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### Interview with Ms.Reinhardt get to know your 8th grade Dean

By: Zachary Hoffmann (Class 804)

After I got to know my assistant principal in the October 2019 newspaper, I decided that I wanted to get to know my 8th grade dean, Ms.Reinhardt. You may know her because you see her in her office, had trip money to give in, or if you had an issue you needed to get resolved. You may see her when you pass her office and but you only get to say hi, but you don't get to have a conversation. And this time I got to do a face to face interview. As you can see from her answers, she has very high expectations for her 8th grade students and she really cares about her 8th graders.

Zachary: "When did you start working here at Pershing?"

Ms.Reinhardt: " I started working at Pershing in the Spring of 2013."

Zachary: "Have you always worked as a dean here at Pershing?"

Ms.Reinhardt: "No, when I was first hired, I worked as an Academic Intervention Specialist. I worked part-time and taught students in small group instruction. Then in September of 2013, I began working as an 8th grade ELA teacher. I also taught 7th grade ELA at some point. I became a

dean in September of 2016."

Zachary: " What did you do before Pershing?"

Ms.Reinhardt: "Before Pershing, I worked as a 12th grade teaching assistant in a non-profit special education high school in Jamaica, Queens. While I was in college, I worked at a tanning salon in Bay Ridge."

Zachary: "What brought you to Pershing?"

Ms.Reinhardt: "I came to Pershing because after college, it was important for me to get a full-time teaching position in a school in the Department of Education. I met someone (thanks girl!) who recommended me to the principal at the time. I am forever grateful for that... I love working at Pershing!"

Zachary: "Are you married? If so, how long? Do you have children?"

Ms.Reinhardt: "I am not married. I don't have any human children, but I am a dog and cat mom :)"

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### U.S. President Inauguration Day

(美国总统就职典礼 )

By: Vicky Yeung (Class 810)

美国总统就职典礼的举行，标志着新一届美国总统任期的开始。实际上，美国宪法中对就职典礼所规定的唯一一项，就是在总统进入总统办公室执政前，必须进行宣誓。然而随着历史的推移，就职典礼的传统项目也逐渐扩大，已从最初一个简单的就职宣誓仪式，发展成为如今一个包括游行、演讲和舞会的为期一天的活动。宣誓当天，被称为就职典礼日（Inauguration Day），是美国联邦的公共假期。从1793年至1933年为3月4日，从1937年之后，就职日为1月20日（1933年批准的美國憲法第二十修正案改变任期的开始日期）。从安德鲁·杰克逊总统至吉米·卡特总统，就职典礼主要在美国国会的东门廊（East Portico）举行[1]。自1981年罗纳德·里根总统举行就职典礼时，仪式则改在国会大厦的西部举行。特殊情况则有：由于天气寒冷，1909年的威廉·霍华德·塔夫脱与1985年的里根就职典礼改在国会室内；1812年战争和第二次世界大战，造成两次就职典礼在华盛顿特区的其他地点举行。2017年美國總統就職典禮，官方名稱為第58屆美國總統就職典禮（英語：the 58th Presidential Inauguration），也稱為唐納·川普總統就職典禮，為第45任美國總統唐納·川普於2017年1月20日週五舉行的就職典禮，標誌著總統唐納·川普與副總統麥克·彭斯領導的共和黨政府4年任期的开始。基于宣誓仪式上重点强调的“宪法制度的美式独特表达”活动定题为“独特美国人”[1]，通过美国人“团结在恒久共和国的背后”的例子，展现权力的和平交接[1]。2017年1月17日到21日，华盛顿特区举办了音乐会、宣誓仪式、午宴、游行、就职舞会、各宗教派别就职祷告仪式等就职活动。典礼上，首席法官约翰·罗伯茨监督特朗普宣誓，副总统彭斯则由最高法院大法官克拉伦斯·托马斯监督宣誓[2]。特朗普宣誓时左手按住他母親送贈的《圣经》和林肯《圣经》[3]。典礼伴随着美国和其他国家的抗议活动。

The Adventure of 802: Broskis

Prequel of The Adventures of 802: Andy’s Perspective

By: Crys Cao (Class 802)

Andy was in his fortress residing in Alaska. The fortress was named “Edgy Black Fortress”. He was waking up to play his edgy music: My Chemical Romance and The All-American Rejects. He was having his breakfast: bacon and fried eggs. It was only when he was getting ready to go back to sleep that the alarms were beeping. The alarms were not placed to wake Andy up, it meant someone was in the fortress, or attempting to go in. The alarms went off when you get too many wrong attempts when entering the password to the Edgy Black Fortress. Not to mention the fortress was located at the deep pits of Alaska, basically, a literal hell. Andy just stood there, not knowing what to do. He just went to check the security cameras. The quality was not the best, as the cameras had scratches and kept showing static. Andy had not expected anyone to evn break into his fortress. After all, he was lonely, being the king of this lonely pit, being full of dead skeletons. No one had ever visited him after all these years.

The cameras started to work and finally showed some monochrome visuals. There stood a tall, skinny guy and some dude with messy hair. Then again, camera quality was not good, being that they are in the deep pits of Alaska, so Andy could not identify them. It has appeared in the cameras that they kept entering the password over and over, attempting to guess. At least that’s what Andy thought, the screen’s frame rates were choppy and low. Finally, they got the password, and somehow it was... “foreshadowing”. The password was simple, but tricky, “Broskis123”. Andy wondered why he put that as the password. He then remembered the most simple reason, as Andy had a feeling of nostalgia. Andy had two broskis, Crys and Ulysses. Before Andy was in his edgy lonely teen phase, he and his broskis hung out, watching movies and eating junk together. It was only when Crys and Ulysses suddenly went missing, with their locations remaining a mystery. Now, the two broskis suddenly found each other and went to explore the Edgy Black Fortress while determined to find Andy. It was the most alive the fortress has been in decades. Ulysses hoped he didn’t dirty the tablecloth in the kitchen while Crys looked through the fridge for anything good to eat. They hadn’t eaten in months, as they only lasted from their immortality, the one thing that never made them feel alive. Andy couldn’t believe his broskis came back. He pretended it was all a dream and put his head down.

“Broski?”

A few minutes passed since Andy put his head down. The voice heard from behind snapped him out of it. He knew it wasn’t a dream and decided to finally put his head up. He turned around, and from a few feet away stood Crys and Ulysses, reuniting them in the same place they always were before, once again.

“Broskis?” Andy answered back. “We never thought we would see your face again.” Crys spoke. Ulysses replied, “Yeah, you kind of changed.” Andy first glanced at them and their faces. They had the same facial features, except Ulysses’ mustache grew. Nothing changed to Crys’ face because he never hit puberty, stuck with the same baby face forever. Both of them had several bruises, although Crys had less scars, and they were all located at the forehead. “What happened, broskis?” Andy asked. “Let’s say the forest trees were too low for Ulyly.” Crys responded. “Yeah, we got bored so we just ran straight through a forest, although Crys had less trouble going through the trees because Crys is short.” Everyone laughed and felt the same wave of nostalgia again. Andy spoke up again, “So, y’all want to roll down the hills again?” They all nodded. “Let’s go, broskis.”



Heh, It’s funny. What’s funny you might ask? The dog that I sprayed became short-circuited and kept ramming its android head on a tree. What’s not funny? Neighbor Left disappeared from the couch. I scanned my surroundings and went back to help my sister.

“Hang on.” I said, “I have some bandages at our supply shed. I’ll go get it quickly.”

I got the bandages and patched up my sister. When my sister was able to stand, we went back to our house. Puppy jumped up and down and tackled my sister. My sister laughed. She decided it would not be wise to play GravityBall again. I then noticed a pale white humanoid creature outside on the sidewalk. Yeah, on the sidewalk. The creature then stood up and began to run toward my house.

“Stalker!, Prepare to defend!”, Olive whispered.

I grab the nearest weapon which was a Cyber M2080. A light laser blaster to vaporize monsters like Stalkers. Right on cue, the Stalker came through the window and grabbed my sister and tried to get away from me. I switched my blaster to single shots and landed a headshot on its head.

My sister was paralyzed from fear and just croaked, “Safe house, now!” I agreed.

We had a safe house east of Android Park, which had a lot more supplies than my house. Also, I am craving for some food. I would have settled for an MRE. When we were halfway across our journey, I realized we were being followed. The smell of smoke filled the air

A story for bored people part 2

By: Tommy Chiu

My sister suddenly gasped, “Elemental!”

I looked behind and saw a person completely covered in fire. He cackled as he made eye contact with me. He launched a flurry of fireballs that singed my air. I tried to shoot it with my blaster but used it as a shield to protect my sister when the Elemental shot a fireball at my sister. It was reduced to splinters and metal. My life began to flash before my eyes when the Elemental came closer. The air got hotter.

Suddenly, “Psh! Psh! Pesky Elementals!” A voice behind the Elemental exclaimed.

The Elemental erupted into white smoke as someone behind us began to a fire extinguisher on full blast. Which it did. When the smoke cleared, a fire extinguisher was standing on the street and looking at us.

“Hi friends! My name is Extinguishy! Nice to kill that pesky elemental!” The fire extinguisher said.

My sister fainted. After we went to the safe house and my sister was conscious, we quickly made plans. Our next stop is the subway station. We need the train in order to get to the next town which was the destination we need to go. We then get out and went face to face with a Leaper. Within seconds the Leaper leaped on my sister and revealed its sharp claws. I quickly kicked it and killed it. That is when I realized, there were hordes of monsters. The fire extinguisher can be a handy smoke bomb when you

need it to be one and the monsters as much as they are made out of computer parts, they are as bright as my dull lights on the darkest setting. We went to the subway station. Somehow my sister is wearing army fatigues from the goodwill store because her Spectre-T shirt has been badly damaged. Whatever because no one even bothers to ride the subway anymore.

“Looks like the subway system needs to be engaged.” Olive said.

I nodded. Even when we have our own drivable jets, we still know how to engage the subway system in times of an emergency. We used Extinguishy’s metal part to break the glass because nowadays we are all computer science and no muscles.

Olive flipped on the switch and lights began to turn on and a feminine voice said, “The subway will arrive shortly, please find your ticket.

Right on cue, the ticket station exploded and launched our tickets everywhere.

I said, “Hmm, a scavenger hunt for our tickets. Nice!”

My sister was not so happy, “Wait, take the extinguisher with you. I don’t feel like splitting up without protecting my brother.”

I grinned and the extinguisher jumped up and down. Time to find our tickets.

To be continued...



## A Brief Look into the History of Three Kings Day

By: Lian Jie Li (Class 802)

The Three Kings Day, He also received Epiphany, or El Dia de frankincense, which Reyes is a holiday honors his presence, celebrated on January as He is not an 6th. Christians earthly being, but a celebrate the biblical god. Lastly, baby adoration of baby Jesus Jesus received by the three Kings myrrh, which (Three Wise Men or represents his ability Magi), Melchior, to die, because myrrh Caspar, and Baltazar. is used to embalm Melchior represents cadavers. This is Europe, Caspar possibly represents Arabia, and foreshadowing the Baltazar represents fact that Jesus died to Africa, respectively. On make the sins of January 6th, after the humans forgiven. birth of Jesus, the This holiday is Three Wise Men tried celebrated by eating to find Jesus in order to Rosca de Reyes, or show Him their King's Cake. The adoration of Him. They families give out hay did this by following a or grass for the star across the desert camels of the Three for twelve days. One of Kings to eat, and eat the gifts that baby Jesus family dinners. received was gold, Children also make which is supposed to crowns to wear to represent His honor the Three superiority as king. Kings.



## Namahage Sedo Festival

By: Yun Liang Long

Every year, during the second week of February, the traditional festival of firewood lantern is held in shrines in various cities under the jurisdiction of Akita Prefecture, Japan. Wearing a scary ghost mask and wearing straw clothes, Namahage broke into each house rudely, found the hiding wife and children, and asked them if they had worked hard, studied hard, and listened to their parents. At this time, the head of the family must take care of his wife and children, and come up with good drinks and dishes to treat Namahage. Because it is held in the last few days of the lunar calendar each year, it also means that everyone yearns for spring.

Later on this festival, the young people in the village will come down from the mountain in the form of "Ogre Namahage", visit house to house and yell "Are there any children who cry? ~ Are there any children who do not listen to their parents? Wait to scare the children. I hope they can be smart and sensible in the coming year. Don't be mischievous. Every year the festival will bring a lot of joy to the locals." "NAMAHAAGE" is also known as the god who brings new year's blessings. This ceremony is designated as an important intangible folk cultural heritage of the country.

每年2月第2周开始，在日本的秋田县下辖的各地市都会在神社举办柴灯祭典这个传统节日。带着恐怖的鬼面具，穿着稻草衣服的NAMAHAAGE，粗暴地闯进每户人家，找出躲藏起来的妻子和孩子，问他们有没有好好劳动，好好学习，听父母的话。这时候当家要袒护自己的妻子和孩子，并拿出好酒好菜款待NAMAHAAGE。因为是在每年农历最后几天举办，所以也寓意着大家对春天的向往。后来一到这个节日，村落的青年们会装扮成「食人魔Namahage」从山上下来，挨家挨户拜访并大声喊叫“有没有爱哭的小孩啊~？有没有不听父母话的小孩啊~？”等等来吓唬小孩子，希望他们来年能乖巧懂事不要调皮捣蛋，每年节日都会给当地人带来不少欢乐."NAMAHAAGE"也被称为是带来新年祝福的神。这个仪式被指定为国家重要的无形民俗文化遗产。因为是在每年农历最后几天举办，所以也寓意着大家对春天的向往。

## Interesting Movies Coming Out In January

Coming out January 3, 2020



“The Grudge”(2020) directed by Nicolas Pesce is a horror movie for horror lovers. The movie is about a detective and single mother going to a house to solve a case but only to be greeted by violent death and met by a vengeful ghost.

**By: Yixin Chen (Class 804)**  
There’s many different movies coming out in January, maybe one might just grab your

Coming out January 31, 2020



“Gretel and Hansel” directed by Oz Perkins is a fantasy movie for fantasy lovers. Gretel and Hansel...does that sound familiar? Have you heard of them in your childhood before? The movie is about a pair of siblings going into the woods but stumbled upon a dark and evil witch. A classic tale but with a terrifying twist added.

Coming out January 24, 2020



“Assassin 33 A.D. directed by Jim Carroll is a Sci-Fi movie for Sci-Fi lovers. The movie’s filled with time travel, Christianity, and geniuses. Ahmed Amir is a billionaire that wanted to prove Jesus never rose from the dead and Ram Goldstein a world known genius was helping him to discover time travel. Ram just didn’t know that everything is about to take a sinister turn. (Honestly I would watch this, it literally sounds astonishing).

He is an American DJ Player and created a new album called, "Joy Time". The songs he played are called, "One Thing Right", "Happier", "Alone", and "Find Me Remix". Marshmello also goes to play in Tomorrowland, Germany, Ultra Miami, Medusa Festival, and Sunbeach Festivals. Marshmello is playing in the Amsterdam Music Festival. He also dances to Alone. He also has a mask to cover his entire face and he can’t speak at all. He also has 2 DJ sets and one in Ultra Miami Festival and Amsterdam Music Festival. Additionally, he also plays UNICEF Music Festival which is a big Festival. He also likes to play in Tomorrowland, Belgium. He was honored for Much Music Video Award for Fave Single and Much Music Video Award for best EDM/Dance Artist or Group and MTV Europe Music Award for best Electronic and IHeartRadio Music Award for Best New POP Artist, IHeartRadio Music Award for Dance Artist of the year and American Music Award for Favorite Artist Electronic Dance Music. He is also ONLY 27 years old. He also collaborated with Zedd and Slushii and

## Getting to Know Marshmello

**By: Helen Ouyang (Class 819)**



Jack Ü. He also goes up for Billboard Music Award. He is also 5 ft 11 inch tall and he also has a lot of good music and real-life history. He looks very tall and he also goes to Palm Springs Studio and there is a picture of a DJ Dabbing and and he is so crazy and he goes on tour. He is so smart and is a genius in all of his pictures.

Also, he is in position #5 in the places and he also has lots of tours in the summer days. He is also so good at playing music at and he also plays Fortnite games in the summer and he is also on tour this year in San Diego. He also plays at Allstate Arena and Live Night Club with Bad Bunny. Also, he played at Miami Beach at the and he also went to SuperSonic Music Festival and he also goes to Fortnite World Cup.

He also played with Martin Garrix in EDC 2016 and he also does more remix than Martin Garrix. He also has an expensive shoes and he won an award at the American Music Awards and his biggest hits are "Silence" and "Wolves" He also performed with Selena Gomez and Bastille and Anne Marie for the song called, "Friends" They did a terrific job. Also, why is Marshmello so good at being DJ? Marshmello has a new album for his new track in 2019 and the song is called "Here with Me.. Also, Marshmello gets paid \$50 million dollars.



Continuation Of Ms.Reinhardt's Interview

Zachary: “Where did you go to school (college) and what did you study in school?”

Ms.Reinhardt: “I went to St. Francis College in Brooklyn Heights for my undergraduate degree. I got a Bachelor's degree in Adolescent Education with a concentration in English. I got my Master's degree in School Counseling at Alfred University.”

Zachary: “What would your dream job be?”

Ms.Reinhardt: “I aspire to be a school counselor. I am certified to be one, I am just waiting for the right opportunity! At some point, I also see myself being a college advisor. I always liked helping my friends make their schedules in college.”

Zachary: “Did you always want to work in the field of education?”

“Actually, no! I started college in a program to become a physician's assistant. But then I learned that I didn't like blood, and I had to switch majors!”

Zachary: “What are your goals as a dean?”

My goals as a dean are to ensure that every student

feels safe in school, and to help students grow into responsible and kind young adults who hold themselves accountable.”

Zachary: “Do you have any words of wisdom or advice for the graduating class of 2020?”

Ms.Reinhardt: “Think before we act. Always try to make decisions from both our brains and hearts. Always seek personal growth. And always aim to be a good person.”

Zachary: “Are there any rules that you think have to be followed more seriously?”

Ms.Reinhardt: "Yes, fooling around physically, pushing, etc. No one realizes how bad it is until someone gets hurt.”

Zachary: “What are you hoping to see out of your 8th graders by the end of the year?”

Ms. Reinhardt: “I am hoping to see them all graduate as young men and women who are both ambitious and exceptionally hopeful for the future ahead of them.”



Greek And Greece Myths

By: Mohammed Abeer

**THE MYTH OF ODYSSEUS:** Odysseus was one of the greatest of the Greek heroes who fought during the Trojan War. Known for his amazing intelligence, Odysseus made the plan that destroyed the city of Troy and ended the Trojan War. Odysseus also ruled Ithaca. Penelope was Odysseus's wife, and they had a son his name was Telemachus, just before the events of the Trojan War began. Odysseus was favored by the goddess, Athena, for his amazing intelligence. Did you know Odysseus is also known as Ulysses, which is the Roman form of his name?

A prophecy stated Odysseus would stay away from home for a very long time if he joined the Greek army and attacked Troy. Odysseus cared about his wife and newborn son and did not want to leave, so he pretended to be crazy when the Greek army came to call. He tied a donkey and an ox together and started to ride to the seashore. One of the Greeks placed Telemachus in the path of Odysseus. Odysseus swerved to miss his son, revealing the truth that he was not crazy. Odysseus left Ithaca and his family to fight at Troy.

The war with Troy lasted for ten years. In this war, the great champion, Achilles, died, and Odysseus made a plan to enter the city and end the conflict. Odysseus had the Greek army build the Trojan Horse, a giant hollow wooden horse to give the Trojans as an offering of peace. Inside the body of the horse, some of the best Greek warriors hid.

The remainder of the Greek army boarded their ships and sailed a short distance away from the city so the people of Troy couldn't see them. The Trojans were very happy at the end of the conflict and brought the horse inside the city walls. At night, the Greek warriors emerged from the horse and opened the gates of the city to the waiting Greek army. The city was taken by surprise and destroyed.

**CERBERUS:** There are many unique creatures mentioned in Greek mythology. One of the most well known may be the three-headed dog called Cerberus. Cerberus' job was to guard the entrance to Hades and the underworld. In Greek mythology, the underworld is where spirits of the dead were the only ones allowed to enter. No one was permitted to leave. The Greeks had a deep respect as well as fear of wild dogs. The mythical dog Cerberus is an example of what the Greeks feared most in a dog. It also shows the respect they had for the abilities of dogs to be guardians.

**CENTAURS:** In Greek mythology, centaurs were half-man, half horse creatures that live on mountains and forest. Centaurs existed in tribes and making their homes in caves, hunting wild animals and they used weapons like rocks and tree branches. There are many origin myths surrounding centaurs. Zeus and Hera spawned centaurs and left them on Mount Pelion where the daughters of the immortal centaur, Chiron, nursed them.

**Chuck E. Cheese Theory**  
**By: Milagro Cruz (Class 801)**

Before we get on with the topic, many theories may be unreliable since there isn't hard evidence that can be backed up since this theory is not much talked about. Anyways, many of you are familiar with the arcade Chuck E. Cheese where you play arcade games, earn tickets and win prizes and many more. Now the food they sell there is delicious..right?. When you order your pepperoni pizza you notice something..weird about it. Taking a closer look you see that some portions are bigger than others and the pepperonis don't align correctly. Well, some say that when people order pizza and they leave behind pizza slices the employee will take it to the back and form a new pizza with the other leftovers and reheat it to make a new pizza to sell to customers. If you search up images of pizza from Chuck E. Cheese you can see that many slices are much bigger than others and it's not the perfect round pizza that you see. Some are not even cut evenly on the pizza and the toppings are not aligned properly at all. A worker from Chuck E. Cheese claims that she wasn't sure if it was being practiced today but she can confirm that they did do it back in the day, where they would just glue pizza slices together with some extra cheese so that it won't be suspicious. A former conspiracy theorist Shane Dawson went to Chuck E. Cheese to test out that theory and when they ordered that pizza it was exactly as the pictures from other people that they've taken. Some slices were bigger and it was an absolute shocker. There have been lawsuits at Chuck E. Cheese for completely different reasons that are absolutely disgusting but no one has talked about the pizza they are putting in their mouths. So the next time you go to Chuck E. Cheese and order yourself a pizza look a little more closely before eating it. Remember it's just a theory.....

So you have probably heard of World War I and World War II at some time in life, whether it was in history class or just in some random searches online. But have you ever heard of World War III? Probably not since it hasn't been confirmed yet. However, there is a strong possibility of this happening. Let's dive into the reasons, shall we?

**World War III and its causes**

Just a quick reminder, World War III has not been confirmed yet. However, this fear of the declaration of World War III started when President Trump approved of a US-led drone strike in Iraq that killed Iran's top general, Qasem Soleimani on Friday, January 3rd. On January 3rd, the U.S. military killed Soleimani with an airstrike at Baghdad's international airport. Qasem Soleimani was the leader of the foreign wing of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. He was also Iran's top military strategist and one of its most influential political figures. Iranians were outraged by the assassination of Qasem Soleimani and vowed that revenge is coming. Iran's president, Hassan Rouhani said that the U.S. committed a "grave mistake" in killing Qasem Soleimani. President Trump said that

**World War III?**  
**By: Karen Chen (Class 804)**  
he attacks in Iran are to keep U.S. interests stable in the region. Now, World War III fears have been triggered once again and millions of people are worried that the assassination of Qasem Soleimani could spark a chain of events ending in a full-scale conflict.  
**World War I and its connection to World War III**

In some ways, World War I and World War III are similar. World War I started on July 28th, 1914 and ended on November 11th, 1918. The cause of this war was of 5 reasons: Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism, and Nationalism (M.A.I.N). What about the 5th reason? The 5th reason was the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne. He was assassinated by a Serbian nationalist when he visited Bosnia. This caused Austria-Hungary to declare war on Serbia who called on its ally,

Russia. Austria-Hungary called on its ally, Germany and Germany declared war on Russia and so forth. The United States decided to join the war and side with Russia because Germany started attacking U.S. passenger and merchant ships. This is similar to World War III because the attacks the U.S. made in Iraq are similar to M.A.I.N, and the leading reason for World War I was Ferdinand's assassination. Parallels can be drawn between Ferdinand's assassination and the assassination of Qasem Soleimani. Russia has already decided to side with Iran just like Germany sided with Austria-Hungary.  
Meanwhile, France is trying to lower the tension by planning a meeting with Iran's president. Overall, these events sound like history is repeating itself and World War III could be a repetition of World War I. We don't know yet, but if you are interested in this topic, you guys can always check the news for updates. Hopefully, Iran and the United States will negotiate and find a solution in which both nations will benefit from so there won't be a World War III.



## Chinese New Year

**By: Rebecca Li and Abby Chen (Class 801)**

Chinese New Year started out as a year end religious celebration in the Shang Dynasty, which ranged from 1766 BC - 1122 BC. As time passed, the traditions regarding this celebration started to change. To this day, it is still celebrated by many. It is not celebrated on the first day of January, however, but on the first day of the Lunar New Year, according to the Chinese

### Riddles:

1. At Chinese New Year celebrations, I breathe fire, dance and run amuck. With a few men to guide my steps. My presence brings good fortune and luck. What am I?
2. Use the 10 letters ACDEHIJLNP to spell out the names of four countries. Each name must be five letters long, and the four countries must be neighbours.
3. It's been around for millions of years, but it's no more than a month old. What is it?
4. A man in downtown runs a tea shop, one day his bulb goes out, so he gets on a ladder to replace it, however; he falls off and his priceless Chinese attire gets covered in tea, yet he is able to salvage it, how?
5. They look like twin brothers, both sturdy and tall. They work together and go everywhere together. But they only go near solid food and do not care for soup. Who are they?

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## New Year's Day Comic

**By: Vilma Argueta (Class 812)**





## Martin Luther King Day

By: Chenxin Lin and Jia Li Wang (Class 810)

Martin Luther King Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States to commemorate the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, the leader of the civil rights movement. The date is set to the third Monday of January, which is his birthday, January 15th. Martin Luther King was the main leader of the non-violent protest against racial discrimination in the American Civil Rights Movement.

According to the US Constitution, the federal government only has the right to designate federal government employees and the holidays in Washington. It does not have the right to extend to US states. States need to establish their own laws to designate the same holiday. Some states were reluctant to commemorate this holiday at the beginning, renamed or merged with other holidays, and only commemorated it in 50 states at the same time in 2000. After the Presidential House passed by 338 to 90 votes, and then the Senate passed 78 to 22 votes, the president withdrew the opposition and signed the bill.

马丁·路德·金纪念日是美国联邦法定假日，纪念民权运动领袖马丁·路德·金牧师的生日。日期定为一月的第三个礼拜一，是在他生日1月15日左右。马丁·路德·金是美国民权运动中主张非暴力抗议种族歧视的主要领袖，1968年遇刺身亡。虽然他遇刺之后不久就有人建议建立纪念日，之后隆纳·雷根总统于1983年签订法律，1986年第一次庆祝。这是美国最新的法定联邦假日。



Title: Boyfriend of the Dead

Genre: Comedy

Short Summary: A woman tries to survive through a zombie apocalypse and one day, when she is finding resources, she meets a guy, and what's worse is that he's undead.



Title: Your Letter

Genre: Drama

Short Summary: This one is about a young girl named Sori who gets bullied, so she switched schools. In her new school, she finds a mysterious letter in which it leads to the next letter and so on, so this is a scavenger hunt, except that it feels like a coincidence. Why do all these letters relate to Sori? Was it meant for her? Who made this scavenger hunt? Why did he/she choose her? As Sori finds the last letter, she realized who it was. This emotional and heart-warming comic is highly recommended.

## 5 Recommended Webtoon Comics to read

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Title: Lookism

Genre: Drama

Short Summary: A high school finds out that he could switch between two bodies-one fat and ugly, and the other athletic and handsome.



Title: Tales of the Unusual

Genre: Thriller

Short Summary: This webtoon has a series of chilling, mysterious, strange, and scary comics such as about a type of water that can let you reshape your whole body.



Title: The Cliff

Genre: Thriller

Short Summary: Two men accidentally falls off a cliff during a hiking trip and has to survive for days on an edge with only one chocolate bar. So how will they survive? Or how will one survive? This is a story of frustration, madness, suspense, and betrayal.















What’s Your Chinese Zodiac?

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The Chinese Zodiac is a mysterious wonder that represents your spirit animal in China. There are 12 horoscope signs in all. The rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig (They are listed in order). Each animal has a special meaning and the animals, according to legend, came to be the 12 zodiacs after a race held by the Jade Emperor of China of the time (Called the Great Race). The story begins: once upon a time in China, the Chinese emperor wanted to find the 12 representing animals of the zodiac and so a Great Race was held. Many animals across China prepared for the race and the top 12 contestants were selected as the zodiacs. The zodiac signs alternate each year on Lunar New Year and goes on until the year of the pig — after that, it’ll be a new cycle, so the year of the rat. (The animals are listed below in order from left to right). By the way, this year is the end of the zodiac cycle so next year on January 25th, it’ll officially be the year of the rat again. But why only 12 animals? The answer is because they each represent the time (hours, days, months). Today you will learn about the hours each zodiac sign constitutes. Every 2 hours is a new animal beginning with the rat; the rats’ hours begin at 11pm and end at 1am (The other animals, in order, will continue after the rat). These hours were chosen by the ancient people of China. The people of China hear/see each animal at different hours of the day doing tasks and proclaimed those hours to the animals.

(The following years represent the years of each zodiac sign in the past and future years.)

<b>Rat (鼠): 11pm-1am</b> (People hear them at this time) Diligent, Dependable, Determined, Strong 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1997, 2009, 2021 1996, 2008, 2020	<b>Ox (牛): 1-3am</b> (Elder feed them at this time) Wise, unique, crafety 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021	<b>Tiger (虎): 3-5am</b> (They roar at this time) Competitive, Brave, Confident 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022	<b>Rabbit (兔): 5-7am</b> (Come out to eat grass at this time) Quiet, Elegant, Responsible, Kind 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023
			
<b>Dragon (龙): 7-9am</b> (people thought of dragons when they saw morning mist) Confident, Enthusiastic, Intelligent 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024	<b>Snake (蛇): 9-11am</b> (Comes out to get warm when the sun shines at this time) Enigmatic, Intelligent, Wise 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025	<b>Horse (馬): 11am-1pm</b> (Horses are still active when it’s the sunniest unlike other animals) Animated, Active, Energetic 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026	<b>Goat (羊): 1-3pm</b> (The preferred time to herd goats) Calm, Gentle, Sympathetic 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027
			
<b>Monkey (猴): 3-5pm</b> (Were seen playing in the trees at this time) Sharp, Smart, Curiosity 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028	<b>Rooster (雞): 5-7pm</b> (Goes back to their hen-houses at this time) Observant, Hardworking, Courageous 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, 2029	<b>Dog (狗): 7-9pm</b> (People bring their dogs out to keep guard at this time) Lovely, Honest, Prudent 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, 2030	<b>Pig (豬): 9-11pm</b> (People hear pigs snorting their troughs at this time) Compassionate, Generous, Diligent 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2031
			

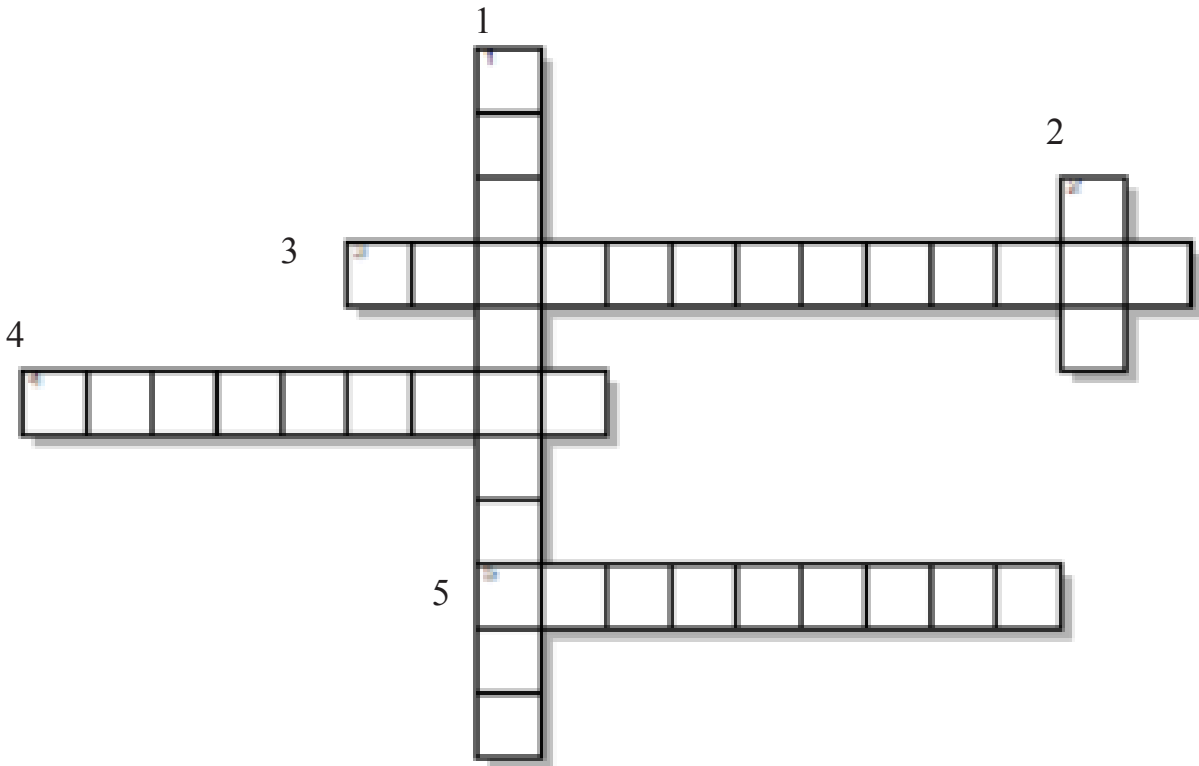
# Chinese New Year Crossword

**Across**

- 3. Classification scheme that assigns an animal and its reputed attributes to each year in a repeating 12-year cycle.
- 4. Dough wrapped around a filling.
- 5. Traditional dance in Chinese culture and other Asian countries performed on Chinese New Year to bring good luck and fortune.

**Down**

- 1. Rolled appetizers or dim sum
- 2. 2020 Chinese Zodiac



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**Answers to Chinese New Year Riddles:**

- 1. Dragon
- 2. Japan, China, Nepal, India;
- 3. They were tea leaves
- 4. Your Shadow
- 5. Chopsticks





