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YEMS Participates in The Billion Oyster Project

For this field trip, the students in the Newspaper and Wildlife Cerebral Diversity classes got to go to Solar One on 23rd Street to check on our oyster beds, as part of the New York City Billion Oyster Project. On the trip to Solar One, we learned a lot of cool things about oysters with the Wildlife Conservation cerebral diversity class. We learned how the population of oysters has decreased over the years and that the Billion Oyster Project is trying to repopulate them. They want to do this because the oysters are a big help to us. They can filter the water, which cleans the pollutants out of the river. One oyster can filter 50 gallons of water in about 45 minutes.

We collected a lot of data on the oysters and their habitat. The oysters have been in a cage in the East River since mid-September. When we first got there, Ms. Heydari pulled our cage out of the water. Fortunately, the cage was in good condition. The wires were stable, it didn't open and the oysters were all there.

The Solar One people were studying the oysters and we were interviewing them as they worked. Here are some questions I asked and the answers from them:

Q: Why are you studying oysters?

A: We are studying them so we can protect them because they are a water filter.

Q: How long would they live for out of the water?

A: About 1 hour.

Q: How long do they live for in the water?

A: 10 years

In an effort to help repopulate New York's oysters and enhance the once most biodiverse estuary in the world — New York Harbor — Yorkville East Middle School students are helping to create and place oyster gardens throughout New York Harbor.

After that we were split into 3 groups. Each group got a bucket of oysters to count how many were dead and how many were alive. The fun part was when we got to count how many oysters were on one shell only. It was really cool. Our group found 86 live oysters and 49 dead oysters. This was good because there were more live oysters than there were dead. All the kids observed how they died. Oyster Drills are worm-like creatures that drills holes into the oyster shells. We found 9 Oyster Drills. The oysters died because the oyster drills killed them. The worms drill a really small hole on the oysters shell.

After that, we were split into groups again to do some East River water testing. My group was assigned to the PH. The result of the PH was 7, closest to neutral, which means that the water is a good environment for the oysters. Also, the rest of the water tests came out pretty well, except for the coaliform (E Coli) test. We learned that the East River water wasn't as polluted as we thought, which means that overall, the East River is a fairly healthy water environment.

We did one more thing before the end of the trip. One of the workers in the Solar One building talked to us about how it's one of the only buildings south of Manhattan that has solar panels. They do this instead of using the power plant because it prevents pollution, which hurts wildlife and makes the waters dirty. He also explained how they study lots of wildlife, including oysters. It ended up being a really fun trip. A few kids told me what they liked about the trip.

"I like this field trip because oysters are interesting," said Isabel.

"I like the trip because I get to check if the oysters are repopulating." Ethan added.

"I like this field trip because I get to work with oysters. I like that I get to experiment in general," Thomas commented.

We all wrote conclusions about the oysters. I came to the conclusion that if we come back that the data will be the same because there was more life than death of the oysters and that would most likely stay the same.

Wolves In New York

Feature Article by Linus Zwaka

For a few years wolves have been migrating into New York State. Some people say they have seen wolves in upstate New York. Other people say, no, that they probably saw a coyote, so no one gets scared, or maybe so no one begins to hunt them.

When wolves enter New York State they lose protection from the government, meaning all the wolves that enter New York State can get killed. People see wolves and they know they did but people say they didn't maybe because

Students Study Oysters as Part of the Billion Oyster Project



This is a shell with oysters on it. They have lived here for awhile, The shell provides them a nursery where the young oysters can grow.



not to scare people and most likely so no one begin to hunt the furry animals. One day a person saw a wolf and thought it was a coyote for a while and noticed it looked different. The person insisted she saw a wolf. She couldn't get a picture so her friends are curious to see if it was actually a wolf.

Another Person also saw a wolf. The person actually got a video of the wolf. Wolves used to live in New York State at one point but they had to move because human civilizations has grown bigger in the United States, so the wolves had to move to

Canada. In Canada the wolves had protection so no one could kill them. Now the wolves are coming back maybe because of food or a big migration. People still wonder why they are moving.

There are now debates about the wolves in New York, trying to decide if they should get protection. Some people want to protect them so they can thrive; some people want to kill them to protect themselves and family. Just be careful when you go to upstate even if you don't see wolves you still have to be aware of them.



Victor Cruz (Sports Review)

By Oliver Nikowitz

The New York Giants are having tough losses all due to their best wide receiver having an injury. His name is Victor Cruz #80. He tore his patella tendon. He was taken off the field the game they played against the Philadelphia Eagles.

He got hurt in the beginning of the game and that would cost them the game against the Philadelphia Eagles. The Giants had a devastating loss to the Eagles. The final score was 27-0. They kept losing after that game. A week after that they lost to the Dallas Cowboys. The final score in that game was 31-21.

The Giants are struggling without Victor Cruz. They are losing games very quickly. They need to find a way to get him up and ready to play or they will continue to suffer and not be strong enough to beat the teams they are facing.



MoMa Trip Review

By Parris Jessani & Linus Zwaka

On October 20th-23rd, the 6th grade classes went on a trip no one would ever forget, to the MoMA museum. The trip was spectacular, everyone loved the trip (except for the people who only came to get out of school) this is the review of the MoMA museum.



**“Marilyn Monroe”
by James Rosenquist**

When you enter you see colors everywhere it makes you want to see the rest of the exhibits. But we only saw the ones that had to do with identity. We saw four art works. Two of them were about Marilyn Monroe, a famous actress who died. One was by Andy Warhol and the other was a more abstract painting by James Rosenquist. The other two were sculptures, one of the inside of a house and the last one of a leg. We also got to look at other collages by Henri Matisse.

All in all the MoMA is the best museum I’ve ever been too. If you ever have time to go to the MoMA you should go and see all the paintings, especially the paintings that we saw. I bet you could spend hours looking at all the paintings and finding their true meaning.

“Marilyn Monroe” by Andy Warhol



Parris’s Top Ten TV Shows

10. TRANSFORMERS: BEAST WARS
9. TRANSFORMERS: PRIME
8. AVENGERS: ASSEMBLE
7. BEN 10
6. LEGO: LEGENDS OF CHIMA
5. LEGO: NINJAGO
4. RIDICULOUSNESS
3. STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS
2. TRANSFORMERS GENERATION 1
1. DOCTOR WHO



The Social Media Issue

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Vine

By: Kayla Janssen

Vine has more than 13 million users that can share video clips of up to six seconds. Vine, is available on iOS (Apple Operating System) and Android devices, and is used by news reporters, comedians and Twitter users that have more than just a picture to share.



Vine was founded by Dom Hofmann, Rus Yusupov, and Colin Kroll in June 2012. The company was acquired by Twitter in October

2012 for a reported \$30 million. Vine officially launched on January 24, 2013 as a free app for iOS devices. On June 2, 2013, an Android version was released.

Additional features were added to the app in July 2013. Some of the features are a grid and ghost image tools for cameras.

Vine can be used with a stop-motion effect. Some of the videos that are made with Vine include comedy, musical performances, and stop motions. Some popular Viners are Zac King, Harry Styles, and Taylor Swift.

Vine is available in 25 languages including: Danish, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, Swedish, and Turkish. and Turkish. Spanish, Swedish, Chinese, and Turkish.

Twitter

By: Denizcan Ozdemir



Twitter is a social media site that feels like Justin Bieber has

taken control. He

has 56 million followers... give it a minute to soak in. Twitter was created in 2006 in San Francisco by four men named, Jack Dorsey, Noah Glass, Evan Williams and Biz Stone.

Twitter started pretty strong in 2006 but quickly rose to over 100 million users in 2012 and grew even further because now there are 500 million users! In 2007 people were posting 400,000 tweets per DAY, I know I couldn't believe it either, but it quickly rose once again because. In 2011, there where 150 million tweets per day.

Twitter used to be online only, but now it is more portable then ever; you can download the free application pretty much any where you get applications. Oh - and before you zone out - you can get it on tablets, phones and computers (an I pod is a tablet... duhhh).

Overall twitter may have started small but "today it's the number one way to insult celebrities" according to Jimmy Fallon. If you're looking to connect to your family or post worthless selfies, then please, do not hesitate to get a twitter. -

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The History Of YouTube

By AJ Benzaken

Do you love watching your favorite YouTubers making you crack up? Did you ever want to know how YouTube started? Well now you might just find out.

FOUNDING OF YOUTUBE

In 2005, three Pay-Pal employees, Chad Hurley, Jawed Karim, and Steve Chen, founded YouTube. Steve and Jawed studied computer science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Chad studied design at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The exact date YouTube was founded was February 15th, 2005. At first YouTube was an Angel-Funded company because it started in a make-shift office in a garage. This changed when Sequoia Capital invested \$3.5 million. The first YouTube video uploaded was titled "Me At The Zoo" and it featured Jawed Karim visiting the San Diego Zoo. It was uploaded on April 23rd, 2005 and people can still watch it today.

PURCHASE

On October 9th, 2006, it was announced that Google would be buying YouTube for \$1.65 billion in stock. The agreement came when three media companies threatened to file copyright-infringement lawsuits. The deal closed on November 13th, 2006. After the purchase, Sequoia Capital invested about \$9 million and got back \$516 million in a return on their investment; Artis Capital Management invested \$3 million and got back \$85 million.

SUCCESSFUL YOUTUBERS

Ever since YouTube's start-up, there have been lots of very successful YouTubers. One of those YouTube channels is known as Smosh. Smosh is made up of two young men named Anthony Padilla and Ian Hecox. They started making videos in 2005 with some music parodies like the Power Ranger theme song and the Pokemon theme song. Ever since then, they have earned a big following, and up to this day they have over 19 million subscribers. They are the second most subscribed channel on YouTube. They're even getting their own movie which is currently in the development stage.

The first most subscribed channel is PewDiePie. PewDiePie is run by a man named Felix Arvid Ulf Kjellberg. He has been making videos since 2011 and has over 30 million subscribers now right in front of Smosh. He is very comedic and makes videos almost every day.

Another successful YouTube channel is Epic Meal Time. Epic Meal Time is run by a Canadian named Harley Morenstein and the rest of his cooking crew. In every video they make crazy meals, like Fast Food Lasagna, Mac and Cheese Burgers, and Green Pancakes. They also include lots of comedy in it which is what has made them so successful with over 5 million subscribers. For the girl YouTube audience there is Bethany Mota. She has been getting a big fan following for the last few months and is very famous for her Do-It-Yourself and How-To videos. She has over 7 million subscribers. There are lots more successful YouTubers but those are just the ones that are most recognized today.



Facebook

By Michell Morillo

Facebook is a social media site that can be used for everybody to chat with friends, partners, family etc. Sometimes social media can be a good tool for the communication of people because it joins the people from across the world. But not all the people who use Facebook are good people. Some people use the site to steal information from other people like you.

In mid-2007 Facebook released versions in French, German and Spanish translated. At that point, they had over 900 million members, and translations into 70 languages. In January 2013, Facebook reached 1230 million users. Brazil, India, Indonesia, Mexico and the United States are the countries with the most users, however, and there are 11 million users who own more than one webpage on the site.

Facebook now works through a site called Tor that allows Facebook users in countries like China, Cuba, Iran and North Korea to access the site when it is blocked by the governments.



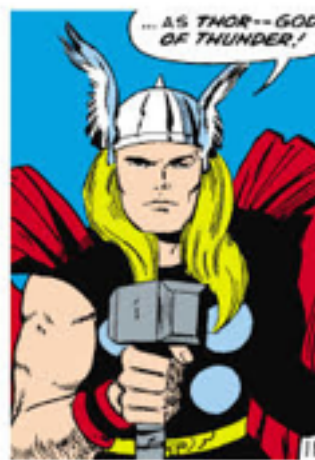
Comic Books

By: David Matta

Comic books have come a long way since the first ten-cent comic books came out in the 1930's. Now comics are popular in video games, theme parks and even high budget movies. The surprising thing is that kids are more likely to go see the movie instead of going to the store and buying the original comic book.



A big comic book company is Marvel. Marvel has many big



superhero comics such as Spiderman, Captain America, Thor and the Hulk. There are other Marvel heroes such as Black Widow and Deadpool. There have been many movies based off of Marvel comics like the

“Avengers” and “Guardians of the Galaxy”. There are also movies about single superheroes like Hulk and Captain America. Marvel also has video games such as the Spiderman video game. Marvel also

licensed their superhero characters to be used in theme parks.

Another big comic book company is DC. DC has many popular superheroes like Batman, Superman and Aquaman. DC has had many movies. The Batman franchise, which includes “Batman Begins”, the “Dark Knight” and the “Dark Knight Rises” as well as the “Green Lantern” movie has been extremely successful. The Batman comic book came out in 1939, one year after the Superman comic. DC also has the Superman movies, which have been around for a while. The first Superman movie came out in 1978, 40 years after the comic book first came out in 1938!

You can purchase a comic book at a comic book store, or you can go to Barnes and Noble to get a graphic novel, which is just a thicker comic book. If you know about comics from the movies and you enjoy the characters, then you may enjoy the comic book genre. You can also find graphic novels that might not be Marvel or DC, and those are fun to read, too.



Easter Eggs In Movies

By: AJ Benzaken

Have you ever been on an Easter Egg hunt? Have you ever been on an Easter Egg hunt in a movie? That’s right. Lately in movies (Mostly from Marvel and Pixar) there have been hidden secrets known as “Easter Eggs”, connecting and hinting to other franchises and upcoming movies in

the franchise. So come on a hunt to find out how these eggs really hatched.

PIXAR EASTER EGGS

Let’s start off with some of the most known Easter Eggs in Pixar. Ever since Toy Story hit theaters in 1995, every Pixar movie has been connected. One of the very first Pixar Easter Eggs was in the 2001 movie “Monsters Inc.” There were multiple secrets in the movie but the majority of them were in one scene at the end when Sully was saying goodbye to Boo in her bedroom. One thing that was found was the bouncy ball from “Toy Story” with the star in the middle.

A doll of a fish is supposed to resemble Nemo from the 2003 movie “Finding Nemo”. But the weird thing was that this movie had come out two years before “Finding Nemo”. So because of this, some film theorists say that in every Pixar movie, they show something that will connect to the next movie that they produce. Another example of this was shown in the 2004 movie “The Incredibles” where the main protagonist drove a car that resembled the “Paul Newman Car” from the 2005 movie “Cars”. Another example of this was in “Finding Nemo” when a boy in the waiting room at the dentist was reading an Incredibles comic which would end up being their next production. Also, in the movie “UP” shown in a little girl’s bedroom was the Lotso teddy bear which would be shown in the next production “Toy Story 3”. Also did you know that the “Pizza Planet Truck” from “Toy Story” has been featured in every Pixar movie so far except for “The Incredibles” and “Monsters University”? Another cool Easter Egg is the code A113. This code can be found in multiple Pixar movies like a license plate number in “Toy Story”, and on a camera in “Finding Nemo”. At first, people thought

that this could be the coordinates to Walt Disney's frozen body. But later it was announced that it was the room number for a studio at Pixar animations. Do you remember that ball from "Toy Story"? Did you know that it has been shown in many Pixar movies? Well it has been. One time when this shown in the 2009 movie "UP" on one of Russell's merit badges. Those were just some of the interesting Pixar Easter Eggs.

MARVEL EASTER EGGS

We all know that all Marvel superhero movies are connected but did you know that there have been some vital secrets hidden in these movie that have to do with other franchises. One of the most interesting Easter Eggs from this bundle of movies was in the 2008 movie, "The Incredible Hulk". This Easter Egg was shown in an alternate ending where the Hulk was in a land of snow and it is believed that the frozen body of Captain America can be seen if you look closely. Another interesting secret was in the 2008 movie "Iron Man". It was found in a scene where Iron Man was flying through a city and if you look extremely close, in the background you can see a commercial for a movie known as "Fin Fang Foom". If you don't know your comics, "Fin Fang Foom" is a very popular Iron Man villain. This could be hinting at a possible sequel with Fin Fang Foom as the villain. One playful gem was in "The Incredible Hulk" where Lou Ferrigno had a cameo as security guard. If you didn't know, Lou played the Hulk on the original TV show. Another playful cameo is in almost every Marvel movie and it shows Stan Lee one of the original comic book writers for Marvel Comics. He can be seen in "The Avengers", "Guardians Of The Galaxy", and a lot of other movies. Easter Eggs in Marvel aren't just found in the actual movie because they can also be found

in the end credit scenes. End credit scenes usually connect to upcoming movies. One of the most known end credit scenes was in "The Avengers" when they showed the villain "Thanos" talking to one of his goons talking about their plans. Thanos showed up in the 2014 movie "Guardians Of The Galaxy" and will show up in the sequel to "Guardians Of The Galaxy" and also the 3rd and 4th installments of "The Avengers". Another important end credit scene was at the end of the 2014 movie "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" where they showed "Quicksilver" and his sister "Scarlett Witch" which will be featured in "The Avengers: Age Of Ultron". Another important end credit scene was in "The Incredible Hulk" where Tony Stark (Iron Man) was talking to the Hulk in a bar. Another one is from "Iron Man" where it shows Samuel L. Jackson speaking to Tony Stark about the "Avengers Initiative" which sets up the storyline for "The Avengers". Another important one is from the 2011 movie, "Thor" where it shows the Tesseract which was shown in "The Avengers" and also showed Loki's staff which would also appear in "The Avengers". Those were just some of Marvel's most interesting Easter Eggs.

OTHER EASTER EGGS

Even other movies have Easter Eggs. Here are some really cool ones. In the movies "Shaun Of The Dead" and "The World's End" which were both directed by Edgar Wright, one of the character's spoils the movie at the very beginning. In "Raiders Of The Lost Ark" there's a scene where Indiana Jones enters temple with drawings on the wall and one of them was a drawing of C-3PO and R2-D2 from Star Wars. Even in one of the Star Wars prequels, they showed a pit full of E.T.'s.

Those were just some of the most interesting Easter Eggs in movies.

What's Happening at Yorkville East?

By: Anabel Dennis & Zyrafete Fazlija

Have you ever been wondering about the upcoming events here at YEMS? Well never fear, the newspaper is here! Here are the upcoming events here at YEMS for November 2014:

November 11: No school - Veterans Day

November 13: The first Talent Show rehearsal (3:20 PM to 4:30 PM)

November 17: Talent Show rehearsal (during lunch)

November 18: Open School Day (9 AM to 10:10 AM)

November 19: Talent Show rehearsal (during lunch)

No after school for MS 177

Parent Teacher Conferences (5:30 PM to 8:00 PM)

November 20: Half Day for Students; Parent Teacher Conferences (1:30 PM to 4:00 PM)

No after school for MS 177

November 21: Student & Parent Chess Breakfast (8:35 AM to 9:20 AM)

November 24: Picture Day! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Our Staff from Cerebral Diversity First Quarter!

