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NEWSPAPER CLUB

Turns out we need trees just as much as they need us

Why You Should Save The Trees
By: Kaycee Sorce

Have you ever seen stray animals walking around? Or maybe you've seen people chop down trees before. I believe that people should try to save any kind of use of trees as much as they can. Those trees could be very important to many! Also people shouldn't just save trees but also people should try to plant even more trees because these trees are important.

A single tree can be home to hundreds of species of insects, fungi, moss, mammals, and plants. Approximately 137 species of plants, animals, and insects become extinct every day? That is almost 50,000 extinct species every year because their trees/homes have been taken down. Also a study was done in Queensland and New South Australia where they were trying to figure out how many species might die out just because of wood clearing. They found out that from 2016-2020 over 100 million species of living organisms were killed or severely injured from the wood clearings.

Trees are one of the main reasons we are alive! Trees are very helpful for us because on a tree the leaves, bark, and even the tree itself help absorb harmful pollutants and release clean air for us to breathe. If we didn't have trees, survival for humans and most life forms would die out because trees can clean oxygen, food, and water!

But don't worry, people have come up with some solutions to help save trees and also many life forms. So I'll tell you three of those solutions you can do today! First you can make a major difference by donating some seeds to plant trees, about 59.1 million trees have been donated as of 2025. The next thing you can do to help is try not to burn trees down or chop them down on purpose because approximately 7 billion trees have been chopped or burnt down! The last thing you can do to help is you can reduce your use of paper! About 40-42% of trees are made into paper, and I think that needs to stop; Almost half of these trees that help us are being made into paper.

In conclusion I believe that people should be saving as much use of trees as they can so make sure you're doing your part! Do your part by making sure you plant a tree every once in a while to help out our planet!!!



Angel Oak in South Carolina has been standing for 300-500 years

Sports

What Is Your Favorite Football Team?

by Reina Goel and Anna Rodakowski



Everybody has a football team they cheer on. Like
the Bears,Packers,Giants and more. We want to Know what your favorite football team is.

In second grade, Billy and Maggie like the bears because it's their home team. In 4th grade Viera likes the Packers and bears because she cheers for both teams.Lena likes the bears the best because they are the Chicago team and they are fire! Luca likes the Bears because they are the Chicago bears and Luca's dad will kick him out if he does
not like the bears. Kamila likes the bears the best because her Most of her family is from Chicago In 5th grade Jonny likes the Bears the best because it has been his favorite football team since he was three.Jazmyn likes the bears because they are cool and her family likes them.Here we have Mrs. Carter likes the bears the best because they were fun to watch and they are from Chicago. Keira likes the bears the best because of Chicago. Mackenzie likes the packer the best because her lake house is in Wisconsin. Ms. Mazy likes the bears because they are amazing and they are fun to watch. In 3rd grade Cameron likes the bears because she does not know. Royal likes the bears because they are very good, and they are from Chicago. Abram likes bears because Caleb Williams is goated and we live in Chicago. Mrs. Coran likes the bears and the Indiana Hoosiers because she went to IU.

SWIM VS . VOLLEYBALL

By Jazymn Gilman, Kamila Escontrias, and Kamila Mendoza

Hey Westfield friends, we have a question for you. Would you rather
swim at the beach or play volleyball and why? We asked Keira and she said swimming because she likes swimming better. We also asked Kingsley and he said go swimming at the beach because he wants to see fish. Lastly, from Mrs. Wrodarczyk class we asked Vivian and she said play volleyball at the beach because she likes playing with her sister. We interviewed two people from Mrs. Spino's class. We asked Bennett and Hareer .They both said swimming at the beach because they don't know how to play volleyball and they really like swimming.



Swim vs Volleyball continued

Next we interviewed Mrs. McCormick. She said she would rather play volleyball because she played volleyball from 3rd grade to high school , since she loves getting to hangout and play with other people. Then drumroll please ..... Mrs. Carter said she likes swimming because she likes to cool off and then sunbathe . If you are fearless then you should try swimming. But if you're more active then you should try volleyball. Well thats all, see you next time, Westfield friends !



Football Fiasco

By Adam Peasley

The past few weeks of playoff football have been a major shootout with chaos in pro and college games.

NFL

NFC

DA BEARS at home against the Rams, highlights include Cardiac Caleb throwing a dime from the 40 to tight end Cole Kmet making the grab in the end zone forcing OT 17-17. The Bears end their season in the divisional round with a game winning kick by Rams kicker Harrison Mevis. A week 18 rematch between the 49ers and Seahawks and just like week 18, another Seattle blowout win this time 41-6. Rams vs Seahawks battle it out for a chance at the Lombardi trophy. JSN with 1-handed catches

AFC

A buffalo controversial interception at mile high as Ja'Quan McMillian's interception finishes the Bills chances at the most open AFC there's been in a very long time. The Pats push through against a not-so frightful offensive game for Cj Stroud ruining his team's steel curtain defense. Bo Nix out for the AFC title game as Jarrett Stidham takes the starting position and fumbles the Broncos chances for a super bowl run. PATS TO THE SUPER BOWL!

IU NATIONAL CHAMPS!

Indiana finally clinches a national championship and a coach cignetti smile in a possible final CFB game for Fernando HeisMendoza. A game clinching pick for Jamari Sharpe saved the game for the hoosiers.

Favorite TV or Movies?

by Maya Babul, Mia Hanzel, and Sahana Mahtani

There are many great movies and shows. Today we will be asking you which ones are your favorite. Some of our favorites are Stranger Things, Young Sheldon, and Gilmore Girls.

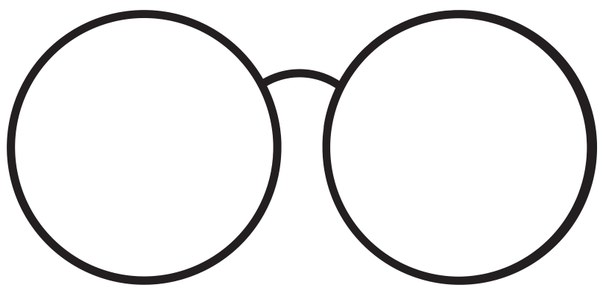
First off we have Emily. Her favorite movie is The Sound of Music because she likes the songs. The songs in that movie are so good.
Reva likes the show Thundermans because they have super powers. Her favorite super power is flying. She wants to fly because she thinks it would be super cool. She also likes it because it is super funny.
August likes Starwars because sounds are super cool. We asked him his favorite sound and he said the spaceship sounds the best.
Reen from 3rd grade said k pop demon hunters because they are girls and she loves the songs.
Lucy said stranger things because she likes the actors. Me and Mia's favorite character from Stranger Things are both Max. We have a quick joke about Stranger Things. What is a Demodog's favorite food at a Chinese Restaurant? A Ka Bob. Haha that is so funny.
Kaycee said Scooby Doo because of Shaggy and Scooby Doo. They are really funny characters.
Gus in kindergarten said his favorite movie is toy story because he likes buzz lighter.
Birdie is in 5th grade and her favorite show is Stranger Things because it's really smart and looks real. She also likes Brooklyn 99 because it's really funny.

Book Stories as Lives?

by June Craig and Olivia Peasley

There are so many stories in the world, what if you could fly with birds or cast spells, live with aliens or become a dragon and even.... Or even open a book to enter a new mission for a sci-fi mystery. In this newspaper article, we are going to show you what other people's opinion is if they went into a story of all kinds.

First up is Jada Ampil. She said, " I would like to live in Theastilton. I like this because it has all these awesome adventures and her friends are always so nice, I would want to be their friend. I would like to travel to new worlds with them. Definitely read it is a fun, adventurous book. I rate it ten thousand million out of ten." Wow. Welp, Thank you Jada Next!

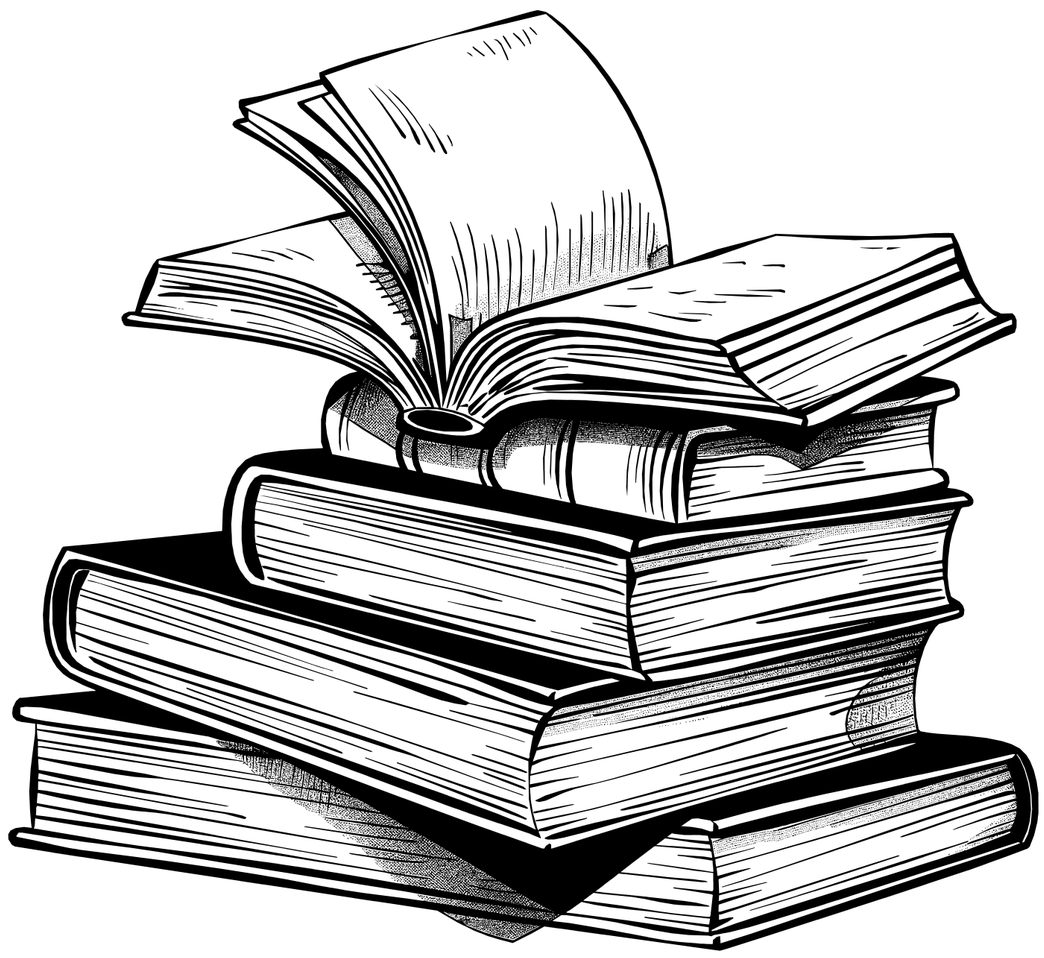


Mrs. Coran says that she likes the Harry Potter series. The reason why she loves the Harry Potter series is because she loves all the magic and the characters. Her favorite part is all the epic action in the epic battle scenes. She would want to go there because she thinks it would be cool to go to all the classes at Hogwarts. She would be really excited to go to Hogwarts. Of course she recommends this! She rates it ten thousand out of ten! Thank you Mrs.Coran wow! These are very highly rated!



Last but definitely not least is Carena Lawrence. She says that she would live in the sequel Out of My Mind, Out of My Heart! She would want to live there because she says it is so descriptive and she loves how the characters interact with each other. Her favorite part is when the main character hangs out with friends at a campfire. She wants to meet the characters and experience what the characters experience. She recommends this 11 out of ten.

We want YOU next time you read any book in any genre, to think about what it would be like to be one of the characters or see it in person. Thanks for reading!!!!! And I hope you read more books!!!!! 🙂



WEDNESDAY Vs STRANGER THINGS

by Carena Lawerence and Birdie Harden

Hello and welcome to our debate on Stranger Things Vs. Wednesday! Which one do you prefer? We will decide! Both shows are in the horror category for teens on Netflix. Wednesday and Stranger Things have been at war for a while now. So we want to know if one show should stay and one show should go? We personally are HUGE Stranger Things fans and are obsessed. DEMOGORGON IS WATCHING!

Time to interview! Caramia says, ” Wednesday, It’s kind of a tie but I prefer the backstory in Wednesday than Stranger Things.” Which is reasonable. Emma decides” Stranger Things because Wednesday looks really fake but Stranger Things looks real and they put a lot of effort in it.”



In 2022, *Wednesday* Season 1 surpased *Stranger Things* Season 4 as the most watched English streamed show on Netflix.



Rosalyn says Stranger Things because it is more suspenseful and eventful. Byron states, “ He likes watching Stranger Things because he is underage.” ??? Lucy says “Stranger Things because it has better acting and a better setting. Tarek says “Stranger Things because Wednesday is really confusing.” Our last person we interviewed will be Jada. Jada replies” I don’t like either because I hate horror.”Jada if you hate horror why did you get interviewed? Well, it’s close but it looks like Stranger Things is the winner!

MIND FLAYER IS ALSO WATCHING!!!

Who is Your Favorite Teacher?

by Jada Ampil

MANY PEOPLE PROBABLY HAVE ASKED, “WHO’S YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER IN SCHOOL?” WE'RE HERE TO FIND OUT WHO YOU LIKE BEST. TIME FOR INTERVEIWS!!! OKAY, STARTING WITH JUNE CRAIG IN MRS.GOUSHAS’S CLASS, SHE SAYS HER FAVORITE TEACHER IS... DRUMROLL PLEASE, MRS CORAN!!!!!! ONE FOR MRS.CORAN! SHE SAYS SHE LIKES MRS.CORAN BECAUSE, “ SHE’S ALWAYS SO NICE AND FUNNY AND DOES HER TEACHING IN COOL WAYS. SHE IS ALSO VERY OPEN TO ANYTHING AND SHE ALSO SHARES KINDNESS WITH EVERYBODY AND MAKES US FEEL GOOD.” AWWWWWWW! MRS.CORAN BETTER APPRECIATE THIS.

NEXT UP OLIVIA PEASLEY, ALSO IN MRS. GOUSHAS’S CLASS! HER FAVORITE TEACHER IS..... (IMAGINE A DRUMROLL) MRS. GOUSHAS!!! SHE SAID SHE LIKES MRS. GOUSHAS BECAUSE,“WE DO FUN PROJECTS AND SHE'S VERY FUNNY.” LET’S KEEP MOVING!
KENZIE LAROCCA IN MRS. KILEON’S CLASS SAYS HER FAVORITE TEACHER IS MRS. PLUNKETT! HEY, THAT’S MY BROTHER'S TEACHER! SHE SAYS SHE LIKES MRS. PLUNKETT BECAUSE, ”SHE IS SWEET AND DOES FUN ACTIVITIES.” YOU GUYS ARE SO SWEET!
NEXT UP, ME! MY FAVORITE TEACHER IN THE WHOLE WORLD OF SCHOOL’S IS..... MRS.CORAN!!! SHE IS ALWAYS SO KIND, SWEET, FUNNY AND I’VE LEARNED SO MUCH FROM HER. SHE ALWAYS PUTS A SMILE ON MY FACE.
LET’S MOVE ON!!! BIRDIE IN MRS. GOUSHAS’S CLASS SAYS HER FAVORITE TEACHER IS MRS. COMMO! SHE SAYS SHE LIKES MRS. COMMO BECAUSE “ MRS.COMMO TAUGHT FIFTH GRADE MATH EARLY AND SHE WAS FUNNY” THANKS BIRDIE.

NEXT UP, THE ONE, THE ONLY, ADAM THE UNICORN!!! HE SAID HIS FAVORITE TEACHER IS MISS MCCORMICK! HE SAID HE LIKES HER BEST BECAUSE, “SHE MADE EVERYTHING INTO A GAME AND HAD GOOD ENERGY AND REWARDED US FOR LOTS OF THINGS.”
THANKS GUYS, THAT'S A RAP.
JUST THINK, TEACHERS SPEND THEIR PRECIOUS TIME AFTER SCHOOL GRADING PAPERS AND PLANNING FOR TOMORROW! THANK YOU TO ALL THE TEACHERS IN WESTFIELD AND BEYOND! WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU IF YOU KNOW IT OR NOT.





Home or Theaters?

By Gigi and Olivia F.

Would you rather watch movies at home or at the movie theaters?

I prefer at home because you can eat whatever food you want and you don’t have to be quiet. You also get to sit in bed or on a couch while you watch a movie.

In contrast to Olivia, I prefer both, because I like sitting at home in a comfy area, and for some people,safer, but going to theaters, in my opinion, is a good treat that makes you feel kind of like you’re actually in the movie! And you can invite friends to come with you.

Viera likes to stay at home to watch a movie because you can be as loud as she wants. And she can eat all she wants without having to buy or sneak in snacks.

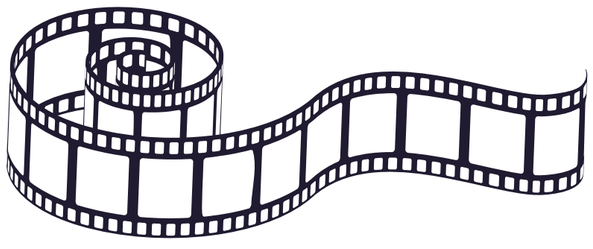
Andrea likes watching movies at the theaters because at the theater they have snacks and it's also better because no one is screaming at you to move or be quiet. Lastly, sometimes you get a free drink.

Viv likes watching movies at home.

And finally Alexa likes to stay at home because you have to stay and watch the ads at the beginning. Also at your house you can pause the movie but when you are at the movie theaters you can’t pause the tv.

That wraps up Westfield's favorite places to watch movies.

Wait for our sequel about Westfield’s favorite ways to watch movies.



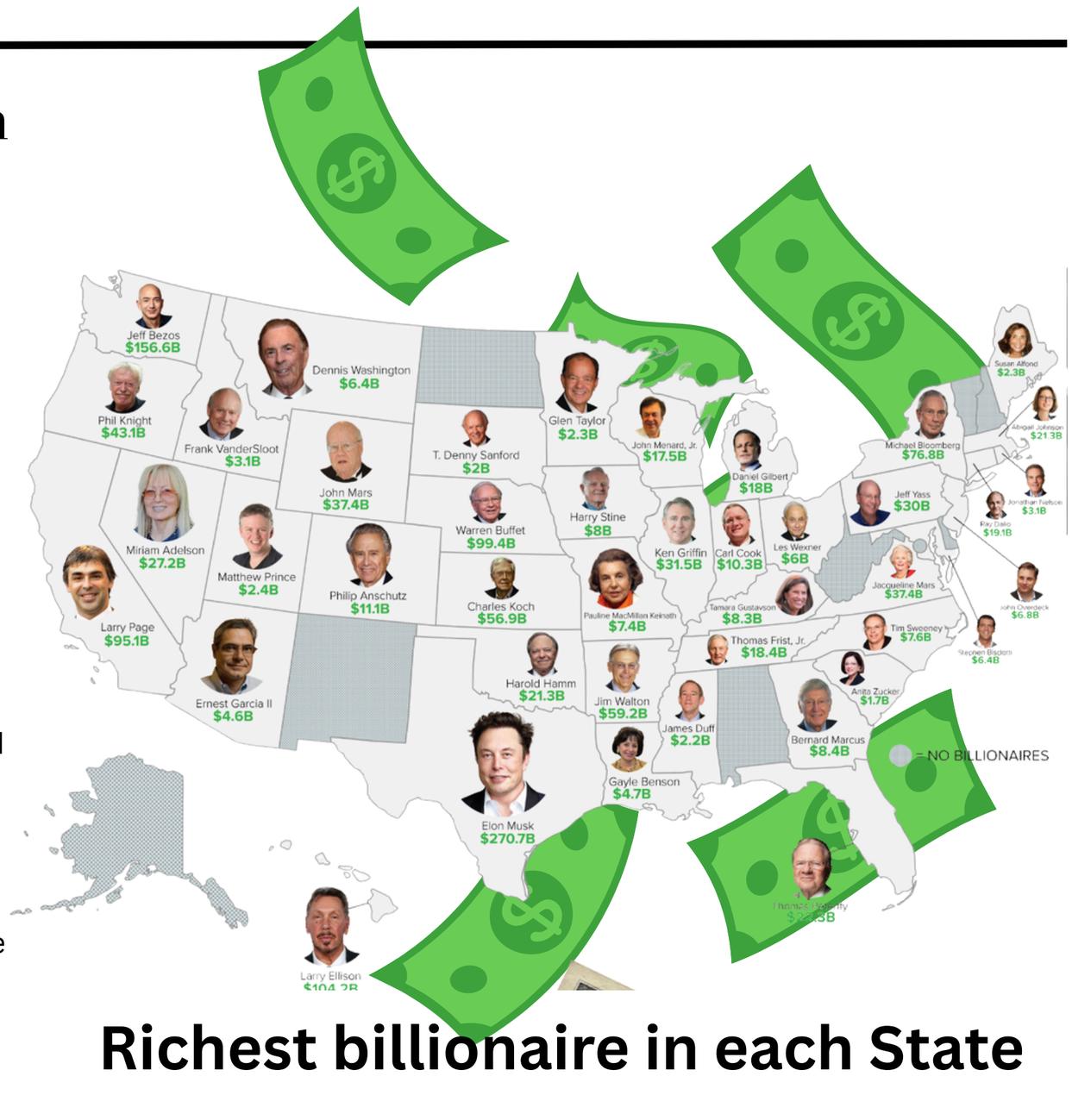


Opinion

Would you rather be the richest person or the smartest person on Earth?

By Damian sotiroff

Both of them have their own benefits and cons [bad stuff] is what cons means. If you were asking me I would pick the smartest person in the world and at the end of this article I'll tell you why. Here are some teachers' opinions. Mrs.Soukup said that she would want to be the smartest person on Earth so could help her as a teacher and she can make money from being the smartest person on earth . Mrs.stoll said that she would want to be the richest person on earth because she can hire somebody smart if she needed help and she could have more vacations.Mrs Plunkett would want to be the richest person on Earth because she can just hire people, like Mrs. Stoll to help her if she needed a smart person And both of them said that they would hire Mrs.Soukup and Mrs.Spino since she wants to be so smart. Miss bino would want to be the smartest person on Earth so she can invest and make a lot of money and to help people since she's super smart.Miss goushas said that she would want to be the smartest person on Earth so she can make money like Mrs.spino and Mrs. soukupMs Karen would want to be the richest person on Earth so she can have a lot of vacations and travel a lot.

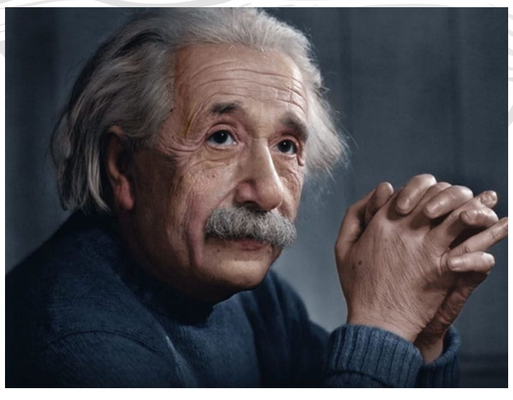


Richest billionaire in each State



Although intelligence can be subjective, YoonHoon Kim is thought to currently be the person with the highest IQ. His IQ is 276.

Albert Einstein is thought to have an IQ of about 160-180, but he never took an IQ test.



Ms Chatman would be the smartest person on Earth so she could invest money and help people .Mrs Carter would be the richest because she would be able to get court side seats to a basketball game. Mrs Delmar would be the smartest person on Earth so she can make a money machine that only works for her.Nurse Linda would be the smartest person on earth so she can get lots of money by being smart. Ms McCormick would be the smartest person on Earth because it doesn't make you happy and she could be savvy enough to make a money machine and as a teacher knowledge is the best.Mrs wrodarczyk would be the richest person on earth because she can help people. These are some great examples of why you should be the richest or the smartest person now,let's ask some students keets wants to be the smartest because you can get a better job and get more money.Abram would be the smartest because He Could Get a degree And people could see how smart he is and offer him a lot of jobs And so you get a lot of money and be smart.Logan would rather be smart than be rich Because if you're rich it feels like bragging And he could just make money From doing a big job with his brain And he wants a good degree Isaac would want to be the smartest so he can get money . Nathan would want to be the smartest person on earth to get more money .Henry would want to be the smartest person on earth. Henry can be the next Einstein and get more money .Luca wants to be the smartest person on Earth so he can have a good job that pays a lot .Those are great to NOW I will tell you why I would be the smartest person on earth. I would be the smartest person on Earth because I can make a money machine that only prints $100 bills. But first I would have to find a loophole so it would not be illegal printing. I really hope you enjoyed the article I put a lot of work into this so bye

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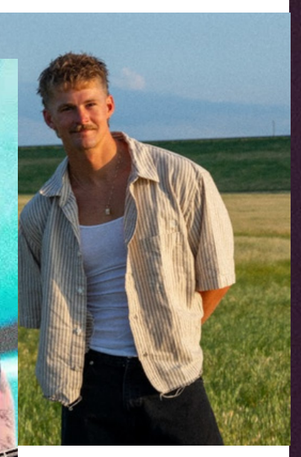
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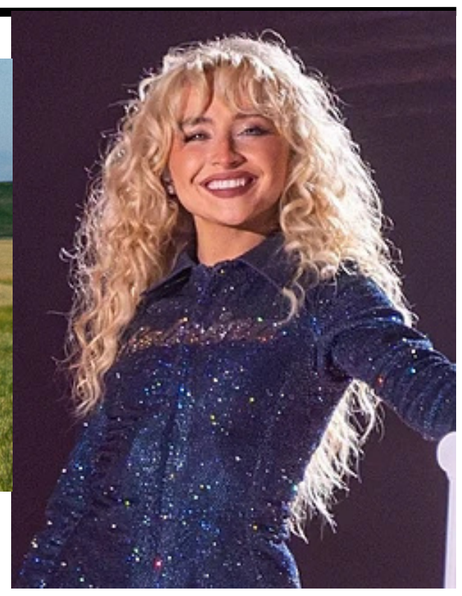
Opinion



What celebrity would you want to meet?







By :Kenzie, Emma, Natalia, Aubrey

Have you ever thought about meeting a celebrity or even an influencer? Today we are going to be interviewing students and Teachers, to see who they want to meet. Lets give our opinions! First we have Kenzie, she wants to meet a famous ice skater like Tonya Harding, with her beautiful spins and spirals. Next is Natalia, she wants to meet the one and only Influencer Mia Oglesby, she's funny, pretty, and

And now Aubrey, forest frank WHY: he is the best singer .





Interview:

Mrs. Coran said, "Taylor Swift because she makes a lot of donations and I would like to have my own concert."

5th grade: Lucy: Milly Bobby Brown Why: I like her movies and I think she is a good actor and a good person.

5th grade: Dea: Finn Wolfhard and Milly Bobby BrownWhy: They are good actors and he is a very good actor in stranger things.

5th grade: Lili: Milly Bobby Brown Why: I think she is very beautiful.

5th grade: Layla: Sabrina carpenter Why: She is a very good singer.

5th grade Jada : forrest frank Why : he is the is the best singer and she is going to his concert

2nd grade: Abram: Michel jordan: Why: cause he is best basketball player

2nd grade: Mackenzie: Zach brayn: Why: He is my favorite singer.

2nd grade: Arielle: Sabrina carpenter: Why: She is one of my favorite singers.

2nd grade: Tyler: any: Why: because i dont know any celebrities.

Mrs. plunket :Taylor swift WHY:i would like to know her life nd i feel like we would have a ot in common and i think we would be besties

Ms. Phillips: Adam Sandler why because his really funny and he genuine

Miss. Chapman Harry Styles why : he is the best and she thinks that he would be nice.

Mrs. jay Mr .Rogers Why because he is kind :

Ms. spandiary: patrick mahomes why he is a really good person of the field and my son loves football

Opinion

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

by Lena and Maya Babul

Have you ever wanted to taste sweet,yummy,and delicious cookies? Then you should try Girl Scout cookies! If you have, what would be your favorite flavor?

Well today Maya and I will be interviewing teachers and students about it!

Here's the inside scoop on 2026!

Here is what the Girl Scout logo looks like.

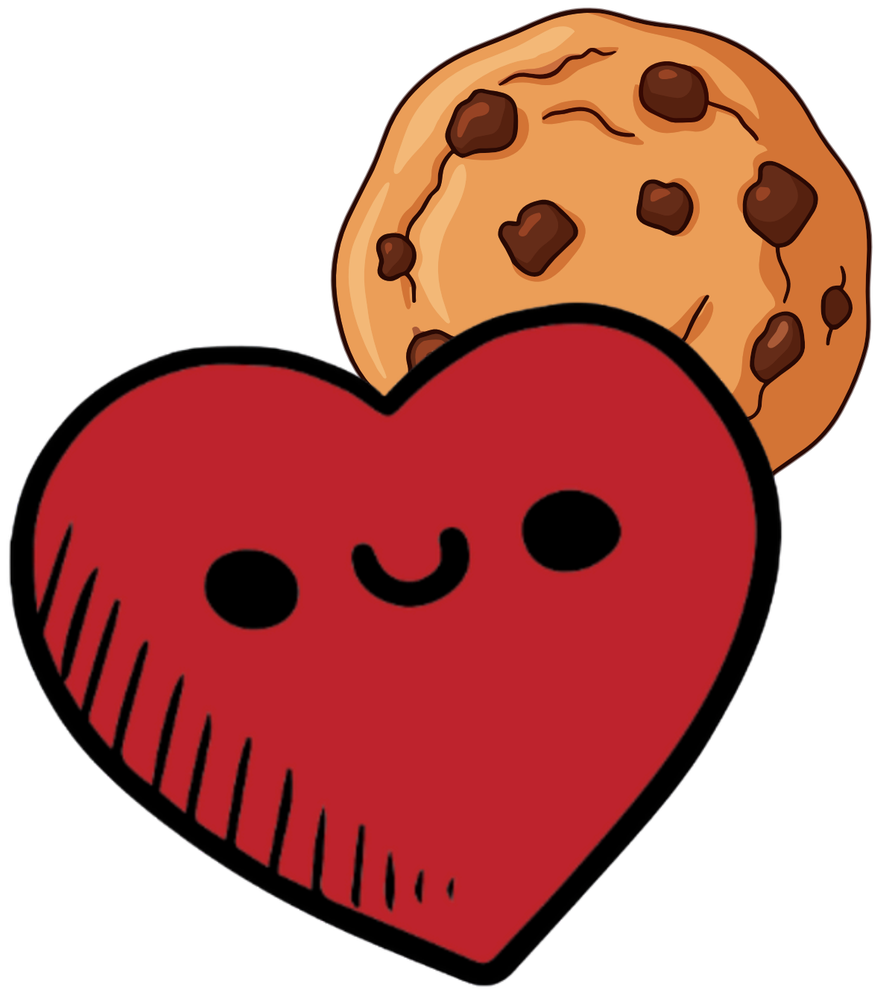


These are all the different flavors!



Opinion

Girl Scouts Continued



Now let's interview some teachers and students!!!!

Many people like Thin Mints. Thin Mints are basically a chocolate mint rich cookie.
In 4th grade we have Mackenzie. She says she likes Thin Mints because they are yummy!
Next we have Mrs Coran. She says that she likes Thin Mints and Samoas. She likes Thin Mints because you can freeze them and make it into a milkshake and she likes Samoas because they are gooey.

Then we have Carena in 5th grade in Mrs. Goushas class. She likes the new flavor Exploremores because there were no S'mores cookies any more this year(SAD).

In 5th grade we have Sahana. She likes Thin Mints because they are the best.

Also In 5th grade Mrs.Goshas class, Birdie likes Thin Mints.
Next we have Nurse Linda and she likes Samoas because she likes the chocolate and the coconut.

Next we have Miss McC who likes Thin Mints because they are just good.

Let's go see the kindergartners, Chyio likes Lemon Ups because she loves lemon.

Gianna also loves Lemon Ups because of the lemony flavor.

Then we have Tegan in Kindergarten in Miss. Chatman's class who likes Lemon Ups because she likes lemon flavored things.



That's it for Girl Scout cookies! The most liked Girl Scout cookies are Thin Mints!!!!!!!!!

Bye!!

Written by: Maya and Lena