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Remote vs. In School Instruction By Angelyna Baffo

Finally! The day has come when (most of us) can go back to school. It has taken a while, but it happened. A lot of us are happy about this change, considering all of the negative aspects of remote learning. For example, problems would occur daily from distractions like younger siblings, pets and *other* people on Zoom at the same time. Not to mention the internet struggles. Being at home can also get very lonely. It is easy to see why people think that being in school is better. However, some people have other opinions. Let's hear what the fifth and sixth graders at Lincoln School have to say about it. Many of us are happy about

Question: How do you feel about going back to school?

Answers:

-I feel good about it. I feel good about it because I'm not home all day and I get to interact with people my age instead of my mom and sister.

-I feel good about going to school due to me not going outside enough. Also, I want to see my friends again. I miss the feeling of getting up for school.

-I do not feel like going back to school is a good idea because the virus will be able to spread quicker.

-It's better than staying at home and having different types of internet connection.

-In a way, I feel good about going to school. Because, during covid.. a lot of kids didn't have social interaction with other kids. So, when we go back to school.. it gives them a chance to talk to someone, finally. But, once again you can't always talk in school.

-I don't feel so great about going back to school because I have to walk all around the school and wait on bathroom lines and risk myself to covid.

-I really like it because I feel more productive.

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Question: Are there any bad parts about going back to school? If so, what?

Answers:

-The only bad parts about going to school is that you have to wake up earlier than you do online.

-There are. You have to wear the mask all the time.

-The reason why I say there is a bad thing when you go back to school is because I think the rooms are too small so you can't really fit all of the kids and spacing them out is even worse.

-No there are no bad parts about going to school.

-Yes, and it's getting exhausting to the point where you can't do work anymore due to exhaustion. Then your grade lowers, and you need to deal with that.

-Getting Covid. Because people already got it.

-Being six feet apart and not talking to your friends

Question: Was it better having school at home?

Answers:

-A tiny bit.

-Well the opportunity to be with family is great so YES

-It is definitely not better having school at home. I can't focus when I'm home and I don't have any motivation. I'm tired.

-Yes it is

-In my opinion it wasn't better having school at home because I had internet problems and it kept kicking me out the zoom. I kept getting distracted so I think it's best that we're in real school.

-Ehh it was ok. I like school and virtual both.

-No because it was boring and noisy.

As you can see, everyone feels differently about going back to school. Some people think that it is a good thing, others do not. Either way, going back to school is a sign that things are starting to get better.

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Ms. Know-it-all
An Anonymous Roosevelt Student Whom Knows It All



Dear Miss Know It All,

I'm having an extremely hard time expressing my feelings, and I always end up pushing them aside so that I could help others with theirs. I don't like to talk to anyone about my feelings because of the fact that I'm afraid they won't take it seriously or not understand at all. Any tips?

-Cynthia:))

Dear Cynthia,

Expressing your feelings, feels like it's the hardest thing to do. But believe it or not, it's easy. The way to deal with them depends on the feeling you have. If you're feeling sad or angry, try talking to one of your closest friends (or family!). They know you best. If it is about a crush, try talking to them. Personally, I would go straight to the point. Walk up to them and say something like "Hey, I need to tell you something." then go somewhere a little more private and just tell them. But because of quarantine, you'll have to call or text him/her. I don't know exactly what feeling you are talking about, but I will try my best to help. It's a good thing to help others with their feelings, but try never to put yours aside. As I said before, go talk to one (or more) of your closest friends or a close member of your family. They should understand. If you ever go on and admit

what you are feeling, make sure to tell them you're serious, just in case they think you're not. Some people might not understand, but that's what I'm here for. As well as your family and your teachers. We are all here for you. Something might feel a little difficult, but you'll always have someone who will understand.

- Miss Know It All

Dear Miss Know It All,

Can you write a simple math calculation for black holes? Thanks.

-Eric Li

Dear Eric Li,

I really hope I'm not doing your homework for you, or any form of schoolwork for that matter. The radius of a black hole is related to its mass by the simple formula $R = 3 M$, where M is the mass of the black hole in units of the sun's mass, and R is the radius of the Event Horizon in kilometers. I'm not a mathematician, so I have to give credit to google for this answer.

-Miss Know It All

Dear Miss Know It All,

Hi again! Thank you for the help you gave me. Now, my cousins and I talk a lot more! Well, I just wanted to thank you and ask who you are and why are you so good at this?

-Contact Trouble

Dear Contact Trouble,

I'm so glad my advice was able to get you and your family to chat more. As I cannot reveal my identity, just know my advice, much like my character, I am very true at heart.

-Miss Know It All

Dear Miss Know It All,

How do I get better in among us?

-Johan

While I do not know of this "Among us" game, I would say to practice. Play more. Try playing with someone who knows the game very well, and have them teach you.

-Miss Know It All

Dear Miss Know It All,

What's the best way to deal with the remote learning boredom?

-A student

Dear A student,

I totally understand where you're coming from, because I suffer from the same as well. I like to give myself personal challenges to meet by the end of the day or the end of the week. For example, I try to raise my grade by one point every week. I set up online study groups with friends, I make deals with my parents for extra desserts or computer time at the end of a school day. I also talk about my feelings a lot, so they don't bottle up and drive me crazy.

-Miss Know It All

Dear Miss Know It All,

Do you know shrek? I'm kidding but do you know the meaning of life ????????

-Jack

Dear Jack,

I do in fact know the movie Shrek! But to move to your real question, the actual meaning of life is to fulfill your purpose in life and accomplish your goals. What I mean by this is, everyone has a purpose of why they are living. None of us will be here if we all didn't have a purpose.

-Miss Know It All

Dear Miss Know It All,

What is your favorite book? Why do you like this book, and why would you recommend it?

-Afreeen

Dear Afreeen,

One of my favorites is my collection of 20 Shakespear Children's stories. They have been simplified, narrated, and illustrated for young readers which allows us to enjoy one of the greatest playwrights to have ever lived, William Shakespear. Just to name a few, you can read Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet, The Tempest, and King Lear, these are some of his classics even though all of them are.

- Miss Know It All

Dear Miss Know It All,

How old are you and where do you work?

-Ms.IDk

Dear Ms. IDk

You can find my age between the ages of 9 and 16. Currently I am unemployed, but i'm a full time student.

-Miss Know It All

Dear Miss Know It All,

Help! I miss my friends! We're in different homerooms, and the times we get to spend together are rare. Yes, I know, Zoom and FaceTime exist, but they're...boring! How can I make virtual hangouts fun?

-Jazlin

Dear Jazlin,

Some ways to make virtual hangouts fun are, play charades, put on a concert, host a dance party, bake up a storm, do a sing along, or try doing a magic show, just to name a few. I hope this helps! Hope your next hangout is awesome!

-Miss Know It All

Dear Miss Know It All,

When is the virus going to end?

-Tyler

Dear Tyler,

No one is able to answer for sure when the virus will end, however there are thousands of people a day getting vaccinated so we can only hope to be out and about by the end of summer.

-Miss Know It All

Dear Miss Know It All,

How do I make teachers happy?

-Aaron

Dear Aaron,

First of all, you need to make sure you complete all work. Be on time. Be respectful. Help out whenever you can. Participate. But most of all, always try your best, and the teachers will be on your side.

Dear Miss Know It All,

Hi Ms. Know-it-all. How do I control anger? I'm just asking this question because my sister kind of you know... annoys me and then blames me for it. Thanks.

-EL

Dear EL,

I have a sibling who annoys me as well. I cannot say that we don't fight, but most times I find a common ground. Whether that means I play what they want me to play, or I get creative and make up a game to include everyone. But it is always important to take a minute to breathe. Think before you act.

-Miss Know It All

Lincoln School's New Principal, Dr. Ferraro By Vanessa Pozas and Julianna Marin

This year, Lincoln School has welcomed a new principal. Since we don't know much about our new principal, we thought we would try to get to know him. Now that you know the basics, let's look at the results of our interview with Dr. Ferraro.

If you were wondering, Dr. Ferraro didn't grow up in Ridgefield Park. He grew up in Fort Lee, New Jersey, a few towns over. As a child, Dr. Ferraro enjoyed math the most, and was even in honors math. He stated that he liked that math was like a puzzle. Everything had a solution. After grade school, and high school, Dr. Ferraro attended Ramapo College of New Jersey and got his Bachelor's Degree. Then, he attended St. Peter's University and earned two master's degrees and a doctorate.

After he graduated he started his career in education; eleven years, impressive, right? Dr. Ferraro was a substitute teacher, a teacher assistant, a guidance counselor, a social studies teacher, and lastly, a Dean of students. From all these experiences, in his words, they made him a better educator. We were also wondering, why did he want to become a principal? He said that he is passionate about educating, enjoys helping teachers, and is excited to lead our school to success. Dr. Ferraro's daily routine as a principal consists of checking the classrooms at Lincoln School, meeting with teachers, and answering emails. He stressed he receives a lot of emails. His inspiration is seeing the smiles on people's faces. He seems very passionate about his career in education and we are more than ready to see what he will come up with to give Lincoln School that extra flare.

Dr. Ferraro has many hobbies and interests. He enjoys nature activities, like hiking and sightseeing. His hikes mainly take place at Palisades, and he likes to sightsee around the country. Another hobby of his is to workout. Due to COVID-19, Dr. Ferraro has a home gym where he works out now. Before COVID-19, he took his energy to 24-Hour Fitness. One unusual hobby of his is crabbing. Crabbing is very unusual to us because we've never heard of it before, but basically all you have to do is tie a chicken drumstick on a rope as bait and throw it in the water. It's basically like fishing, except with no fishing pole and no worms. Did you have anything in common with Dr. Ferraro?

As you all know, schools have been closed (or in hybrid) due to COVID-19, so we can't really have many in-person activities, but when this is over, Dr. Ferraro hopes to bring some fun events to Lincoln School. A few of his ideas include a teacher versus student basketball game, more principal challenges, and dances. He would also like to bring clubs to Lincoln School. He brought the Scarlet Quill Jr. Club to Lincoln School, so we are excited to see what other clubs may open. If you are a student at Lincoln School, there might be a lot of things to expect in the coming years.

We learned quite a few things from our interview and we hope you did too. Dr. Ferraro is passionate, adventurous, and hard working. In his words, "If you stay dedicated, you can achieve your goals."

New Finding of the Fireball Meteor by Afreen Akhtar

On February 28, people in Northern Europe saw a bright light flying across the sky. It was a **fireball** - a bright meteor, which was falling onto Earth. Scientists now have found a rock from that exact fireball in a driveway in England.

It all happened late last month, on February 28th around 10pm, when a rare and spectacular fireball lit up the night sky, over the United Kingdom, and many parts of northern Europe. Scientists are now finding bits and pieces from the meteor, and some Scientists are calling it "the building blocks of life."

The U.K. Fireball Alliance determined the **extraterrestrial rock** zoomed to Earth from the outer regions of the asteroid belt — located between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter.

An extremely rare part of the meteor was found in a driveway in Gloucestershire. It weighed only 10.6 ounces. This special type of meteorite is known as a **carbonaceous chondrite**. Sara Russell, a museum researcher, said in a statement. "There are about 65,000 known meteorites in the entire world, and of those only 51 of them are carbonaceous chondrites that have been seen to fall like this one."

This meteor marked the first space rock that had been discovered in the U.K in over 30 years. Scientists from the Natural History Museum of London say: "It will give researchers a peek into what the solar system looked like when it was forming, some **4.6 billion years ago**."

For now, Scientists nicknamed it the **Winchcombe meteorite**, naming it after the town that it was founded in.

The Term “Fashion” by Amalia Belis

Fashion first began when humans began wearing clothing. This clothing was typically made out of plants, animal skins and bone. Today, clothing is just normally made out of fabric. However, the time term “fashion” was not created until long after humans started wearing clothing. The term “fashion” and “fashion designer” was created by a guy named Charles Frederick Worth. While he also created these terms, he also was the first designer who, beginning in 1858, to have his label sewn into his *garments*. As a result, after Charles Frederick Worth passed away, more and more fashion designers started popping up all over the place, including my favorite fashion designer of the 20th century, Coco Chanel! Coco Chanel created the most popular fashions of the 20th century, but her most popular one was probably “The Little Black Dress.”

Help Your Community!

By Jordyn Drakeford

What can I do to help the community? In our community there are many services and activities you can get involved in. Whether it's walking your neighbor's dog or feeding the homeless you can still make someone's day brighter. Showing Little acts of kindness can make an impact on our community as well. You can sign up for many services to help. Here are some ways you can help.

First, you can donate clothing. You probably have some clothes that you don't wear as often. Other people might be so happy to have it. Another person's trash is another person's treasure. Anybody can help donate; schools can even help too. You can donate to local churches, drop boxes, homeless shelters and more.

Next, you can donate unwanted toys. There are many children that are not as privileged as you. Some children don't get presents for Christmas or birthday. Imagine a little boy or girl's face when they have received any toy. So donating to the community would help tremendously.

Finally, giving items to local hospitals or daycares is also a form of contributing to the community. There are many people in hospitals that would enjoy a sprint of happiness once in a while. They don't have much to do so a joy in their heart might make them very happy. For example, you can provide for the patients with flowers, a vase you may not want anymore, blankets to keep them warm or even writing a letter would put a smile on someone's face.

Helping the community will not only make someone happy, but it will also make you happy.

Anime

-by Elly Martinez

Anime is a hand-drawn show. Anime comes from the word animation. Not a lot of people like it, but for me it's my wonderland. Anime is so cool! One of my favorite series is called "The Promise Neverland." The series is based on kids running away because they don't want to be **separated** from their siblings since they are in an **orphanage**. Mother doesn't approve of it though. She wants the kids to stay. The main characters are Emma, Norman, Ray, Gilda, and Don. The main characters are the ones who helped out the most. Plot twist! Ray works for mom sadly, but Ray and Mother don't work with each other anymore since mom found he was an **agent** to both teams. As the kids escaped they left 5 years old and lower behind. Emma told Phili, the only five year old she trusts. Emma promised to come back for them but they have to wait two years. Emma, Ray, Don, Gilda and all the other kids escaped. Norman went to a family sadly. As the kids escaped the house it caught on fire. Mother didn't know how to react, but she said I wish you kids find happiness. That was a little synopsis of the best show. You should watch it!

Lion **vs** Komodo Dragon

By Natalya Negrón

Lions and Komodo Dragons are similar but at the same time very different. For example both are deadly predators and are carnivores. So if I were you I would stay away. One more similarity is their teeth. Although the Komodo Dragon has round teeth and a lion has sharp teeth, they are both deadly. Lions have sharp teeth that can rip an animal apart and Komodo Dragons have deadly venom in their teeth.

Their differences are what makes them unique. One way they differ is that Lions are mammals and Komodo Dragons are reptiles. Another one is that Komodo Dragons have deadly venom in their teeth and lions don't. Lions can run 35 miles per hour while the Komodo Dragon can only run 13. As you can see they have many differences, but they also have similarities.

At the end of the day both of them are really cool animals. I mean I wouldn't want one as a pet.

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The Best Football Player

By Alexander Sapkovski

Have you ever heard of football, not the American type, the European type. Football in America is referred to as soccer. However, in other parts of the country it is called Football. It is the most played sport in the universe and maybe the most popular! Anybody who knows about football would argue who the best football player in history is, even in this current timeline people would argue who the best is with fists.

In my opinion, it's Lionel Messi. Lionel Messi was born in Rosario, Argentina, June 24, 1987. He is currently 33 years old. He is a billionaire, yes you heard me correct a billionaire; very impressive. I know you're asking if he makes so much money because he is a soccer player. He makes so much money because of how good he is. He has thirty-four trophies and he is ranked top five in history of most trophies in football. Messi is brilliant because he has scored the best goals, dribbles, assists, passes, shots and even dribbled through a whole team and scored. He is brilliant!

There are also many other great players but Messi is the best for me. Some players that are also important in the game of football are Johan Cruyff, Cristiano Ronaldo, Ronaldo, Neymar,

Maradona, Pele, Ryan Giggs, Garrincha, and just so many more. This might call for a debate!

Nissan GT-R

by Lhouis Perez Guzman

My favorite car is a Nissan GTR aka The Godzilla. The Nissan GTR is illegal in America because it doesn't meet the safety requirements. So in order to drive any of the models you need to have a permit. There are different types of GTR's. They are the R35, R34, R33, R32, R31, R30. Nissan GTRs are made in Japan. The GTR is the super car in Japan. It is my favorite car because it's very fast and you can mod it, modify, and make it flame. One day I will own all of the Nissan GTR's.



Hiccups by Calvin Jang

Do you ever wonder why hiccups happen and why if you get it one day, you'll get it like 5 times on that same day? The first and second time it's kinda funny but after that, it's just annoying. Well let me explain the whole process and why it happens.

The hiccup actually starts from your lower body between your lungs and stomach. Normally the diaphragm pulls down when you inhale air into your lungs and then relaxes when you exhale so air can flow back out of your lungs to exit your nose and mouth. Hiccups happen when something irritates the diaphragm. Then it spasms, forcing you to suddenly inhale air into your throat where it hits your voice box. That makes your vocal cords suddenly close which creates the "hic!" sound. That was the process but why do they happen?

Hiccups happen for many reasons. Some of them because of physical reasons some because of emotional reasons. That's because the actual irritation occurs in the nerve connecting the brain to the diaphragm. Here are some reasons why they occur.

- Eating too much or too quickly
- Feeling nervous or excited

- ❑ Drinking carbonated beverages too much or alcohol
- ❑ Stress
- ❑ A sudden change in temperature
- ❑ Swallowing air while sucking on candy or chewing gum

Hiccups are usually temporary and last 1-10 minutes maybe 15 at most. But in rare cases, they can stick around for a long time. But let's not really get into that. Let's get into how we can make them go away.

- ❑ Hold your breath and swallow 3 times
- ❑ Drink a glass of water slowly
- ❑ Swallow a teaspoon of sugar (Don't know if that's healthy for you but)
- ❑ Gargle with water

Personally, I drink water slowly. After that, my hiccups go away. I hope this helped you understand how hiccups worked and how to get rid of them.

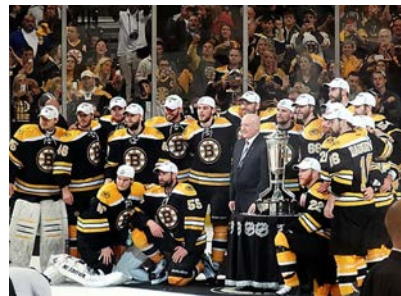


Sports Update
by Tyler Lippencott

The Devils won their game 1-0 against the Boston Bruins on March 7th. I don't know how they won against the Boston Bruins. The Bruins are third in the East division and the Devils are 7th!

The Devils are not doing so well. The Devils scored a goal in the last period. The Devils Win!

The Devils move on to the New York Rangers. The Rangers last game was against the Penguins, and they lost 5-1. The Penguins are fourth in the division and the Rangers are sixth. The Rangers scored in the first period! The Penguins came back and scored three goals. Then in the last period, the Penguins scored two more times. In the end, the Penguins won! That is today's sports report of the week of 3/7/21.



Tennis

by Roy Poikayil

Tennis is a sport that can be played indoors and outdoors and by anyone. This information will dive deep into the world of tennis and what is required to play. Some people might talk about how they love tennis and why you should play, which I think you should because I play tennis, but this information helps you better understand the equipment that is being used and what it is made out of.

Tennis balls are rubbery and bouncy. There are two types of tennis balls, green and red balls and just green ones. The green and red balls are more bouncy and soft. Those balls are used for people that are being trained in tennis. They are also easy to hit and are able to go really high. The green balls are for professional tennis players. They are hard to hit because if you hit it too hard then it will go really high.

The reason people use tennis balls is because the racquet needs a ball to go to the other side. Tennis balls are made of a hollow rubber core, covered in a wool or nylon shell which is known as the nap. Pressurised air inside the rubber core makes the ball bounce. In conclusion now you know the difference between green and red tennis balls and just green balls.

Next, tennis players need to use something called a racquet to hit the ball. Racquets are heavy, they have strings in the middle, and they are also built to hit a tennis ball hard. Racquets are made of fiberglass, graphite and boron. Racquet strings are made of Zyex, Vectran, Kellar, and other materials. I think of my racquet as an extension as myself, like my arm is my racquet. They can be heavy but you can't have your arm so stiff. When I hit the ball I like to keep my arm strong but loose.

Tennis players need to be ready for anything. Tennis courts have two to four players. The requirements for tennis players are sports shoes, water, towel for sweat, and tennis balls. Tennis players have experience playing with other tennis players. They need to be focused on the ball so they can hit it and win points. Some of the famous tennis players are Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Serena Williams, and Naomi Osaka. Now you know some different types of tennis players that are famous for their tennis.

Lastly, without a court you won't be able to play tennis. There are different types of courts. They can be hard, but not all of them are hard. For example, clay courts are made of crushed shale, stone or brick. Another example is grass courts, they are made of traditional lawn tennis surfaces. Clay courts give a tennis player to slide the other side. Grass courts can be tricky because the ball is landing on a soft surface. Clay courts are also tricky because if you slide too far then you can lose the ball.

In my opinion tennis is fun and a competitive game to play. You should play it too and now when you do play and pick up that tennis racket and ball you will be able to tell someone a little more about what it is made out of.

Rhythm of Quarantine

by Jazlin Sadler

I put on my mask
And take a walk along the block
The sidewalk is adorned
With sweet messages
Written by happy people
With rainbow chalk

COVID-19
Has taught everyone
To be alone
In more ways
Than one

I wake up
And get dressed
But only for people
Not to see half my outfit

Then I sit down
Watch the teacher's mouth move
Not understanding a word they said

When am I
Supposed to socialize?
But here is
The good news

"This too shall pass."

I Am Poem
by Starli Tam

awkward, short.

I wonder

why humanity makes people suffer for things they don't deserve to suffer for.

I hear

birds, compliments, rumors, criticism, scratching, wind, footsteps, creaking floors.

I see

colors, equations, questions, wonders, friends, family, feathers, wisdoms, foolishness, and my reflection.

I want

a successful future and joy with friends and family, and a pride for myself that I shouldn't be ashamed of having, and a wisdom and knowledge for all I could ever ask.

I am

awkward, short.

I pretend

to be okay.

I feel

the weight of my duties and tasks.

I touch

my keyboard.

I worry

about my future and my progression and my health and my mental state and my meaning for this world and my future stability in being able to withstand myself.

I cry

when I am overly stressed about my work.

I am

awkward, short.

I understand

that I can not have everything that I want and that I can not accomplish everything I ask from myself.

I say

FLOOFIE.

I dream

that one day I will be happy with friends with a successful lifestyle and enough money to last me and a world where my stresses don't haunt me.

I try

to get straight A's on my report cards, but I always get one B for some reason disturbing all my A's.

I hope

that one day my sorrows and embarrassments and humiliation, will make up for themselves with knowledge, and that I will benefit the world's knowledge for secrets we will one day discover, for knowledge is something that will solve our problems.

I am

awkward, short.

Spring Time's Lullabies

By: Starli Tam, Mila Beltre

When the moon is full

The night is dull

And flowers bloom

*At the night sky's gloom
With noise and bickering both at doom*

*With water lillies all asleep
Animals everywhere without a peep
Birds in their nests sleeping in a heap
While the water through the soil it'll seep*

*Hydrangeas and peonies
All the world's felonies
Will be forgotten 'till tomorrow's dawn
Hidden in your dreams like a mother deer's fawn*

*Lilacs and lavenders by the hills
Roaring wind and moonlight's chills
Sleeping fish in their habitats
With frogs doing their jumping acrobats*

*Hyacinths and marigolds
Waving leaves with all these folds
In her cave a mother bear holds
A sleeping cub away from the cold*

*Roses and tulips
Tiring night trips
Dandelion seeds that the wind flips
And at dawn the cool dew drips*

*Orchids and cactus flowers
The rich colors that it empowers
Such beautiful scents the moonlight it bent
Nobody knows where those bright flowers went
Their whispers, their songs,
Nobody knew what they meant*

*The sun comes up
As the animals are awoken
And tomorrow night's lullabies remain unspoken
While you run away with sunlight's token
Like beaming sun rays how your hearts remain golden*

*And as lullabies drown
In the light of the sun*

*The night has now ended
The moonlight's swirls undone
And now you go play
And now you go run
As the Spring's lullabies had readied you for morning's fun*

**I AM Poem
by Ariana Salas**

I am
friendly, adventurous.
I wonder
about my future.
I hear
music.
I see
a mysterious world.
I want
a pet.
I am
Ariana Salas.
I pretend
I like to pretend I am someone else.
I feel
calm.
I touch
I like touching my dogs.
I worry
about the world outside.
I cry
about a lot of things.
I am
Ariana Salas
I understand
why I have to be a role model to my siblings.
I say
I don't believe in true love.



As the Wind Blows

By Rohan Balasubramanian

As the wind blows,
The archers string their bows.

They spot four deer and
Let loose their arrows.

Three deer were hit,
One deer escaped.

As the wind blows,
The architects landscaped.

Their new homes and towns
They made modern and olden.

The went up and down
All the way home.

As the wind blows,
The farmer picks his plants.

He picks carrots and melons,
And sweats a lot in his pants.

As the wind blows,
The mother sews.

A newly made jacket
As the wind blows across the land.

The Zodiacs
By Alia Zambrano

Cancer

Pisces

And Scorpio to

The water zodiac signs that sure won't leave you blue.

Aries

Leo

And Sagittarius

The fire signs they are as powerful as there flames.

Taurus

Virgo

Capricorn

They will sure let true personality bloom.

Gemini

Libra

Also Aquarius

They sure would shine love on you soon.

These are the zodiacs so unique and so strong

They all are one family that will lookout for each other

Which zodiac are you?

Nothing

By Liliana Perez

Once I saw nothing
A blank and empty area
And nothing saw me,
I looked at nothing and said want something?
It said nothing because it is nothing and it does not like something.
I showed it something called kindness.
They pushed it away and said "I am nothing and I like nothing and I want nothing."
I showed it happiness and it said "I am nothing and I like nothing and I want nothing."
I showed it laughter and it said "I am nothing and I like nothing and I want nothing."
I showed it nothing and it said "I am nothing and you got it right I want nothing."
Someday nothing would want at least one of the things I showed it.

One day I saw something..
And it was laughing, smiling, and happy, and now it is something.

The end

"My Grandma" Maysa Smaini

Her smile that glows when times are tough
Her hugs that stretch far and near
Her voice peaceful as waves
Her food as delicious as chocolate
Her voice echoes in my head
Her smile that shows me never to give up
When she cooks I can smell it from far away
The memories were special and nothing in the world is better

I wish I can hug her one more time and tell her that I love her
She lives on my mind and heart forever

“Night”
Angelyna Baffo

Silhouettes of trees
Up on the dazzling night sky
Filled with shining stars

“The Blue Jacket”
Mia Valdez

Words were running through my mind,
As the teacher was speaking
I was writing everything down.
Until I was interrupted.

I looked up
And saw a girl with a blue jacket.
It had pink and purple flowers
With green vines all over it.

She walked in and sat next to me.
She stood out from the rest of the students
And wasn't like them.
I introduced myself,
But she didn't seem to like me.

Her eyes were aimed at another student. (Whom I won't name.)

Days passed,
She apologized on a Monday.
I forgave her.
All I could think about was her blue jacket,
And how unique she was.

I went home and sat on my steps.
I saw her walking home,
I asked her where she lived.
She pointed to the green house down the block.
I got all excited.
We hung out all the time, until one time.
We walked into her room to play a game, and I saw her closet.
I saw that blue jacket.
Once again those memories flew back to me
We've been best friends ever since.

“Deep Blue Ocean”

Lauraleen Lascano

I might have to admit
the ocean was a bit scary
right now it was right next to me
the sun was still beaming
and the seagulls flew by
but knowing I would be alright with my dad by my side
I entered the sparkling sea
and it was not that frightening.

“First Downhill Bike Ride”

Tiarah Riley

The smell of the fresh air
The nervous thoughts running through my head
For some reason my stomach started to rumble
Looking at the hill made me nauseous
My friends in the background encouraging me
“Go you got this!”
I looked back once
Placed my feet on the pedal
And flew down the hill...
Maybe riding a bike down the hill wasn't that bad.

“New Addition to the Family”

Learis Garcia

I was sitting down near the grill
When a cute little puppy appeared.
I was wondering, whose dog was that
and why is it here?

Then my mom pulled out her phone and said,
Welcome the new member of my family!
And those words made my day.

Every once in the while I remember
The smell on my dog when I first got her.
And I'll never forget about that day.

“Ocean”
Ashley Pujols

Waves waves just waves
Waves of water kissing the sand back and forth
The palm trees dancing with the wind
You can even see the dolphins jumping up and down from the clear blue water
Salt Salt just salt
In the ocean you can smell and taste the salt
You can feel the salt in your eyes when you swim into the great beyond
Sand sand just sand
Sand softer than any pillow softer than a newborn puppy's fur
Sand that goes deeper and deeper
Sea Creatures sea creatures just sea creatures
Sharks, whales, dolphins, fish, sea horses, everything just swimming in the ocean
All sea creatures of all color
Just staring at Paradise the Ocean

“My Kitten”
Fatima Tajnari

One hot summer day
My dad came rushing speedily
Tap, tap, tap to our house in
Morocco

My eyes froze as I looked
At what my Dad had in his arms
So cute when I touched it
Fluffy coat just like a big white cloud

Sometimes she would make mischief
But now as I look back
I just remember that
And I have to laugh

“Memory of Grandma”

Angela Lin

Some summers I go to China
And sometimes I visit my grandma
Even though she is old
She would care for me so well

She was very old
And liked to drink tea
Every once in a while
I would boil the water
And add the leaves to it
It was my favorite smell

I was sad most of the time
Due to my grandpa
But she was there for me
As my comfort person

Then one hot summer day
Auntie yelled
Brother had came
With bad news

I went to my grandma's place
She was lying down
She knew that it was
Her last few days

If I knew earlier
I would have said
I love you
But she died the night I got there
I missed her so badly
Drinking tea brings me back to her

Bye... For Now
by Isabella Brunson

Goodbye today
Let's welcome a new day
So much to learn and see
It is just you and me
We can rule the world together
Forever and forever
I see a new life
No going back tonight
Let's take chances like bad kids
Or you can be the good kid
You can be God's little puppet
And he can pull on your strings
He can make you prance around and tie you to a ring
I mean if that is what you want
That is fine with me
Just remember that when you come back begging and pleading
I won't change my mind
You had your day
Now it is time to have mine

Haiku for You:
By Tomas Restrepo

In the twilight rain
these brilliant hued hibiscus

A lovely sunset.

Roller Coasters

By: Michael Ramos

Chapter 1: Oldie but Goodies

Let's take a trip back in time to the early 1900s, you can see horse carriages, top hats, and old station wagons. Our stop is here, Coney Island. An old amusement park that originally had the Switchback railway. In a few years they will construct, The Cyclone, a famous wooden coaster that is a great classic that never lets down. Other than the Cyclone there are a few more rides that are older than most people today. Like Leap The dips which is a side-friction coaster with a reputation for almost being shut down. Other than Wooden coasters there are some steel coasters like the Whizzer, Demon, and Vortex.

Chapter 2: Record breakers

Let's say the year is 2004, El Toro Just opened up and everything is looking good for the park. Then there is an ad from Six Flags Great Adventure claiming they will build the tallest, and the fastest coaster on Earth. Even to this day it holds the record as the tallest coaster. There are a lot of record breakers so I will name some of the other notable ones. Let's start with the hyper coasters. Magnum XI 200 was the first full circuit hyper coaster in the world shattering all records that came before it. Then after that many took the title and lost it, but one has remained the tallest coaster between 199 ft and 299 ft. This behemoth of a ride is regarded as one of the best hyper coasters out there. Now we'll go with the Gigas, the first one to appear out of the millennium. What is this notable ride that tested limits? It's name is Millennium force. A full Giga coaster that relies on speed. The other is not much taller Fury 325 only 25 feet taller.

Chapter 3: OVER SEA THRILLS

Just when you thought rides here were unique well, get a load of some over sea parks that make some of the rides here look like a joke. First off, I just want to name a few parks down there like we have here. Alton Towers, Europa Park, Portaventura, Phantasialand, Fuji Q Highland, and Thorpe park. Let's start with Alton Towers with their record breaking coaster, The Smiler. This ride has what I would consider a "Messed Up theme" But this ride's claim to fame is its 14 inversions and "the accident." Next park is Europa Park With Silver Star, Woodan, And Blue Fire. This top 3 is one of the best worldwide in my opinion. Next in line is PortAventura. This has to be one of the best parks in terms of theming and rides. Their trademark attraction being Shambala or Red Force depending who you ask. Our next park is Phantasialand. In terms of rides that have an outstanding collection. The star of the show is Taron, a terrain coaster. The next park is Fuji Q Highland. On top of that gorgeous setting next to Mount Fuji, they also have the fastest accelerating coaster on the planet. With other coasters including Ejenika, and Fujiyama. Last but not least is Thorpe Park. This has the same company that runs Alton Towers and this company doesn't joke around. It's not all kid friendly and stuff that's not the case here. This park has Saw, Nemesis Inferno, and many more.

Chapter 4: The Oddballs

In the coaster business, parks like looking for extreme, tall, fast, and incredible coasters. Sometimes though parks invest in “Oddballs.” These are rides that can be thrilling and tall, but are totally different from anything we’ve ever seen before. One example is the Polar Coaster. This was going to be the first attempt at a 500 ft coaster. Even though it looks amazing, it would ruin the skyline and would probably have a lot of maintenance problems. The other is the Mack Xtreme Spinner. There is currently only one which is Time Traveler At Silver Dollar City in Branson Missouri.

Chapter 4: My top 5

When being a coaster enthusiast it’s normal to rank some rides. Most of the time it’s personal preference. My number 5 is Slinky Dog Dash at Disney’s Hollywood Studios. This is a mack rides Family MultiLaunch. What makes me rank this number 5 is that compared to other rides I’ve ridden, this is not the brightest of the bunch. One redeeming factor is that this ride can pull some G’s which is a good sign. My number 4 is Hagrid’s Magical creatures Motorbike Adventure. This was my first launch coaster and I got to say it was great. Although it will be overshadowed by the new Velicoaster, I think this will still have 2 hour lines for years to come. At my number 3 is Batman The Ride a b&m inverted coaster. This was 1 of 2 major coasters I rode on my first trip back in October. For me this holds a special place in my heart for being my first time going upside-down which I’ve haven’t had the chance to experience. My number 2 is Nitro A b&m Hyper. This was my first 200 ft coaster and I must say this ride was great. It had a long course and we rode about 3 times in the dark. It’s only downside is that only that 3rd airtime hill that it gives some floater. Now it’s time for my number 1 which is the one and only El Toro. I was speechless when I first rode this. First of all this thing is a 184 foot tall ride that’s wooden. It adds a whole other sensation that you would find on Goldstriker, Boardwalk bullet, or any other ride. This is a whole new experience with the prefabricated track.

Thanks to these parks for making the magic happen!

Kings Island

Carowinds

Six Flags Great Adventure

Cedar point

Six Flags Great America

Coney Island

Silver Dollar City

Dollywood

Kings Dominion

Europa Park

Portaventura

And all others keep up the good work!

St. Patrick's Day

by **Reiarna Singh**

St. Patrick's day is celebrated every year in March but, do you ever wonder how St. Patrick's Day came to be? Why is it celebrated in March? Or, why do we wear green? Well, as we all know, St. Patrick's day originated from Ireland. The celebration began on March 17, 1631 where the day was named after the Saint, Patrick. It became a national holiday in 1903, after the arrival of St. Patrick who brought christianity to Ireland. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated every year since even after St. Patrick himself died. The reason we wear green on Saint Patrick's day is because green makes you invisible to leprechauns but, if you're seen without wearing green on Saint Patrick's day then be prepared to get pinched by a leprechaun.



Women's History Month

by Aniyah Pena

_____ Women's History Month is an annual declared month featuring contributions of women to events in history and present-day civilization. Women's History Month is usually celebrated or honored all through March. There are many women who have contributed to modern-day society. In this article I will write about the main women who have contributed to American history.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton-

Many people might've heard of Elizabeth Stanton. She was a leader of the women's rights movement in the U.S. during the mid 1800s. She was married to Henry Brewster Stanton and had 7 children. Elizabeth was born on November 12th, 1815 and died October 26th, 1902. Elizabeth was the main force behind the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention. Fun fact, this convention was the first convention to be called for the sole purpose of talking about women's rights. She also wrote many books.

Harriet Tubman-

Harriet Tubman was an abolitionist and political activist. She was married twice to Nelson Davis and John Tubman. Harriet also had one child, Gertie Davis. According to google there is no exact date of birth for Harriet, but we do know that she died on March 10th, 1913. Harriet Tubman was born into slavery and eventually she escaped. She made approximately 13 missions to rescue about 70 people. She rescued them through an underground railroad. Fun fact about Harriet is that she never lost a slave.

Amelia Earhart-

Who was Amelia Earhart? She was an American aviation pioneer and activist. Amelia was born on July 24, 1897 and she disappeared July 2nd 1937 at the age of 39. Amelia was the first woman aviator who flew all alone across the Atlantic Ocean. Amelia set many records. She wrote best-selling books about her flying experiences. She also was instrumental in the formation of the ninety-nines , which is an organization for former pilots.

Eleanor Roosevelt-

Eleanor Roosevelt was born October 11th, 1884 and died on November 7th, 1962. Eleanor was an American political figure, diplomat, and activist. She was the first lady of the United States from March 4, 1933 to April 12th, 1945. Her husband was Franklin D. Roosevelt. Eleanor also served as the first Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights and played an instrumental role in drafting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Betty Friedman-

Betty Friedman was born February 4th, 1921 and died on February 4th, 2006. Betty was married to Carl Friedman. She was an American feminist writer and activist. Betty was a leading figure in the women's movement in the United States. Betty's book *The Feminine Mystique* is usually credited for sparking the second wave of American feminism in the 20th century.

Conclusion-

As you could see these women did many things to help women's history. Many more women have contributed also, but these are the ones that I chose to write about. Hopeful this article educated you on women that helped our country.

Honoring Women in March

By Jenny Lin

Women's rights activist, Susan B. Anthony once said, "Wherever women gather together failure is impossible." This quote is a spectacular representation of Women's History Month. Women's History Month is a celebration of women's achievements throughout the course of history. International Women's Day was also on March eighth.

Women's History Month starts on the first of March. It ends 30 days later, on March 31st. Pioneers in women's rights finally received the recognition they deserved through Women's History Month.

There are so many amazing women to honor throughout the history of the United States. For example, a well-known American activist in the civil rights movement, Rosa Parks, refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white man, which led up to the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Some other role models of civil rights activists are Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman, who both helped slaves escape, using the Underground Railroad.

Second, not only are inspirational women from history, so many are actively fighting for important causes today. Greta Thunberg became a leading voice in the international fight against climate change. Not only has she won several awards in the past three years, she's done all of it before her eighteenth birthday! And, believe it or not, there are even younger female activists, like Sophie Cruz and Amariyanna Copeny. In 2015, when Pope Francis was delivering a speech in Los Angeles, a girl of five years old broke past the papal security. The girl, Sophie Cruz, gave Pope Francis a letter asking for her unregistered mother and father not to be transported from America. Cruz also asked that he would speak to the government. Next, eight year old Amariyanna "Mari" Copeny, who wrote a letter to the president at the time, Barack Obama, regarding a water issue in Flint, Michigan, her hometown, in 2006. In the letter, she referred to herself as "Little Miss Flint" and asked President Obama to meet him or his wife. Although she didn't get to meet Mr. Obama while she was in Washington, she later got an email from him. He explained that he was touched by her letter, was coming to Flint, and hoped to meet her.

Lastly, Abigail Adams was one of the first in history to fight for women. For those who don't know, she was married to John Adams, the second U.S. president, making her a former First Lady of the United States. Nevertheless, she was more than just a "First Lady" of the White House. In 1776, she argued against an all male government, so women could have the same rights as men. She even wrote a letter to her husband, saying not to forget the nation's women's efforts whilst fighting for their country's independence from Great Britain.

As you now know, women played a big part in history. They wrote speeches, signed petitions, and fought for their equality, so we shouldn't make their sacrifices have no purpose. They, like men, are worthy of the rights and respect of citizenship.

A Review of Black History Month (February)
by Jaylynn Luna

February is a very important month for America. Not only was it the month of love but it was also black history month! During black history month we celebrate all of the black heroes who helped make America what it is today. One person we celebrate during black history month is Rosa Parks. Many people know Rosa Parks as the black girl who didn't give up her bus seat, but she has done so much more than that! She also launched the Montgomery Bus Boycott (which was a very big success). Another person we celebrate during black history month is Martin Luther King, Jr. Martin Luther King, Jr. organized the historic march in Washington for jobs and Freedom. Dr. King was a very peaceful man, so he wanted his march to be peaceful. Before Dr. King organized the march, he was a pastor. He used to preach on how instead of being violent we should all be peaceful while standing up for what's right.

And the last person I have for you is Harriet Tubman. Harriet Tubman was born an enslaved woman. Later in her life, Harriet became the conductor of the underground railroad. She rescued 300 people in 19 trips (70 out of those 300 people were her family and friends).

During those trips she was never caught and never lost a passenger. In 3 years she made 19 trips to the south. These heroes along with many others were a part of the movement to help change America!

Light vs Dark

by Cyan Harewood Akinrele and Jazlynn Montilla

As they say light always triumphs dark. What if I told you, it wasn't always that way? Let's start from the beginning, when dark and light were just born. Many eons ago Love and Hate got married, there was a huge ceremony. They lived happily for many years as a married couple, until they decided to have children. Nine months later they were blessed with twins. A brother and sister named Light and Dark. As they grew up together they were best friends, kind to each other and always defended and protected each other. It all started when they turned 16. They still were kind to each other but dark started being rude and as she got older she started being cruel and evil. She would dress in black clothes. Eventually, light and dark grew apart. Dark blocked herself out of the world and grew a lonely spot in her heart. That's when they became the spirits of light and dark, good and evil, right and wrong. That is when the fight between light and dark began, but not all hope was lost.

There was a legend of a realm not far from theirs that had a rare black pearl along its coast that was able to take the darkest out of everything and everyone. There was one small problem, it was the creature that guarded the small pearl. The Milian Dragon, the wings were long, blue, angelic wings that glided gently through the water. Love and hate sent Dark and Light on a quest to get the black pearl, Dark was only doing this because she would reverse it and take the light out of everything and everyone and become Queen. So off they went on their adventure, to find the black pearl. But first they had to make a stop at the huge library in their huge castle. They found there Librarian Mr. Moe "Good Morning Mr. Moe." Light said, "How are you this morning?" He also asked. "I am doing very well today, what can I help you two with?" Mr. Moe said. Dark quickly glanced at Light then she asked him as politely as she could "We are looking for some map and some books so we can get to the Milian Dragon that guards the Black pearl on the Coast of Aurora." Mr. Moe looked at the twins for a few seconds very oddly. Then quietly asked "Now, why would you two want to go somewhere like that?" Then Light quickly explained why they were going to Aurora to retrieve the black pearl. Mr. Moe was still confused, but led them to the books and maps that they asked for. They left the library and went and packed up and told their parents they were leaving.

Light and Dark had prepared a decent sized boat that can jump realms with food and water for days on end, and they were off on their journey to Aurora. This magical boat sails like any other. The helm had a button on the back, when you pressed it all you see is the waves coming up and BAM your in another realm. The realm we were traveling to was exactly 4 realms down from ours that might not sound far but it's quite a hike. They left the dock at 5:45 the next morning so they could jump realms at exactly noon in the middle of the Kensingtonia Abyss. So it would take four days to travel to Aurora and four more to travel back, and they were off to the heart of Aurora. Light was eager to reconnect with Dark after all they were best friends and now they were like strangers.

To Be Continued....

My Teacher Is On My Side

by Aki Mihara

“Sierra, for number 19; what is the least common multiple?” asked Mrs. Whitney, holding her chalk firmly. She was disappointed that some students dared to waste an hour by daydreaming and thought “has not known the value of life,” a quote of Charles Darwin.

“Huh. Um, Mrs. Whitney may you please repeat the question again?” Sierra turned scarlet.

“I asked what is the least common multiple of the number 19.” replied Mrs. Whitney, sharply and clearly annoyed.

When Sierra started scanning her paper for the answer, the bell rang. Mrs. Whitney walked to her desk and with a deep breath, she said in a croaky voice, “Anthony, Bruce, Sierra, Nancy, Lavender, Oliver, Simon, Clair, Joe, Georgina and, Clara come back here as soon as you are out of homeroom; and I mean it.” Then she turned her attention to the other side of the room where they were cleaning up the multiplication game they were playing.

And with a golden smile she said, “And the rest of you all, I hope to see you happy, healthy, math scholars next year with even more wisdom. Have a fine summer.”

When Mrs. Whitney’s little farewell speech for the summer ended, everybody scrambled to put away their heavy math packets, text book and scrapbook into their backpack, bid Mrs. Whitney to have a wonderful summer, promised her they will come more wiser, and tore out of the classroom to line up at homeroom.

After homeroom ended, half of the kids stayed to bid their homeroom teacher to have a funtastic summer, but the eleven students who were called earlier, with a frown on their faces, lined up in their math classroom. One by one the students that have Mrs. Whitney left the homeroom with an enthusiastic smile on their faces. When the last kid left, Mrs. Whitney said in the most croaky voice anybody can imagine “Come in one by one.”

One by one each student talked to Mrs. Whitney for about five minutes and left. Finally it was Sierra’s turn. She had been waiting for close to an hour now and was bored to death but was also nervous.

“Sierra, now you may come in.” said Mrs. Whitney as she grumbled; and with a brief pause she said, “When I saw that some eleven out of the nineteen students were not paying attention and daydreaming for an hour, I got plainly frustrated. I admit I have a quick temper but you must understand that it is inappropriate and rude to daydream during class and skip it when you are supposed to be listening and learning to make your brains, bigger, smarter, and faster.” Mrs. Whitney waited for a reply.

“I am terribly sorry that I was disrespectful.” said Sierra turning hot red, “I think it is totally my mistake, bad attitude, and rudeness and I hope you would give me forgiveness.” and with a brief pause to let that sink in she said, “It was just that my family and I are to go on a transatlantic trip on a submarine from tomorrow and I was looking forward to it.”

Mrs. Whitney sighed, and finally said in a low voice, “I don’t mean to be jealous nor envy you but, I love trips. I hope you would write to won’t you, child? I wish you the bestest summer vacation ever.”

Although Sierra was confused about what those last words meant, she felt praised and felt if a veil uncovered her heart, and was full of happiness and joy. Since Mrs. Whitney kept her afterschool, she felt a bond with her teacher and was even enjoying her company.

High Tide

An original story by Anonymous

[Alyssa's Point Of View](#). (POV for short)

“BREAKING NEWS!!! ICE SHELF BROKE OFF AND TSUNAMI IS APPROACHING! IF YOU LIVE ANYWHERE BETWEEN LANCASTER AND STAMFORD YOU NEED TO GET TO HIGH GROUND!!” “Mom! Dad!” I yelled horrified. “What Alyssa!” They yelled at me. I pointed to the tv. Their faces quickly changed from annoyed to scared. We all started grabbing things we need. I grabbed my headphones, my pillow, my stuffy, my phone, my charger, my wallet, snacks, and my \$987 that was in my secret hiding space.

We all ran to the car while I dragged my younger sister and she was crying. She was in the middle of a roblox game, which I find weird because when she was thirteen she said roblox is for babies. “Get the car keys and start the car now!” My dad yelled at my mom. I went back to grab my baby sister and I put her in her carseat. “Here you go Charlie.” I said in a baby voice. “You okay?” I asked Parker. She nodded and put her earbuds in. We sat in the trunk because we don’t have much space.

“HURRY UP ASHLEY!” My dad screamed at my mom who was rushing out of the house. I put in my earbuds and put on my playlist. A tear went down my face as I hugged my pillow and my stuffed animal from fear. I could hear my parents yelling and arguing in the front. We reached the mountain, but we stopped. “Mom? Why did we stop?” I asked while my playlist started glitching. Beeping and yelling was heard. My mom didn’t respond. She was still arguing. My sisters started crying. I grabbed my baby sister and held her while I comforted my other sister. “It’s okay. It’s okay. We will be fine. Just close your eyes.” I told my little sister. Memories flashing before my eyes.

Author’s POV

Memories flashing before Alyssa’s eyes. Parents frantically fighting. Baby crying. Sister hyperventilating. Tears forming in Alyssa’s eyes. And then... no more noise. No fighting. No silent sobbing. No hyperventilating. No nothing...

Colombia

By Sara Calderon

“Yayyy we are here!” My mom, my sister and I were running to the exit of the airport to see my family. We were in Colombia for vacation. My Dad was not able to come with us and although I missed him I was so happy to be in Columbia. I couldn’t wait to see my baby cousin and carry him. He knew who I was because I played with him over facetime calls. There is a warm and happy feeling when you see your family together. Next stop was my grandparents house.

It took a long time to get to my Grandparents house, it took almost two hours because they live in Amaga and the airport was in Medellin. Once we got to my grandparents house I saw my grandpa. When we got there everything was decorated with pictures of my sister and I and baby pictures of my mom. They had a big poster that said, “Welcome Sara and Susana” in English and I was surprised because my grandparents only know Spanish. I got to see my favorite cat in the world, Benjamin. I called him Garfield because he is fat and kind of orange.

When we woke up the next morning we had a really good breakfast. When we finished breakfast we went down to the pool. I swam there and it was so much fun being in a pool after two years. After a long day at the pool we ate some Frijoles, which are beans. We took a thirty minute break and then we went back in the pool. At about six o’clock we got some ice cream. The ice-cream there is really good because it has little sherbet pieces in it with cherry drizzle on top and frosted cookies. In Colombia we call it waffleritas.

Every day was a great day, but on the last day of our trip everyone cried because we knew it was goodbye. When we were on our way to the airport we didn't even get to say goodbye to my whole family because some of them couldn’t make it. Although it was sad to say goodbye, I am so happy I was able to visit Colombia and see my family. Until next time....



By Maysa Smaini

Do you have Disney+ and want to know if you would like to watch the new movie *Raya and the Last Dragon*? You can decide because this movie is about a fantasy world of Kumandra, where humans and dragons lived together in harmony. However, when sinister monsters known as the Druun threatened the land, the dragons sacrificed themselves to save humanity. Now, 500 years later, those same monsters have returned, and it's up to Raya the warrior to track down the last dragon and stop the Druun for good. Raya doesn't trust anyone because she had a bad experience. There is some action in this movie, and the viewer/ audience needs to pay close attention to fully understand it. This movie has a variety of great characters. The storyline is very interesting, it has morals in it, and it is about trust and forgiveness. Make this a family movie because all ages would enjoy it!