remaining Avengers are using quantum realm suits which were revealed in the new trailer. This suggest that there will be time travel. Jeremy Renner returns as Ronin(Hawkeye) and Brie Larson as Captain Marvel joins to help take down Thanos. Tickets went on sale April 2 and several websites crashed. It already broke movie ticket records!



Spring Shivers

By Ashley Moyer *Team 7 Barker*

She lays outside, Watching the sun rise. Hues of pink and orange burst into the sky, Setting the mood right. She runs freely, Through the grains of light. As she pays no mind, To the worries a flight. She's free. No one to hold her. No one to hold her. As night comes, And the crickets unfold, She sits and watches the stars shine. And she shivers into the heartbeat of her dead ride.



A Ray of Sunshine

By Haven Moore

Team 7 Barker

Just a ray of sunshine,

Deeps shades of green flood her sight.

It feels like a dream; it just feels right.

It feels natural, pure, fresh, makes her feel light.

She peers down at her bare feet

Coated in drips of memories that were shed from the grasses blades.

She can feel her four-year-old self conjuring up her own imaginary environment, that can fit in the capacity of the woodlands.

She can feel her seven-year-old self lurking around every corner of the rows of trees, scampering into the forest,

Running from maturity, and into youth's nurturing arms.

She can feel her fifteen-year-old self pacing, pondering over homework assignments, drama, work, her uncertain future.

Ignoring the cool breeze looking for her childish youth to play around with.

She can see her 19-year-old self leaving. Walking away, into a car that was destined for a new home,

Abandoning her life's true meaning.

Trees swaying for her to return faithfully, but not even a glance was given in answer.

For the childhood memories made,

She soon finds her way back.

Facing what she always missed deeply in her heart.

And now, feeling what she was meant to feel,

That her love for a ray of sunshine,

Is what sets her and the world apart.

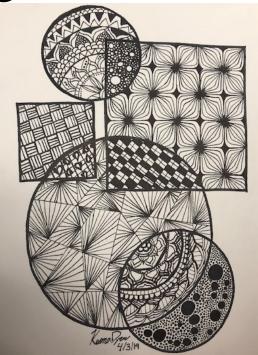




Spring Bulldog Art











doghouse comics



"Evolution of Mankind" by Josh Weaber





"Nice try, but you can't blame a messy room on standardized testing."



"Wake up Mom! It's the first day of spring break and I'm bored."

Letter from the Advisor

By Mrs. Dunham

I am glad to see some sunshine! It's been a long winter, but spring is finally here! I know because my allergies have kicked in—the incessant need to blow my nose is definitely the clearest indication...

To me, spring is about traditions and celebrations. Spring symbolizes renewal, rejuvenation, and growth. I believe that our school community is doing just that in so many ways. This quarter has been a lot about bringing our community together and making it stronger. For example, even though the Talent Show is only in its second year, it has become a staple to our school. Watching the talent show participants' confidence grow while defeating the ever-so-challenging stage fright is so rewarding. I would also like to make a special shout out to the National Junior Honor Society members and Student Council members that helped make that night run smoothly. As an advisor, I was honored to not only be surrounded by wonderfully talented individuals, but also incredibly hardworking ones. Behind the scenes, many of our student body stepped up to make the show run well. My stage managers, Maddie Mack and Alexis Traugher, and Emcees, Lily Groover and Brittney Diehl, worked so hard, and I could not be more honored to have worked with these individuals. These students went above and beyond—even to the extent of having meetings during PM Homeroom or lunch to make that special night happen. The aforementioned individuals are certainly leaders of our pack!

I am so proud of all everyone has accomplished this year: academically, athletically, emotionally, socially, and so on. It's a pleasure to see everyone grow in so many ways. Let's keep nurturing our positive mentality, and let's come back from the break ready to continue to lead.

I wish everyone a wonderful Spring Break. Faculty, teachers, staff, and students all have worked very hard all year, but especially this quarter. Between preparing for standardized testing, and conquering what seemed like endless snow days, we were able to thrive. We have all earned the right to re-charge.

Feel like joining us next year full-time, or do you want to contribute to our final issue this June? *The Bulldog Bark* serves to represent students' voices at Northern Lehigh, so speak up! *The Bulldog Bark* is always looking for more barkers to add to the pack; even if you would like to contribute to just one issue. This paper serves to represent all of us. If you have any article ideas or are interested in writing at any point, please see me in Room 30 or send me an e-mail: bdunham@nlsd.org. Also, if you are a talented artist, I would love for you to feature your artwork! We have plenty of room to show off your skills!

I would like to take this time to especially thank the following Bulldog Barkers for helping not only contribute to the content of the newspaper, but also took time out of their day to help with the layout and proofreading of the paper. This takes hours of work and plenty of tedious attention! This edition's VIPs are:

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