

The Middle Pages

Centerville Middle School



Photo by Cecily Stephens

Staying Strong during a Tumultuous Time

The staff of the Middle Pages would like to acknowledge the hard work, perseverance, and patience of our students, families, and members of the Hempfield community. While this is uncharted territory for all of us, we will get through this year together. Students, continue your great work throughout the rest of the school year! Additionally, the members of the Middle Pages would like to acknowledge the staff of CMS for all of their hard work during this time. Your dedication to the students and families of this school are unmatched, and we truly appreciate everything you do.

Remember, we are CMS:

C: Choose to be safe

M: Make responsible decisions

S: Show respect



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CMS has new school rules! This is a must read!

Super Bowl LV Analysis

By: Brady Rigard



This year has been an absolute mess! But that didn't get in the way of us watching our favorite football teams battle it out in the NFL playoffs! Over 4 weeks, 14 teams competed to be the best in the world. After 3 stress-filled weeks, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, led by future hall-of-famer, Tom Brady, and the defending champions Kansas City Chiefs, led by star quarterback Patrick Mahomes, stood from the pile of defeated teams and heartbroken fans as the final 2 teams remaining in the NFL. The Buccaneers steamrolled the Chiefs to become Super Bowl champions with a score of 31-9. Tom Brady dominated the air along with his favorite tight end Rob Gronkowski, connecting 6 times for 67 yards and 2 touchdowns. Brady connected 21 of his 29 throws for 201 yards, 3 touchdowns, and no interceptions. The Buccaneers not only dominated the skies, but the ground game as well, with running back Leonard Fournette running for 89 yards and a touchdown in 16 carries. On the other side of the ball, the Chiefs only scored 3 field goals. Quarterback Patrick Mahomes threw 26/49, 270 yards, and no touchdowns along with running for 33 yards. In the end, Tom Brady and his Buccaneers took the game in the first quarter and never let up. They gave no mercy and finished the Chiefs off to win a very one-sided Super Bowl.



March Madness

By: Nathan Moore

March. What's the first thing that comes to mind? For a lot of people it is March Madness. The big time basketball tournament where teams from all over the country compete to win the NCAA Basketball Title. Many great players have risen to shine after the tournament. Players like Micheal Jordan, Steph Curry, Anthony Davis, and Dwayne Wade. Even though COVID-19 canceled the tournament last year this year we can know it will be just as exciting as ever. This years teams will be Gonzaga, Oklahoma, Missouri, Creighton, USCB, Virginia, Ohio, USC, Kansas, Eastern Wash,



Oregon, VCU, Iowa, Grand Canyon, Michigan, LSU, St Bonaventure, Colorado, Georgetown, Florida St, UNC Greensboro, BYU, Texas, Abilene Christian, UConn, Maryland, Alabama, Iona, Baylor, Hartford, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Villanova, Winthrop, Purdue, North Texas, Texas Tech, Utah St, Arkansas, Colgate, Florida, Virginia Tech, Ohio St, Oral Roberts, Illinois, Drexel, Loyola Chicago, Georgia Tech, Tennessee, Oregon St, Oklahoma St, Liberty, San Diego St, Syracuse, West Virginia, Morehead St, Clemson, Rutgers, Houston, and Cleveland St. There are 16 teams that are still in contention and are battling for a spot in round 1. Those teams are Norfolk St, Appalachian St, Wichita St, Drake, Mount St. Mary's, Texas Southern, Michigan St, and UCLA. Who will win? That is something we don't know. Want to take a gamble? Try one of the completions involved. Bracket competitors, and predict the outcomes of the games and you could get some cash. All we know is that it is March and it is time for the biggest basketball tournament in the NCAA.

Spring Training

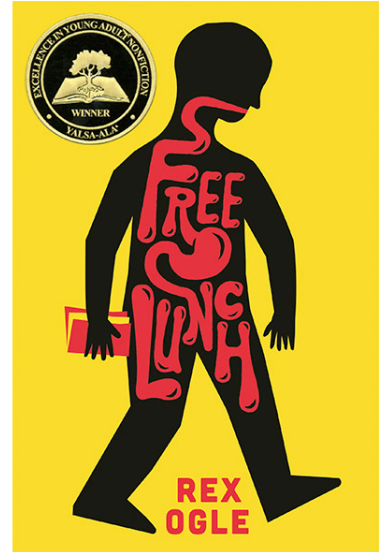
By: Nathan Moore

It is spring and that means it is baseball season. As the temperatures start to warm up and the flowers start to bloom, the MLB teams will take their players and potential prospects out of their minor league system and head down to Florida or Arizona. When it is beginning of March or end of February, it is time for spring training. Down south for spring training there are 2 leagues: the Grapefruit League and the Cactus League. Spring training is the perfect time to show off your skills and battle for a spot on the 40 man roster going into the regular season. Every year crowds gather for cheap tickets and a chance to meet their favorite players before they have to get focused for the season. Between practice and games players and coaches put in countless hours getting ready and competing for the top spots. Will your favorite players make the cut? Find out by tuning into sports networks for MLB spring training.

One School, One Book 2020-2021

By: Mila Wachstein and Callie Landis

This year, Centerville Middle School is participating in the one book one school program. Every student is reading *Free Lunch* which was written by Rex Ogle. Ogle was born and raised in Texas. After graduating college, he moved to New York to pursue an editorial career. While there, he interned at Marvel Comics before beginning getting a job at DC comics. Eventually, he moved to Las Angeles where he is currently a full time author. Other books that he has previously written include *Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy* and *Blink*. Ogle has won plenty of awards because of his books as well. Just two of the most impressive awards won by him are the Starred Review - Publisher's Weekly and Amazon's Top 100 Books of 2019. Rex Ogle is an influential author that has written many books that many teens and adults really enjoy.



One School, One Book Chopped Challenge

By: Lindsay Over

At CMS, the book "Free Lunch" by Rex Ogle is making a big impression on the student body. The school Librarian, Mrs. Amanda Deck, came up with an idea to help make the students excited for the upcoming food drive. Out of this came the CHOPPED challenge; a competitive cooking challenge using ingredients that might be donated to a food drive. Mrs. Deck gave some feedback about what she was hoping would come from the challenge, as well as the book. She said, "when the staff read the book, they knew they wanted to do a service project. So in order to build enthusiasm for the project, the staff decided on doing a cooking challenge that highlighted ingredients that can be found at a food drive." In addition, Mrs. Deck wants the students to realize the main theme of the book: empathy. She says there is a strong message for students who struggle with the same things mentioned in the book which are hunger and abuse, among others. That message being things can and will get better. And on the flip side, for students who haven't experienced this struggle, that there are people who do, so.



Therapy Dogs at CMS

By: Madison Smith



Anxiety is the most common mental health illness in the United States. Over four million adults are affected by this illness who are 18 and over, but it isn't just affecting adults in America. In America 7.1 percent of children who are between the ages of 3-17 have anxiety, 3.2 percent of the same age group have depression. Therapy dogs have been proven helpful in treating people with anxiety, and they are among the most common therapy animals.

Did you know that these adorable animals used to visit CMS? About 1-2 times per marking period the organization K- Pets would provide the therapy dogs to visit CMS. The three therapy dogs would be in the library during flex. You would sign up for a time slot to visit the dogs. The slots always filled quickly, as the therapy dogs were very helpful. CMS Library Media Specialist Amanda Deck said, "The dogs help to relieve stress and anxiety and boost happy and positive feelings."

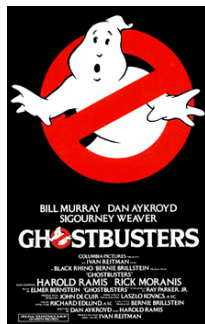
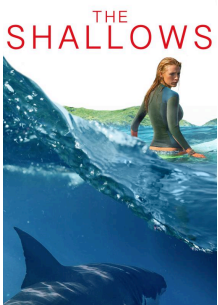
Movie Recommendations

By: Mila Wachstein and Olivia Schmidt-Varga

We chose these movies because we thought they were the best for middle schoolers. These were movies we found to be well directed, included great performances from actors, and were the most enjoyable.

Click on the images of the movies below to read a brief synopsis for each of them!

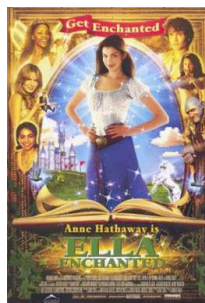
Horror Movies



Romance Movies



Fantasy Movies



Realistic Movies



We hope that you find a movie on this list that you will enjoy!

New School Rules

By: Leah Brenneman, Alexandra Cluck, and Madison Smith

The school district has released new guidelines to help make our school a better place to learn. To minimize safety concerns and breached rule issues, we have updated our district handbook. As of now, all students must follow these rules:

1. Every student must wear a minimum of two masks at a time
2. Learning games such as Kahoot!, Blooket, and GimKit, are henceforth banned because of inappropriate student uses during instruction
3. To leave the classroom, you must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
4. If a teacher finds students are exchanging emails with one another, the emails in question will be read to the class
5. Physical education classes are temporarily disbanding sports for the remainder of the school year due to COVID-19 restrictions

APRIL FOOLS! Every year on April first, a comedic tradition of pranking one another occurs known as April fools day. This tradition dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. The citizens who didn't realize that it was a new year on January first, and continued to celebrate the new year during the last week of March, were pranked. They were most commonly pranked by having a paper fish placed on their backs. The pie symbolized being foolish and gullible.

Modern day April fools pranks are celebrated differently than in 1582, people don't put paper fish on people anymore, however they do participate in other pranks. The new pranks include placing "hit me" signs on people's backs without them knowing. Newspapers, radio, and tv stations also get in on the pranks. To this day, April fools day is a widely celebrated holiday in which people can share comedic pranks with people they are close with. Happy April fools day! :)

Spring Recipe - Surprise Inside Cupcakes

By: Haley Knouse

Cupcake Ingredients:

3 ¾ cups cake flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
6 eggs at room temperature
1 ½ cups unsalted butter
2 ½ cups sugar
1 ½ cup milk
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 bag Vanilla Cupcake M&Ms

Makes about 24 cupcakes

Buttercream Frosting Ingredients:

1 cup(2 sticks) unsalted butter softened
4 cups confectioners sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3-4 tablespoons milk
Pink food coloring
Sprinkles for decoration



Directions:

1. Begin by preheating your oven to 350 degrees F. Line two cupcake pans (24 cupcakes total) with paper liners and set them set aside.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Set aside.
3. With an electric mixer, cream together the butter, sugar, and vanilla at medium speed until light and fluffy (5-6 minutes).
4. Add the eggs to your sugar mixture, one at a time, and blend well after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.
5. With the eggs incorporated, add the dry ingredients. Alternate with your milk, beginning and ending with the dry ingredients. Mix until just combined.
6. Divide the batter into the prepared cupcake pans, filling each cupcake liner about three-quarters full.
7. Bake for 16-20 minutes or until the cupcake springs back when pressed in the center. Allow the cupcakes to cool in the pan on a wire rack for about 10 minutes. Then remove the cupcakes from the pan and place them on a wire rack to cool completely.

While the cupcakes cool, prepare the frosting:

1. In the bowl of a stand mixer, with the paddle attachment, beat the butter on medium speed until it becomes pale and fluffy.
2. Adjust the mixer to low speed and add the powdered sugar, one cup at a time, until it is incorporated. Increase the mixer speed to medium and add the vanilla extract, salt, 2 tablespoons of milk, and food coloring. Add more milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, to achieve the desired consistency.
3. Add the frosting to a piping bag fitted with a large open-star tip.
4. To add the M&Ms to the cupcakes: Use a small paring knife to cut a circle in the top of each cupcake. Gently remove the section of cut cupcake and reserve.
5. Using a teaspoon, create a small cavity in the cupcake. Fill with 5 or 6 M&Ms. Then replace the reserved cake circle to seal in the M&Ms. Pipe each cupcake with buttercream frosting and top with sprinkles.

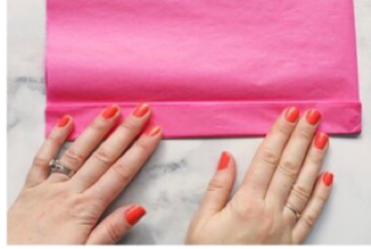
Spring Craft

By: Callie Landis

Tissue Paper Flowers



GATHER 2-3 PIECES OF TISSUE PAPER



ACCORDION FOLD THE PIECES UNTIL YOU REACH THE END



ONCE YOU FINISH FOLDING IT MEASURE THE CENTER OF PAPER



STAPLE THE CENTER OF THE FOLDED TISSUE PAPER



ROUND THE CORNERS OF THE FOLDED PAPER AND CUT IT OFF, AS THE PICTURE DISPLAYED



UNFOLD ONE SIDE

REVIEW: THESE ARE REALLY EASY TO MAKE, AND YOU ONLY NEEDED LIMITED MATERIALS. IT ALSO ADDED A FUN POP OF COLOR INTO MY HOUSE FOR SPRING!

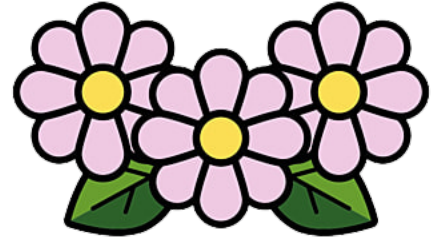


VERY GENTLY UNPEEL ONE LAYER OF TISSUE PAPER AT A TIME



UNFOLD OTHER SIDE AND YOU ARE FINISHED!

Spring Poetry



The Artisan

By Cecily Stephens

spring is the
Painter
Between seasons.

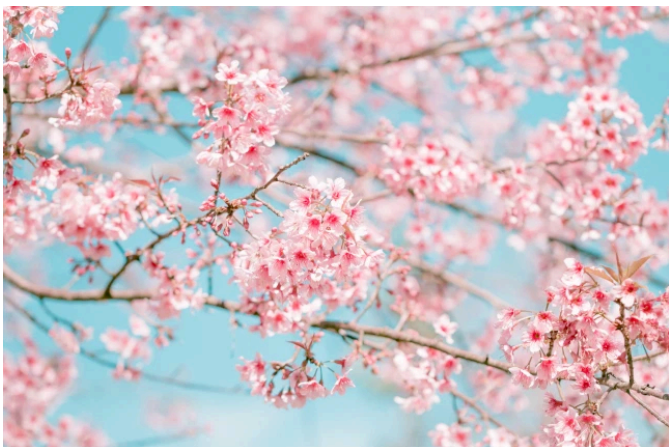
It creates a landscape
To fill all the blank space
Where the snow once laid.

With each warm breath
The spring paints
Budding leaves, blooming flowers.

The world explodes with color,
Dormant beings wake,
Life emerges from every corner.

The spring paints a new world,
Full of life and color,
Made from a clear canvas.

The cold thaws,
Letting go of the world.
Life begins once more.



Spring

By William Blake

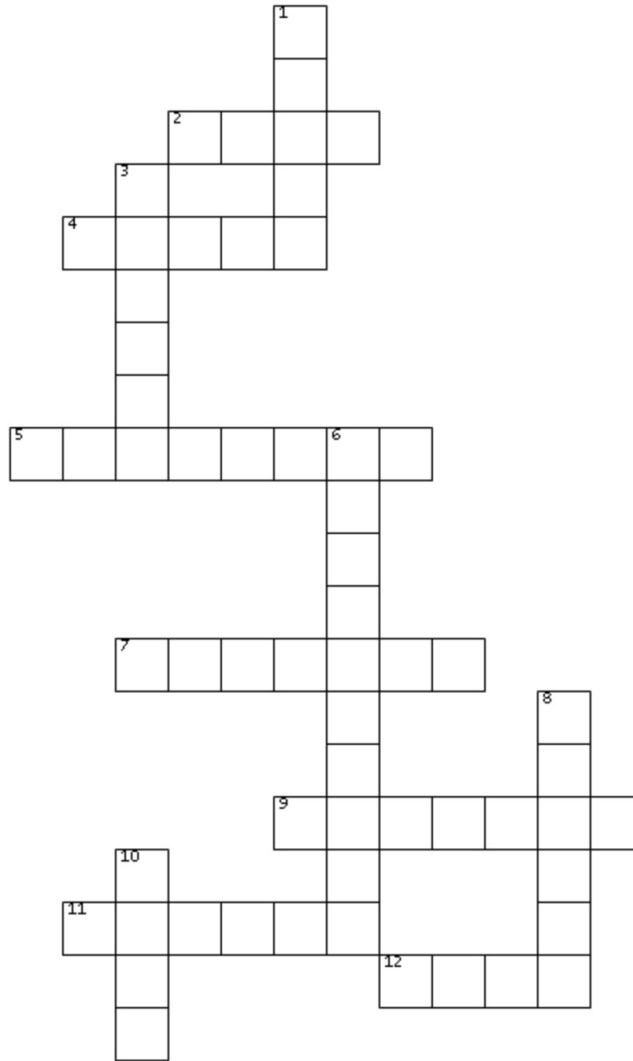
Sound the flute!
Now it's mute!
Bird's delight,
Day and night,
Nightingale,
In the dale,
Lark in sky,—
Merrily,
Merrily merrily, to welcome in the year.

Little boy,
Full of joy;
Little girl,
Sweet and small;
Cock does crow,
So do you;
Merry voice,
Infant noise;
Merrily, merrily, to welcome in the year.

Little lamb,
Here I am;
Come and lick
My white neck;
Let me pull
Your soft wool;
Let me kiss
Your soft face;
Merrily, merrily, to welcome in the year.

Spring Crossword Puzzle

By: Sofia Blyznyuk



Across

2. opposite of cold
4. bunny shaped marshmallows with sugars on top
5. a sport that involves hitting a ball with a bat
7. plants with petals
9. a colorful arch found after a storm
11. a shape filling with fruits and vegetables
12. small winged insects with yellow and black fuzz

DOWN

1. flying animals with colorful feathers
3. colorful objects found on trees
6. small man who dresses in green
8. a clothing item made for warm weather
10. water that falls from the sky

ABOUT THE MIDDLE PAGES

Centerville Middle School's newspaper is composed of both 7th and 8th graders. The students brainstorm new ideas each quarter to cover; their purpose is to inform their peers about topics that they believe are valuable. Mr. Harbeck, a seventh-grade ELA teacher advises this group of students throughout the school year as each paper is published. The members of the Middle Pages are as follows:

8th-Grade Members:

- Lindsay Over (Chief Editor)
- Brady Rigard (Director of Athletics)
- Callie Landis (Director of Art)
- Mary Loiseau (Director of Photography)

7th-Grade Members:

- Sofia Blyznyuk
- Leah Brenneman
- Lariah Bruce
- Alexandra Cluck
- Haley Knouse
- Berenice Lezama-Acosta
- Nathan Moore
- Timothy Morvin
- Oliva Schmidt-Varga
- Madison Smith
- Cecily Stephens
- Mila Wachstein

Thank you for reading! :)