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AVID March into College Fair Pedro Mogollan Staff

Q: Tell me about the College Fair
"It's an annual fair that the Avid Club students work hard to teach the Standley students about college and helps students pick out what college they want to go to. It brings students knowledge about college. There are also carnival games and give out college swag" It is called Avid's "March into College" -Mrs. Botts



Earth Day Henry Ried Staff



The annual Earth Day event happened at Standley. There were lots of fun games to play, a recycle fest, and prizes to win!

"I only feel angry when I see waste. When I see people throwing away things we could use." (-Mother Teresa)
Our planet is an amazing place, but it needs our help to thrive! That's why each year on April 22, more than a billion people celebrate Earth Day to protect the planet from things like pollution and deforestation. By taking part in activities like picking up litter and planting trees, we're making our world a happier, healthier place to live. The very first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970 and has been celebrated since. Earth Day is a day to celebrate the earth. We chose to recognize the earth on this day and to realize what we are doing to it.



Spring Break: Yosemite

Yosemite continued p. 3

Standley Participants respond:

"The Yosemite Trip was an amazing and truly unique experience. The small group allowed me to get to know new people, and we became our own crazy group. I was able to experience wildlife as I never had before on this trip. Not only did we experience the stunning Yosemite National Park, but we experienced a stunning National Park with a record level of snow. Everything we saw seemed more beautiful because of the sheer amount of snow! The snow had another bonus: snow activities. The trip was full of skiing, snow shoeing, and snowball fights. All of these amazing aspects of the trip made it truly unforgettable. I am glad that I was able to go on this unique and outstanding trip because of the sights, friends, and knowledge gained."
-Lily Tichenor

"The Yosemite Trip will always be one of the most memorable events that happened in my 8th grade year at Standley. I am more than thankful to Mrs. Juergens for giving us the opportunity to visit and see the beautiful scenery of Yosemite. Going on this trip gave me a chance to meet new people and bond with the community.



At first, I was dreading the trip because I was worried that I would be bored, lonely, and homesick. But, it turned out to be the opposite. I made many new friendships, even from people who weren't in my grade. I'd say my favorite part about this trip aside from the beautiful sights, was getting to bond. The educators from NatureBridge (who led the trips, hikes, and activities) were awesome. Their games and activities helped connect our small group in a heartfelt way. If you are a student of Standley, I highly recommend asking your parents to let you go on this wonderful trip. We got to snowshoe, ski, have a campfire with smores, and so much more."- Salvie DeoCampo



Top 10 most annoying things kids say at school Cecilie Riff Staff

- "My homework's at my mom's house..."
- "I didn't know we had homework/you never said we had homework!"
- " ___ keeps touching my computer."
- "I need to charge my computer"
- "I wasn't here so I didn't do it."
- "Can I go to the bathroom?"
- "Can I get a drink of water?"
- When kids ask a question the teacher just answered...
- "I don't have a pencil."
- Asking "Why" when teachers ask them to do something.

Camp Marston Field Trip w/ Club Live

Allison Spencer
Caitlin McKellar
Staff

In March, The weekend Spring Break started with the four lucky kids waking up at 6:00 am and getting packed and ready for the bus to be at Standley at 7:40. Well that did not go as planned, we thought the boys were gonna miss the bus as it was 7:40 and they were not here. They made it, we all did as the bus arrived at 9:40, 2 hours after it was scheduled to pick us up. Why you ask, it went to San Marcos by accident. We were finally on the bus and when we arrived there we were greeted with camp staff showing us to our dorms. We engaged in many topics including: leading with love, mental health awareness, drug addiction problems, and more serious topics. The four of us also enjoyed having free time around the camp to do archery, BB gun shooting, paintball, volleyball, candle making, rock climbing, and more fun activities. Congrats to the four: Jerry Lin, Andrew Padilla, Caitlin McKellar and Allison Spencer, who went on the fieldtrip.

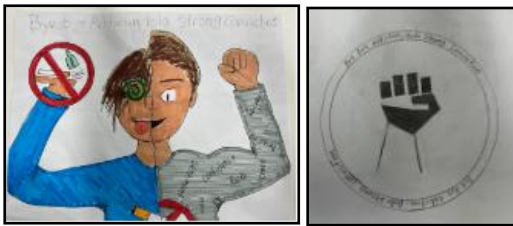
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For Mental Health Awareness visit:
Nine signs of mental health issues
On the Health Direct Website



For Drug Addiction Problems visit:
Drug Addiction (Substance use disorder)
On the Mayo Clinic Website



Congratulations to Allison Spencer and Jerry Lin to contributing to the logos we are using on our merchandise. We Hope You Can follow our Club Motto made by students:
“ Bye, Bye Addiction, Hello Strong Conviction”

Book Fair

Elizabeth Tansey
Staff



This year's Book Fair has been a big hit. But let's go to the students and see what they have to say about it.

“I think it's pretty cool and better than the old Book Fairs.” “ My favorite part is the books.” -**Emma Jura**
“It's pretty good.”

“I like all of the different variety of books this year.”
-**Natalie Le**

“I think it's awesome as a possum.” “All the books especially the scary ones.” -**Irving Avtia**



PE Advisory!!

Injin Park
Staff

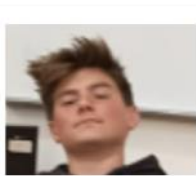
PE Advisory is the advisory run by Mr. Hartin. It is made for those with too much energy for a classroom therefore they go outside, run around and scream. When they do go into a classroom, they break lights! I interviewed two people in this advisory and asked them about their thoughts on it.

My first interviewee was Kai Selleck. I asked him why he liked PE advisory and he said that he enjoys PE advisory because he gets to play his favorite sport, volleyball. Kai stated some of the benefits of this advisory as going outside, touching grass, and playing volleyball.

My second interviewee was Miles Brogowitz. He stated that his favorite parts of this advisory were hanging out with friends, playing sports, and goofing around instead of doing homework.

Miles announced that his favorite sport was football and that he hated soccer. Miles claimed that another benefit of this advisory is doing pretty much whatever he wanted to.

So if YOU want to run around and play, switch to PE advisory.



Appearances

By Emily Krause



I can barely stand
The weight of life crushing me
Hoping to just drift away
But still, like demanded, I smile

My mind is an endless fight
Dragging me farther down
The light disappearing evermore
But still, when expected, I laugh

I can't bear to go out
The light crushing me
Burning and destroying
But still, like a child, I play

Everything is pointless,
The end is all around
If only mine could come sooner
But still, when unwanted, I live

“A World Without Tortillas” by Amelie Georgalas

A world without them
Is a world of darkness
Never ending depression
Only sadness and sorrow

A world without them
Is a world of gloom
Nothing to brighten my mind
Nothing to brighten this life I have to live

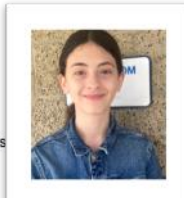
If I had to give them up
I could never
I could never give up
Tortillas

Tortillas can make every meal
For breakfast, burritos, I will eat
For lunch I munch on quesadillas
And for dinner, tacos, with wonderful chicken meat

A bleak world without them
No more tasty taquitos
No more terrific tacos
No more brilliant burritos

A world without tortillas
Is a world of shadow
Never ending melancholy moods
Only misery and pining

Pining for delicious tortillas



Why did you sign up:
“All my friends were signing up and it sounded fun.”
What is your poem about:
“Tortillas, it's a meme between me and my friends.”

The Last Thing I Said to Him

Dedicated to my Grandpa.

It was 8:20 when he told me.
It was 8:20 when my small world broke and shattered into a million pieces.
It was 8:20 when I couldn't breathe.
It was 8:20 when I remembered it all.
It was 8:20 when I didn't believe it was real.

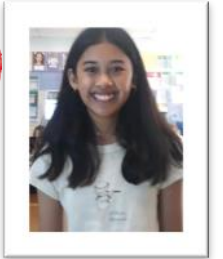
I knew he cared about me, he had to.
But it didn't show it to my mom or my aunt though.
And I did really did love him.
I loved him enough to convince him to leave
To go to that hospital and lay in the bed.
It was 8:20 when I didn't believe it was real.

The memories were faded like an old book now.

Almost gone.
But he wasn't
He slowly faded away.
I couldn't do anything.
My body didn't feel quite right.
Like you just did a headstand at the beach and someone pushed you down knocking all the air out of you.
It wasn't fair.
It was 8:20 when I didn't believe it was real and the last thing burned inside of me.

The worst part is,
I never even got to say goodbye.
And maybe he thought when he was on that bed that I didn't care about him.
That he never existed in my mind.
I never got to hold his hand again
I grew up with him, but he didn't get to see me
It hurt more than ever too because I never got to fulfill my promise.
When the last thing I said to him was I'll see you soon.

By: Karis Mandani



Why did you sign up?
“Because I wanted to win money.”
What is your poem about?
“My grandpa.”



3 on 3 Champs 2023 – USD Toreros
Jrue Frazier, Tucker Wojdowski, Judson Grubbs & Max Mitchell



2nd Place – Duke Blue Devils
Miguel dela Paz, Evan Nelson, Jennings Tallman & Arad Rastgaran



3rd Place: Stanford
Kairo Serrats , Levi Ericson, (not pictured, Orlic & Thomas Dietrich)



3rd Place: SDSU
Marcus Weinfeld, Ethan Wong, Ese Mowoe & Leland Fields



Lots of time for building snowmen and having snowball fights.

Yosemite continued

This year's group included: Keahi Lee, Jinyoung Lee, Mila Golynskiy, Amy Livers, Angel Ruiz, Lily Tichenor, Morgan Lee, Kiera Jensen, Amelie Georgalas, Evaine Tobia, Gabriel Lomeli, Gavin Spitler, Alice Laur, Cecilia Riff, Brian Loopez, Salvie DeoCampo, Lilia Chaberlin, Elizabeth Russell, and Maverick Garcia.



"Yosemite was an amazing experience. Being isolated in the wilderness with other crazy middle schoolers was very fun, and the things that happened cannot be recreated. There were so many things that occurred, ranging from seeing Michael Phelps set a new record, to accidentally starting my second food related cult and meeting someone else who lost a fingernail in the 4th grade. At Crane Flat, the place where we were staying, we were taught community and responsibility. I learned time management when I made random decisions to take a shower at 5:00 am. I had such a fun time, and made new friends, who I bonded with quickly. The fresh, untouched snow and towering trees will forever remain in my memory. Thank you, Mrs. Juergens, for giving us the experience of seeing Yosemite." - Mila Golynskiy



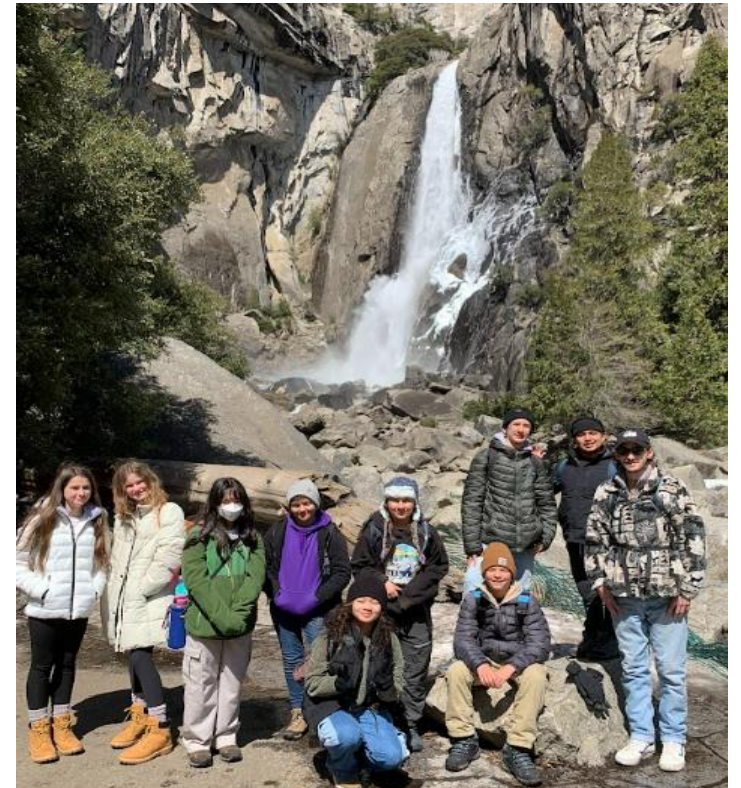
Every night we had to go to the woodshed for firewood.

"We had chefs who made delicious food and playing cards next to a fire in the cabin was fun. We were able to ski in a willow where I learned how to jump on skis. The counselors were so nice, caring, and made us feel like we belonged there. I really hope you and your friends go there. It's an amazing experience and words cannot do it enough justice. I had so much fun there." -Brian Lopez

"Going to Yosemite was such an amazing experience. Being away from technology really gave me a different outlook on the world. While I was there, I formed new bonds with people I didn't know and reconnected with old friends. Yosemite has so much natural beauty and going there may have taken up most of Spring Break but it was unforgettable." -Amy Livers



Climbing rocks below Yosemite Falls was no problem for Standley participants which included getting down as well- which wasn't as easy- but just as fun! There was plenty of sunshine on the day spent down in the valley.



Yosemite Falls 2023 Rocks! It was so beautiful and majestic. What a great experience for everyone. The drive up to Yosemite, the hikes around the park, the waterfalls and rivers and lakes made the trip the best ever. The ride home was fun and adventurous as well.

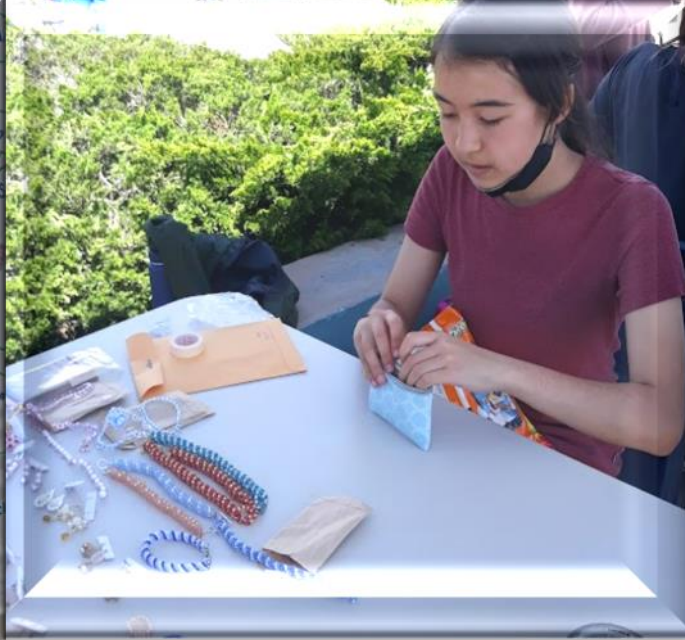
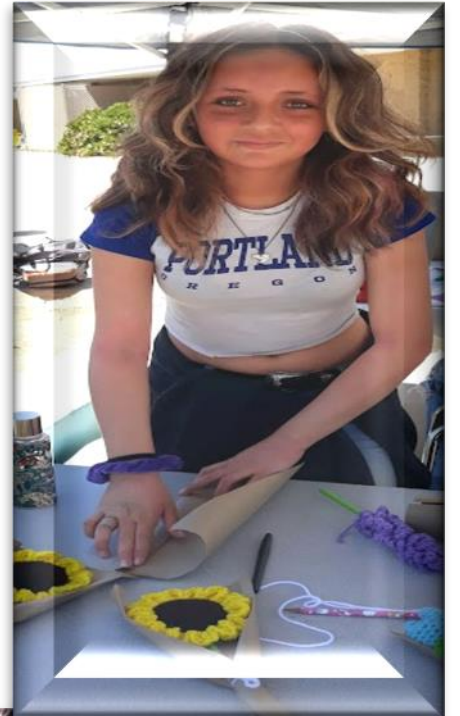


Creative Crafts offered during Earth Day Fair

Cammie Pearce
Staff

The Craft Fair was hosted on Friday 21 both lunches. Newspaper staff and other students sold handmade jewelry, paintings, beaded jewelry and 3D printed souvenirs. The fair was very stimulating and successful. It was very exciting to be recognized and appreciated as artists (such as myself). It makes us feel excited that people like and are interested in our work! **Shoutout:** Thank you to our principal, Mr. Pearson, for supporting us with his own purchases at the craft fair! **The fair was so successful we will definitely do another one!!**

- Q:** What do you make? "Beaded jewelry"
- How long does it take to make one?** "Each one is around 15 minutes - 3 hours."
- What did you like about the Craft Fair?** "I made money to help me and my club!" - Hana F. (sold at Craft Fair)
- Q:** What did you think of the Craft Fair? "It was cool to see people's art and their passions outside of school!" Ellie B.
- Q:** Would you be interested in having another Craft Fair? "Yes. I thought people got to share their knowledge and passions." Maddie W.
- Q:** What was your favorite part? "It was cool to see what people had to offer." - Lili M.
- Q:** What was your favorite part about selling at the Craft Fair? "It's fun to make stuff and sell it." Austin J.



Career Fair

Cammie Pearce
Staff

The Career Fair was held once again, during Open House. There were representatives from all kinds of fields of work and students had the opportunity to ask questions and get cool stuff. Students were given the opportunity to win prizes, collect gear, try out programs and eat treats provided. Later, classrooms were open to let students and their parents check out teachers and student work.



Spanish 1-2 'Order Out'

Staff

The Spanish 1-2 classes performed their skits for other classes. Each skit involved ordering breakfast, lunch, and dinner (in Spanish). Students were either ordering or taking orders. In between the skits, they danced different line dances which included: The Hustle, The Macarena, The Ice Cream Freeze, and a crowd favorite: No Tocas Mas, Mi Pobre Corazon. All the practice made it look great. Everyone clapped and cheered. Congrats to Ms. Frankel for a job well done.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS

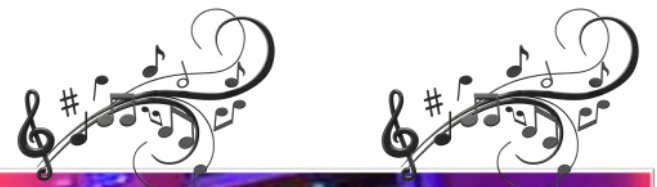
Joshua Poblete
Staff

Our music students competed at Music in the Parks in Orange County, and spent the rest of the day at Disneyland.

"We collected lots of shiny hardware and had an amazing day. 1st place band, 1st place orchestra, and best overall MS band, best overall MS orchestra. I'm very proud of our Seahawk Musicians!"-Ms. Myer

They performed two pieces showing their ability to play a slow and fast tempo song.

The first song was Legend. It was written in 3/4. This piece is appropriate for concert or festival needs. Its medieval quality is enhanced with percussion, giving the work an intriguing sound, reminiscent of a dramatic film score. The second song was The Oncoming Storm. This song combines modern harmonies with fast rhythmic features to create the suspense felt as a storm threatens. The intense sense of anticipation comes from a variety of percussion colors while active wind parts add to the overall effect, all staying within comfortable ranges of a young band.



Fashion Page

At Standley Middle school we are bringing different and unique fashion to the school. Such as baggy pants and colorful cargo pants. Cute mini skirts are also a cute new unique fashion trend. Baggy jeans and crop tops are the most common trend you will see at our school. You will see most of the girls wearing these trends right now around our school. The girls usually wear Converse and Jordans for shoes. Now for the boys, they are wearing more comfortable things like sweaters, hoodies and beanies. They want to be comfortable but still have some style. The boys wear



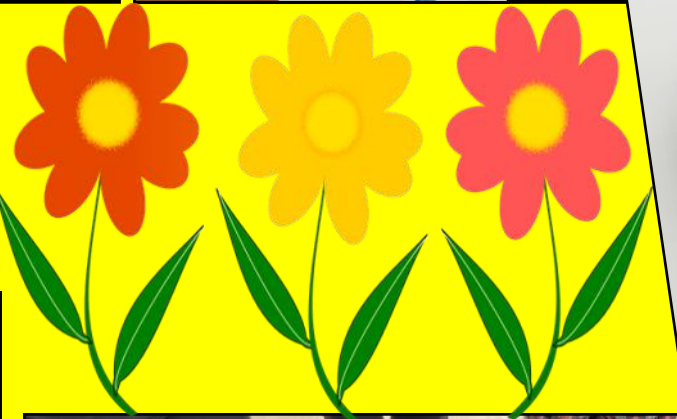
Jordan Air Forces for shoes and also Converse just like the girls.



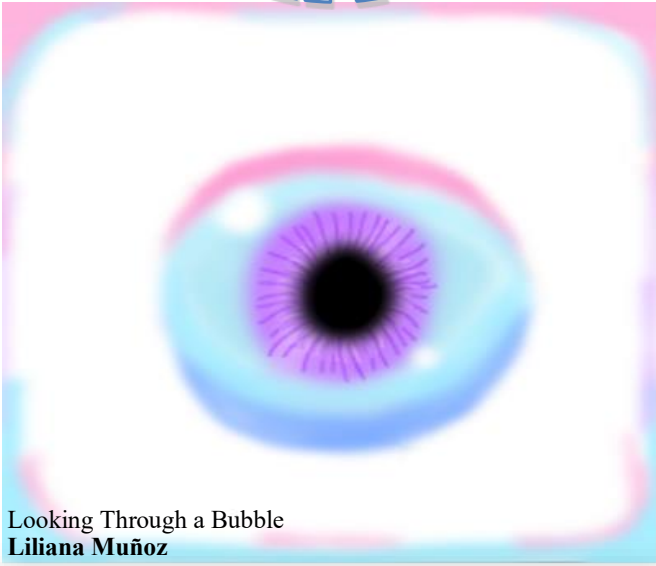
The teachers at our school wear comfortable clothes just like the boys do. Although some teachers like to dress up a bit at times. That's what you will see the kids wearing in school.



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ART



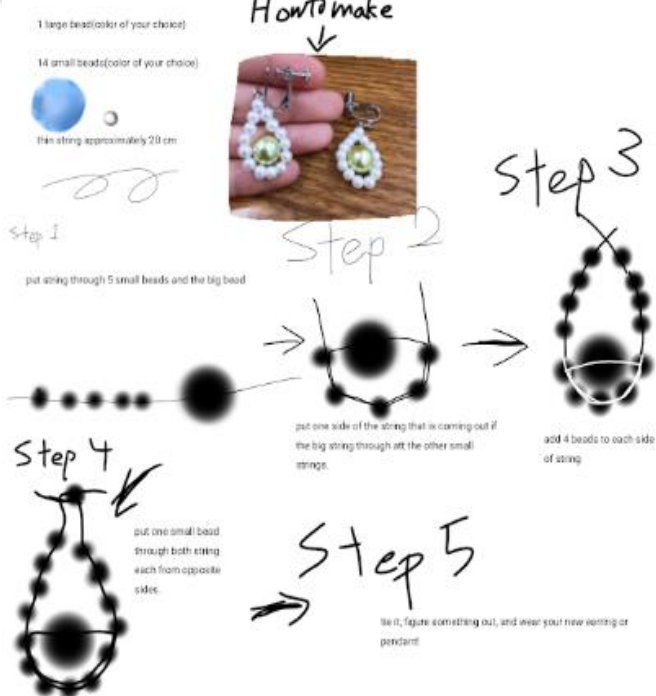
Looking Through a Bubble
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Loch Ness Monster Discovered to be Real

A shocking sighting along with evidence proves monster's existence
Sawyer Landrey
Newspaper Alumni

2 days ago, 67 year old Greta Oto saw something strange in Loch Ness's Murky waters as she was out walking at night, so she took out her phone and took multiple pictures of her encounter. "I saw what looked like a long-necked dinosaur swimming in the water," Oto said. And she was not alone, as Loch ness monster sightings have had a sharp increase lately of over 51%, according to www.scotland.gov/lochness/polls. Many describe a very similar creature in this vast lake including tourists that illustrate a "finned dinosaur with paddle-like legs" prowling Loch ness's coast. But someone else was searching for the monster that same night. Marine Cryptozoologist Johannes Rietveld is armed to the teeth with infrared cameras and deep-sea scanners positioned at several points on the loch ness's coast. "I saw a large heat signature on the monitor, and I knew it was the monster." says Rietveld. In the morning, Rietveld recovered some samples from the sighting spot, and sent them to Elizabeth Nguyen, A prominent marine paleontologist, who confirmed his and so many others theories. "It looks like a female Plesiosaurus dolichodeirus, about 10 feet in length," says Nguyen, who was shocked by the discovery. The question remains: where is Nessie now? Many suggest that the Loch Ness's thick mud and silt, as well as logs and debris underwater have confused underwater scanners. This theory has attracted marine engineer Vorona Kholstracht, who has continued to design marine scanners used to find shipwrecks underwater. Kholstracht had tested the scanners in the loch ness, and found a startling theory to the Monster's elusiveness. Kholstracht reveals the problem with scanners in loch ness: "It's the silt floating in the lake. It is very thick, and sensors can't really see past that". The Scottish Government has not commented on this discovery since the writing of this article, CNN says, and also points out that it is only a matter of time before 'Nessie' is finally caught. Nguyen does clarify some safety concerns, by explaining that this specific species of Plesiosaur only eats small fish, and not humans, and lives in deep waters, and rarely comes to shore. This discovery will surely transform the future of the Loch Ness, as well as the Loch Ness's newly discovered legend.



Most Played Video Games by Standley Students

Evangeline Sipe
Staff



- War Thunder
- Roblox Uwu
- Adopt Me Roblox
- Valorant
- Mario Kart
- Street Fight
- Cheese Trap Roblox
- Ice Spice Sim Roblox



The Day I Regret Leaving Home

Chapter 5: They are what?!

Author: Stephanie Monroy
Editor: Hana Fitzenz

As it got closer and closer they could finally see its appearance and it was...An old woman. What seemed to be teeth were simply just the shadow of her necklace while what they thought were claws was also just her sewing needles. She apologized to the officers for not opening earlier and explained that the reason for that was that she was on her way to open the door. When she tripped over a ball of yarn and fell to the ground, which made sense as to why the loud noise and why she didn't open the door. Then the police officers asked the old lady why she hadn't screamed that she was on her way or at least a "I need help". They also asked about the lights, why was it so dark? The lights outside worked perfectly so it wasn't like the lights ran out. To this the old lady stood quiet for a moment thinking about her response but then instead quickly changed the subject. "Who might one be looking for?" she asked. The officers found this odd and asked her to step outside unknowing if there was danger inside as her story wasn't truly believable. The police officers state that they came to talk to the Spellman family as this was their home as stated by Stella's mom. They also asked who she was to which she replied with "I'm Caroline Spellman, and I'm the only Spellman to be alive and let alone live here, I don't know what you're talking about, all my family died in a car accident 10 years ago." The policemen were left in shock for a second time, they then called the police department to get a video of the interrogations of the Spellman family members.

Caroline quickly responded saying that those were her family members that died and there was no way that video was taken a few months ago. Bothe the policeman and her thought that the other one must have been joking, then the policeman said "mam u need to tell us the truth, where are they?!" She said "I'll tell you where they are ALRIGHT, they can be found in the rose berry cemetery, keep walking straight and when you get to the first mausoleum all Spellman graves can be found to its right. The officers thinking she was lying decided to not argue and just follow her instructions, thinking that it would probably lead to a random grave.

They showed up to the cemetery she stated and followed the old ladies specific directions. When they got to the grave they soon noticed what she was saying was true, and the names matched the names of each Spellman family member that was interrogated the day of the intent murder. They were processing the shock and were about to leave to send this news back when they saw something that felt their stomach twist, the gravestone of Stella Marking with the date underneath of her lifespan showing she too had died 10 years ago...



S K A T E W O R L D



"It was a super fun time with friend! The food was sooo good." -Olivia

"I had so much fun roller skating with my friends. I loved the food and the music." -Kyle

"I had fun skating and listening to the music." -Chelsea

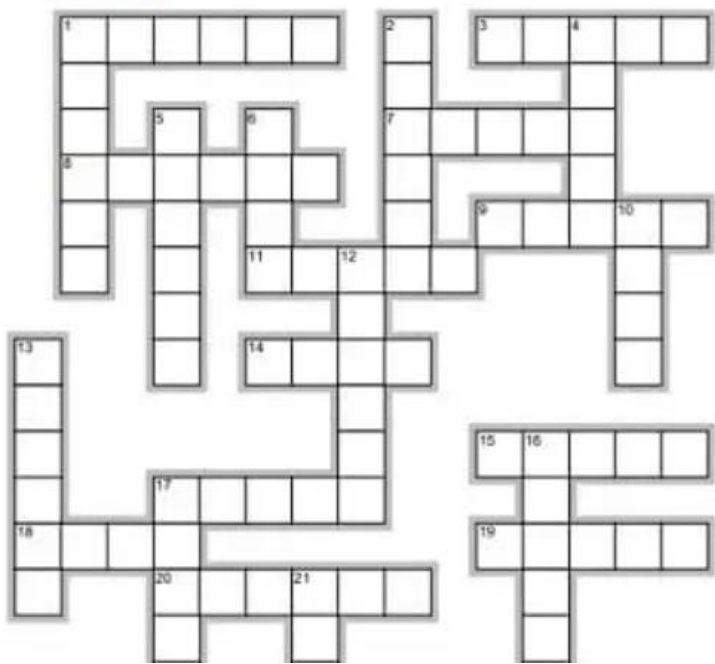
"I had a fun time with my friend. I loved seeing them fall." -Sydney



Watermelon Words



Here's a fun one crossword puzzle for all ages. The answer to every clue is spelled using only the letters in WATERMELON. Hopefully this is a sweet, juicy challenge for you, and not too seedy!



PIZZA PIZZA



Pizza was invented by a _____ (adjective) _____ (nationality) chef named _____. To make a pizza, you need to take a lump of _____, and make a thin, round _____ (noun). Then you cover it with _____ (adjective) _____ (noun) sauce, _____ (adjective) _____ (adjective) cheese, and fresh chopped _____. Next you have to bake it in a very hot _____. When it is done, cut it into _____ (noun) _____ (number). Some kids like _____ (shapes) _____ (food) pizza the best, but my favorite is the _____ (food) pizza. If I could, I would eat pizza _____ (number) times a day!

Universal Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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What do you get if you cross a bike and a flower? Bicycle petals!

Why is the letter A like a flower? A bee (B) comes after it!



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