

# The Mirror

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## 7th Grade Field trip to Rhinebeck Performing Arts Center

By Flora Pierson

On November 16, 2016, the 7th graders at New Paltz Middle School went to see the play *Inherit the Wind* at the Rhinebeck Performing Art Center. It was a beautiful day and the bus ride took 45 minutes. When the students arrived at the big red barn, converted into a theater, they realized that they were the only people in the theater. The students were in for a private showing!

The play started with Bert Cates, a man in jail for illegally teaching evolution to a group of 9th graders. The town of Hillsboro, which Bert lives in, had arranged for a nationally famous attorney, Brady to work in deciding Bert's fate. Bert's lawyer was Drummond, another famous lawyer who had defended many criminals. As the court picks people for jury, they do not allow any scientists, only experts in religion. When the trial started the play crew run a quick intermission. After the intermission ends and the play starts, Drummond does a shocking thing by bringing Brady as a witness. Brady willingly steps up and realizes that he does not know everything about the Bible. As the court case starts being broadcasted on the radio, they announce the verdict: Bert Cates, guilty, but fined for \$100.00 with one year before retrial. A shocking twist happens and Brady freezes and suffers a heart attack. Seconds later he is pronounced dead. When the town people went home, Hornbeck, a newspaper reporter tells Drummond that he is more religious than Brady, and as he leaves, Drummond picks up the Bible and the Origin of Species, kisses them both and leaves. The play ends with Bert Cates and his girlfriend Rachel leaving town on a train to find a new life.

The 7th graders take this annual theater trip to see a play and learn about history. They learn about their freedom to believe what they choose and how the world has changed. The field trip was a fun change of pace for all students!

Bert Cates' story showed the students the power of speaking their minds and saying what they believe. Seeing a play can expand students' imagination and hopefully they become more interested in what they are learning. The play is a great tradition. It is something that the students always look forward to and love. Thank you to the PTA for financially supporting this play and making it possible for all students.



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Inherit the Wind* is based on the famous Scopes Monkey Trial.
- The play was written in 1955.
- In 2014, TV personality and scientist Bill Nye debated best-selling author Ken Ham. They debated the issue of teaching evolution or creation in schools. This issue is still relevant today. (You can look up the debate on YouTube!)



## **6th Grade Field Trip to Frost Valley**

**By Josh Henry and Tomasz Zaborowski**

On September 14-16<sup>th</sup>, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at New Paltz Middle School went to Frost Valley with amazing parent and teacher chaperones. Frost Valley is a campground owned by the YMCA in the Catskills. It is also a summer camp and a place for families to bond on vacation. For the New Paltz students, Frost Valley is about an hour and a half away – a boring bus ride!

On the trip, students were divided into groups – Cabin Rooms, Learning Groups, and Cafeteria Tables. Usually, there was a different mix of students in each group. Over the summer, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders received a Frost Valley packet. In that packet, students got to pick their bunkmate. Unfortunately, the campers did not get to choose who else was in their cabin with them. However, for many students it worked out so that they were with their friends. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders were mainly put into Learning Groups with people from their classes. In each group there was a YMCA counselor guiding the students through each station. The Cafeteria Tables seemed to be formed by the first letter of last names.

The sixth graders went through a number of challenges during the Frost Valley Trip. They included teambuilding games, a Low Ropes labyrinth, candle-making, a tour of a castle/mansion, hiking, and a Cable Bridge. A favorite among students was hiking to the Cable Bridge. Along the hike, students saw streams, identified trees, learned about rocks, and studied animals from a pond. The hike ended with the Cable Bridge. The Cable Bridge is three wires in a triangular form, with a small net underneath. In order to cross the Cable Bridge, you cannot be too scared. It teaches you to trust.

The evenings at Frost Valley were very fun! After dinner on the first night, students went back to their cabins for a half hour to relax. Then, they headed back down to the mess hall to watch a performance from a bird expert. The bird show included a red-tailed hawk, a vulture, a Peregrine falcon, and an owl. Students learned about the birds and how they eat. For example, the vulture eats dead things and the rest of the birds eat living things. We also learned that none of the other birds like owls because they attack them as they sleep. The other birds will harass owls and team up on them when they can. The most exciting moment of the night was when falcon and the owl ate mice. It was graphic because the birds tore off the head of the mouse!

On the second night, Dr. Wiesenthal conducted a game of “Doc Says.” It was extremely hard! There were several student winners as well as Mr. Chervenak! After the game, students had a choice as to whether they wanted to go back to their cabins or listen to the horrific story of Lester Caine... Dun Dun Dun!!! Students walked into a pitch black room (with really amazing cookies) and listened to the story! Students who survived the story and the traumatizing walk back say this, “Don’t be a wimp! Listen to the story!”

Several boys who went on the trip report that Frost Valley was most fun at night in and around the cabins! They played multiple games of Manhunt, the chaperones built campfires, they fought cabin wars, and solved a fake mystery. Each cabin was a bit different, so it really depended on what the kids and chaperones in your cabin wanted to do!

Overall, the trip was amazing because the students got to know each other in a very different scenario from a normal school day!

## Staying Back from the Trip

By David Moranski

Unfortunately, there were some students who were unable to go to the Frost Valley Field Trip. Some students were disinterested in making the trip and some were sick. There was a small group of about 30 kids that stayed back.

When students stay back they do all the activities that the kids do on the trip, except on a smaller scale. Some activities included: making candles, doing trust walks, and making blindfolds. Students followed a different schedule than their usual class schedule in order to do all these activities. They also went to gym, art, music, Spanish, and had half of their classes with Ms. Grey and Ms. Hopper.

## There is a Solution

By Siri Walsh

The world that we live in today is a world filled with anger, with injustices, with war. The adults that are supposed to care for earth are neglecting her. But there is a solution.

Some say that kids are too young to understand the world, too small to make decisions about life. I say different! While kids may not know college level algebra, or not know what Scandium is, a child's soul is full of love and kindness.

Don't wait until you are an adult to make a difference in the world. By then it may be too late. Fight for the world! Fight for what you believe is right! Don't turn back, just believe! If adults won't make a change, then we will!

ONE PERSON  
CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE,  
AND EVERYONE  
SHOULD TRY.

-JOHN F. KENNEDY-

## Walking Home from School

By Jake Stara

The New Paltz Middle School is when kids start walking home from school. The Middle School is right in the center of town on Main Street. The school is near a lot of houses and many students live very close by. Students at Duzine are too little and Lenape is too far away from houses.

Middle School is when kids reach the age that they can start hanging out after school. Some kids like going to LaBella's, Delish, Convenient Deli, Burger King. They walk there with their friends. But, people could get hurt by going to these places. Some students don't listen to some of the safety precautions that keep you safe.

Here are some facts and tips to get you safely home or to your favorite hangout spot:

- We have a crossing guard outside of the Middle School. You should always wait for the crossing guard to stop traffic.
- We also have some cross walks outside of the Middle School. Please do not jaywalk when you can just use the cross walk.
- Walk with other kids. If someone gets hurt, there will be someone there to help you.
- Wait for the light to change. Don't walk on a red signal.
- Look where you're going. Stay alert and don't listen to loud music.
- Know where you're going. It's easy to get lost!
- Don't talk to strangers. Sometimes college kids will try to talk to you!
- Watch for cars in parking lots!



## Our visit with Jim Davis

By Kaitlyn Weinerman and Bella Guizler

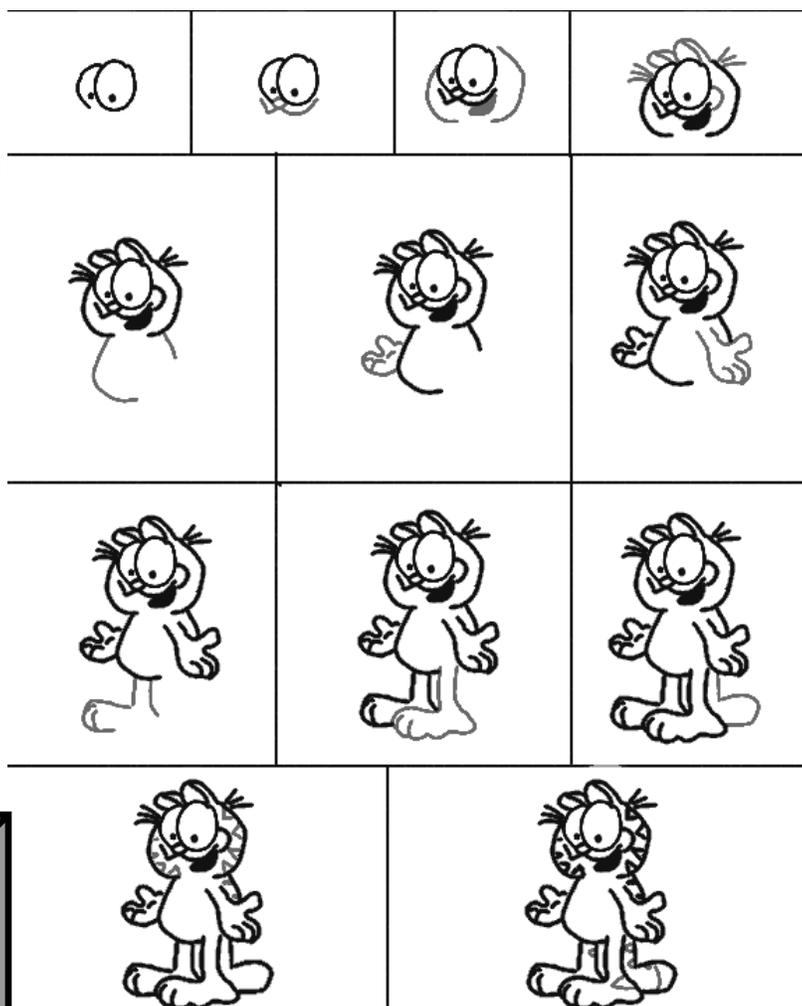
On November 29<sup>th</sup>, the students of Ms. Rosen's classes got to meet Jim Davis, the creator of Garfield, over Skype. When we went into the auditorium, Jim Davis was already in there waiting for us. We had made/colored in Garfield photos to show him. Dr. Wiesenthal, Mrs. Sheldon, and superintendent Maria Rice were all there, along with other district officials.



Once we finally got settled down, we started asking him questions. We have listed some fun facts that we have learned about him below. Jim was super nice, and his responses were meaningful. He also did some drawings. It was impressive how fast he could draw Garfield! After a ton of great questions, we presented him with an award. We sent the award in the mail the day after. We're very glad that we got to meet Jim Davis. It was truly a great experience thanks to Ms. Rosen and everyone else who made this possible.

### Fun Facts about Jim Davis and Garfield

- Jim Davis is 71.
- Jim Davis has 4 children.
- Jim Davis created but ended his original comic Gnorm Gnat.
- Jim Davis's first job was an assistant on the Tumbleweed comic strip.
- Jim developed Garfield's name off of his grandfather's name.
- Garfield first appeared on June 19, 1978.
- Garfield loves lasagna because Jim Davis loves lasagna himself.
- Jim Davis has been nominated for 10 Emmy awards and won four of them.
- As a child Jim Davis suffered from severe asthma.
- When the comic first came out, over 1300 people demanded for Garfield to be reinstated.



Try to learn how to draw Garfield!



# Technology: The Danger

## **Something Terrible** By Colin Burkholder

Every day I see something terrible. I see hundreds of people glued to a screen, it's an awful sight. Seeing people waste their time on some game that doesn't matter, it hurts a little. I mean, come on, no matter how much they train, Team Instinct isn't going to hold a gym in New Paltz for more than an hour. But, being serious here, it's an addiction. You may say, "Yeah, but it's only a phone." Yes it is, but it is still an addiction. No, it's not as bad as drugs and no, it's not as bad as alcohol, but it is still a problem.

The real problem here is that we depend on phones for everything and that's why it is so hard to fix the issue. And some people may say that they mobilize us, they help us to communicate or help relay messages or share experience. But do they send every detail? No. They don't. That's what human interaction is for and that's what we can't depend on them for. That is why we need each other.

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## **Pokemon Go** By Joe Lanzillotti

Ever since *Pokemon Go* was first released on July 6th, it has been a hit. Millions of players are having fun walking around their town playing the game, but it has also created more opportunities for criminals and has increased accidents. People using the app spend more time looking at their phones instead of that they should be paying attention to—their surroundings. There have been many documented cases of users getting struck by vehicles, people getting into car crashes, people getting their possessions stolen, and even users getting killed due to lack of awareness. I think something needs to be done about this. The game should feature periodic reminders to check your surroundings and it should display a notification to look up when crossing the road. Simply instructing people to look up could save lives and prevent injuries. Ask yourself what is more important—getting a rare Pokemon or getting home safely?

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## **The Biggest Party Pooper of our Lives** By Harper Branitz

Steven Spielberg once said, "Technology can be our best friend, and technology can also be the biggest party pooper of our lives." It is a dream, a hope of mine, that our society will be able to understand our priorities when it comes to technology.

I strongly believe that technology addictions can interfere greatly with peoples' social lives, as well as their educational lives. I have a friend who is so addicted to video games, he completely forgot about a book report that was due the following morning. He had been informed of this report for weeks and yet... he couldn't resist the technology, just barely completing his project on time.

I know some of you are saying right now, "I am not addicted to technology, I prioritize work and social interactions over technology." Some of you are correct in saying this but a lot of you have some sort of technology addiction. Even I have some what of a technology addiction!

Our society as a whole needs to realize that we waste a lot of our time, our lives, our effort, using technology irresponsibly. That never pays off in our future. Once people understand that, then maybe, maybe, we will be able to get our priorities straight.

# Just Say No!

## Beware of "Designer"/Synthetic Drugs

By Solo Diedhiou

Did you know that synthetic marijuana can be accessed by anybody and is sold in gas stations? I have a dream that kids will be protected from making one bad decision that could ruin or end their lives.

Designer drugs like synthetic marijuana are regular plants sprayed with chemicals designed to smoke and give people a high. These drugs are usually made in China. The government changes laws to make these drugs illegal as soon as they know about them. But as soon as the chemists find out, they tweak the formula a little bit so that they are not illegal anymore. These drugs are labeled as other products like incense, bath salts, spices, and other things. This strategy helps drug dealers get away with making money without technically breaking the law.

Kids think that because these drugs are "legal," they aren't dangerous, but many kids around the country are experiencing mental health issues, having suicidal or violent thoughts, and even dying from these drugs.

What would you do if you saw one of your friends smoking synthetic drugs?

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## Stop Using Drugs

By Rachael Kasper

My dream is for teenagers to stop using drugs. This is my dream because a lot of kids as young as 12 are abusing drugs. They could die from an overdose.

In order for this to happen, parents should explain to their kids that prescription drugs should be taken only when sick, and could be harmful if taken while healthy. Also, parents need to know who their kids are hanging out with and what they're talking about. I read an article about a girl named Julie. She was 17 and was taking drugs. One day her mom walked into her room; Julie was lying on her bed. Her mom noticed that she wasn't breathing. Her family rushed her to the hospital. After a while, her family made a painful decision to discontinue life support.

That is why my dream is for kids to stop using drugs.

### FACTS AND FIGURES FROM *THE NATIONAL CENTER ON ADDICTION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE*

- Tobacco, alcohol and drug use are responsible for more than 20% of all deaths in the U.S. each year.
- People who do not use tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs or misuse prescription drugs before age 21 are virtually certain never to do so.
- 75% of 12-to-17-year-olds said that seeing pictures of teens partying with alcohol or marijuana on Facebook, or another social networking site encouraged other teens to want to party like that.
- 45% of teens have seen pictures on social networking sites of other teens getting drunk, passed out or using drugs, and 47% of teens who have seen these pictures said that it seemed like the teens in the pictures were having a good time.

## "Thank You"

By Bella Guizler

Have you ever taken the time to say "Thank you"? There are many people who work to get you the right education, food, health and many more things and yet do you say "Thank you"? These people often feel forgotten, invisible. Everyone around you is always working to make you the person who you are. The least you can do say "Thank you". Maybe surprise your teachers with flowers, help your parents with the laundry or dishes.

People don't realize but they take things for granted everyday. You should appreciate your parents for going to work everyday and bringing back money to feed you and give you a lovely place to live. What about the lunch ladies? The janitor? The secretaries? The lunch ladies make your lunch everyday (also breakfast), but do you even know their names? There are many things you can do to show them that you're grateful and you appreciate them.

## Elting Memorial Library

By Eric Jimenez

Come to the Elting Library, where there are always awesome and cool events scheduled. Recently, there was a Twist-er tournament which was very fun.

There were also snacks available at the price of \$.50 to \$5. I also want to mention that there is a Chess Club every Monday. If you don't know how to play chess, we will teach you how to play! If you do, you can go against other kids that play chess also. The Elting Library also needs volunteers to help out with certain events! So bring your friends and family to this cool place where you can read and go to awesome events!

## CODE Week

By Henry Millman

In the second week of December the 6<sup>th</sup> grade had a "Code Week" in their science classes. Students explored Hour of Code on CODE.org and some of them, myself included, enjoyed this fun and educational, website.

Many children, for example, explored the Minecraft designer and realized they could make creepers, make diamonds, and then moo repeatedly!

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Symposium

By Annsley Fischer

On Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> participated in a Literature Circle Symposium. Each student was in a special interest group and went all around the school to complete different activities related to their research. One station was in the auditorium, where students made signs and a petition. At the end of the day the whole grade went back to the auditorium and presented their findings. This was preparation for the novel *The Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Mary E. Pearson. The different special interest groups were Organ Donations, Building in Natural Disaster Areas, GMO's, Vaccines, Antibiotics, and Government Regulations.



# JOKES!

**How does Batman's mother call him in for dinner?**

Dinner dinner dinner dinner dinner dinner dinner dinner dinner Batman!

**What do you get if Batman and Robin get smashed by a steam roller?**

Flatman and Ribbon!

**How many Dads does it take to change a lightbulb?**

Just one, but he has to go to the store five times to get the right kind!

**Why was 6 afraid of 7?**

Because 7 8 9!

Student #1: Today my teacher yelled at me for something I didn't do.

Student #2: What was that?

Student #1: My homework!

**What do you call a girl with sausages on her head?**

Barbie! (In case you didn't know, barbie means barbeque in Australia.)

**What did one magnet say to the other magnet?**

I find you very attractive!

**What did one ear say to the other ear?**

Between us we have brains!

**What does a tree do when he is ready to go home?**

He leaves!

Compiled by Kaitlyn Weinerman

## School Lunch

By Ivelisse Cabrera

I recently interviewed Katrina, who works in the cafeteria. I asked her these questions and these were her answers!

1) How are school lunches made?

District meals are cooked at the Middle School by our head chef, and then delivered to the other schools. We use similar kitchen equipment found at home, including ovens, mixers, food processors, and steamers, etc..

2) How long do school lunches take to cook?

Depending on our menu, some meals are prepared the day before. Our chef arrives at 6:00 am in the morning, and usually all the food is prepped and cooked through the morning, then ready for the beginning of lunch time.

3) What happens to the left over?

Some leftovers can be saved, frozen, and re-heated at another time. There is some food, however, that cannot be saved and is disposed of.

4) Are the meals that are served to the students well-balanced and nutritious?

Yes, all of our lunches including breakfast meet nutritional guidelines. We adhere to " food group" concepts, which provide, whole grains, fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy, and protein, as required.

5) Who creates the menu to be healthy, well-balanced meals?

A collaboration between our chef and food service director results in creating our healthy and well balanced meals. Our director puts the menu together.



## FUN FACTS

Compiled BY IVELISSE CABRERA

1) Early Egyptians worshipped a cat goddess. Bast was a lioness goddess of the sun throughout most of Ancient Egyptian history, but later she was changed into the cat goddess Bastet. At the height of Bast's popularity, killing a cat even accidentally was punishable by death.

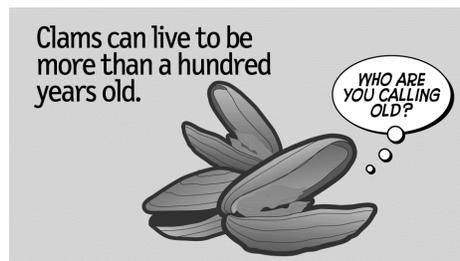
The Egyptians mummified millions of cats, birds, and other creatures at temples to prepare them for the next world. Animals were viewed not only as pets, but as types of gods and the cat was a very important animal. Apparently the mummification techniques were often as elaborate on animals as those used on the best-preserved human corpses. Cats were also important in the interpretation of dreams. Apparently seeing a cat in your dream confirmed that you would have a good harvest.

2) It would take a jumbo jet about 120 billion years to fly across the Milky Way galaxy.

3) The piano is known as the "King of the Instruments" because its range goes from the lowest note that you can play on a double-bassoon to the highest note that you can play on a piccolo.

4) The first bubble gum made in 1906 was called BLIBBER BLUBBER.

5) Clams can live to be more than a hundred years old.



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## The Technical Column

### ***Roko's Basilisk***

By Henry Millman

The term Roko's Basilisk is, though well known (maybe?) in the (my) geeky world, not always quite understood. The base of the theory is that in the future, man will inevitably create artificial intelligence (A.I.) and by realizing that it exists people will be punished for not helping it (the AI) rise to power. The theory was posted by a user known as Roko and the second section of the name, the Basilisk, comes from the monster's ability to "paralyze" their prey, as Roko's theory paralyzed many people. This is theory was one of the only things ever deleted from the internet because of its dangerous nature.



## **Congratulations to Recognition Recipients!**

On Thursday December 15th, New Paltz Middle School hosted the first Student Recognition Breakfast of the year! This event is organized by Ms. Tracz to identify and congratulate students who were caught "stepping up!" These students were nominated by their teachers for a variety of reasons including showing leadership qualities, participating in class, demonstrating kindness towards others, and working hard. Maria Rice, our superintendent, gave opening remarks. Following that, Dr. Wiesenthal told a story and read aloud the anecdotes that the teachers provided. Recipients won a certificate and a \$5.00 gift card to Delish! During the ceremony, parents drank coffee, took pictures, and felt proud of their kids! Congratulations to all who were recognized!

The following students were winners!

Jesse Avila Nativi, Harper Branitz, Auston Bruce, Lydia Brutvan, Riley Brutvan, Kelly Hansen, Maxwell Hawkins, Margeaux Heenan, Julien Higgs, Ryan Hovey, Ryan Hyland, Matthew Laird, Joshua Lodge, Shannyn O'Donnell, Lamyaa Omara, Ashton Ortiz, Flora Pierson, Javina Pink, Thomas Pishkur, Alyssa Puleo, Alejandro Rodriguez Murcia, Brady Saunders, Spyros Schirripa, Aurora Semel-Defeo, Benjamin Shannon, Caden Shuman, Matthew Simmons, Willa Sio-Cody, Alysha Strauss, Amber Straut, Kyle Weinman, Paris White

## **Auditioning for The Lion King Jr.**

By Emma Clements and Roy Wilms

All of the students interested in the school drama, were invited to a meeting on November 21, 2016. Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Bryant told us the basics of being in the play, such as missing 3 rehearsals means you're out and that if you don't get the part you want, you're cast in the ensemble! We were told what a typical schedule would look like and when to audition for certain parts. Almost half of the people at the meeting were interested in stage crew, so Mrs. Masters was helping them learn about the way you get in to crew. Once the meeting concluded, every one was eager to practice for their parts. After all, the auditions were only a week or so away!

The first auditions were on Monday for Mufasa, Young Simba, Simba, Young Nala, Nala, Zazu, Sarabi, Sarafina, and a special dancing part. Tuesday we had Rafiki, Timon, Pumbaa, Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, and Ed auditioning. It was so exciting and scary at the same time. After singing by yourself in a classroom, you had to wait, and wait, and wait, and wait to find out if you got a callback. It was a really long wait for everyone, and suspense was crazy but on the coming Wednesday, the list was finally up. Kids were rushing to see if they got the callback. Then, the people that got callbacks would go to Mrs. Holmes room and sing with their music. Everyone with a callback sung for everyone else with a callback. After the first callback, we all came back to run lines and see each other's acting skills. The young Simbas and young Nalas acted with each other as did everyone else. After this, the cuts were made, and everyone raced to look at their phones on Saturday morning. We give a congrats to anyone who achieved a part, and look forward to working in the ensemble in January!



**Come see the play!**

Support your friends! Enjoy the acting, singing, and dancing!

**Feb 24, 25, 26!**

## A Fun Winter Recipe

By Annsley Fischer

If you are looking for a fun and easy recipe, try these deliciously simple Winter Cookie Pops. You will need:

20 vanilla wafer cookies  
1/2 cup peanut butter  
1 6-ounce bag white chocolate chips  
colored candy sprinkles  
red pull apart licorice whips, cut into 1-1/2" lengths  
M&M candies  
M&M mini candies  
fruit roll ups, cut into 4" lengths  
Cake decorating gel in green, black, and orange  
tube of white cake decorator frosting with flower tip  
popsicle sticks  
wax paper or paper plates



Instructions: Spread peanut butter onto the flat side of the cookies. Place an ice cream stick into the peanut butter on half the cookies. Top with another cookie so the stick is sandwiched between the two cookies. Melt chocolate chips in the microwave, one minute, then in 20 second increments, stirring until smooth. Dip cookie pops in the melted chips, covering completely. Roll pops in red and green sprinkles and lay or stand on waxed paper or paper plates. Place in refrigerator to chill.

### Snowmen

Using a licorice whip, while chocolate is still warm on pop, form headband and position to regular sized M&M candies as ear muffs. Lie pop flat on waxed paper and let cool. When cool, use black decorator gel for eyes and mouth and orange for the nose. Gently wrap a fruit roll up around the bottom of the cookie at the stick.

### Santa

While chocolate is still warm, dip top of pop into red sprinkles for Santa's hat. Lie flat on waxed paper and let cool. When cool, dot top of hat with white decorator icing using flower tip. Use flower tip and white icing to add his bear and line the brim of his hat. Use black decorator gel to dot on eyes.

### Holly

While chocolate is still warm, position to red mini M&M candies off center in the chocolate. Let cool. When cool, use green decorator gel to draw on holly leaves, fill in. *Note:* You can tint the melted chocolate with food coloring, or leave the chocolate white and use different colored sprinkles. Decorate with any other candies you wish, or leave some plain. Another variation is to use vanilla or chocolate frosting instead of peanut butter for the filling.

These can also be made without sticks. Use one stick to be able to dip the cookies in chocolate and roll in sprinkles, then remove the stick and put on wax paper or paper plates, then chill.

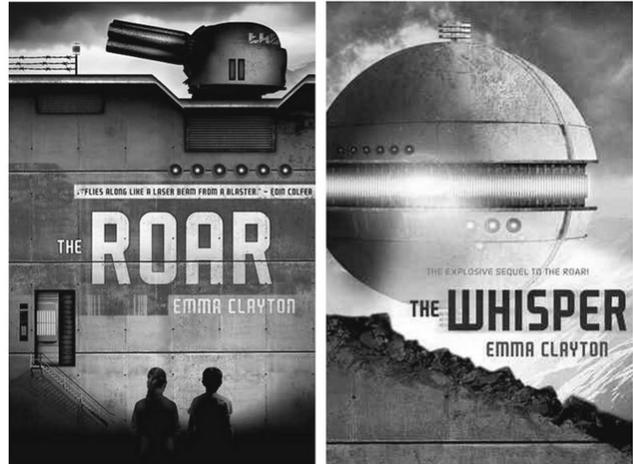
## Book Reviews

### The Roar and The Whisper

By Kristie Benel

*The Roar* and its sequel *The Whisper* are about what Emma Clayton, the author, imagined the future to be. Almost all people in the world, except the really rich, are kept behind a giant wall. There are no animals and no plants. A world of cement. It is about a girl named Ellie who gets kidnapped. Her parents were told that she had died, but her twin brother Mika felt otherwise. It tells the story of how he goes through many obstacles and hardships to get back together with his beloved sister.

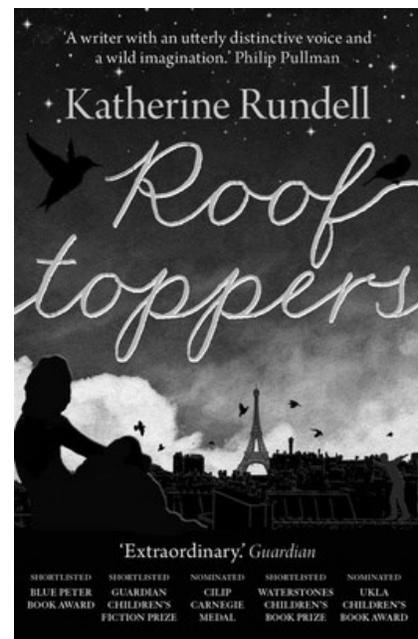
I personally loved these books. I couldn't even put them down to eat. They are thrilling from beginning to end. It changed my view of the world and I'm positive it will do the same to you.



### Rooftoppers

Review by Delia Nocito

Have you ever read the book, *Rooftoppers*? Chances are that you have never even heard of this book. But actually, you could say that it is a hidden gem of literature. You hear the backstory of Sophie, and you read about her relationship with her guardian, Charles Maxim. When she is forced to go to an orphanage, and leave her beloved "Father." They flee to France, where she believes that her mother may be. While living in Paris, and searching for her mother, Sophie befriends a boy named Matteo. He is not an average boy, because he lives on the rooftops of Paris, and is unknown to the world. Sophie also meets his friends, Anastasia, Safi, and Gerard. Will she ever find her mom? Besides the amazing story itself, *Rooftoppers* has an amazing plot. It is full of excitement and plot twists. And for all of you romance novel haters out there, guess what? No romance at all! This book is about true friendship, motherly love, and of course... cellos! But seriously, read this book. You will be rewarded!



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**Winter Word Find**

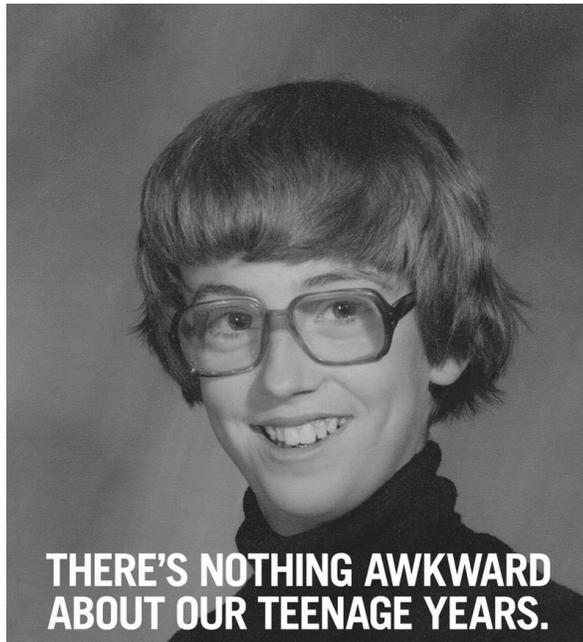
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B U J C T W T F R K U V G S T D W W  
Q C G C D E M I Y N M O V H A N O M  
A X X N N Z D Q C T Y I Y S Q N L Z  
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| COATS   | COLD     | FROST        |
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