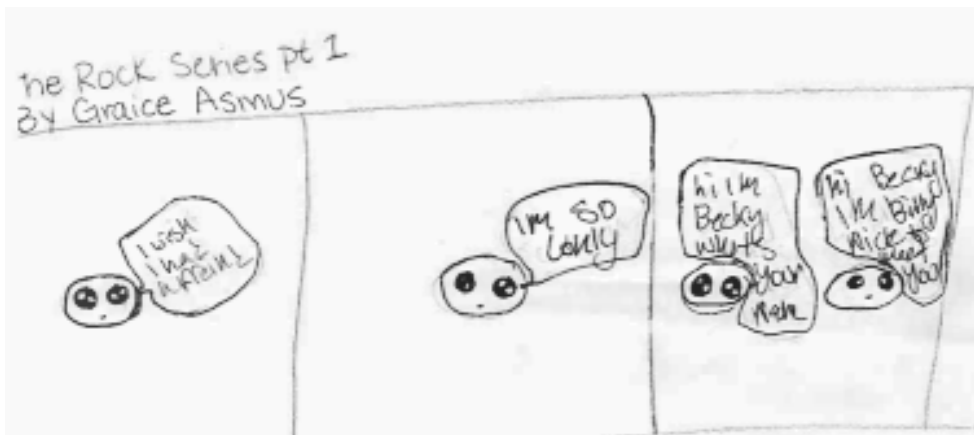


67 OR NOT?

BY EMERSON MULLER

I decided that I was going to interview middle schoolers to find out if 67 was still a thing or if it's so 2025. So I interviewed and found out that the vote was 23/1. The only one that said 67 was still a thing was Camden in 8th grade. So to make things more interesting I interviewed 5th graders. 16 more people voted for no and 1 more voted for yes making the score 39/2. So no 67 is not a thing.

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HUA MULAN'S STORY

BY OLIVE WILSON



Hua Mulan was a Chinese girl who had taken on the identity of a man so she could fight in the war opposed to the Rouran Khaganate army, and protect her elderly father from the fate she stole. Hua Mulan had been disguised as a man for a whole 10 years in the army, eventually, she had been called by the emperor to be rewarded for her neat skills in combat and bravery. She had asked for no reward other than a quick horse to get her home. When she had finally reunited with her family, she decided to show her true identity with her fellow comrades who were shocked, as they didn't once suspect her being a woman.

Hua Mulan's story has inspired many people, and her story continues to be told till this day. Her story is also told in the folk song, "Mulan Ci", Hua Mulan's name originated from her family name, As "Hua" being flower and Mulan being "Magnolia". Though it is not in the original folk lore song.

SECRET ARTWORK

Find the secret artwork hidden in this edition! First person to find it, gets a candy! See Ms. Olson



IN CRUST, WE TRUST

BY AIDEN ARCE

This week I am working on finding out the school's number one lunch food. I started by asking students what their favorite lunch food is. For the first vote, Wade said that his favorite lunch food is the chicken sandwich. There were three votes for grilled cheese. However, the most popular choice was pepperoni pizza. About 50% of the people voted for pepperoni pizza, which makes it the top lunch food!



IS PLUTO STILL A PLANET

BY EMMA TOWNSEND

In 2015, 55% of Americans still considered Pluto to be a planet. In middle school, 19 kids think Pluto is a planet 8 kids think Pluto is not a planet. Do you think Pluto is still a planet?

FAVORITE TYPE OF MOVIE

BY KINLEE TREECE

There are many types of movies out there such as action, comedy, documentaries, horror, or even fantasy, but what type of movie is the best?? Well, I interviewed people from 4th and 5th grade to hear their favorite movie genre and came up with a leaderboard. Starting with 3rd place with a total of 4 votes we have Action movies!!! Coming in 2nd place with a total of 5 votes is...Comedy!!!! In first place with the biggest amount of votes we have Horror!!!!

GROUNDHOG DAY?

BY TYLA HOFFA

Groundhog day has been around since 1887. I know, ancient, right? But does anyone really know what the heck it's there for? In case you don't know how Groundhog Day is celebrated (I don't blame you, it's not very exciting), Phil the Groundhog pops out of his burrow on February 2nd every year. If he comes out facing his shadow, we will have six more weeks of winter. But if little Phil is facing the sun, we will have an early spring!

The first ever Groundhog Day originally sprouted in the small town of Punxsutawney (puhnk-suh-taa-nee), Pennsylvania. It actually first turned up in a newspaper! However, it was initially a European holiday called Candlemas Day—the midpoint between winter solstice and spring equinox. See, the people of Europe, especially Germans, noticed that animals could predict weather by watching their behavior and body language. If the skies were clear on Candlemas Day, it warned of a continuous winter, and gloomy weather bespoke an early spring. Kind of contradictory if you ask me, but sure.

German settlers in the 1700s-1800s took this tradition with them in their travels to Pennsylvania. Needing a mascot to represent it, they chose a groundhog. The official Groundhog Day was conjured up by a group called the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club. They all traveled every year to see Phil the Groundhog predict the year's weather. And although we all might find it a holiday to be sat on the sidelines, in Philadelphia it is used to celebrate early settlers and their long standing traditions. So, shadow or sunshine, little Phil helps to remind us that all traditions and cultures—no matter how strange they may seem—can connect us to the people and stories behind them.

