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NLMS has a big heart

Items collected for local homeless families

By Tyler Hoffman
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“Have a Heart for the Homeless” is a program run by NLMS and Mr. “Rooster” Valentini, who is a nice man that writes poetry about his work. He knows there are homeless people out there and he wants to change that.



Every day, Mr. Valentini, through the Allentown School District, goes out and supports and helps those people. He visits schools and makes sure you know those homeless people are out there and you should help them.

The school and Mr. Valentini hold a donation program to give those people what they need. You could give a variety of things like shampoo, soap,

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Overflowing with scientific knowledge



Tyler Roth and Andrea Snyder set off their volcano project in 8th grade science class. Building a working volcano was for extra credit. Mr. Meixsell, of course, is being dramatic over the “explosion.” (Photo by Jessica Evans)

ACE Team displays effort

Submitted by Mrs. Lieberman

Our ACE Team performed well this year but did not make it to the finals. I was very proud of these students because they were truly a team.

They supported each other and respected the abilities each member brought to the team. After they were eliminated, although disappointed, they were well be-

haved and attentive as the other teams competed to determine the top three slots. Our students took notes on the questions asked as they watched to help next year’s team prepare for the event.

Please congratulate these students on their effort, professionalism and teamwork. Tyler Smith, Kiara Rhyne, David Custer, Breanna Hoffman, Tyler Roth, and Monica Mankos.

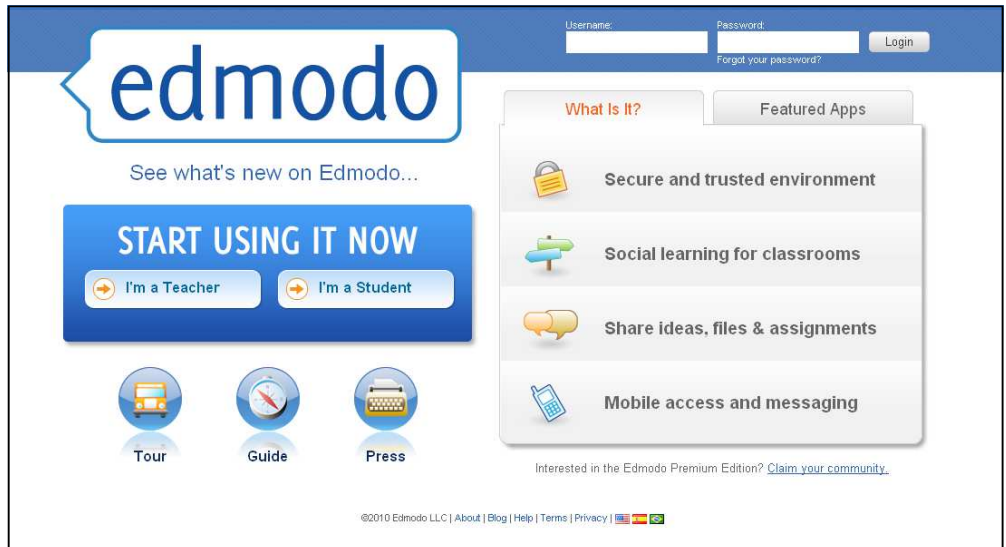
Middle school wizards get all 'techie'

By Amelita Pjetrovic
Team 7

My name is Amelita Pjetrovic. I am one of the three Tech Wizards. The others are Emme Reiser and Journey Torres. When we go to the Tech Wizard trips, we do not compete, we just learn how to use new technology like Edmodo. Edmodo is a website similar to Facebook but *way* safer.

It is a way to talk to friends but nothing inappropriate. You can have an account but it would have to be the school's decision if they want to use this program for school.

It is also a way to catch up on your work and find out what your upcoming assignments are going to be. You are able to post whatever you want but it needs to be approved by your teacher. It may sound bad but it is a way to make sure you are not harassing or post



inappropriate things.

You are allowed to change your profile picture and add some things about yourself.

On your profile, you can put your favorite quote, your dream job, etc. It may not sound so cool like Facebook, Myspace or Twitter, but it's similar to all three but with rules. There is no cyberbullying. So if you feel interested,

ask your teacher if your class can have an Edmodo page. Other than that we also learn how to use search engines, Microsoft products, and we also find common interests between us and all of the other kids in Tech Wizards in the Lehigh Valley. So if you enjoyed this article then please join us next year.

Boxes of items ready for those who need them

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tissues, toilet paper, and other toiletries. You could also give any school supplies like folders, pencils, binders, and rulers. Team 7's English teacher, Mr. Barnes, said, "In my English classes, one of my writing prompt questions was, 'What is something for which you could be more thankful?' The majority of my students said they could be more thankful for what they have in their lives, including family and an education. *Have a*

Heart for the Homeless is the perfect way for our kids to reach a hand out to someone else. Strangers helping strangers is a beautiful thing."

You don't know how many people are homeless and don't have the necessary materials that we use daily. If you lost all of your favorite items and the items you need every day, how would you feel?

That is what these homeless people feel every day. Luckily, Mr. Valentini is there for all of them.

He was there to give them a temporary home and the items you donate. You should feel a great sense of pride when you donate. You know that the items are going to help people that need it more than you.

I donated a few items to the program. I hope you donated anything you can so that will help. If you realized, everything is something that will help. Thank you to Mr. Valentini, and thank you to the donors.

Could skirts and neckties improve school?

By Paige Neff

Team 7

The Allentown School Board approved school uniforms with a vote of 8-1. Students will be saying good-bye to jeans and T-shirts, and also pants hanging down low.

Some adults say that all schools should have uniforms because it will eliminate some trashy dressing and prevent students from seeing boys' underwear.

From a former student's mother's point-of-view, she would have to say yes, that it is a brilliant idea.

There are numbers of reasons; she thinks the competitiveness in dressing better than other students in school should be eliminated.

It would be less expensive for adults that cannot afford the so-called popular brands.

Some malls are planning on putting a store up in some malls for kids that have to wear uni-

forms.

It might also help kids focus more on schoolwork and not their appearance. A lot of kids disagree and just think that this uniform stuff is a big no-no!

Alexia Unger thinks that even though she wouldn't want to wear

them because she would rather wear her own clothes, she does think uniforms could help the situation.

Jason Pepe thinks that there should not be school uniforms because it takes away a person's freedom of expression.



Good experience gained for Miss Hock

By Kryslyn Fehr

Team 7

Before Miss Hock became our student teacher in Mr. Barnes's English class, she worked at a student help desk with "10 computer geeks," she said, at Muhlenberg College where she is studying to become an English teacher.

Miss Hock said during her

five weeks here that Mr. Barnes was a nice guy and Mr. Barnes liked her because she was a good writer and good at English (I would hope so).

She taught us about the book, "The Contender."

Even when she was a kid, she wanted to go to college but she wanted to be a doctor and a writer.

She likes writing fiction and in journals. Miss Hock also thought the Team Points system was cool. She was not afraid of any teachers but her biggest fears are centipedes and making an "idiot of herself."

Overall, she was sweet and nice and brought us on Team 7 cupcakes on her last day!

Middle school dance a hit in December



By Karlyna Kemery
Team 8

The winter dance this year was a hit! The dance was held on Jan. 26, and almost 115 students attended.

This was the highest attendance the school has had in years!

Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. Most people were dancing the entire time. By the end of the night, some students were already looking forward to the next dance.

Thanks to the student council members, the dance was a success. The student council members worked very hard and put a

lot of their time into planning, decorating and setting up the dance. Mark your calendars for the 8th grade farewell in early May! Also, thank you to everyone for attending the school dance and hope to see you at the next one!

Middle school health news/CPR certs

Congratulations to the following NL Middle school students who are helping make our school a safer place to be! They passed CPR/AED in the January class they attended after school.

Kristi Grabarits, Catherine Corwin, Bridget Lynch, Chase

Ohlson, Nick Lehman, Alexis Eck, Jamilette Casillas, Devon Schlegel, Hunter Oberle. Also, 7th grade health classes completed the American Red Cross First Aid curriculum.

8th grade Health classes heard Mr. and Mr. William

Hankee speak about organ donation.

The next "Net Sports" intramurals began on March 18 after school in the gym. Permission forms can be found outside of the gym by the bench in the hall.

Our school became safer thanks to CPR certified

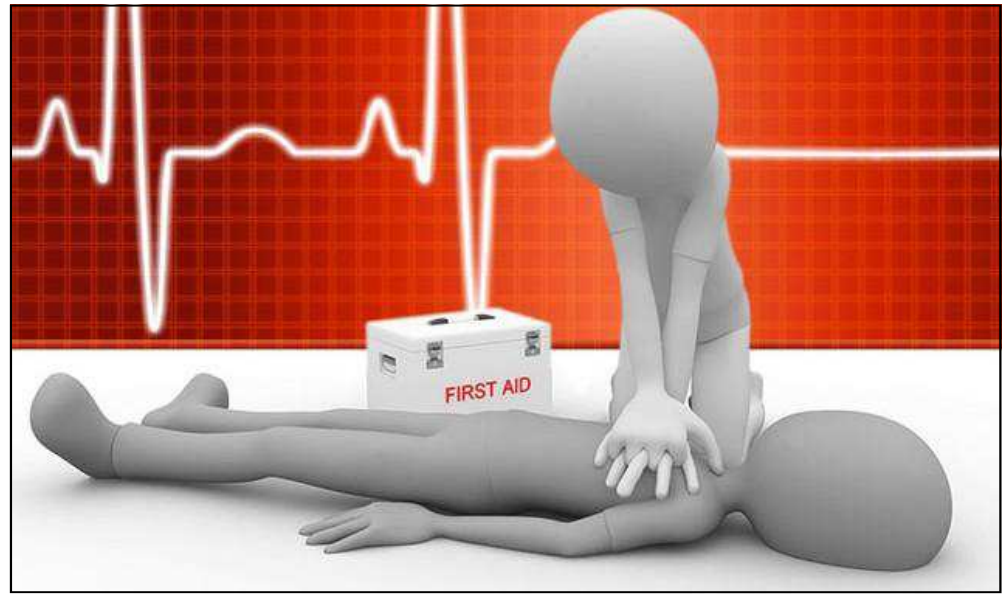
By Kristi Grabarits

Team 7

You may think that all classes are so boring and you may be thinking that there will never be a class that you will enjoy. Well, now you have found one. This class is called CPR and not only is it easy to learn but it is also really fun.

You learn the three emergency steps (check, call, care), explain to call 9-1-1 in an emergency, explain how to move a person from a dangerous scene, identify the signals of shock, recognize the signals of a breathing emergency, practice how to care for a person who is choking, perform CPR, use a practice AED and much more. I had a lot of fun, too.

You perform CPR and practice with the AED on a mannequin. There are only a few people in a class so as you are practicing, you can talk to your friends (as



long as you are working, too).

Yes, you take a test but it is with no problem. The teacher is Mrs. Raber and she walks you through everything, not to mention that she is very nice, too.

If you have already had her, then you know how nice she is. But I think students should have to take CPR because it is a good

lesson to always have. I have already had health and it helped me a lot with CPR.

I am not saying that if you didn't have health yet, you can't take CPR. You can! Health just helped me understand it more.

After both classes, I asked the

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Softball, spring will be in the air soon

By Victoria Lear

Team 7

Spring is coming soon and to all girls who are involved in softball it means freshly-cut grass, new equipment and the anxious feeling to get it dirty.

Just like all fields do, our Walnutport field needs some cleaning up from winter causes. The grass has grown, weeds have formed, natural causes of nature. The WPA (Walnutport Playground Associa-



tion) needs some help cleaning it up and getting it ready for the new softball season.

This only takes little time with big amounts of people.

Softball season has just started and it's not too late to sign up. We are happy to have new girls whether you have never touched a softball, or if you have a ton of experience.

Ask any softball player who is playing or has played for Northern Lehigh and they will tell you about how great the team gets along!

We do fun things like fun team sleep-overs spent by a fire, fun times spent during practices and lots of other events.

Lance Armstrong: A hero or a zero?

By Tyler Roth
Team 8

Lance Armstrong was born September 18, 1971, and had won seven Tour de France cycling races in a row.

In 1992, Armstrong began his career as a professional cyclist with the Motorola team.

For much of his career, Armstrong faced allegations of doping. Armstrong denied all such allegations until January 2013, often claiming that he never had any positive test in the approximately 600 drug tests he had taken over his cycling career.

In 2004, reporters Pierre Ballster and David Walsh published a book alleging Armstrong had used performance-enhancing drugs. In the book, Steve Swart claims he and other riders, including Armstrong, began using drugs in 1995 while members of the Motorola team, a claim denied by other team members.



In an interview with Oprah Winfrey, Armstrong confessed that he has used banned performance-enhancing drugs throughout much of his cycling career, most recently in 2005.

He admitted that he used human growth hormones, and that he had blood doped. Doping

helped him for each of his seven Tour de France wins, Armstrong told Oprah.

Some people remember Armstrong as one of the greatest cyclists in history but others will remember him as a disgrace to the cycling industry.

Ready and CPR-certified, just in case

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now-certified CPR students what they thought about it. I am sorry to everyone I did not get to interview who took CPR.

Catherine Corwin said that she thought that taking CPR is important because you never know what is going to happen to someone. Even if you don't need it later, it is still good to know that

you can save someone's life.

Nick Lehman said that taking CPR is a great life skill and it was a fun class, too.

Bridget Lynch said that you never know when CPR or first aid may come in handy. Everyone should learn CPR. Hunter Oberle said that he really liked the CPR class. He said they were fun and that he hopes the next time CPR is available that more students

take it.

Alexis Eck said that she believes CPR was good to take. Just in case someone would be unconscious, you would be able to help them. I agree with what everyone said. I think CPR should be mandatory. You never know when you might need it. You may not need it, but it is always good to know CPR. Don't pass up the opportunity.

What has happened to our young generations?

By Rachel Holmes

Team 7

Drugs? Sex at the age of a teen? Sagging pants? Bullying? Drama? Talking back to teachers? What is the big “fascination” about these things? We teens should not be experiencing these cruel, hurtful things.

I witness all of these things, or I hear about them every day. They are not even “cool.”

The sad thing is that kids know the consequence of the actions, but they don’t even care. People think drugs are the best of the best and that they make you “cool.” That is not how it works. Drugs make you addicted, halluci-

nate, and they can even cause death.

Drugs also make you have a bad physical appearance. Right now in English class we are reading a book called “The Contender.”

This book has drug use and threats in it. The book is very inspirational, and changes your mind about doing drugs.

I am sure that about 85% of the class does not listen anyways but it is worth a shot. On to my next topic... Who in the world has sex at the age of a preteen?! That is terrible and disgusting. You should wait to a healthy age, and



when you are ready for it. Being 16 and pregnant is not fun, even though people on TV might make you think so.

Imagine one day your friend

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You try holding up the pyramid, big talker

By Kyara Cotton

Team 7

The New York Times says that cheerleading is the fastest growing girls’ sport. People don’t understand the difference between sideline cheerleaders and competitive ones. Sideline cheerleaders’ main goal is to entertain the crowd and lead them with team cheers, which isn’t a sport.

On the other hand, competitive cheerleading is a sport. A sport, according to the Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors, is a “physical activity or competition against an opponent, governed by rules and conditions under which a winner is awarded. The primary purpose



of the competition is to compare skills of the participants.”

Since cheerleading follows these guidelines, it is a sport, officially. Competitive cheerleading includes lots of physical activity. Like gymnasts, cheerleaders must learn to tumble. They perform

standing back flips, and full layout twists.

Cheerleaders also perform lifts and tosses. This is where the “fliers” are thrown in the air, held by “bases” in different positions that require strength and cooperation with other teammates. Just as basketball, baseball, and football have guidelines, so does competitive cheerleading.

The whole routine has to be completed in less than three minutes and 15 seconds and the cheerleaders are required to stay within a certain area. Points will be taken off if cheerleaders step off the mat.

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Making good decisions might influence others

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says, “Oh, are you going to prom?” And you have to say, “No, I can’t because I have to stay home and watch my baby;” that would suck, right? No matter how many times I say it, this will not click into some of your heads.

It is weird how some people dress today. What makes you think sagging pants are cool? It is really childish and inappropriate. I can’t believe that some people are too lazy to pull up their own pants.

I can guarantee that I see this everyday and everywhere whether it is at school, on the street, or even in my own home. Seeing this makes me angry. I think people should not bully either. Most of the time the victim does nothing wrong to receive the bullying. You come to school to learn, not to be popular or make fun of kids. Why should it make a difference by the clothes someone is wearing, or the way they look? I think that kid is just as important as everyone else. Of course we all bully at one time or another in our lives; even I used to do it. But now I stopped because I have no right to make fun of someone. The victim comes to school to get good grades and learn, not to get bullied.

Try to put yourself in their shoes and think like they would. Just imagine getting up every morning to go to school to take a

test you studied all night for, and then you get bullied right when you step foot in that school. The victim tries their best to block all of the bullying out, but it is nearly impossible. Please *do not* bully. Drama is the most commonly used term in my school. Even just walking to my



next class period I hear about 10 stories of drama. That is ridiculous; I admit that I have spread drama before. And so does everyone else, but I learned to ignore all of the drama. Last year was the worst because all I heard about was drama *this*, drama *that*. I learn to let it go but some people do not.

Their lives just revolve around drama. Some girls talk about their “friends” behind their back. That makes me sad because the sweetest girls have to deal with the drama.

They think certain girls are

their friends, but then in just one day they find out that girl was backstabbing them all day long. A secret is supposed to be a secret, not a rumor, that the whole school knows.

I think it’s funny how just from someone saying one single thing in a minute the whole school knows, and I hear people saying, “Oh, did you hear what she did?”

My last topic is when kids talk back to teachers. When kids do this it makes me angry. Teachers usually don’t yell unless you do something you should not be doing. So just understand your mistake and make sure not to do it again. Just the other day a kid in my class got yelled at for constantly not doing his homework.

He then gave the teacher back-talk.

That is really bizarre, just because it is your fault does not mean you have to blame it on the teacher. It is your own fault for not paying attention or whatever else you should be doing.

The teacher may seem mean but she/he is just trying to prepare you for high school, because in high school it only gets worse. Teachers just want you to get good grades, and not to get in trouble. In conclusion: I hope you understand not to do these things.



Erupting with Excitement?

Brianna Beatty and Tiffany Yesik don't seem to share the same volcanic enthusiasm as Mr. Meixsell.

(Photo by Jessica Evans)

Cheerleading should be recognized as a sport

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Competitive cheerleaders' goal is to be the best. Just like gymnasts, they are given points for difficulty, technique, creativity and sharpness. The more difficult a mount or a stunt, the sharper and more in-sync the motions, the better the score.

Cheerleading is a team sport so without cooperation first place is out of reach. You do not have to like everyone on your team but as soon as you hit the mat, your team is your new family.

According to the National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury Research, cheerleading is the number-one cause of serious

sports injuries to women. Emergency room visits for cheerleading are five times the number than for any other sport. Mostly because we do not wear shin guards, knee pads or other protection.

While most other athletes wear hip pads, knee pads, shin guards or helmets, smiling cheerleaders are tossed into the air and spiral down into the arms of trusted teammates. The fliers must remain tight at all times so that their bases can catch them safely.

My flier has a hard time staying tight and keeping her legs locked but Tiffani Traugher and I always keep her in the air. We fight to keep our stunt up, and

when it falls we get right back up and try to catch up with the rest of the team.

From schools not recognizing cheerleading as a sport, there isn't proper equipment. Instead, the girls use whatever space is available. More recognition of competitive cheerleading as a sport would decrease the number of injuries.

If competition cheerleading wasn't a sport, why would it be put in the 2016 Olympics? Wrestling could be taken out and competition cheerleading is being put in. So before you say that competition cheerleading isn't a sport, watch a cheering video or competition.

Become the architect of mining your own craft

By Bridget Lynch

Team 7

“Minecraft” is a sandbox indie game. A sandbox game is a type of game that lets the player create or build things. There isn’t a goal, so you can’t *win* a sandbox game. There are no limitations. Indie is short for independent, meaning it isn’t run by a big company. A company called “Mojang” created Minecraft.

In Minecraft, you explore and collect resources to build shelter. Evil monsters come out at night, so you create armor and weapons to fight them. You eventually collect more and more resources to



build bigger and better houses. You can create anything from castles to complicated machines. From dirt shacks to entire towns. You die, you respawn, and you

keep trying, trying to make the perfect place: the best house. It is a creative outlet, a way to

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Say “Halo” to the greatest game for X-Box

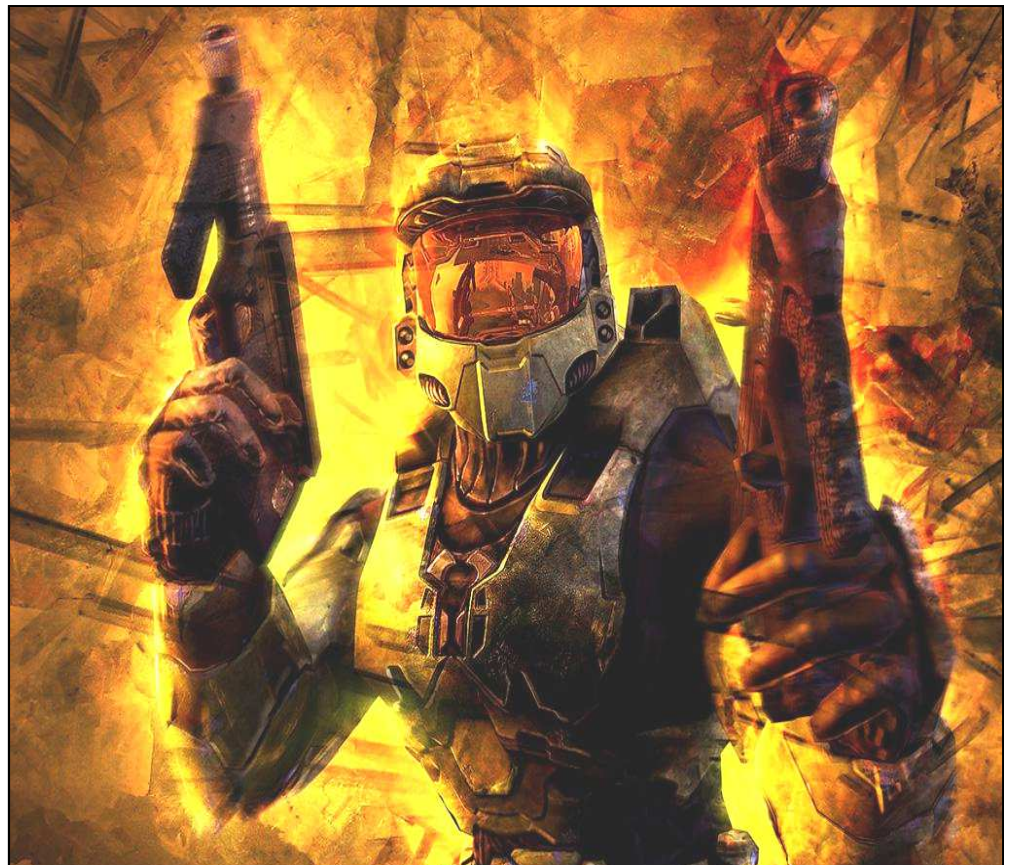
By Zane Kite

Team 7

“Halo” is the best video game for X-Box. It is action-packed and just plain awesome. It has hostile aliens and epic super-soldiers called Spartans.

The humans are at war against the evil alien army called the Covenant, which wants to destroy Earth because humans unknowingly affronted the Covenant gods and leaders, prophets, declared war to maintain political and religious power.

The main character, Master Chief (also known as John), is a genetically-enhanced super-soldier. He is part of the Spartan



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Tough to pin-point the greatest super-hero

By Zaquahn Ingram-Bryant

Team 8

Many people have their own reasons for liking different super-heroes. I have asked three different eighth-graders who their favorite super-hero is. Jason Troxell said, "My favorite super-hero of all time is Superman for the fact of only having one weakness."

Ashley Anderson says, "Even though I'm a girl, I like Batman. I enjoy his mysteriousness and he is sneaky." I also asked the goofy James Yoder who said, "My favorite awesome super-hero must be

the Amazing Spiderman because he is amazing and actually has a power, not like that fake Batman does."

According to James, Batman does not have a power but Ashley Anderson likes Batman and she thinks he is considered a hero.

As you can see, no one can pin-point the best super-hero but a person can have a favorite super-hero. Also, just to let you know, my favorite super-hero is Green Lantern for the reasons of him having to use the power of hope and faith and turn it into light.



Minecraft allows you to create/protect worlds

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meet new people and make friends. Minecraft is a big large community with smaller ones, Servers, inside. Servers are Minecraft worlds that you can play with other people. You can show your buildings to the world. You can make something no one has ever thought of before.

You form friendships with friends miles away from you, in different countries, in different worlds. Minecraft inspires people, if it is in building or otherwise. I asked some of my Minecraft friends what Minecraft is to them.

"You mine into a server and then you craft friends and go crazy because you have no real ones. (What??) That's how I started out.... But... I think some crazy stayed."

"Minecraft to me is many things. A community, a game. They are both of those. But most of all, it's a world. A world that I build. I build towns, cities, palaces! I spawn pigs, sheep, cows, chickens! I make everything to my liking, and I am the center of the world, the only creature that matters. I can change the world's texture too. I download texture packs to make my world completely unique to me, download mods to make it even better! On multiplayer, I am with friends who live miles and miles away from me, yet they seem so close. On the other side of a screen, there are friends. Minecraft. A world that brings people together."

"A way for \$15 to learn how to be an architect."

"A 16-bit portal to another world, an escape from reality and gives the player an opportunity to survive in a variety of ways."

"Basically, to me. it starts off as just a game. You survive, you build, you explore, you die. You respawn, you try again, you do better, then maybe you try multiplayer. You search for a server, you find one, you dislike it or you like it. You love it or you hate it. You make friends, you make enemies. You find a favorite server you usually play on. You make close friends and to you, it isn't a game anymore, it's a community of people from around the world that you can play with."

Or at the beginning you don't like the game and are sad because you wasted your money so you log out of Minecraft forever."

If I could sum up all of Minecraft in one word, I think that there is only one word that could do the job: infinite.

Tips for ‘enhancing’ your Halo experience

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team, which largely contributed to the victories humans had in the endless war against the Covenant.

In “Halo 3,” he fights with an unlikely ally, a rebel alien called the Arbitor.

The Arbitor was a part of an elite team of aliens called the Elites. But, unfortunately, in “Halo: 4” the Elites fight against humanity again.

In “Halo: Reach,” the main character is not John. In “Reach,” you play as “number 6” in a group of Elite Spartans called “Reach,” hence the name. In this game, you can play in a mode called “Firefight.” If you play that mode, you can gain easy points, pick your enemies, pick your team and a lot more. You basically just fight endless waves of aliens, each wave stronger than the last.

There is another unique game-mode called “Forge,” where you can create nearly any vehicle, weapon, piece of equipment and structure that you can find in the normal game play.

I especially like the Forge because I like to make weapons and vehicles that are very rare and hard to find in the game.

If you play an alternate game mode, like Forge or firefight, you can usually play as a Spartan or an Elite. You can customize your armor for both your Spartan and Elite character.

I think Reach is the best Halo game because it has the best variety of game modes and equipment.

I also have some tips and cheats. (*Editor’s Note: The Bulldog Bark does not condone any type of cheating or shortcuts! Use determination and hard work instead, my good people! OK, now back to the article*). When you’re playing “Halo: 3,” you fight the

cheats called “Easter eggs,” so in Reach, you go to an overrun city called New Alexandria.

You get an airplane called a Falcon to fly around in. Eventually, you will go to a dance club to



flood, parasites that turn things into zombies. If you see skinny zombies with large bulbs on their backs, do not kill them!

Little parasites will pop out of their backs and kill you. Another tip is if you need a lot of points to be promoted in “Halo: Reach,” you should go to Firefight, go into settings, go to Spartan settings, then go to base traits, shields and health and set your Spartan to “invulnerable.” Then go to difficulty level and set it to legendary. After you do that, play classic Firefight and get tons of points.

In Halo, there are special

clear the area of aliens. After you kill all of them, get in your Falcon and fly to the roof. There will be a button to change the song in the club. Press it and go back into the club. Then go out and up to the roof again. There will be another button. Press it and go back into the club. When you get in, aliens will be DJing, bartending and dancing... until you shoot.

I really like this game and I hope you enjoy the tips and cheats. (*Editor’s note: Although we at the Bulldog Bark still do not promote cheating!*)

Can u reed dis w/o text tlk? Lol!

By Mike McKinney

Team 7

I bet I know what everyone does after school. They text. Well, not only here in Slatington but all over the world. People are most likely to text rather than call.

Even though we all love to text, there are a lot of people facing problems with texting all around the world – problems like

texting while driving.

A lot of people die every year from accidents caused by texting and driving. I think that we are so brainwashed that we don't notice anything from the real world.

It's almost like communication is to die for now! Even though we enforce laws to not text while driving, people still do it. Another problem with texting is abbreviations. People use abbreviations

for words all the time like *lol*, *haha*, *OMG*, and a bunch more. People think it's harmless but they are getting used to using abbreviations in school and school work.

You could say that people are having a hard time spelling more. Texting has a lot of problems but they can be solved by texting responsibly and safely.

Contrary to society, not all heroes wear capes

By Riley Adams

Team 7

Singers like Kellin Quinn, Vic Fuentes, Oli Sykes and many others. They're the most inspirational people I've seen. Kellin Quinn is the lead singer of Sleeping with Sirens; Vic sings for Pierce the Veil, and Oli sings for Bring Me the Horizon.

This article is basically giving them some attention and thanking them for all they have done. It's also about comparing the music to the type of music today.

Some kids today are cutting themselves because of Justin Bieber doing drugs. They are looking in the mirror and hating themselves because of what they see.

Honestly, it's horrible but sometimes the music these bands write saves lives. Think about these lyrics: "I kiss the scars on her wrist and tell her she's beautiful. I don't want to lose my best friend." Now compare them to lyrics about drinking and drugs

and what those promote.

No wonder our generation is so *off*. Bands like Fall Out Boy, Asking Alexandria, Second Hand, Three Days Grace, My Chemical Romance, and other bands I mentioned in the beginning save lives, in my opinion. We used to have good rock and now it's just vulgar and profanity. It's unbelievable.

The lead singer of My Chemical Romance, Gerard Way, once quoted, "All your quirks, problems, even your depressions and flaws. That's what makes you, you."

And then we have Nicki Minaj using a bunch of profanities in her songs. You may like that kind of music but you have to remember what it promotes.

The bands I listed who, I believe, save lives – they're my heroes.

They have gotten me through so many things, given me so many ideas and showed me new perspectives on lots of things.

I'm sure if you asked other people who listen to them will say something similar.

Some people say they are just "emo teens" who scream, but that's not true.

There is a song that has a lot of screaming but the lyrics talk about how he is asking for one more chance to say goodbye to his love who had died. And without her, he is trying to find out what he will do, but he knows he can do it. That is not *emo*.

When people hear the quote, "Not all heroes wear capes," they think of military people, cops, etc.

Much due respect to them but when I hear it, I think of those bands. They are my heroes and without them, things would be much worse in my perspective.

So remember, there is more to it than just policemen and others. There are also singers.

Meaningless info on Mr. Barnes, lead 'Barker'

By Kryshyn Febr and
Amelita Pjetrovic

Mr. Barnes, the awesome, fun-loving English teacher we all know... or do we? In this article, you will learn even more about him.

Q: Why did you want to write your book, "180 Days"?

A: I felt the kids needed a new character to relate to and, hopefully, Anna Shields [the main character in the book] is one who they can see in themselves, regardless of their gender.

Q: What made you want to be a journalist?

A: I always liked telling stories and for seven years, I either wrote or edited true stories that the public needed to know.

Q: Why did you start teaching?

A: I felt like I could get more results inside a classroom than I could on the newspaper pages; plus, the newspaper business was fading away.

Q: What inspires you?

A: This is the best job in the world and, each day, in some way, my students inspire me.

Q: What was your dream as

a kid?

A: Center-fielder for the Mets or a stand-up comedian.

Q: What were your school years like (K through 12)?

A: I was a class-clown I guess you could say. I still like the attention but I don't like the class clowns. Maybe I get jealous! I didn't have the best grades, except in English or gym but I got by



For the record, this article was not my idea! This photo, however, was.

pretty well in Allentown.

Q: What's your favorite band?

A: I have a ton but Iron Maiden, Bruce Springsteen, Rush, Motorhead. The list goes on.

Q: If you could hammer one piece of advice into every

kid's head, what would it be?

A: Try. That's it. Plain and simple. Try. You never know what you might be able to do. If you don't try, you'll never have a clue.

Q: How did you come up with the name "Ike" for your son?

A: At first, I said it as a joke to my wife. Ike Davis is the Mets' first-baseman and it was just an idea. We both really liked it though, and upon looking up its meaning, we discovered it was Hebrew for "He Will Laugh." It was perfect for us and for him.

Now on to some little things. Last year's graduation was his first year of teaching's set of students. He is a drummer now for 30 years. He likes movies, TV, playing guitar and he is working on his second book. He met his wife online back before that become a popular thing. His biggest fears are the unknown, spiders, and about 5,000 other things.

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Favorite Bands: 1) One Dimension; 2) Maroon 5; 3) AC/DC; 4) Aerosmith; 5) KISS.

Favorite singers: 1) Taylor Swift; 2) Justin Bieber; 3) Eminem; 4) Hunter Hayes; 5) PSY; 6) Beyonce.

Favorite Books: 1) The Hunger Games; 2) Crank; 3) Harry Potter; 4) Diary of a Wimpy Kid; 5) House of Night.

Favorite Shows: 1) Adventure Time; 2) Pretty Little Liars; 3) Supernatural; 4) Family Guy; 5) 1,000 Ways to Die; 6) Beavis and Butt-Head.

Oh my! Imagining a life without TV

By Elijah Martinez

Team 7

I know most of you probably have cable in your house. Have you ever thought how it is to have no cable? Think how it is for people who have no cable. Think how they did it in the 1800s. They didn't even have electric. It's not like that is the only thing you can do.

You could do other things like go outside, get into the community, walk to the store, study and other things. If you think that you are too lazy or it will be boring,

well it may be boring but you don't know if it is until you try. If you have the choice between cable and studying, you probably chose cable.

Studying sounds boring but if you study you will probably get better grades but if you don't study you might get a worse grades. If you get an education you will probably get a better job and live your life better. Think about it like this: if you're in a war, what would you rather have: a trained expert on war or a random guy off the street?

When I told my friend Devin that I didn't have cable, he was shocked and said "I usually watch Animal Planet."

Think about this also: you can save money instead of paying over \$100 on a cable bill. You also can do other things like Edgemont with the money from the cable bill. You probably think that if your parents came home and they tell you that they can't afford the cable bill you might be mad. Try going for one day without watching cable and see if you can do it. Here is a motto for this article: "be grateful."

Creatively Written: Hoping it was all a bad dream

By Kiara Rhyne

Team 8

One day while I was walking home from school, several strange events took place. I began to think I was losing my mind. I felt a sharp pain shoot through me as I fell to my knees. All of a sudden I felt taller and stronger. I looked down at my hands and was shocked that they were the color of porcelain, covered in scars.

"No, no, Ariadne cannot be real! She is just a character I made up." I frantically thought as my hands flew up to my head. I pulled some of my hair and saw it was an ebony, curled lock with blood-red streaks."

"Ariadne!" I heard a heavily accented voice that sounded vaguely familiar.

I turned my head to see a young man running toward me. I

could see that he had a white mask that covered the upper-half of his face. I stood up and wobbled on what looked like, "Oh, sweet mother of god!" I thought as I realized I was wearing wedge heels. I was knocked out of my thoughts because the man was now holding me tightly and my face was smashed against his coat.

"Did you tell your brother yet?" he asked hopefully, looking at me. I looked down and shook my head. "Ari? You OK? Are you hurt?" he questioned, worriedly.

"My name isn't Ariadne," I stated firmly, looking up at him.

"What are you talking about? Did you hit your head again?" He touched the back of my head.

"My name is Kiara Rhyne and I am 14." I pleaded, trying to make him see I wasn't a fictional person. After about five minutes of arguing, I started to walk home.

"Ariadne, please wait!" he yelled from behind me.

Something about this really seemed like déjà-vu. I got to where my house was supposed to be but it was replaced with a large, white house that was looming and piano music leaked out.

"Oh, god, please no!" I silently begged. I walked in to see another young man leaning over a piano, even though his eyes were closed, the music was beautiful.

I groaned loudly as I flopped on the couch. After a very awkward rest of the night, I scurried into a pair of gray sweatpants and a baggy T-shirt. I crawled into bed. The blankets were pulled up to my shoulders and I laid my head down on the pillow and prayed this was all just a bad dream.



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