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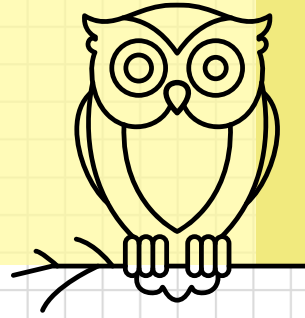


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"If people are doubting how far you can go, go so far that you can't hear them anymore." —

Michele Ruiz

Clubs and Posters



ORLANDO GIFTED ACADEMY AND THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY @MILENIA PRESENTS

PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE '23

WE WILL BE COLLECTING ANY NUT BUTTER DONATIONS FROM SEPT 8-18 IN MS ELA CLASSES (CUOMO, OLOWU, & RONQUILLO)

All donations will support local Feeding America food banks.

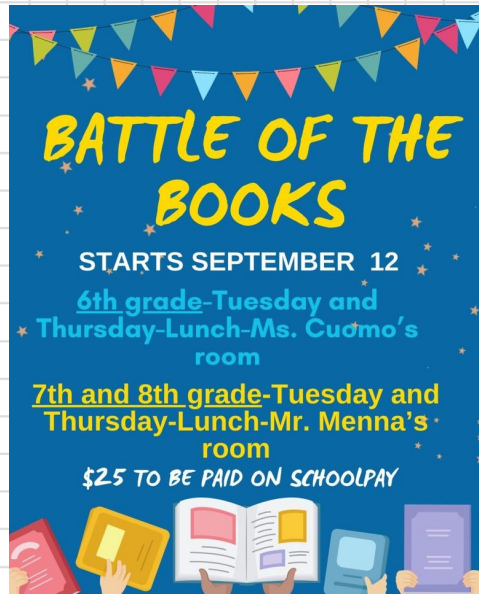
Elementary Nut Butter Drive

September 8-18th

We will be collecting sealed containers of nut butters of all kinds (peanut butter, almond butter, etc.) in our homeroom classes from Sept. 8-18th.



Each and every donation will benefit local Feeding America food banks.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

STARTS SEPTEMBER 12

6th grade-Tuesday and Thursday-Lunch-Ms. Cuomo's room

7th and 8th grade-Tuesday and Thursday-Lunch-Mr. Menna's room

\$25 TO BE PAID ON SCHOOLPAY



Congratulations

Our Elementary Students received the prize for most improved participation in the OCPS "All Together Now" Summer Reading Celebration and have won a virtual Author visit later this fall!

WAY TO GO READERS!



OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

100 - 159 - MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES WILL BE INVITED TO FOLLOW THEIR STUDENT'S SCHEDULE (6 MINUTES PER CLASS WITH A 2 MINUTE TRANSITION)

500 - 530 - OGA PTSA GENERAL MEETING IN AUDITORIUM

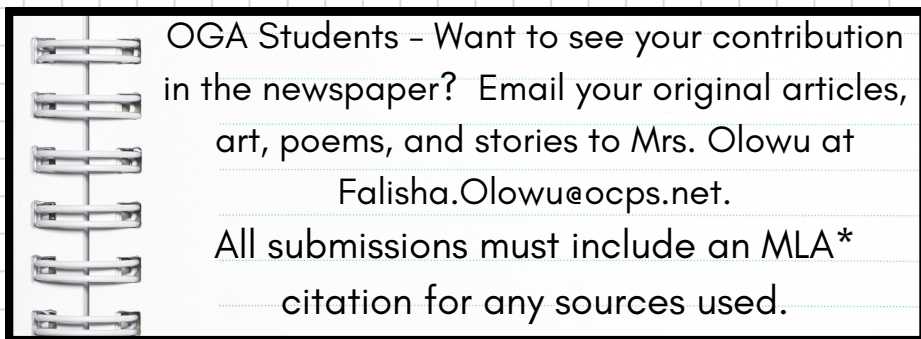
545 - 66 - ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

PLEASE PLAN TIME TO ALLOW FOR PARKING.

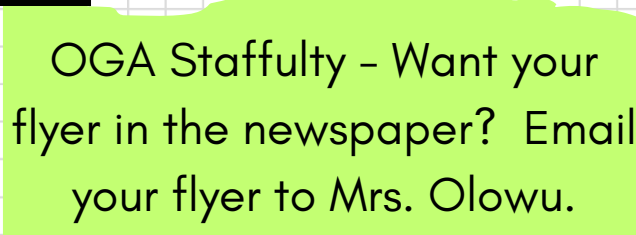


OCPS BACK TO SCHOOL CHESS BLITZ:

Play 100 Fast Chess games in the month of September on your OCPS ChessKid account for a chance to win some cool chess prizes!

OGA Students - Want to see your contribution in the newspaper? Email your original articles, art, poems, and stories to Mrs. Olowu at Falisha.Olowu@ocps.net. All submissions must include an MLA* citation for any sources used.



OGA Staffuly - Want your flyer in the newspaper? Email your flyer to Mrs. Olowu.

Owl Messenger Crew



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iPhone 14 vs. iPhone 15

By: Cadence L.

The new iPhone 15 will be officially introduced at the "Wonderlust" event on Tuesday, September 12th. Pre-orders will be available on the 15th and they will be moved into stores on the 22nd

Every time a new iPhone comes out that's all that people want. You may have heard about some of the assumptions that the new iPhone is the same as the last but this new iPhone 15 seems more different than it gets credit for. Some of the main changes are:

The charging port is changing from the lightning port to a USB-C port, A more widely used charger across most phone brands.

All styles will have a dynamic Island, which is the small oval-shaped area at the top of the screen that will display notifications

These display changes will be added to the iPhone 15 and the 15 Plus.

Now let's talk about the things that did not change, things that were just too good to lose:

- Same screen size (Could possibly be brighter)
- Some battery sizes
- Same charging speed
- Same storage options
- 48 MP normal camera

So after listing all the changes and the things that did not change, I think that it is safe to say that the iPhone 15 is a nice upgrade if you want a more convenient, stronger phone with more fun, never offered before colors. But if you decided to keep your old phone, you would be able to keep the signature Apple charger and have the original colors. Overall, it is really a personal preference for what is important to you. After all, Steve Jobs says "Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice." Make your own decision that you will be happy with!

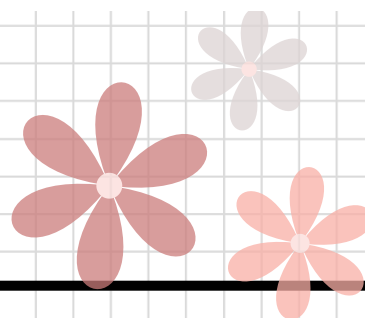


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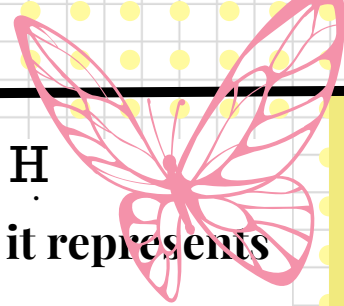
OGA Teacher of the Year & Support Person of the Year

We are so excited to announce our Teacher of the Year is Dr. Cybulski and our Support Person of the Year is Ms. Hirata!
Congratulations to you both!

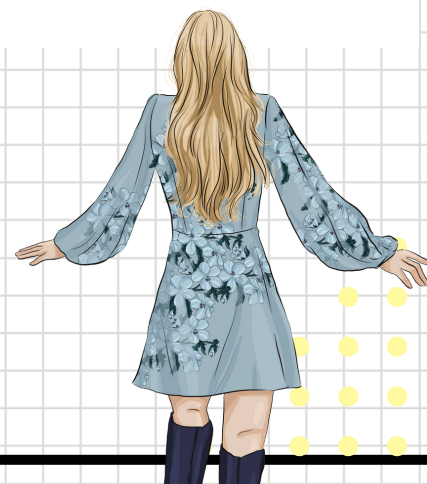


Sloane's Ultimate List of Taylor Swift Eras!

By: Sloane H



1. reputation-This is by far my favourite era because it represents Taylors comeback.
2. 1989 -THIS ERA REPRESENTS TAYLORS JOURNEY TO COME THIS FAR BECAUSE SHE WAS BORN IN 1989. SHE IS ALSO WORKING ON TAYLORS' VERSION OF THIS ERA
3. Lover-This era is very light and playful, her most popular song from Lover is Cruel Summer.
4. RED- Taylors Version, was one of her most popular albums. If you think of an old taylor swift song it is probably from RED.
5. FEARLESS-Taylors Version, was Taylors 2nd album after debut. A lot of old songs can be recognizable from Fearless.
6. Speak Now-This album has some of taylors most important songs like Enchanted and Speak Now.
7. Taylor Swift-This was Taylors very first era, and it will always have a special place in my heart you might know the song Our Song
8. **Midnights-This is Taylors newest album, and has a lot of very good songs, but some of them arent my favorite thats why its ranked at 8**
9. folklore-I like some of the songs on this album but its just not my favorite
10. evermore- Im sure there are plenty of good songs on this album but I just havent explored it that much.



Day in the Life of a Medical Examiner

By: Carter J



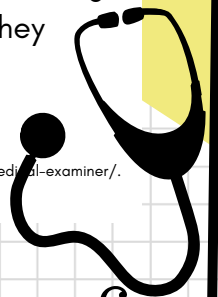
An average of 150,000 people die per day. Life must always come to an end for people, but have you ever wondered what people behind the scenes do with their bodies after death? Well, medical examiners know precisely what happens. Medical examiners are there for many reasons but mainly to determine the cause of death and how said death is considered suspicious or is requested by the family. But what does a day for an examiner look like? Well, let's see.

Medical examiners typically have many things to do every day. They can range from numerous things, but what they are known for is performing autopsies. An autopsy is when they perform an examination of a body after death as part of an investigation. But don't be fooled they do much more than that. They do things like, finding the body's identity, collecting evidence, including DNA, and most importantly filing a lot of paperwork.

What do they do outside of the workplace? Well, before all this they had to go through a solid 12 years of school to have the opportunity to work as a medical examiner. They will also testify in court cases as they can provide loads of info on a person's death to help catch murderers or let them go after already been incarcerated. Part of the paperwork includes making sure death certificates are made and accurate along with keeping the records up to date. They also get quite the large pay having a yearly pay-out between \$105,000 and \$500,000 meaning they most likely are living a nice and luxurious life.

Medical examiners serve an important role in society to bring peace to the world while working mostly behind the scenes: Whether the day is just filing paperwork or doing the autopsies they always go home making the world a better place.

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Are monarch butterflies going extinct?

By: Reagan C



The monarch butterflies that we all know are going extinct! The monarch butterfly has decreased in population by 99% in a few decades. The monarch butterflies were declared endangered on July 21, 2022. The reason monarch butterflies are going extinct is because they need milkweed to survive and the milkweed is getting killed because of all of the harmful chemicals that are used to get rid of pests.

The result of milkweed getting killed is monarch butterflies not having food to lay eggs and caterpillars not being able to grow into butterflies. The amount of people that are planting milkweed might save the population. The monarch butterflies will probably be extinct in our lifetime. So if you see a monarch butterfly don't try to kill it, let it be and if you have a milkweed garden take care of it even though it is a little effort it can go a long way.

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Travel on the Sunrail

By: Amaya A

You may or may not have traveled on a train before, but have you ever heard of the Sunrail? The Sunrail has 16 stations across Florida, but I will only be talking about the four stations in central Orlando and what you will see when you go on the Sunrail.

There are four stations:

1. AdventHealth Station: This station is one of the largest employers. It also opened on May 1, 2014. It was built with tracks that were initially used by the South Florida railroad.
2. Lynx Central Station: It's located near the federal and local government justice building, Amway Centre, and the Florida A&M University Law College
3. Church Street Station: It is also called the Old Orlando Depot. It's a historic landmark and near it, you have an entertainment center and houses.
4. Orlando Health/Amtrak Station: It was built in 1926, It's the fifth busiest station in the whole Amtrak railroad.

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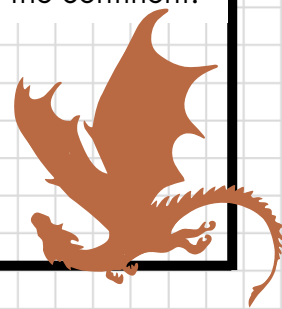


Book Series - Wings of Fire

By: Amelia L.

Listen up! If you're feeling bored and don't know what to do with your free time, I have the perfect solution for you: read a book! Reading is always an entertaining and enjoyable way to pass the time, no matter how bored you may be. And if you're looking for a book that will really grab your attention, look no further than Wings of Fire, or WoF This amazing book takes you on a thrilling adventure through a magical world filled with dragons, both good and evil, royalty, romance, and plenty of twists and turns that will keep you on the edge of your seat. You won't be able to put this book down once you start reading it!

The story follows a group of dragonets who are destined to stop a war that has been raging for decades. Along the way, they face many challenges and obstacles, including battles with other dragons and dangerous villains. Throughout the series, we follow three different groups of dragonets. In the first few books, we follow some friends, Glory, Tsunami, Starflight, Clay, and Sunny, a group that were born together in a cave, all stolen from their homes for a prophecy. In the next few, we follow Moon, Turtle, Quibli, and Winter. These dragonets have to save their own school! And the last few books we follow Blue, Cricket, Sundew, Snowfall, and Luna and they have to save the continent.





The History of Hip Hop

By: Courtney Z.

Jay-Z, Kanye West, Cardi B. These are just a few of the many artists who produce Hip-Hop or Rap music. But What is Hip-Hop?

Hip-Hop also commonly known as rap is a music genre that originated in 1970 New York City as a cultural exchange through music between African American, Latino and Caribbean Youth. Since its creation it has birthed dozens of subgenres such as gangsta rap, trap, chillhop, nu metal (or rap rock), etc. As a culture, Hip-Hop has four main pillars such as DJing, Rapping, Breakdancing, and Graffiti.

A Brief History

Early Hip-Hop music found its origins in the 1970s in New York City. It originated as a collaboration between groups of African American, Latino and Caribbean youth commonly played at block parties and other community gatherings. DJs like Grand Wizzard Theodore, Afrika Bambaataa, Grandmaster Flash, and DJ Kool Herc are often credited as the pioneers of Hip-Hop Music.

During its expansion throughout the U.S in 1979, hip-hop trio Sugarhill Gang released what is considered as the first hip-hop record called "Rappers Delight," which reached top 40 on the US Billboard Charts and brought Hip-Hop to its spotlight.

By the 1980s Hip-Hop had spread to international audiences especially across Australia, Japan, and the UK. This is also considered the golden area of hip-hop because of the rise of subgenres "New School Hip Hop" and "Gangsta Rap" which emphasized the lifestyle of inner city youth.

During its commercialization in the late 1990s, hip hop became a major genre across the world and many high profile artists like Nelly, Nas, Jay-Z, DMX, and Eminem were on the rise. During that time the Grammys also added an award category for Best Rap Album which was awarded to Naughty By Nature.

By the 2000s many artists started to incorporate heavier influences from genres like jazz, indie rock, and electronic. At this time prominent artists included Kanye West, Kendrick Lamar, and Gucci Mane.

Since the rise of streaming services and internet distribution, an explosion of contemporary hip hop artists that have risen to fame such as 21 Savage, Tyler the Creator, Megan Thee Stallion, and Migos.

All in all, Hip-Hop has had a huge impact on the music industry and even modern day life. So Happy 50th Birthday to Hip Hop!

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The History of Play-Doh & Slime

By: Alexis M.

Play-Doh and Slime weren't always toys for kids. Play-Doh was originally used as a wallpaper cleaner. It wasn't until the 1930s when Kay Zufall, a nursery school teacher, found a use for the wallpaper cleaner at schools. She realized that it worked as a modeling compound like clay. Students could shape it into whatever they wanted and let it dry or make something new! Years later when Noah McVicker's nephew, Joseph McVicker, joined the company he learned that teachers were using the wallpaper cleaner for arts and crafts. He started marketing it to schools and department stores. The new product was a huge success. In 1956 the McVickers started the Rainbow Crafts Company to make and sell Play-Doh. They also started advertising Play-Doh on popular kids shows. Throughout a year of sales for Play-Doh, they had earned nearly \$3M!

Slime on the other hand wasn't made until 1976 by a company named Mattel. People tend to argue about who the original creators of slime are, but generally, Mattel gets the credit for the creation of slime. Much like Play-Doh, slime comes in various colors, but it didn't use to. The first slime made was green and looked as disgusting as possible. Even the container it came in was a trash can. When slime was first made there wasn't anything like it in stores, which led to kids loving it and slime becoming popular. Although slime is safe now, starting in January 2016 and ending in August 2019, Canada recalled Slime Suckers, which were toys with a blue or purple head that could be squeezed to either suck up or spit out green slime, the slime was breaking the Canada toy safety requirements relating to boric acid. Boric acid can be toxic to kids if ingested. The slime industry has made over \$1B as of today, that's more than a lawyer makes in 10 years!

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Teacher Interview

By: Isaiah B

Mary Anne Dunn works out at the gym every day called "Orange Theory" She works out there at 5 am in the morning. She also has 2 dogs named Dabo and Riggs named after famous coaches from Clemson, She loves Clemson so much because most of her family went there, and she also loves the team spirit of the football team, She said some vacation places she went to was France, Germany, and Amsterdam, Mrs. Dunn went down the Rhône River in France, She said one thing most people don't know about her was when She turned 50 and her daughter turned 21, they went 10 thousand feet in the air and skydived, One of her struggles was Spelling issues, but she said its good because the students can check and see if she misspelled something, She said she wanted to become a teacher because there was a horrible teacher in 2nd grade who threw beanbags at students because they did something wrong and she looked back to that day and said I wanna become a teacher to encourage kids and not discourage them.



Brightline by: Jacob A

Brightline is a company that started an ambitious project of making a high-speed train connecting various parts of South Florida, those currently being Orlando, West Palm Beach, Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale, Aventura, and Miami. Although not yet completed and not ready for people to start traveling, this will be positive for tourism since travel by train is cheaper than having to pay for gas, parking, and potential damages to your car. Not only that, but it's far more convenient than driving your car when there is a faster alternative with easy check-ins, comfortable seats, areas to store your luggage, and free wifi.

Brightline isn't just beneficial for tourism, it is also creating hundreds, if not thousands of jobs for individuals living in Florida. There is a commuter pass for people that allows them to take the train up to forty times every month, opening up jobs for many that could not go to the destination they needed to. Not only that, but Brightline also directly hired hundreds of employees due to them needing people to operate the train, maintain the railroads, and many other jobs needed to run this project. In conclusion, Brightline is a step forward for the people of Florida and people going to Florida due to convenience for tourists and opening jobs for thousands of people who wouldn't be able to obtain their jobs if not for Brightline.

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A Place Called Florida

By: Natalie B

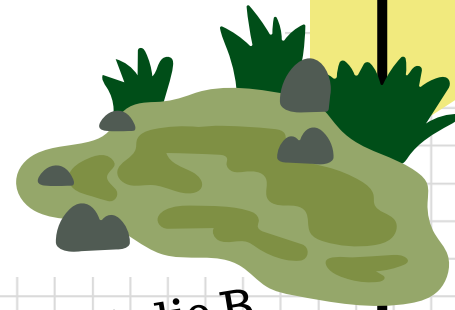
We've been dealt rain and sun,
Yet, a sad lack of snow,
For we get none,
Our state is too down low

Hop into the water,
Try to cool off,
Mosquitoes, we've forever fought her
Mosquitoes, they steal your blood like food from a through

Sun rays,
Not a cloud in sight,
Everything, set ablaze,
Don't look, it's a blinding light

Popsicles, ice cream,
A cold, tasty treat,
The flavors, like a dream,
Best way to fight the heat

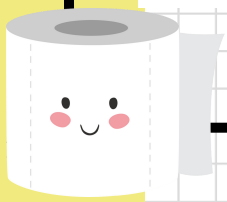
Orlando, Miami, and even Two Egg,
With many more places to go,
You'll likely meet at least one guy named Greg,
Yes, we have quite the show!

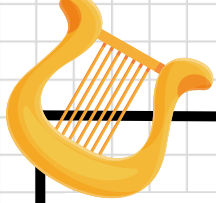


The Right Way To Hang Toilet Paper

By: Natalie B

Toilet paper rolls should be hung "over". They just **need** to be. Why? It's more hygienic; Your fingers touch only how much you need, which minimizes bacteria spread, especially in public restrooms. A study at the University of Colorado revealed the following information: "Using a high-tech genetic sequencing tool, researchers identified 19 groups of bacteria on the doors, floors, faucet handles, soap dispensers, and toilets of 12 public restrooms in Colorado -- six men's restrooms and six women's restrooms. Many of the bacteria strains identified could be transmitted by touching contaminated surfaces." which proves how even clean-looking office or workplace restrooms can be dirty, bacteria infested hotbeds. Majority of bacterias in restrooms are e-coli from human feces, unsurprisingly, which is mainly transferred onto the walls when people reach for toilet paper that is hung "under", because their hand brushes the wall, which leaves a deposit of aforementioned e-coli and other bacterias. Overall, don't be nasty nor insane, hang your toilet paper "over".





Medieval Music

By: Amaya A

I believe that the medieval period is one of the most important times in history, but its most essential was the music since that was the first recorded time music was on a piece of paper. This is why I will be showing you the medieval period of music history.

Medieval Period

It is important to note that even though music started before this period, this is the first prominent period in which we find music.

The Instruments most commonly used and played were the flute, recorder, and specific string instruments according to their time.

The one thing that is very notorious for being part of the medieval period is the monophonic Gregorian Chant. Monophonic means a single melody unaccompanied by another instrument. Polyphonic vocals were also developed in this period.

There are three types of Organums, which are a way to express polyphonic music.



1. Parallel Organums: One melody and one fixed interval.
2. Free Organums: Each voice moves in a parallel motion.
3. Melismatic Organums: One single-note accompaniment and one melody that goes up and down.

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See Plants In Leu Gardens By: Amelia L.

Most people know about Leu Gardens, but do they know about all of the different plants that are living there? Leu gardens is a tourist trap, but most people don't realize all of the rare plants that are inhabiting it.

There are lots of different, unique plants that grow all around it. There are acacias, agaves, aloes, bromeliads, cacti, palms, and succulents. Most people think that this place is just a plain garden with useless plants that are only worth looking at to please their eyes, but, there is more hidden beneath the ferns. Some of the plants there are rare plants, such as rare-colored azaleas, bamboo, camellias, conifers, and crape myrtles.



Why Your Gaming Keyboard Matters

to Improve your Skills

By: Carter J



Has your gaming experience needed improvement as of late? Well, maybe it is because your keyboard is not that good. Keyboards are very important as they are what most games use to move your character. If your keyboard is unresponsive it can always make quite the impact. Here is a list of things you look for in a good keyboard

- Something personalized that makes you feel comfortable.
- A mechanical keyboard. Mechanical keyboards are able to type faster therefore allowing for quicker and more efficient gaming.
- One that has low latency. Low latency allows your inputs to be registered and inputted much quicker than usual.
- Macros can be useful yet risky. Macros allow you to assign certain keys to do actions automatically for you. But be warned, macros are commonly frowned upon and banned in countless games.

These are essential for making sure your keyboard is a good one, but you may ask, what else makes them important? Your keyboard is your bread and butter, (along with your mouse) without it you can't operate your set-up.

Always remember that this information doesn't just pertain to gaming either. This can pertain to someone who just wants a keyboard, they don't need to be a gamer. Now go out and find that keyboard you're looking for.

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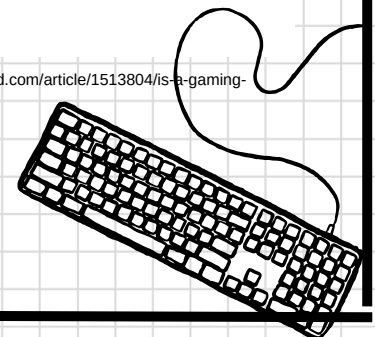


By: Isaiah B.

Why Your Gaming Mouse Matters to Improve your Skills

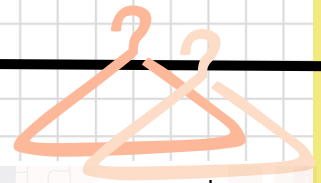
Has your gaming been lacking lately, Maybe the problem is that you need a Gaming mouse, gaming mice can improve your gaming experience, One thing that is important when you get a mouse is the Sensitivity/DPI, and with a gaming mouse you could change that, you could also change the way you switch tabs there are some side buttons on mouses such as Logitech G502 Hero has a button where you could switch accounts back and forth without just moving the mouse to the top of the screen which makes everything much easier, it can also help with ergonomics aka comfort if your gaming mouse discomforts your hand or it messes with your gaming style just get a gaming mouse it can focus on comfort and grip.

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Fashion For Teen Girls

By: Lexi G. & Sloane H.



Tight shirt? Baggy pants? New wardrobe!! Every teen struggles with fashion at some point in their life - you are not alone. If you are questioning your fashion choices keep reading because this article is about helping YOU decide YOUR style!

First, know what colors suit you. You don't want a color that's dragging you down because it clashes with your hair shade, skin tone, or eye color. Here's one of many tips that can help you find your perfect match(color-wise!). When trying to find the perfect color hold it up to your face in bright or natural lighting. The whites of your eyes will appear brighter if the color matches, if not then your eyes will appear droopy and gray. For example, if you have pale skin it's best to wear blues, purples, and reds but best to stay away from pastels and neons. Add bright colors to your outfit and you can even layer with bright and pretty clothes.

Second, be confident. Confidence is vital, be comfortable with what you are wearing because when you are confident, it makes you look very attractive. Focus on how things fit on you instead of focusing on your size because the way things fit is more important. When picking what to wear, pair short tops with long bottoms or long tops over short bottoms. Two examples are a cropped jacket over a maxi dress and a long T-shirt paired with skinny pants. Also, dress up your assets. If you have a tiny waist, don't clutter it. If you have a bigger bust, then V-necks are perfect for you. If you keep your style simple it can be very versatile.

Next, pick clothes that are good quality and last long. This also means to stay away from trends, the clothes are probably not the best quality and won't last you. Buy clothes that are high quality instead of cheaply made clothes. While you should buy high quality clothes that doesn't mean you need to spend a ton of money, instead buy the clothes that make you look nice and boost your confidence.

Lastly, Comfort. Fashion means nothing if you aren't comfortable. If you are trying to fit in a leather jacket 3 sizes too small just to match your outfit, DON'T. As long as you are comfortable in what you wear you don't need to care about anyone else's opinion.

Now that you have read this article put these tips to use and own your style. Find your style and own it. People will see how amazing you are. Just be yourself and remember that fashion is a way to express yourself so do what works for you and have fun with it.

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History and Future of Newspaper

By: Cadence L



From the beginning of time newspapers have kept us up to date with and informed on important issues, events and dates. We read every single day and by now you have come so accustomed to reading, that you cannot look at something that has words without reading them, it is just instinct. When you read something, it was written by somebody else with the main goal in mind of making something you will enjoy reading. The exact same is true for newspapers, from the very beginning, to today, we have people who spend hours, days and even weeks perfecting their form of art, and few paragraphs that let your mind float into another universe and learn about so many things you never know that you never knew.

If you have a phone you probably get notifications about all the most recent news in a way that is incredibly easy to read and understand. We also get images with color and very good quality. We can also get roped into the news with clickbait from major news companies and even online blogs. In old TV shows and movies, you may have seen people paying for the newspaper or getting it delivered at their door, You have also seen them reading it or just simply seen an black and white printed newspaper sitting on the counter. That may have happened a lot back in the day but it definitely did not come into this new century. Movies and TV shows today still include this in a day to day routine. Even in the B.C.E. 's there were newspapers. None of them are still around anymore, but isnt it crazy to think that people thousands and thousands of years ago were reading newspapers just like we are today?

Newspapers have been around so long, most people can't remember a time without them, Actually, they cant because they were invented in 59 B.C.E. Newspapers have been around for so long, but that does not mean that they are not going to change, the change from 59 B.C.E. to today is crazy, just imagine what we can do from now to even just 100 years later. The world is advancing so rapidly, that is is not really easy to tell, but we can tell that no matter what form newspapers are in, they will be around for a long time ahead.

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Cadence, What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up? By: Genevieve A.

A doctor? A vet? Or maybe even a painter! There are so many job options to choose from and one of our owls, Cadence wants to be a physical therapist. Cadence is an 8th grader who has been at OGA for 2 Years! Cadence is a busy but kind, caring and considerate person to both her friends, and strangers! Which are the perfect traits to becoming a physical therapist!



So, what made her want to be one? This idea was actually not very long ago! Last year Cadence got into a lot of accidents due to her sport Gymnastics. And ever since, she's wanted to be a physical therapist to help people! She plans to go study at the University of Florida, which is a popular university among many students who want to study the exact same thing! She plans to study anatomy and physics to really help her in the future.

In order to get a better understanding of how it works, Cadence plans to be a physical therapist assistant! They are like physical therapists, only they observe their patients' condition before and after and help them with exercise and stretching techniques. friends, and strangers! Which are the perfect traits to becoming a physical therapist!

So what would you choose? Maybe you are like Cadence and want to study physical therapy, or something completely different like a teacher! It doesn't matter, whatever you choose will hopefully have an impact on society just like Cadence will!

Hurricane Ike By: Reagan C

On September 8, 2008 hurricane Ike hit Cuba hard. On September 8th, 2008 Hurricane Ike impacted many areas, but one of the places it hit at category 2 was Cuba. Even though a category 2 does not seem like a lot it left a major impact on Cuba. Ike made 1.2 million people evacuate and killed at least 4 people. Schools were closed for obvious reasons and everyone was told to seek shelter. Hurricane Gustav came right before Ike so the damages were 2 times worse. Cuba has never had 2 hurricanes this close. There was major damage in cities and neighborhoods.

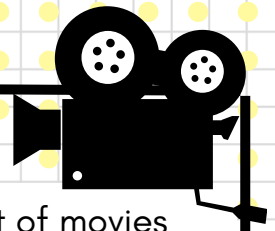
This picture shows just how much the citizens had to go through after hurricane Ike hit Cuba. In the picture you can see all of the buildings are destroyed. Hurricane Ike impacted many families for life. The government had to pay billions of dollars in repairs and damages. I would be really scared if my house got torn down and I had to evacuate my city. The hurricane had many impacts on Cuba and many other places.



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Movie Recommendations

By: Lexi G



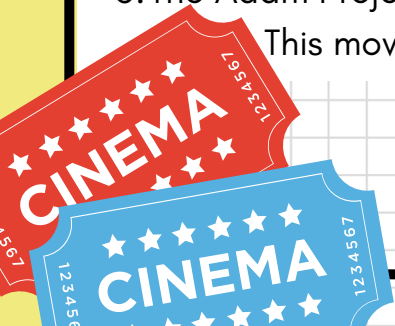
This article is for movie lovers who don't know what to watch. This will be a list of movies and their age ratings

First, is a list of kid-friendly movies

1. The Sea Beast. It is a comedy movie about a monster hunter whom a young girl joins and it's rated PG
2. Chickenhare and the Hamster of Darkness. It's about a half-chicken half-hare adventurer who goes on an adventure with two friends to find an artifact before his evil uncle does. This movie is rated TV-Y7.
3. Over the Moon is rated PG. It is about a girl searching for a moon goddess with her step-brother tags along. This movie also has some good songs.
4. The Queen's Corgi. The queen's beloved corgi gets lost outside the palace and goes on a long journey to make his way back home.
5. Ballerina or in the US Leap! Friends Felicie and Victor escape from their orphanage and pursue their dreams. Felicie wants to be a ballerina and Victor wants to make machines.
6. Charming is rated TV-Y7. It's about an adored prince who has to find his soulmate on the eve of his 21st birthday or all love in his kingdom will be gone.

Now is a list of movies for teens.

1. Black Widow is PG-13. This movie lets you see more of the heroine Black Widow which is perfect for Marvel fans or people who like movies about strong female characters. Natasha has to confront her past as a spy and her broken relationships from before the Avengers.
2. Titanic is PG-13. Rose and Jack fall in love aboard the doomed Titanic.
3. Enola Holmes is about a girl who learns her mother disappeared and goes on a hunt to find her, running away from home and her two in the process. Rated PG-13
4. Hunger Games is rated PG-13. Twelve teens are coming together from 12 districts to fight to the death on national television.
5. The Adam Project. Time traveler Adam Reed teams up with 12-year-old him to save the world. This movie is rated PG-13





Coraline Review

By: Alexis M.

The story revolves around Coraline and the strange experiences she has after she and her parents move into a new apartment. Coraline is a very inquisitive kid and her parents are very inattentive, leaving her bored most of the time. I like how the author, Neil Gaiman, wrote Coraline and described the setting with so much detail. This book is really good for people who like creepy stories but don't like being scared. In my opinion, I don't find the book scary but I understand why someone would find the book scary. The book is very short, being only 176 pages long. Gaiman wrote Coraline because his daughter told him scary stories. Afterward, he went to the library to look for good horror stories for a 4 or 5-year-old. He didn't find much, so he chose to write it himself. Coraline is a captivating story that follows the adventures of Coraline. Gaiman does an amazing job of painting a picture with his words, making the story come alive in our minds. The story contains mystery and suspense making it a great and engaging read for younger readers and older readers. If you've read Coraline already or want to read it and want something else like it, The Graveyard Book, also written by Gaiman is the perfect book! It has the same energy as Coraline so if you like Coraline you should most definitely like The Graveyard Book!

The Frappe Island & Puchunguis Skewers

By: Jacob A

La Isla del Frappe & Puchunguis Pinchos or The Frappe Island & Puchunguis Skewers is a food truck at 7401 E Colonial Dr, Orlando, FL 32807 that sells messy, yet astonishing food and amazing frappes. When I first arrived I saw that it was similar to an outdoor picnic area. There was music playing in the background as I was taking my order, which was a chicken kabob with garlic bread and coconut frappe. A frappe is a partly frozen drink or a drink made with a lot of ice, containing milk, fruit juice, or alcohol. It took around five minutes from getting the receipt until I got my drink, but when I did, it looked bright and vibrant, with many, many toppings placed above it. I got the coconut flavor with no toppings, but it tasted sweeter than any drink I can remember.

When I was about half way through with my drink, I received my kabob and garlic bread. I could see how much sauce was put on the whole thing, but other than that, it tasted like a normal kabob, great, but nothing that blew me away. The garlic bread was something that was good, but looked and tasted like normal garlic bread. My recommendation through my experience was that you should go for the drinks, and if you want to get food there, you should. The food is not the specialty of the restaurant, but still is really good and is a phenomenal area to go for a weekend meal.



Current News- Maui Wildfires

By: Courtney Z.

The **Maui Wildfires** or **Maui Wildfires of 2023**, were a series of wildfires that spread throughout the island of Hawaii specifically in the historic town of Lahaina located on Maui's western peninsula. The wildfires started on August 8, 2023, burning over 3,000 structures and turning the town of Lahaina to ash and ruins. At least 100 people were killed do turn smoke inhalation, burning, or drowning.

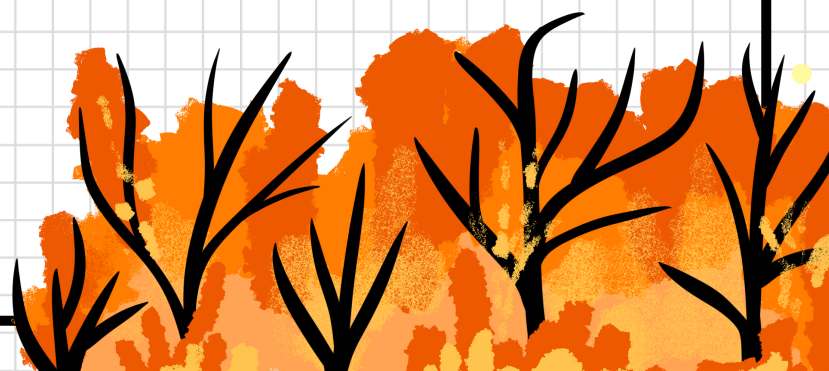
While there isn't a direct cause, evidence suggests that sparks due to a downed power line started one of the fires. Meteorologists and climate researchers have also suggested that the fires were a product of multiple different factors working together. Since the fires started at the height of Hawaii's dry season the severity was heightened by El Niño. El Niño brings increased rainfall to South America while bringing drought-like conditions to Hawaii's islands. Researchers have also suggested that climate change and global warming have played a role as well. Due to the ongoing temperature rise across Hawaii's Islands global warming has dried out the vegetation much faster giving the fires more ability to burn.

The fires near Lahaina originally started as a small bushfire in the early mornings of August 8th. Local officials claimed to have it contained but by mid-afternoon officials were forced to close Lahaina's bypass road. Fueled by the high winds moved to town spreading very quickly, burning wooden buildings and structures. Within 15 minutes the fires had spread to the center of town forcing other roads to close and hindering the evacuation process even further. As the fire grew more and more it burned telephone poles and shut off power making alerting residents even harder for officials, melting pipes, and raising the water pressure making it harder for emergency services to contain the fires.

By 5:30 PM huge areas of Lahaina were on fire while gasoline trucks and tanks were exploding contributing to the conflagration of the fires. Due to the lack of ability to communicate the fire took many residents by surprise leaving very little time to flee. By 7:00 PM the fires had reached the harbors, boats breaking out in flames causing the fuel tanks to explode.

On the morning of August 9 emergency services were able to start coming and helping. As they entered Lahaina all they could see was a grey landscape of burned-out buildings and vehicles. By August 10 officials could report that 80% of the fire had been contained and by August 14 the fires had burned over 2,200 acres of land.

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Catsharks

By: Damien K.

In 2011 off the Northern Australian coast, a weird egg casing was found by a scientist. These egg casings were never before seen by scientists in Australia, with their intricate¹ shaping and weird characteristics. "The egg cases have strong T-shaped ridges, the paper's authors said. The unique markings resembled multiple other species, but none of the characteristics fully matched existing shark egg cases. One of the recently found egg cases contained what researchers described as a well-preserved, late-term shark embryo.²", says *CBS News*.

Scientists had found out the existence of this shark species, but they wanted to find what species it was so they could register it as a species. Quote again, "Scientists used multiple methods, including molecular³ analysis, to identify the species. Researchers named the *Apristurus ovicorugatus* after the corrugated⁴ egg cases that led them to the discovery. That corrugated design is unique to the species, since other egg cases laid by sharks in the *Apristurus* category do not have such markings. It's unclear why the design has developed, but researchers suggested that possible benefits could include helping the embryo develop or strengthening the egg case against shock."

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Staff Interview

By: Damien K

If you didn't notice from the people when you entered the school, we have some new faces this year. And not just students, we also have new staff too!

Meet OGA's new Registrar, Ms. Ragan! She used to work at the Foundation for Foster Children, a non-profit organization that helps with foster families.

Now she works as OGA's Registrar in the front office! A Registrar is a person who looks over and cares for students records. She also doubles as an office assistant.

If you see Ms. Ragan, which you most likely will, make sure to say hello! She loves to talk to the students and nearly everybody she comes across. So don't pass the up the opportunity to say hello, or start up a conversation.

Have a good week, Owls!

