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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**
OCTOBER 15-16
- **SCHOOL PICTURE MAKEUPS**
OCTOBER 28
- **VETERANS DAY OBSERVED**
(NO SCHOOL)
NOVEMBER 9
- **THANKSGIVING BREAK**
NOVEMBER 25-27
- **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**
DECEMBER 1

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Disastrous Diseases: The Spanish Flu

I have a joke about the flu, but I hope you don't get it. *crickets* I'm not funny. I know that, but let's talk about the Spanish Flu.

In 1918, this deadly illness caused destruction in the world. If you think about it, many fascinating events took place that year. For example, hey, World War I! Yes, my friends, the First World War happened the same year as a global pandemic. How fun, right?



Most believe the reason for the whole pandemic is *because* of World War I. Because of the conditions, the soldiers were living in, they came back from the war ill, and this sickness turned into the one and only Spanish Flu. Also, the reason why it is called the *Spanish* Flu isn't that the disease came from Spain, but because Spain was the only country to publicize the disease through their media while the war was happening.

As I mentioned before, "awesome" stuff happened in 1918, e.g. Spanish Flu, World War I, et cetera, but not only did these fun events take place, amazing people were alive at this time.

An example of an amazing person who was alive at this time was, I don't know if you know the guy, but, I think, his name was Bob Ruth or something. Oh, wait, no Babe Ruth, famous for hitting about seven hundred home runs or something. In fact, it has been said that the Great Bambino (Babe Ruth, for you non-baseball fans) contracted the Spanish Flu, not THREE TIMES, not FOUR TIMES, but two times. He contracted it twice :).

Speaking of sports, because of the Spanish Flu, many sports games were canceled which was a big problem for Canadian ice hockey player Joe Hall. In 1919, the world had claimed that the Spanish Flu was over and done away with, but was it really? At the same time as Babe Ruth, Hall was also busy being a sports legend. He played for the Montreal Canadiens, and they were playing game 5 of the Stanley Cup Finals. They were playing against the American Seattle Metropolitans. That morning Hall felt odd, but he brushed this feeling aside, thinking it was just "fatigue" from the previous games in the series.



Now to give a little backstory, the Stanley Cup Finals is best out of five. You may be thinking to yourself "This must be the final game then." Wrong. Previously, the Canadiens and Metropolitans tied in game 4 which meant that they would play six games. Anyway, back to the story, on the day of game 5, Hall felt strange but didn't think of it as the Spanish Flu. After all, the Spanish Flu was over, right?

All throughout the beginning of game 5, Hall felt achy and short of breath, but he was determined to succeed in winning this game. Meanwhile, his body had other plans for him. He collapsed on the ice *gasp*. Team doctors examined Hall and realized he had to be rushed to the hospital without finishing the game. On the other hand, Hall wanted to finish the game, but that could not be arranged. How would his teammates do without one of their star players? Worse? Better?

As a matter of fact, Hall's dedicated teammates were successful in defeating the Americans in game 5. One more game left. Hall was in no shape to play game 6; in fact, many players were not able to play game 6. The game was canceled because many players contracted the Spanish Flu. Hall unfortunately passed away due to this, but, I'm assuming, his hockey legacy still lives on.

The Peculiar Poet

On December 10, 1830, in Amherst, Massachusetts a poet was born. Her name was Emily Elizabeth Dickinson. You may have seen her name in your literature books, and if you've ever read any of her work you will want to read more. Some of her famous poems are; "I'm Nobody! Who are you?," "Because I Could Not Stop for Death," and "Hope is the Thing with Feathers." Most of her poems were about death, immortality, and the passing of time. During her life, her poetry wasn't very popular.

People often called her strange in her hometown and couldn't care less about her work. Emily was a very unique person and chose a different kind of lifestyle. She would always be seen in her hometown wearing all white clothing, and lived a hermit-like life. She wouldn't come downstairs to greet her guest. She would only have conversations through her closed door, and would write letters to her friends, instead of talking face to face. Throughout her life, she only had a small portion of her poems published and kept the others to herself. Most people thought she was untalented because in her poems there were abrupt lines, slanted rhymes, and odd capitalization and punctuation.

Most of her poems are about her personal life. Emily was somebody that usually kept to herself. You can see from the way she lived her life that her poems were pretty personal. She went through a lot of strife at one point and had lost her mother and her favorite niece. A quote she made during these sad times was, "The Dying have been too deep for me, and before I could raise my Heart from one, another has come." Deeply wounded from her losses, Emily became ill and died on May 15, 1886. Before she had passed she told her younger sister Lavinia to burn all of her personal papers after she died.

While Lavinia was getting ready to burn the papers she found her sister's hidden collection of nearly eighteen hundred poems. Realizing her sister had so much potential in her work, she strove to see her sister's work published. In 1890 Emily's work was published and many people became fond of her art. Imagine if your sibling published your personal stuff! I'm not sure how Emily would've reacted about her work being published, but she should be grateful because her poems are still a hit.

Myth Busters: Kronos

Has there ever been a time where you were deathly afraid of your parents? It could have been when your report card came in and showed not very acceptable grades, or when you're caught on your phone or game console late at night when you should have been sleeping. The sheer horror you felt when the door opened.....it sends chills down my spine just thinking about it. Though they may be terrifying at times, our parents love us and try to do what's best for us. The moms and dads of Greek Mythology weren't like that. Some were just terrible people. Today, I will be telling you about the worst dad to ever exist in fiction, and no, I'm not referring to Zeus. This is the story of Kronos, the King of the Titans.



Kronos was the son of Uranus and Gaea. Because his father was a tyrant, Kronos and his mother made a plan to overthrow him. Using a sickle given by his mother, he was able to defeat Uranus and become the new ruler. Everything seemed to be perfect. The gods walked among the humans, and Gaea blessed the land by making it fruitful. But Kronos became suspicious and feared that someone would overthrow him to take his position, and he imprisoned the cyclops and the hecatoncheires in Tartarus to prevent rebellion. After hearing a prophecy that one of his children would overthrow him, Kronos did the only thing he thought was right. He ate his own children. He didn't imprison them or make them swear absolute loyalty to their father. He ATE them. I promise you I'm not making this stuff up. Rhea, Kronos's wife, hid her youngest child on the island of Crete to save him from his father's wrath. That child was Zeus. Years later, Zeus was able to free his siblings and defeat Kronos.

I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say we are *blessed* with the parents God has given us. They may not be perfect, but at least they don't snack on us like saltine crackers. It's a pity that Kronos became a tyrant like his father. Because of his fear and paranoia, he didn't trust anyone. He didn't even trust his own family. 1 John 4:18 says that perfect love casteth out fear because fear hath torment. If we are too caught up in our anxieties and doubts, they will overwhelm us. We can depend on God because He has never given us a reason to doubt Him. Our little fears that make us worry are nothing to God. Our Heavenly Father loves us, and He would never betray us or forsake us.

Alyssa's Antijokes

1. What kind of birds always stick together?
2. What did the nut say when it was chasing the other nut?
3. What kind of tea is hard to swallow?
4. What does a nosey pepper do?
5. What do you call a fake noodle?
6. What do you call an everyday potato?
7. What did the evil chicken lay?
8. What do you call a cow with a twitch?
9. What does a clock do when it's hungry?
10. Why couldn't the bicycle stand up on its own?
11. Why are teddy bears never hungry?

Answer key: 1. Vel-crows 2. I'm a cashew 3. Reality 4. It gets jalapeño business 5. An impasta 6. A commentator 7. Deviled eggs 8. Beef jerky 9. It gets back four seconds 10. It was two tired 11. Because they are always stuffed



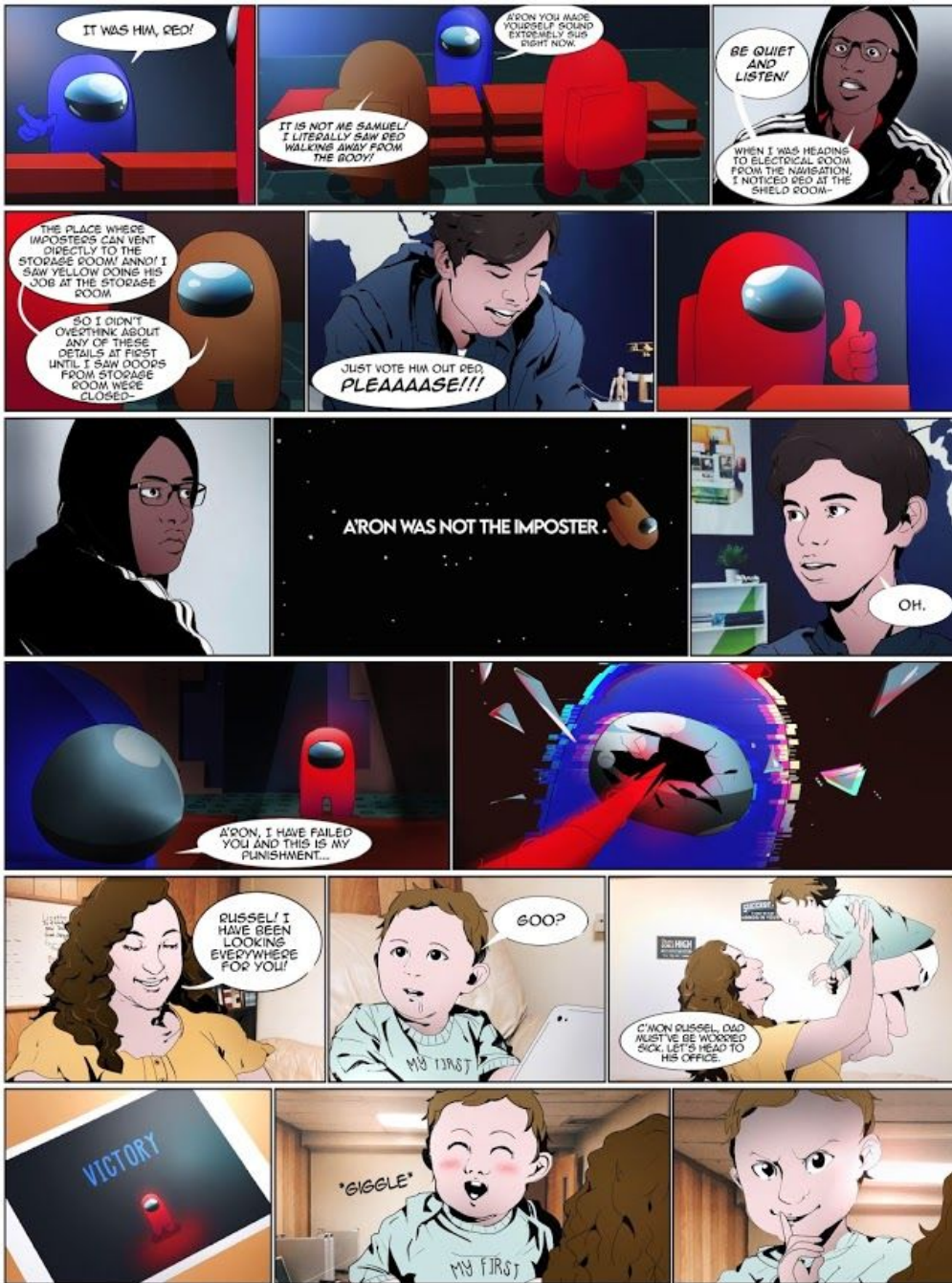
E3

In the late 1990s, video games were blowing up in popularity with many new companies appearing, but there was no way for news about games to be spread out to the public quickly. This all changed when the first Electronic Entertainment Expo (or E3 for short) was hosted on May 11-13, 1995. E3 was a convention where companies could show next generation games and consoles to marketers and customers alike over a span of 3-5 days.



Companies such as Microsoft, Bethesda, Sony, Ubisoft, Square Enix, Nintendo, and other major companies would "fight" for the audience's attention every year. These fights were just presentations of new games, graphics, and even the rare occasion of a new console. E3 was not the first show for video games, but it was the first show to do it right. E3 earned publicity every year it was hosted. Slowly it grew into a main event that everyone enjoyed. So when the news came that E3 was cancelled because of the Coronavirus, gamers were both shocked and disappointed. This was the best way to find out about news for any new games and a way to connect with other fans.

The good news about this is that companies are still trying to get news to fans in their own way. Examples of this are Nintendo's little showcases named Directs, and Sony's stream for their PS5. So many things have either been changed from what we are used to or cancelled, so companies doing things like these for fans shows that they care and are trying their best to give an "E3". Though the news is saddening, it is for our own safety. So as we gamers must wait for another E3, we still have ways to cope with the wait. The most obvious thing we could do is play said games while we wait.



History of Halloween

It's the 31st of October, and we're all in a fright. Check your calendar to learn it's Halloween night. Now, you may ask, "How'd this holiday start?" Explaining it while rhyming will be the fun part. What was once "All Hallow's Eve" on the 13th of May, Was soon changed to October's 31st day. A holiday focused on spirits and drinking, Became a holiday of costumes and less thinking. It grew into a day full of candy, And something that seems fine and dandy. Secretly an excuse to get drunk, Became a day for a candy filled trunk. Watch as kids stuff their faces full with a friend, And end up hyper for weeks on end. As times changed through the years, It became a time full of laughter and tears. Though most don't enjoy the day, You can find fun in your own way. Staying up with friends all night, Or watching a movie that gives you a fright. You may choose to go out Hear an ear piercing shout. Or stay home to rest, In your little bird's nest. You may be annoyed and say "It's not okay." That many choose to commercialize the day. A holiday that was dark originally, Grew into a holiday that fills some with glee. The point's not to look at how the day ends, But at how much fun spent with family and friends. Though I don't do that much during that day, I like to find fun in my very own way. As I finish this report with one last rhyme, I look back on fond memories for a short time.



Mood for Food: Tacos

Tacos, the absolute best thing you can ever eat. Let's taco 'bout the best places to visit to get the most scrumptious tacos on planet earth. 1. Ave 26 Taco Stand, this place is my absolute favorite and I would recommend it to any and all taco lovers. This place offers various types of tacos and for all at the same price of \$1 per taco. 2. Jay's Red Tacos, I personally have never been to this place but I have heard good things about it. They offer vegan tacos, keto tacos, and regular all meat tacos. 3. Last but not least, we have Sonoratown In DTLA. This place offers tacos made out of flour tortillas instead of regular corn tortillas. They have a wide variety of meats and everything served is grilled. There isn't much to this mood for foods because tacos are plain and simple. They're all pretty much the same and just consist of different meats, tortillas, and condiments/toppings. Some tacos are juicer and more savory than others. Thank you for reading this month's mood for foods. :)



Random Facts

1. McDonald's once made bubblegum flavored broccoli
2. There's only one letter that doesn't appear in any U.S. state name
3. The first oranges weren't orange
4. A cow-bison hybrid is called a "beefalo"
5. Peanuts aren't technically nuts
6. Armadillo shells are bulletproof
7. That tiny pocket in jeans was designed to store pocket watches
8. Most Disney characters wear gloves to keep animation simple

Tech Talk: Galaxy Z Flip

Is this the future of phones or a step in the wrong direction?

You may remember that last year I wrote an article on the Galaxy fold. Shortly after that, the first Z Flip came out. The technology has now had about a year to develop. This year they released the sequel to this phone and it comes with a few new upgrades. Aside from standard upgrades like the camera and pixel quality the phone has an improved hinge and a new matte finish. The crease in the middle of the phone is still very prominent, but you can't really notice it in day to day use. The matte finish is also better for aesthetics because the phone is no longer a fingerprint magnet, so it hides bumps and scrapes better. When the phone is closed you can glance at information from a little screen on the front that displays notifications and when it opens it is just a regular phone. As expected this phone is a pretty penny at \$1,180, but it's actually not the most expensive Samsung phone.



The Pros: Construction is good, and the hinge is well engineered. You can fold it and use it as its own tripod. The finish has a clean look, and it is very compact for storage.

The Cons: It's more fragile than a normal phone. The notifications get cut off before you can read them all on the front screen when the phone is closed. It is hard to open with one hand.



Verdict: Here's the thing, although the phone is very usable and well built, I do not recommend buying it for the average consumer because the technology is still much too young. We still have to wait and see where it leads and how it grows. But as of right now this is a great advancement in the world of tech.

"Time for a phone taco." -Samuel Flores

Amy Carmichael

Do you like coffee? Coffee is okay, but it is really useful. For instance, it helps keep you awake while writing this article at 4 A.M. Hm, what, sorry? Anyway, it's useful in getting rid of odors, and oh yeah, it can help you dye your skin brown... "☹️ what?"

In Ireland, Amy Beatrice Carmichael was born on December 16, 1867. Her parents were David and Catherine Carmichael, and they raised Amy as a Presbyterian. Carmichael became a true Christian at the age of fifteen while attending Harrogate Ladies College.

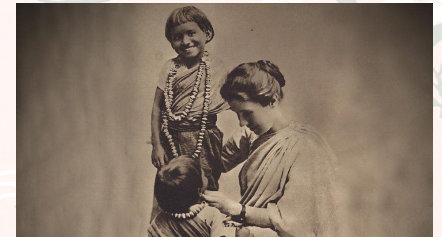
It is very common, in Ireland, for people to have blue eyes. To Carmichael's dismay, she was not born with blue eyes. As a child, she was not happy with this. And she always prayed to ask God to change her brown eyes to blue. But God had greater plans for her.

Later on in her life, in 1887, Carmichael heard about Hudson Taylor's missionary work in China. She was inspired by him, and she decided to work as a missionary to help bring the lost to salvation. She felt God calling her to the country of India where she worked and taught others about Christ. She stayed there for over 50 years without a furlough, and God was with her through it all.

While serving, she saved about a thousand children from becoming temple children. A temple child is a child who was given to the temple by their parents in exchange for "good fortune" from the "gods." These children were treated horribly, and many parents did not care. Their negligence caused misery to their children.

Carmichael was able to sneak into these temples and save them. She used coffee to dye her skin dark brown to disguise herself. And if God had answered her childhood prayers to change her eye color blue, it would have been obvious that she was a foreigner. And this would have hindered her from saving the children.

In 1931, Amy Carmichael fell and was severely injured. She already had arthritis; so this restricted her even more. You would think that she would have to be hospitalized and stop her missionary work, but that is not what happened. For the next twenty years, she continued to do missionary work from her bedroom. She wrote books about her work, and she is also known for writing poetry. It's very encouraging to hear that she used all her strength to tell everyone in India about Jesus.



word search

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

FALL	AUTUMN	PUMPKIN
SPICE	PINE	CONE
CUPCAKE	LEAVES	YELLOW
ORANGE	PIE	APPLE

Riddles

1. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
2. What word begins and ends with an E but only has one letter?
3. What has a neck but no head?
4. What type of cheese is made backwards?
5. What gets wetter as it dries?
6. Why did the boy bury his flashlight?
7. Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?
8. What starts with a P, ends with an E and has thousands of letters?

1. A bottle of Coke
2. A beauty mark
3. A straight A student
4. A dark rain cloud
5. A day of vacation
6. An Extension Cord
7. A pair of sunglasses
8. A screwdriver
9. Batteries not included
10. Go in peace



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Mad Gabs

1. Abe Odd Hull Luck Oak.
2. Abe you team arc.
3. Ace Tray Taste Who Dent.
4. Aid Are Crank Loud.
5. Aid Hay Huff Ache Asian.
6. Annex Tin Chunk Hoard.
7. Ape Arrows Uncle As His.
8. Ask Rude Arrive Her.
9. Bat Tree Snot Ink Looted.
10. Cohen Peas.