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Back-to-School Block Party

- Alexana Fuenmayor and Hawa Paygar

The Back-to-School Block Party was an event that students had been looking forward to for weeks. It was the perfect opportunity to celebrate the start of a new school year, catch up with old friends, and make some new ones. As the day approached, excitement grew, and the anticipation could be felt throughout the school.

Finally, the day arrived! The moment the final bell rang, students rushed to their lockers to put their bags away. They quickly gathered with their friends and made their way to the gym. The hallways were buzzing with energy and enthusiasm, and everyone was eager to start the party.

Upon entering the gym, we were greeted with booming music and flashing lights. Yet, something felt off. The atmosphere was a bit awkward, and people didn't seem to know what to do. Slowly but surely, the mood improved, and along with it came better music. Soon, people started dancing, and the awkwardness faded away. A dance circle formed and those on the more confident side jumped in willingly, while others laughed as they were being pushed in. Everyone whipped out their phones to capture the moment.

This went on for quite some time until the staff began calling students by their grade to get snacks. They called 8th grade first and made their way down to 6th grade. Everyone chugged their ice-cold waters and crunched on their chips while chatting about their experience. Soon, we returned to the gym and continued the fun, only with ten times more energy! Students resumed the dance circle, and even the DJ joined in! The crowd cheered as more and more people began to dance.

While some enjoyed being by themselves in the gym, others played basketball outside. Even in the brief second that we went outside, we caught a glimpse of the pure joy that was going on. Some

students were interviewed, and some said it was fun, while others went on saying that it was boring. There was some friendly competition between friends, but some people just went out to get some air.

Back in the gym, students danced for hours, not even minding the humidity that lingered in the air. Suddenly, the DJ played the most notorious song, the "CHA CHA SLIDE"! Everyone lined up to participate in the dance. Since everyone in the gym participated, no one was left out. Before we knew it, the night was soon going to end. Everyone was beaming with joy and dreading the time when the block party was going to end.

Overall, the Back-to-School Block Party was a thrilling event that students would remember for a long time. It was an excellent way to start the school year and it brought the whole school community together. The event was full of dancing, snacks, and fun! Everyone had an opportunity to let loose and enjoy themselves. Be sure to attend next year!



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Dear Students and Staff of GMS,

Welcome to another year at Grice! To all the 6th graders, we hope you've settled in nicely to our school. If not, don't worry, your comfort zone awaits! Grice has so much in store for you, and one exciting aspect is the Grice Gazette! And, hey! You're reading it right now!

Here at Grice Gazette, we dedicate ourselves to delivering a mix of entertainment, news, and information about the school. In this issue, we will discuss events, such as the Back to School Block Party, Hispanic Heritage Night, the Renaissance Bowling Halloween Event, and much more! Don't forget to explore our entertainment section for poems, short stories, drawings, reviews, and a special persuasive essay! We put so much work into every little part of this issue, and we hope you enjoy it!

Journalistically Yours,
Keyla Sanchez

Welcoming Ms. Skrocki, Our Newest Star on the Team!

- Chiemezu Akamadu and Elizabeth Ding

Greetings, Grice Gladiators! As many of you are aware, we have recently welcomed new members to our Grice Family, including the exceptional gym teacher, Ms. Skrocki. Not only does Ms. Skrocki excel in her role as a gym teacher, but she also contributes to Grice's activities and events throughout our school. The Grice Gazette had the privilege of interviewing Ms. Skrocki!

Q. Did you have an early love for Physical Education?

A. I have always had a passion for sports and exercise. From first grade until college, I participated in Mixed Martial Arts and earned my black belt in eighth grade.

Q. What inspired you to teach at Grice?

A. I was drawn to teaching at Grice because of the people. Working alongside amazing colleagues makes being a teacher more fulfilling and enjoyable!

Q. What do you enjoy most about teaching at Grice?

A. One of the greatest joys of teaching at Grice is observing students learn and have fun in the classroom.

Q. Did you always aspire to be a teacher?

A. Teaching wasn't always my lifelong dream. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do after high school. I only knew that I wanted to work in the fitness and sports industry. After working as a personal trainer for several years, I decided to transition to teaching.

Q. What is the most challenging aspect of being a teacher?

A. The most challenging aspect of teaching is grading! With six classes and 20 or more students per class, grading can be a time-consuming task when there are daily assignments to assess.

We are grateful to have Ms. Skrocki as a part of the Grice Family and appreciate her dedication to our students' physical education and overall well-being. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors as a teacher at Grice and look forward to seeing her continue to inspire and motivate our students!

The Festive Fall Dance

- Olivia Murray

The PTA Fall Dance was the biggest dance in October at Grice Middle School! People rushed to the gym as the bell rang. The dance was from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

At first the DJ played slow music, while Mr. Walker encouraged everyone to dance. Then the DJ played songs from famous artists such as "Barbie World," by Nicki Minaj and Ice Spice, "Just Wanna Rock," by Lil Uzi Vert, "Sorry," by Justin Bieber, and many more. A dance circle formed and everyone crowded around to watch as different people from different grades showed off their dance moves. They served pizza and snacks to everyone who bought VIP tickets and I heard the pizza was delicious! If they did not buy a VIP ticket, they stayed in the gym and continued to dance with their friends. As students started to get tired from dancing, they were able to sit on the bleachers and along the wall to socialize with their friends.

Overall, the dance was very upbeat and eventful! Thank you to the Grice PTA for sponsoring this great event!



Fiesta of Culture: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Night

- Diana Galvez

September 15 is a dedicated celebration honoring the accomplishments and contributions of Hispanic Americans who have inspired others to achieve their dreams and freedom. This month-long celebration, known as Hispanic Heritage Month, extends until October 15, which makes this a beautiful and meaningful 30-day celebration!

At Grice Middle School, we organized an event, Hispanic Heritage Night, to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month. This festive occasion featured amazing music, delicious food, games of Kahoot and captivating dances. We also were able to learn some new intriguing facts about the culture. After a brief 20 minutes, the excitement reached its peak as everyone played Kahoot! Everyone was feeling extra competitive, however, it was an unforgettable and enjoyable evening for all regardless of the outcome!

Next, the Grice Middle School band played some astonishing music. The GMS band is made up of both 7th and 8th graders. Following the band, the GMS Choir took the stage and sang some catchy lyrics that had us all singing along in our heads. The GMS Choir included all of the 8th grade vocal students.

Eventually, some talented women were dancing Tango and Flamenco, a type of Spanish dance. Tango is a dance where the dancers must dance close or open to each other. On the other hand, Flamenco dance is different because the dancers have to clap or stomp their feet while they dance to the music. The dancers did a wonderful job. They danced very beautifully and they encouraged the crowd to follow their movements. However, the most interesting part is that the dancers used an instrument called Castanuelas. A Castanuela is an instrument that has two rounded curved bowls that produce a sound when tapped together.

Lastly, the people attending the event moved to the cafeteria to eat some delicious Hispanic food. The food was so good, it left the guests craving more! Personally, I had a remarkable time and I highly recommend attending next year to experience the festivities firsthand!

Sweet Moments at the Ice Cream Social

- Elizabeth Ding

On October 11th, the 6th-grade students participated in a highly exciting event known as the "Ice Cream Social." This was a much-awaited event that had been planned for weeks. As the name suggests, it was all about ice cream. The delightful treat was chocolate and vanilla ice cream, and students had the opportunity to customize their ice cream with various toppings, including chocolate sauce, gummy bears, sprinkles, maraschino cherries, mini marshmallows, and of course, whipped cream!.

Aside from indulging in an ice cream sundae, students also engaged in various outdoor activities like playing football, soccer, and frisbee in the sun. It was a great way for students to bond with each other and enjoy the beautiful weather. Some students even made a "dance circle" near the DJ, where a few students would showcase their dance moves in the center, while their peers formed a massive circle around them to watch. The energy was contagious and everyone truly had a great time!

The staff involved in organizing this event did a fantastic job, offering the students a chance to take a temporary step away from their studies and simply relax! It helped to provide an opportunity for the students to build new friendships, create lasting memories, and of course, savor some delicious ice cream!

Special thanks go to Ms. Bingaman and Mrs. Eichhorn for organizing the event, the 6th-grade teachers for helping to make this day a huge success, and the families who donated toppings. But most importantly, a sincere thank you to the PTA who sponsored the first annual "Sixth Grade Ice Cream Social!" It was a memorable day that will be cherished by the students for years to come.

Turkey Shoot Showdown

- Marloune Bosquet and Ashley Ortiz Pleitez

What exactly is the Turkey Shoot? The Turkey Shoot is an annual basketball game where the teachers go against the 8th-grade students. On November 22nd, Grice hosted its annual game during the 6th through 9th periods.

At the Turkey Shoot, some of the 8th graders played music and maintained the scoreboard. Meanwhile, while the teachers and students played, the teachers destroyed the 8th graders! The game was intense, with the score constantly changing.

In the beginning, the 8th graders were winning, before the teachers took the lead. The two teams, teachers and students, were broken into a girl team and a boy team. The 8th grade girls played the girl teachers, and the 8th-grade boys played the boy teachers. The star players were Mrs. Dill and Mr. King. Mrs. Dill continuously made shots by being able to go from one side of the court to the other without losing the ball. Mr. King was good at defense. He was good at blocking the person who had the ball so they could not see where to shoot or who to pass the ball to. Both teams did great, but in the end, the teachers won 46-32.

The turkey shoot was a great way to make money for the school. This money was used so Grice could plan the Thanksgiving food drive. If you didn't go, next year you should definitely go! It was a great experience for the teachers and students. Please, always remember: Pride + Spirit = Excellence!



Baking a Difference: Cookies for a Cause

- Marloune Bosquet

Did you know that in 2009, Oreo cookies were part of a massive blind test in Madrid, Spain? Did you know that this blind test included 1,471 people? This taste test, marking the largest in recorded history, showcased the popularity of this iconic cookie!

Well lucky for you. You have had and will continue to have the opportunity to indulge in Oreo cookies (and other cookies) while contributing to a meaningful cause! On October 27th, November 17th, and December 15th, the Grice Middle School Student Council is selling Oreos and other cookies for \$1.00 each. All the money earned will be donated to the Holiday Toy Drive, which will help all the families in need during the holiday season!

As the years go by more and more families, including Grice families, are living in poverty. As a way to help, our Grice Student Council is trying to give back! If you want to support this cause and enjoy some delicious cookies, make sure to bring in money to support our last and final Cookies for a Cause fundraiser on December 15th. Each cookie costs only \$1.00, but can make a huge difference in someone's life this holiday season!



Next Cookie for a Cause Sale:



Pink Power for Breast Cancer Awareness

- Hailey Mattes

Every year in the United States, approximately 240,000 women and 2,100 men are diagnosed with breast cancer. Because breast cancer has a significant impact on numerous lives, October has been recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. During this month there are many initiatives to help raise awareness and support for this disease. But, how did Grice support this cause?

On October 27th, Grice's Student Council organized a "Pink Out" event, a school wide effort to promote breast cancer awareness. The purpose of the "Pink Out" was to spread awareness about breast cancer and show support for those currently battling the disease. During the "Pink Out", students and teachers were seen wearing various shades of pink! Students choose to wear pink shirts, hoodies, and even accessories. Some went the extra mile by applying pink eye black, using pink hair chalk, or wearing pink pre-wrap! Some people also drew or colored the breast cancer symbol, the pink ribbon, on their faces, hands, arms, legs, basically anywhere!

Participating in this event was a great way to show unity, but also provided a way to connect with new friends, discover more about breast cancer, and to actively contribute to raising awareness.



GMS Renaissance Program Recognizes Rising Stars

- Roxanne Burak

Do you know why you get a colored incentive card every marking period? This is because of the Grice Renaissance Program. The Renaissance Program is a research-based, nationally acclaimed incentive program. Grice adopted this program years ago as a way to improve student achievement, meet or exceed attendance goals, and encourage positive student behavior. Let's explore this program further.

First of all, you need to know about the Renaissance incentive cards. You may have known about them, but did you know why you earn certain cards? Your academic performance, attendance, and discipline all affect what type of card you get. Here's how it goes:

ACADEMICS:	ATTENDANCE:	DISCIPLINE:
Academics are used to determine card placement each marking period.	Attendance is used to determine card placement per marking period.	Discipline is used to determine card placement each marking period.
ALL A'S = PINK CARD B'S OR BETTER = GREEN CARD C'S OR BETTER = YELLOW CARD D'S OR BETTER = ORANGE CARD ONE OR MORE F'S = NO CARD	0-3 ABSENCES = STAY ON CURRENT CARD 4-7 ABSENCES = DOWN 1 CARD LEVEL 8-10 ABSENCES = DOWN 2 CARD LEVELS 11-13 ABSENCES = DOWN 3 CARD LEVELS 14+ ABSENCES = NO CARD	ANY DISCIPLINARY INFRACTION DURING THE MARKING PERIOD = NO CARD

Next, you should know about the incentives related to the Renaissance Program. Each card has various rewards for you. Some of these include: special recess privileges, getting to wear a hat, and an oops pass! Recently, during lunch, if you had your Renaissance card, you were able to pick a snack from the snack cart.

Lastly, we also have the chance to participate in various events. Some of these events are during school hours and other events are after school at various places, like Hamilton Lanes. In October, if you showed your Renaissance card, you were able to look at a container full of candy and make a guess at how many pieces of candy were in the bowl! The student who was the closest won the container! At the end of the year, there will be an event called the Incentive Day. Based on the entire school year, students may be invited to participate! This should serve as some motivation to stay on the ball all year long!

In conclusion, the Renaissance Program is a great motivator! Remember, to maintain good grades, to come to school every day (as long as you are feeling well), and be on your best behavior!

Renaissance Bowling Event Strikes a Spooktacular Success at Grice Middle School

- Ms. Bingaman

On October 27th, Grice Middle School's Renaissance Program hosted the highly-anticipated Halloween Bowling Event at Hamilton Lanes. Between 6 PM to 8 PM, students and family members gathered for an evening filled with laughter, friendly competition and Halloween vibes!

Bowling took on a whole new level of excitement, as students hit the lanes with their friends, decked out in an array of costumes. The lanes saw a diverse parade of characters, with students dressing as Coraline, football players, and even Marshmello. The event didn't stop at bowling; guests were able to enjoy the arcade and had the opportunity to order delicious food.

One of the highlights of the night was the Halloween costume contest that allowed the students to unleash their creativity. The first-place winner, dressed as the mischievous Chucky doll, took home a \$50 Visa Gift Card along with a stash of candy. Meanwhile, second and third place winners were rewarded with containers filled to the brim with a variety of candies. In addition to the costume contest, the event featured an exciting raffle courtesy of the Hamilton YMCA. Just for attending the event, the students' names were entered into a raffle. Students had the chance to win a free three month membership to the local YMCA in Hamilton. Five lucky winners were rewarded with free access to the YMCA facilities.

Approximately 60 students and their family members showed up, contributing to the event's success! The Renaissance Bowling Event provided a memorable occasion for students and families to come together, fostering a sense of community. It was evident that this spooktacular event would be remembered by all of the guests!



Battle of the Books

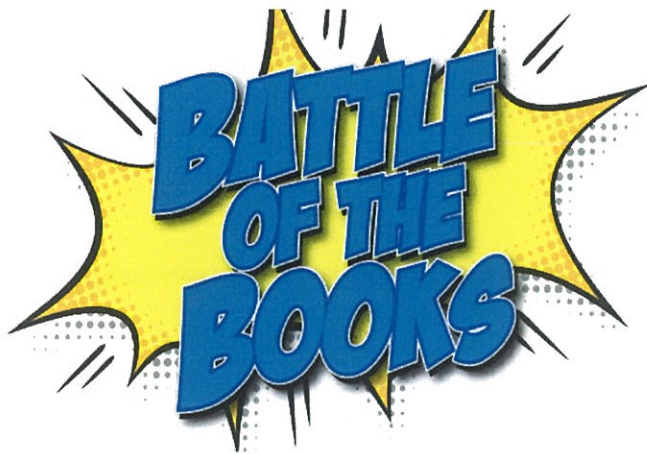
- Keyla Sanchez

Hey there! Ever wish reading could be more enjoyable and rewarding? Well, look no further - consider joining the Battle of the Books club! Held every other Wednesday, this club gives its members a fun way to approach books. You are given a book to read for a specific period of time, and once everyone is finished reading, all of the members participate in a final assessment or project based on the chosen book.

Right now, the book being read is *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman. This book is a hilarious novel that follows a group of troubled students and their unconventional teacher, Mr. Kermit. The story revolves around this group of students navigating their way through learning, all while getting caught up in crazy shenanigans.

The members in the Battle of the Books club have decided that everyone will make a board game inspired by the novel. The students will be able to play each other's board games to determine which member's board game is the most fun and most creative. The winner may even get their game published!

This is the first year of Battle of the Books, so plenty of experimenting will go down to make this club truly unique to Grice! So, why not give it a shot? Join your peers in Mrs. Cesaro-Golding's room, B102, every other Wednesday, at 3:15-4:00 PM. Be sure to see Mrs. Cesaro-Golding for more information!



Dear Grice Advice,

I need help fixing a problem I have. Recently, I've been having a hard time with studying. I'm having trouble staying focused and on task. I feel like I can do better, but I'm not sure how to solve this. I've been to all my classes on time and haven't been absent this year. Since I am getting bad grades because of this issue, I'd like to ask, do you have any tips to help with studying? Thank you!

**Sincerely,
Struggling Studier**

Dear Struggling Studier,

We are happy to give you some tips and hopefully, your grades will improve! Here are some ideas:

Firstly, create a study plan. This will help you be more on top of your schoolwork and will be less stressful, so make sure to stick to it! Another tip is that you must pay close attention during a lesson. If you doze off or go to the bathroom, you could miss important information. Another tip is that you can download an app called "Five Star." I highly recommend doing this because it is super helpful. It's the school supply brand that sells notebooks. However, this app allows you to take pictures of your in-person notes and flashcards. One last tip that helps us is being organized. When your papers are messy they can rip, crumple, or get lost. If you are organized it will be easier for you to find the notes you need in order to study!

Hope these tips help! If you work towards your goal, you will achieve it! Good luck with studying, and make sure to take breaks.

**Sincerely,
Grice Advice**

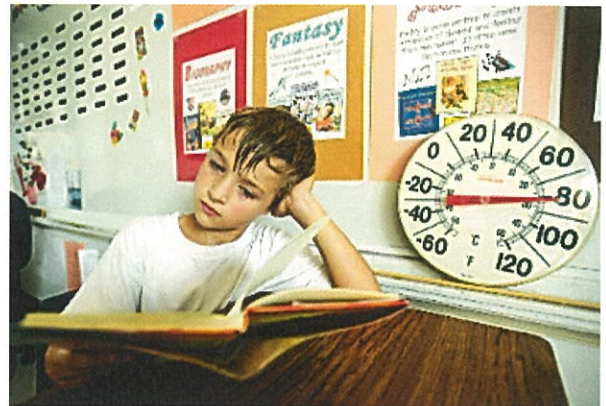
Persuasive Essay: Let's Keep It Cool in School

- Salma Abdelnabi, Talia Falaise, Daphne Hrabar,
Emmieli Romero and Peyton Szul

It's hot. You're sweaty. Everyone's sweaty. It smells. You feel lightheaded because of how hot you are. Your head drops. And why, exactly, do we have to go through this on the hot days? Because the school doesn't have air conditioning. A question that everyone is asking is: why can we get better security guards and metal detectors but not air conditioning? There are some valid reasons for getting the metal detectors, but teachers, students, staff, and even parents have been complaining about heat issues in the building. Even though it will be expensive, getting air conditioning could change the school in many beneficial ways!

One reason we need air conditioning is that if there was air conditioning in all of the classrooms at Grice, not just some, our learning would drastically improve because we are more productive if we are in a room with a comfortable temperature. We would also be able to spend more time in school on hot days. When the temperature is high, we're forced to make the day a half day, but with air conditioning, we would be able to stay in school for a longer period of time. If the classrooms were air-conditioned, it would help us focus better to learn more effectively. Additionally, it's not just the kids who have been complaining about the air conditioning, it's also teachers. Teachers have to spend more time in the classroom than any student does. The classroom is their office. Shouldn't a person have air conditioning in their own office? After all, we're trying to learn and teach, but that's hard if it's really hot and uncomfortable. Another reason we need air conditioning is that excessive heat can cause problems for your health. Being stuck in a classroom with a high temperature can cause health issues, such as heat stroke, faintness, and dehydration. This could add to the discomfort as well!

But what is the problem? Why can't we just get air conditioning? Money. Of course, air conditioning will cost money, but there are simple solutions to help us earn that money. Some ideas are that you could have a school fundraiser every other month! I'm sure lots of people would be more than happy to donate some money for the benefit of the school, teachers, and students! We could host various school activities like raffles, games, and maybe even a carnival! We are certain that when students and staff hear that an event is a fundraiser for air conditioning, they will be delighted to help out. All these ideas can help us move one step closer to getting the air conditioning we need!



Just Jokin'

- Melissa Butler

Q: What did the evil chicken lay?

A: DEVILED eggs!

Q: Why shouldn't you trust a tree?

A: They're often pretty shady!

Q: What's the first sign your house is haunted?

A: Your sheets are missing!

Q: Where do you learn to make ice cream?

A: SUNDAE school!

Q: What did the one toilet say to the other toilet?

A: You're looking kind of FLUSHED!

Cinnamon Apple Waffles

- Talia Falaise

Imagine - you wake up in the morning on a weekend, and it's really, *really* cold. You don't want to get out of bed and leave your cozy nest of blankets and pillows, so maybe you'll just sleep in until 11 am.... But wait. Cinnamon and sugar wafts into your room. Maybe getting up is a good idea after all. Try this delicious recipe to get your fall mornings off to a cozy start!

Ingredients for Waffles:

- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons of packed light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 3/4 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Ingredients for Cinnamon Apple Topping:

- 5 medium (about 7 cups) apples, peeled, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Waffle Directions:

1. Cut 1 stick unsalted butter into 8 pieces and place in a small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave until melted, 30 to 45 seconds, or just melt it on the stove in a small pan/pot. Set aside to cool slightly while you prepare the batter.
2. Place the flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl and whisk, breaking up any lumps of brown sugar.
3. Place eggs, milk, and vanilla extract in a medium bowl and whisk to combine. While whisking constantly, slowly pour in the melted butter. Add the egg mixture to the flour mixture and stir just until well combined.
4. Heat the waffle iron according to the manufacturer instructions. Coat the surface of the waffle iron with cooking spray. Pour in the amount of batter recommended in the manufacturer instructions. Close the lid and cook until the waffle is golden-brown.

Cinnamon Apple Topping Directions:

1. Combine all cinnamon apples ingredients in a saucepan. Cook for 15-20 minutes over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the apples are tender.

Finally, it's time to enjoy your waffles!

Falling for Crafting

- Talia Falaise

Leaf Stickers:

Materials:

- Parchment Paper
- Leaves
- Clear Tape
- Scissors

Directions:

1. Grab the parchment paper and place it flat on the table. Stick the tape onto the paper and make sure it's big enough so that you can fit your leaf on it.
2. Place your leaf on the tape, making sure that the whole leaf is able to fit.
3. Stick a second layer of tape on the leaf.
4. Finally, cut it out!

Acorn and Pinecone Garland

Materials:

- String
- Acorns
- Pinecones
- Hot Glue
- Scissors

Directions:

1. Cut the string to whatever length you're satisfied with.
2. Get an acorn or a pinecone and hot glue the top or bottom to the string.
3. Make sure to space out the items before hot gluing!
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3.



Corpse Bride

- Salma Abdelnabi

It's Halloween night and you just got done trick or treating. It is chilly outside and the foggy clouds cover the moon. You are sitting down with your family staring at the TV... waiting. What to watch? *Addams Family*? No, too childish. *Scream*? Also no, way too scary for a night like this. Oh! How about *Corpse Bride*? Perfect choice. You grab the remote and turn the movie on. Your dad starts asking what happens in EVERY SINGLE SCENE. So you give him a good summary without spoiling the ending.

Victor's and Victoria's (the main characters) families have arranged their marriage at a young age, although they never knew or liked each other. Victor's parents were delighted yet anxious that their son was getting married; however, Victoria's family just wanted Victor's family's money and did not like them. At the wedding rehearsal, Victor was nervous and was not able to get anything right. He accidentally dropped the ring and he dropped the candle which lit his mother-in-law's gown on fire. Victor gets frightened and leaves quickly. He runs into the woods and starts talking to himself to calm down so he starts practicing his wedding vows on his own. As he practices Victor sees a tree root that looks like a hand and places the ring on it. The tree branch started to move and grabbed Victor's wrist. A corpse bride, Emily, slowly emerges from the ground wearing a wedding dress. As Emily rose from the grave, she told Victor that she was now his wife. Victor tries to run away but Emily is still there. Victor then passes out and appears in the land of the dead. Emily falls in love with Victor but Victor isn't attracted to her. Victor must go back to the regular world before Victoria marries the dreadful (Villain) Barkis Bittern.

So, do you think Victor is going to make it out or will he fall in love with Emily and stay with the dead forever? This movie is one of my favorites to watch during this time of year or anytime of the year! So what are you waiting for? Grab your popcorn and turn your TV on to watch this awesome family-friendly movie.



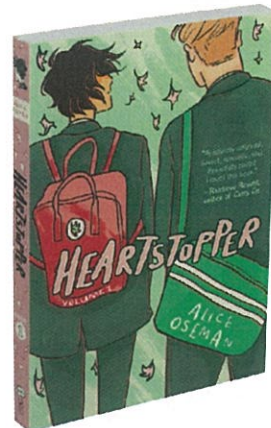
Heartstopper

- Daphne Hrabar

Heartstopper, by Alice Oseman, is a graphic novel that came out in August 2019. The *Heartstopper* series is about two British school boys, a jock, Nick Nelson, and a nerd, Charlie Spring, who recently came out. They started to form a close friendship despite their apparent differences when they were seated next to each other in class while enrolled at Truham Grammar School for boys.

Nick is on the rugby team at their school and when Charlie develops a massive crush on Nick, he joins the rugby team, as well. When Charlie finds out that Nick has a dog, Nellie, he is invited to his house to meet her. While hanging out, it starts to snow where they have a great snowy day together. This is when Nick realizes that he likes Charlie.

Later at a party, Nick and Charlie sneak off to discuss their feelings. However, Nick's friends come looking for him and their conversation is cut short. Charlie doesn't hear from Nick until he shows up at his house to confess his feelings. They continue their relationship in secret until they finally confess their feelings to their friends. They then become known as "Nick and Charlie." *Heartstopper* is now a series. I really enjoyed reading the graphic novels and I think you would enjoy reading them as well! Plus, once you finish the series you can check out the series on *Netflix*.



“Haunted... Slide?”

- Francesca Tylutki

“Marissa, should we go to the haunted house next week?” Leah asked over the phone.

“Yeah, sure!” Marissa answered eagerly.

The week flew by fast, and soon, Marissa’s parents were driving her to the Haunted House. When they arrived, Marissa’s parents dropped her off, warning her not to get into trouble, and drove away. It was 6:30 PM. “Come on, Leah, let’s go inside!” Marissa called.

They walked to the front of the house, stopping at the entrance. “Are you sure about this?” Leah asked, sounding nervous.

“Oh come on, this can’t possibly be any scarier than *last* year!” Marissa laughed.

They entered the first room. “This is *so* lame!” Leah giggled. The room was dark, and it was covered in obviously fake stuff, like skeletons. As they walked down a hallway, they came across a trapdoor.

“Oh come on, can we please open it?” Marissa begged. Reluctantly, Leah agreed. They opened the trapdoor, and it led to a slide. They agreed to slide down it, but it seemed to go on forever! “Leah?!” Marissa gulped. No one answered. Leah was not next to her. Marissa panicked.

After what felt like forever, she was finally off of the creepy slide. She looked at her phone, which had stopped working on the slide. It was 10:00?! She found Leah nearby, and they freaked out. Marissa called her parents to take them both home, and they agreed to never go back there again.

“Fall”

- Alexana Fuenmayor

As the ocean starts to cool

The leaves start to fall

The autumn wind calls.

It’s soon the season for warm wool

Along with fire pits in the woods.

Summer memories are all you can recall.

Preparing yourself for Thanksgiving goods,

The aroma of pumpkin spice is all.

The sky darkens hastily,

Even so the stars shine bright.

The moon glows gracefully.

The afternoon sky is a luxurious sight.

Even the trees dance playfully.

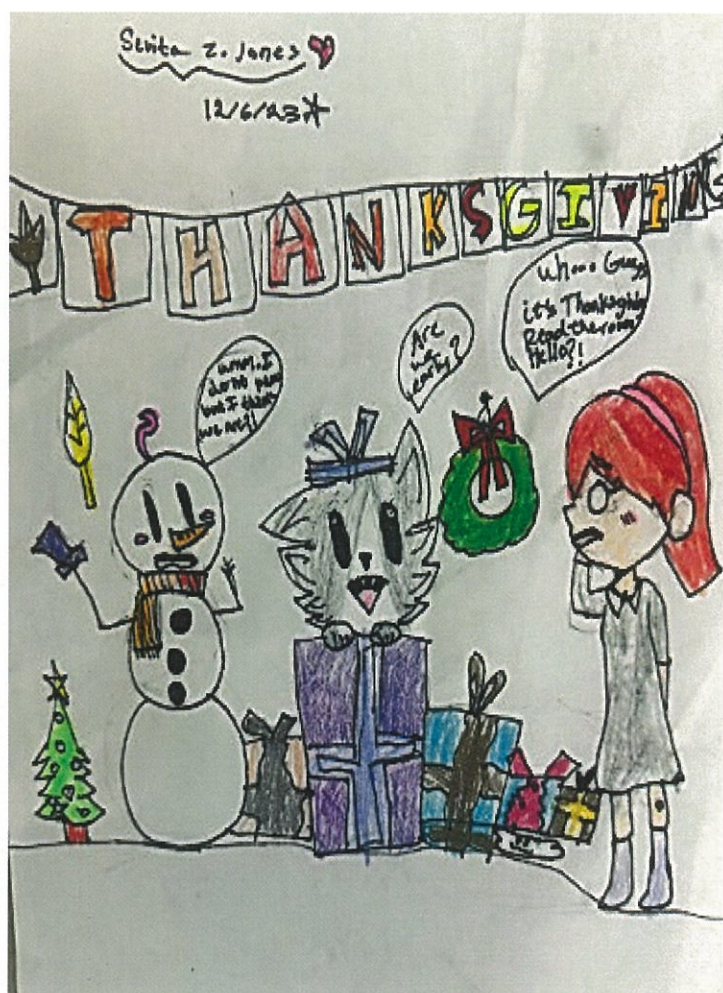
I will look back at these times with pure delight.



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Grice Gazette Fall 2023 Trivia!

For your chance to win a prize, please complete the linked Google Form with your answers to the trivia questions.

There will be one student winner and one staff winner! Submit your answers [here](#)!

QUESTION 1:

Daylight Savings Time ends each November. Do we gain an hour or lose an hour?

QUESTION 2:

What is the full moon that occurs closest to the Autumn Equinox?

QUESTION 3:

In what U.S. state is the world's largest corn maze, typically open in the fall?

QUESTION 4:

Which country holds the record for the world's largest pumpkin?

QUESTION 5:

What is the weight of the largest pumpkin pie ever made?