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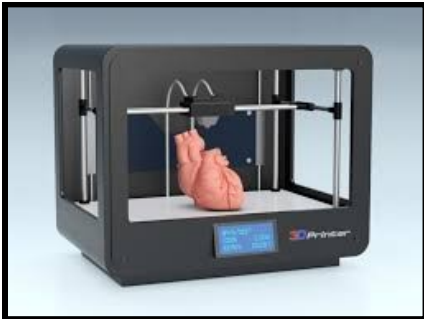
Inventions of the World: What Crazy Things Have or Will be Invented?



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Have you ever wanted to be able to fly like a superhero, run super fast, or turn invisible? Soon you might be able to. New inventions are pushing the boundaries of what is possible. These inventions might change the world in ways you could never imagine. Life will be different in years to come. But what are the newest inventions and how might they affect life as we know it today?

One invention that could be very useful is 3D printing organs. This would allow humans to make an organ if there are no donors available. It would work by printing organ tissue layer by layer. Then doctors can do a surgery and put the organ in, it is as simple as that. This invention can be used to save many lives or help people in many ways.



There are a lot of breakthroughs happening in the medical field. Scientists are working on immunizations from a lot of illnesses. Some of the students here at West Hills said these types of inventions will benefit the world most. Maverick Bowles, a student at West Hills Middle School said that out of all the inventions, immunization to help people build immunity to cancer would be the most important. "It will kill less people and there will be less deaths when people have cancer."

Educational Gaming Class Work of the Future

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Did you know that some video games are also working to be educational? While there hasn't been too much done on system gaming, PC games that are educational are all over. Most people know about the famous ones such as Kahoot, Prodigy etc., but what if there games and website for Xbox or PlayStation were not just for fun but also for school?

Games are a great way to learn. Kahoot is one of the most popular games that is used school. Kahoot is a game where you answer questions to get points. The more points you have, the higher on the leaderboard you are. Teachers like it as an interactive tool for review, kids like the competition.

Most of the time, games are either meant for school or for fun, but sometimes games have elements that tie into what kids are learning in school. One game that does this is Minecraft. Minecraft has a lot of geometry in it because it uses cubes, it is a cube based game. Could playing Minecraft one day be homework? It already is in some places.

On November 1st, 2016, a company named, Mojang, the same company that made Minecraft, released a game called Minecraft: Educational Edition.

But games like these aren't for everyone. Some people might not like technology and how it works. Some people might just like using paper instead. But some people might love doing games like these. It all depends on the person.

So what if something like this came out but...more advanced like Fortnite and Call of Duty, but what if these were the almost exact same but... Educational??? What would you think about learning math or reading while playing a fps shooter?

Kids in this generation are just about falling in love with video games, so if learning is such a burden for them what would they think of playing their favorite game at the same time?

But, it is not always a good thing to turn everything to gaming. Websites can be hacked, there is no way to assure that kids are really doing their own work. It is hard on your eyes, and makes kids stay sitting even more. There is also the problem with games trying to get lots of money out of you with in game purchases. So people need to be careful with these websites.

There is also the question of whether or not it would ruin video games, and if that I worth it in order to make school better.

Garrett Gibson says, "I don't like the idea of me trying to do school well playing a game. It ruins the point of a game."

"Yes it would ruin it," Jayden Stockebrand says, "It would make the game not as fun." Those are two people in a row that say it does ruin the game, by the way it's looking like many people would enjoy it.

Another 7th grade student from West Hills says, "It is real, don't let people say otherwise. People can learn a thing or two from games, but what it teaches you depends on the game."

Do you agree with educational gaming? Do you think it would be just as fun as normal school? Or could educational gaming make learning even better?



Noah Haroldson at West Hills Middle School said that the robotic surgeries would be the most useful. This is what he said "I think robotic surgeries would be the most useful because you are able to make movements in a surgery more precise and surgeries would be easier". He is saying that robotic surgeries will probably be able to save many lives.

Another cool invention would be an invisible wall that could be used in war by hiding a big object like a tank without being seen. This item is very useful. According to futurism.com the wall bends light to make it so that you can not see past it. Futurism also says that it would be very useful to disguise aircrafts such as supply planes and jets and ground units such as tanks and soldiers. This technology could help the world in many ways beyond military and war. How else do you think it could be used?

Why does the world need an advance in technology? Spencer Petersen, a student at West Hills Middle School said that if he was going to invent something to help the world he would make a camera with little robotic hands so in surgery they are able to be more precise on what they are doing or make helping people with many problems with this little device.

Most inventions happen by making small changes to something that already exists. You can see this in the Samsung Galaxy Z Fold. It is a really cool item and it has the ability to fold in half without it breaking. It has the ability to fold from a 4.6-inch screen to a 7.6-inch screen that is the size of Apple's mini iPad. This device has many uses such as watching a movie on a big screen.



Why does the world need an advance in technology? Spencer Petersen says, "We need it so that we are able to learn more about science and it might help us be able to figure out more about history." Having an advance in technology might help the world discover new things like new chemicals, worlds, or animals. So, Where will advancing technology take us in the future?

Copper Hills Football What a Season it's Been

(By: Jacob Boase)



Copper Hills so far this season has pulled off an unbelievable record of 3-3 (3 wins and 3 losses) this might not sound strange, but in an interview with Corey Dodds (head coach of Copper Hills football) he says it is such a surprise because Copper Hills hadn't won a football game in over 50 games before last season. Copper Hills is located in West Jordan. This is important because almost everyone who goes to West Hills will end up going to Copper Hills High school. Those who follow the Football team there may wonder why the team is doing so well this year? They may also wonder if the pandemic affected the team? How has it affected the school spirit?

How has CHHS been so much more successful than past years?

Carson Mathis says that the coach has done a very good job in pushing his team to their limits making them play better as a team.

Another player, Kailer, has a different point of view for their success. He says that "The team has been more successful because of our mindset. Success for our team has always been our goal since day one. The team just hasn't been able to put together all the pieces together to have that success. This year is different though. The team has all the pieces we just got to execute now."

Kailer also says that "One thing the team is doing well right now is playing as one. With the four years I've played here this is the only year where I've felt like we're playing together. It takes a team to win."

The Pandemic has hit all around the world. It shut school down for the last month of the school year last spring. This put all the kids on online learning. This shut down the football season for a long time. This definitely affected the CHHS team. The team has loved getting back on the field. In an interview with Carson Mathis a Junior (11th grader) from Copper Hills he says that the pandemic has affected the team because it makes it so that there aren't many people that can come to the games to support the team. That has been a big disappointment for all the Copper Hills fans.



School spirit is a big thing in all schools. In the interview with senior Kailer Laufiso he stated that "Copper Hills has one of the best student sections in the state and that we feed on so much of their energy and support." One can only imagine what a different experience it has been to play in-front of few to no fans.

In spite of the challenges of the pandemic and smaller crowds, the Copper Hills football team has had a relatively successful season. This rating will continue a while longer since the September 25 game against Riverton High School was canceled due to full team quarantine.

With Covid 19 spreading through the world and infecting so many people the Virus has hit the football team. This put the whole entire team into quarantine frustrating players, coaches, and fans. With the team now in quarantine and just a few games left in the season, will the Copper Hills football team have another chance to play? Another chance to add a win to their record, in the middle of a global pandemic? Only time will tell.

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How to be a Great Babysitter

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Being a babysitter is fun but takes a lot of responsibility and patience. Some parents are very picky when it comes to picking a babysitter because they want to know their child is in good hands. How can you be a great babysitter, keep the child safe, and still have fun?

The biggest responsibility as a babysitter is to keep the child (children) you're watching safe. That means being ready for any situation that could danger the child. The topmost incidents that happen while babysitting are scrapes, cuts, bruises, burns, falls, poisoning, and choking. Make sure you have parent phone numbers to call in case an event like this takes place. It is also good to have another family member's number in case parents aren't answering in an emergency. And make sure you have any crisis number that you may need to call.

Some things you may want to consider to keep the kid(s) safe is by getting from the parents before they leave are a list of the child's allergies (food, seasonal, pet, and other types) and what you need to do if the child has an allergic reaction. Also, make sure you pay attention to types of toys and foods that the child could choke on. Being responsible, watching the child

closely, having fun is always important when you are babysitting.

Make sure to ALWAYS keep an eye on the kids because you do not know what they can get into so keep away all sharp, hot, and small objects such as knives, glass, blenders, ovens, stoves and very small toys all of this can cause choking, burns and cuts. If the parents let you take the kids swimming either at a public pool or a pool in the backyard. If you take a small child to swim, give it a floaty that fits snug on the body, give kids ages 1-6 (you do not want them to drown).

Also, do not let the kids climb tall places that are not safe that can cause bad injuries you do not want to get paid less. If a child is choking you must give the Heimlich simply wrap your arms around the chest, and lay your hand into a fist with one hand and in the other grab your fist and do about six to ten abdominal thrusts. But you do not just want babysitting to be about safety kids need some fun! Like, make a book with the kids to show their parents! If you are babysitting more than one kid do a race who can clean up the fastest?!

When you are babysitting you need to make sure that you are taking into consideration what the kid wants to do, if you can't, then offer an alternative that is similar to the thing they want to do. A way to find a similar thing to what they want to do is by thinking about why they want to do that one thing, and by thinking about what else the kid might want to, you can do that by asking them what they like to do. Most people babysit for the same reason that it is for money and because people love kids. It is found that the best way to get a baby to stop crying is by holding them while you are standing and swaying them from side to side.

Watching little girls? Play baby dolls with them or Barbies you always need to keep the kids entertained. Go outside and have even more races, do a talent show, make homemade ICE CREAM! You could also do a scavenger hunt. Go on a picnic, do arts and crafts

There are many bad things that have happened to the kids and the babysitters. when babysitting and Hannah Washburn shared her story when babysitting. Hannah was babysitting two girls, they were in the bedroom when both of the girls fell off the bed and hit their heads on the hardwood floors, although the girls

did end up fine, Hannah was very worried. During the interview with Hannah Washburn she stated that her babysitting makes her want kids more and not less, she said it is great because it gets her ready for motherhood in the future.

Hannah shared that with her experience as a babysitter she has found that the best way to get a kid to go to sleep is to stay in the room with them. Hannah also had a time when something bad happened, she was babysitting a 7-year-old boy. He didn't want to sleep so he slammed the door into the wall and the door handle made a massive hole in the wall. Hannah lastly said that she loves to babysit and that she feels like it is a great thing to do.

Every kid has different needs from a babysitter but for Joey McMullin, a kid who has experienced being babysat. has said what he likes in a babysitter. He likes it when his babysitter sits down with him and makes a plan for what he has time to play before he needs to start getting ready for bed. He also likes it when the babysitter brings something for him to play with because he likes trying new things. He says that when it comes to babysitters he likes it when they are outgoing and patient. When it comes to activities he prefers doing both indoor and outdoor activities because he likes to run around with friends at the park but also play with toys and video games.

Tonya Buhler is married and mother of 3 kids and she likes playing outside, camping, and dancing to embarrass her kids and how says: " I Pay \$5 an hour but if they clean the house and do dishes and vacuum or put toys away and if the kids are put in Jamies and put to bed then I pay extra." She has had bad experiences babysitter's before she says " With this babysitter she did great. She was doing arts and crafts with the kids but the kids cut up all this piece of paper, left it everywhere, got all these board games out and the house was a disaster when I got home and the kids had not eaten yet. "

She also had to come home once because a babysitter was going to a movie with her dad so always make sure when you babysit you are not busy! She has also had babysitters that did not follow her rules like giving the kids dessert before dinner and also watching TV the whole time and going into the parent's bedroom. Make sure to follow the rules that people give.

Drones and Cars of the Future

By: Trevor Nay and Leah Butler

Imagine watching as a drone flies over your yard and delivers a package all on its own. Imagine normal cars driving on their own. Well, stop imagining, because cool stuff that people want is almost here. Amazon has a delivery system that involves drones. It is called Amazon Prime Air. There are a few drone designs that can all deliver within 30 minutes or less, or 10 miles or more, of Amazon's stores. These drones can carry up to 5 pounds. That is nearly 90% of their products.

Believe it or not, the drones aren't operated by humans. They use a "sense and avoid" technology to steer clear of obstacles in the sky and on the ground. According to eighth-grade student John Anderson, "It's a bit risky because technology isn't exactly at 100%, so there may still be errors and malfunctions." The purpose of these drones is to safely deliver packages to customers rapidly. Amazon.com says they hope to: "Increase the overall safety and efficiency of the transportation system."

What about using drones for other purposes? While the main functions of drones are flight and navigation, most people use them

for pictures, videos, exploring, or simply for messing around. "I think that drones are mainly used for people's entertainment." Says Kloie Reynolds, a West Hills middle schooler. 16 out of 20 middle schoolers surveyed said they would use a drone for more messing around than delivery or filming.

Some people enjoy racing their drones. In fact, they can make a living from it. The winner of the Drone Racing League can make around \$75,000. Drone racing is a sport where the participants use a drone with a camera which they can see from a headset. They attempt to fly their drone around a set course as quickly as possible. Drones could be used as incredible things to benefit our lives. But what about the cars? What could the cars of tomorrow do?

Could a normal car like yours have self-driving intelligence off the lot one day, could the cars talk to each other to prevent crashes? Things that seem so far away are not far from now such as the projected dashboard that shows on the windshield, self-driving cars, energy-storing body panels, or remote control shutdown.

Some things that could be stock on cars is the pro-



jected heads up display. This gadget is displayed on the windshield while driving. This shows anything that a normal display would, like speed or RPM. This is better for cars because it keeps the driver's eyes on the road while driving. There also could be a remote control shutdown. The problem with this is that random people could go and turn off your car from afar and cause a crash.

One car that will be very cool is the Terzo Millennio Lamborghini. Everyone knows the company but do you know the concept car Terzo Millennio this new car will be electric this is a big jump for the company because every car they've made has been gas-powered. They have said that the sound will be replaced by aggressive design.

Another new car is the SD-03. This is the first functioning flying car. First tested in Japan the sky drive company is most likely to sell the first flying car. The car is electric, has landing gears like a helicopter, has 4 sets of blades, and has 8 motors. The car had the first take-off on August 25.

Online or In-person Schooling

By: Cody McGee and Michael Schmidt



IN-PERSON



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a little too much exposure.

In addition to not coming into school, Annalie does not want to go to such public places until she feels

100% safe about it.

By this point, Coronavirus is a subject that everyone knows something about and comes as no surprise when it is brought up. This is because it has been around since the beginning of 2020 in the U.S.A. and has infected more than 7 million people in the country. Everyone has different opinions about this pandemic and how it has been handled.

Singing River Health System says, "It is normal to be **scared**, distressed or angry when you hear about a disease outbreak, even when you are at low risk of getting sick. Be careful not to turn fear and anger towards people who may become sick or healthcare workers."

A lot of people agree the virus is a terrible thing, but not everyone agrees about how we should be reacting to it. Certain people may have pure hate for the virus, while others not so much. Is Covid-19 something to fear, or is it something that is being exaggerated? Are laws, rules, and restrictions being made based on science, or people being controlled by fear?

One of the main things that were tried in Utah, throughout the USA and the world was closing different places down and telling people to stay at home. For students, this meant learning at home. Utah was one of the first states to reopen schools for the 2020/2021 school year. Many people were not sure if this was a good idea or not. Parents had to choose online or in-person schooling. How did people choose? Were their decisions made based on fear or science?

7th-grade Online student Annalie Newman decided not to come back in person. She says, "Doing school in person is a bit easier, but some people need and want to take extra precautions when it comes to COVID-19." According to her a good thing about online schooling is that you get less exposure to this virus. Annalie has made the choice to stay home and do online school, she thinks that going to school might give her

7th-grade student Jordan Overdiek is the opposite. He came back. He says that he would keep coming into school despite the risks. Jordan is also okay with going to public places such as grocery stores, and fast-food restaurants. Jordan chose to go to school because it is easier to focus on work while at school.

However, both Annalie and Jordan think that at least some people take this whole thing a little too seriously.

West Hills Middle school principal Ms. VanderMeiden, says, "The good thing about online schooling is that some students feel safer and have less exposure." She thinks that the good thing about in-person schooling is that students enjoy socializing with friends, and some students work better in the classroom.

Ms. VanderMeiden stated, "I think both are good choices. I would recommend whichever one the student and their family feels best works for them." Both have their benefits, but, Ms. VanderMeiden says both online and in-person are effective as long as the student is willing to put in the effort required to do well.

As cases of Covid break out in schools it may not be possible to continue in person schooling. At CHHS they had to quarantine the entire football team. However it was concluded that there was no way to tell if the students got or spread COVID-19 at school, or if the students were infected by extended family members, or in public places.

This being said, should we be closing the public places in this great nation. Should we be letting schools open or should we be closing schools and wait for Covid-19 to end? For now the answer is no for some, and yes for others. The choice of going out or staying in is still open for all Utahans.



The Los Angeles Lakers win NBA Championship

By: Lucas Malmstrom & Daniel Johnson

The Los Angeles Lakers have won yet another title. This will be the franchise's seventeenth Championship.

Connor Klien, 7th grade student at West Hills Middle School thought that the Lakers would win. He said, "The Lakers have been playing extremely fine in the playoffs this year and I think that all their hard work will pay off in the finals." He guessed right. On the eleventh of October the Lakers beat the Heat 106-93.

The Lakers finished first in their conference with a regular-season record of 52-19, tied for second-best in the league. They achieved that record in part thanks to LeBron James and Anthony Davis. The duo is averaging 52.4 points a game. That is the second-most points averaged by any duo this season, only behind James Harden and Russel Westbrook who averaged 61.9 points per game.



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The Lakers have been very good in transition this season. Isaac Carlile, an 8th grade student at West Hills Middle School thought that the Miami Heat would win. He said "The Miami Heat will win because Jimmy Butler, Bam Adebayo and Tyler Herro are the best trio in the league."

The Miami Heat won the matchup with the Boston Celtics 4-2. The Miami Heat have been the surprise team of this NBA season. Their best player is Jimmy Butler. He is averaging 19.9 points, 6.7 rebounds, and 6 assists this season. They lost the series 4-2.

The season is over and the Lakers have taken home their 17th win in the NBA Championship. They are now tied with the Boston Celtics for the most Championship wins in NBA history.



What are People's Movie Expectations

By: Vance Mckee

People have high expectations for the movies they go see. Over the past few years, and 2020 in general, movies have not received as good of ratings and sales as they have in years past. Is this because movies haven't been as good as usual, or is it because people's expectations are higher than they were? What do people expect when they go to a movie?



People have high expectations for movies produced by a well known director or company. Movies like *Black Widow* are expected to be good because of past Marvel movies. However since a few of the Marvel movies haven't done as good as others, like *Age of Ultron*, who knows what will happen. A bad movie in a popular company can leave low expectations in viewers, just as a good movie can set expectations for the sequel.

Wonder Woman is an example of this. DC has had some successes and some flops. One of the students here at this school Bryson Crowther said that he liked the first *Wonder Woman* and hopes this one will do well. Many are cautious of high expectations in DC movies. But despite this, many people still expect the new *Wonder Woman* movie to do well since the first one did so well for a DC movie.

Sequels in general come with different expectations. Few people think that they will be as good as the original. One example of this is the new *Jurassic World Dominion* movie coming out early next year. Most people don't think it will do well because the *Lost World* Didn't do as well as the original *Jurassic Park*.

Fans say that this is because it was more unrealistic than the first one. Many thought it was a cool feature when they saw a dinosaur getting lava poured on its snout others said ridiculous.

Aiden White another WHMS student thinks that the new *Jurassic World* will do very good because he loves the *Jurassic* movies.

There are some new movies that are getting sequels. Take for example a *Quiet Place part 2*. Part one was made in early 2018 and is already getting a sequel next year. It was supposed to come out early quarantine. But it was moved to next year because of most likely Covid.

Another 2018 movie is *Peter Rabbit*. Its sequel comes out on the 15th of January 2021. People have high hopes because the first one did pretty good but since everyone knows most sequels suck who knows what will happen.

There is one movie that is older than *A Quiet Place* and *Peter Rabbit* by 5 years. It is *The Croods*. It's coming out on the 25th of November 2020. The characters look the same and also act the same but will meet a new family of characters.

Another type of movie that has certain expectations are remakes. One movie coming out that fits this description is: *Candyman*. It has high expectations because it's a remake of a good 80's horror movie that was beloved when it came out. For an 80's horror movie it wasn't gruesome. But it did have good storytelling. And it wasn't really a horror movie as much as it was a rated R romantic movie. Expectations for this movie is that the visuals and special effects will be better.



A New Brain Chip for Humans

(by: Spencer Frewin,
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Owen)



Have you ever heard of chipping your dog or cat? Well what if you could chip a human? If you didn't know Elon Musk and his company Neuralink, is planting brain chips with an AI in it to help people control artificial limbs with their thoughts. Neuralink was first introduced to the public at an event in June 2019 when Elon Musk unveiled his next big idea. He is planning to finish it by the end of 2020.

The new big idea that he is planning on are AI brain chips. He is the owner of Tesla and SpaceX. Neuralink (the company Elon Musk made for the brain chips) is implanting a wireless chip into a human brain by drilling a small hole in the skull and inserting thin, flexible threads of electrodes through brain tissue.

It would be interesting to see how a person with a disability would think of this chip, so with an interview with Aaron Clegg his disability is called radial dysplasia. Radial dysplasia is when your arm bends permanently and then makes your forearm shorter. We asked about his thoughts on chips

and would he get it. He said "Humans might be able to use chips to control electronics but can other humans use those chips to hack into peoples' brains", but if everything was worked out and chips really worked he would be willing to get one. He said that there was already a lot of information thrown at us so if people get chips we could stuff off the internet and have access to it. Then he said access on the internet "would keep my brain up at night thinking about what it all means. But he said that "I don't see brain chips being an option for many years to come, if ever."

Elon Musk has started this project for a bit now, but his first test was on a pig. The implant on the pig was a prototype to see how it would really work. Elon Musk hopes the implant can be used to help with the brain & spine problems in people. He also wants the entire process to be done by a robot. Elon Musk said, "breakthrough device" destination from the FDA in July. The idea is that these nmjc signals could be used to one day do things such as restore movement to people who are paralyzed or create a visual prosthesis for blindness.

With an interview with Mrs. Blake, a teacher at West Hills Middle School and asked her opinion on Elon Musk's chips. She said if you are paralyzed from head down it would be helpful to them so they could access electronics and it would help them in school and get stuff done. She said she

wouldn't get chipped because, not enough data right now for the idea if I was parallelized then maybe. Letting technology have that much power in the brain and when you depend on it, it could get hijacked and people could take advantage of that and do bad things with your body.

There is an advantage to this idea If you were chipped and got kidnapped and your parent(s) or anyone that legally owns you they could just track you and prove that you belong to them.

There is also a disadvantage to this. Just like what Mrs. Blake said, "when you depend on technology it could get hijacked. With all that technology in your brain it could get hacked easily (doesn't mean it will) and that is not safe nor healthy.

Tanner is an 8th grade Middle school student. He said he would get a chip if he really needed to like he said, "only if I was disabled".

In conclusion, Brain chips can be used for good and for bad and still a lot of questions unanswered. But Elon Musk is hoping this will be used for good. You can decide for yourself if it's useful or not.



Should the police be defunded?

By: Ayden Farnsworth and Jackson Rhoades

It has been 4 months since the killing of George Floyd. Since that happened, many riots and protests have taken place. Black Lives Matter (BLM), an organization behind many of the protests, has promoted the idea of defunding the police. Some people agree, some are undecided, and others heavily disagree with BLM for their standing on the police. Why do these different groups of people believe the way they do?

What does defunding the police mean?

Defunding the police means taking money from them or reducing the amount of money that is going to the police. Defunding could also mean to completely get rid of them.



What do people think of defunding the police?

In an interview with police officer Tanner Nelsen, he said, "If the state government was to take away money from the police, people would not be able to get the help they need. Many people, when they don't know what to do in an emergency. They immediately think to call the police, and if there are no police to help them, they can be seriously harmed or injured."

He also mentioned that defunding the police would be nothing to stop people from committing crimes. That crime would increase and a lot more people would get hurt or even killed.

In Austin Texas, the crime rate has gone up since the protests on police defunding have started. There has been a 64% increase in the crime rate since 2019 and it keeps increasing. Austin Texas crime rate increase according to KVUE

Those who are in favor of defunding the police say that cutting the number of police officers and limiting the types of calls they respond to will reduce deaths related to discrimination by police

BLM, states on their website that "Police don't keep us safe — and as long as we continue to pump money into our corrupt criminal justice system at the expense of housing, health, and education investments — we will never be truly safe." They think

that the money the government spends on policing should be spent in other ways.

What would happen if we defund the police?

The most likely thing to happen would be that the crime rate would go up. Deaths from police would also go down. People wouldn't have a reason not to commit crimes. Less people will get killed from the police based on what race they are.

Will it happen here in Utah?

As of right now, In Utah, it looks like the police and their funding are going to stay. While there have been protests for defunding the police, there have been counter-protests that were to support the police. Both sides are still pushing their points. Some people are still trying to get them defunded, others are still trying to support them.



The After School Clubs are Opening this Year!

By: Dinara Ibragimova



School is back in session and so are the after school clubs! Here at West Hills Middle School, there are some new activities this year that weren't there before. There are 10 clubs this year with different teachers. Do you want to join an after school club? Read to find out which ones you're interested in and want to join!

Some after-school activities have already started, such as National Junior Honor Society, Mesa, Drama Club, Stage Crew, and Songwriting. Intramurals won't begin until the second semester.

This year's new school activities are Song-writing, Drama, Minecraft, and possibly Dungeons and Dragons and Chess.

In the Songwriting club, you get to create

your kind of music. Any kind you want such as Melody, Harmony, and Lyric Writing. Recording vocals and instruments. Creating beats and grooves! In Drama, you act in a play and musical or other entertainment.

In Dungeons and Dragons, you play the game which is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game. Each player creates their own character. Together they explore, engage battles, and gather treasure and knowledge. In the Chess club, you play with two people on a checkerboard and try to beat the other person. In Minecraft, you play a game in which you explore and build and survive.

Mesa is Mathematical, Science, and Engineering! Work in teams, do research, and make projects! National Junior Honor Society is a great opportunity to develop the standards to succeed in high school, college, and, in a career. In Stage Crew, you monitor the auditorium. Learn how to operate sound and light boards. You also operate the projector and manage the mics.

Masks need to be worn in all activities, even the more active ones like sports. Students should avoid sharing stuff as much as possible and be 6ft apart.

All of the after school activities are free unless the supervisor says otherwise. The activities are open to anyone with any grades but it depends on the activity. Most of the clubs are after school. Only the Jazz Band is before school.

The teachers for each activity are listed down here:

- Chess - Christian Sawyer, Rebecca Stay
- Minecraft Ambassadors - Victor Neves
- Dungeons and Dragons - Victor Neves
- MESA - Christian Sawyer, Donna McCann, Tony Henderson
- Intramurals - Peter - Ty Taylor, Mark Sidwell, Colby Hawkins

- NJHS - *Melissa Green, Alex Gomez, Rebecca Stay*
- Student Talent Show - Melanie Thornhill*
- Songwriting/Music Production - Matt Jones*
- Drama Activity - Michael Draut*
- Stage Crew - Michael Draut*

The only clubs you have to try out for are the Student Talent Show and Stage Crew. Teachers are providing learning experiences when you join the activity. It's not something you should know already if you don't. But it usually depends on the activity. Students will not be kicked out or forbidden from joining if they don't know how to do it. But students could be asked to not participate if they aren't following the rules.

If there is a club that isn't there and you want to join that certain club, could you be able to make one? In an interview with Micheal Draut, the Music and Theatre teacher in West Hills Middle School he said, *"We'd love to add additional activities that students would like us to create. It will only depend on if we can find a teacher that is willing to supervise the activity - which normally is not an issue."*

In an interview with Mr. Jones, the supervisor of the songwriting club in West Hills Middle School said, *"I'm trying to give students the "tools of the trade", if you will, of songwriting. It can seem intimidating at first, but the process is easier than people think. There are so many tools available for us to create - it's just a matter of starting. Start by experimenting, testing things out. When you stumble on something that sounds good or sparks your interest, captures it. Then work with that spark of an idea and add more until it forms a full song."*

So did you find something you are interested in? Do you have any activities that you want to join that aren't there already? Will you join one of these activities this year?

TikTok is Saved!

By Chloe Rock

TikTok is an app that around 100 million people use, including many students here at West Hills. But the company recently had a big argument with the U.S. Government. The problem came up because the app was created in China and the Chinese government was legally allowed to get information from the users of TikTok. The US government didn't want a foreign government, who is a competitor of the U.S., to be able to get information about American citizens. They needed a solution.

Do WHMS Students Like TikTok?



TikTok is used in good and bad ways. TikTok is a great social app. It is entertaining, funny, creative, and all sorts of fun. It is a fun way to see what your friends are doing, especially when you can't see them as often during the pandemic. Emma Brecino- a 7th grader at West Hills who is homeschooled, says that she likes the app because "It is fun, and it is a great way to be yourself."



Some bad things about TikTok could be that some videos could make people feel uncomfortable. It can also be boring for some people, or get them distracted. Some things are that it can make you mad or maybe sad. Carston Bishop-Also a 7th grader at West Hills who is homeschooled, says that it is annoying because people on their videos will often say that there will be a part two, but part two never comes out, even if he had been waiting a long time for it.

How About WHMS Teachers?

Ms. Arnoldsen, a CCA teacher of WHMS, says that she likes TikTok. "The videos are really funny and

I like that they are short." She also says that if there was something inappropriate, she would probably swipe and ignore it, "If there was someone being a butthead, I would just swipe and ignore it." But if there was something illegal, she would do something else, such as report it.



The Good News

For several months there were several bids and fights between companies and the US government. At first, Trump was planning on banning the app for good, then they talked about only banning new downloading of the app, so if you did not have the app before, you wouldn't be able to get the app. But none of that ended up happening. Finally, on September 20, 2020, they came up with a compromised buyout. Oracle and Walmart now own a large percentage of the company TikTok. They are planning to eventually have an American TikTok, **not TikTok**, but an app called **TikTok Global**. (The original TikTok will not be banned for now, because Oracle talked Trump down from banning it.) TikTok Global has not quite been created yet, but for now, we will have TikTok.

What do you want?

TikTok Global will be an American app, but what will it be like? And will more people get TikTok Global, or stick with the original TikTok? Carston Bishop says that he would probably prefer the original TikTok.

Emma Brecino says that if TikTok global was not like TikTok, then she would prefer and keep using the original TikTok.

What is TikTok like?

If you do not have TikTok, you may have some questions about the app. Some people ask, Can you make money off of the app? Is TikTok appropriate for

kids (mainly 11-15 year-olds)?

The answer to can you make money is, yes, you can make money off of the app, (kind of like YouTube-posting. REALLY famous videos that get a lot of likes. The more views and likes the more advertisers pay. This is how you get money. A girl, named Addison Rae Easterling, earned **\$5 million!**

TikTok is a free social media app made for creating and posting/sharing short music videos, replacing the Musically app that shut down in August 2018, which transferred their 100 million users to TikTok.

The videos are recorded in 15-second clips, and you and the users can add special effects before posting his/her videos.

Really, people can post whatever they want, but when you first sign in now, you can choose your type of videos you'd like to watch. Now, when signing up on TikTok, you can make the account private, so it is harder for people to know who you are.



Some of the music lyrics, though, may have some bad stuff like swearing, and things that may make you feel uncomfortable. Carston says that he does see inappropriate content, and when he sees something inappropriate, he just swipes and forgets it.

So is TikTok appropriate for kids? The app does not let kids under the age of 13 sign-up for an account. Beyond that restriction, if it is appropriate or not is up to the individual user, or their parent.

Though, if there is a video that makes you uncomfortable, you can report them, by clicking on their account and clicking the report button. Emma says that she does not see inappropriate content, but if she did she would report them.



EDITORIALS

Dutch Bros Review

By: Lizzy McMullin, Avery Shorts, Presley Weech

Dutch Bros is a coffee place at Jordan Landing Blvd, West Jordan, UT. This Dutch Bros has a 4.4 star rating, with good reviews. Their menu consists of coffee, shakes, juices, tea and other beverages. They just recently opened and everyone seems to love them so far. So how was the service and what is good to order there?

The first thing that we thought was good was that even though there was a long line we had ordered and gotten the order all together in under



15 minutes. The staff was very kind and helpful with deciding on what to get especially because it was our first time going there. The lids had an opening on the side so you could decide if you wanted to have a straw or not which is a nice thing to have. The rest of the cup was also nicely made and designed. The drink was very good as it didn't taste like anything but also wasn't too flavorful, the drink was a nice color as well.

The things I think that could have been improved are that it would have been nice to have the extended menu posted for more easily viewable options. Other than that the overall trip was very pleasant and I would recommend it.

Presley's review: The drinks I got were the Banana Bread hot chocolate and a caramel apple smoothie. They were both very good. The hot chocolate actually tasted like banana bread and the smoothie first tasted like a very sweet apple sucker and then the after taste was sweet caramel. Something cool they did was in the drive through they play music while you are ordering. Overall I really enjoyed it! Some things they try to do is be friendly also if you do not like what they gave you they will make another.

Dear Abby,

I have a problem I don't want to learn to tie my shoe but my dad is making me because of how old I am. What do I do?

-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Learning any new skill can be hard and intimidating. Tying a shoe can be hard sometimes. Everyone has to try and fail multiple times before getting it right.

I think the best option is to let your dad teach you how to tie your shoe. Work at it until you get it. It is better to have a skill and not need it, than need it and not have it.

I too learned how to tie my shoe at a later age. It's the best option. It's never too late to learn how to tie your shoes, or try to gain a new skill.

I hope this helps!
Your Friend, Abby

Dear Abby,

My friends keep leaving me and it makes me feel invisible. They always shut me out like I am not even there. It makes me feel lonely and I don't know what to do or say so I am not invisible.

From, Alias

Dear Alias,

I know how you feel. When I first came into Middle School I was scared to lose friends, and I did. I felt invisible myself. Even though I lost some friends I also gained many friends. You need to speak up. Tell your friends how you feel. They may not realize that they are excluding you. If they are true friends they will hear you out and work to make you feel included, if they aren't you have a decision to make, do you want to have the same friends and possibly get ignored or do you try to get new friends who will accept and welcome you.

If you want to get some new friends I have had experience to make friends and here are some tips that could help. 1. Start a conversation. This will help getting a little more comfortable with them 2. Telling about yourself or asking about them. So you can get to know one another. 3. Sometimes compliments work. They will feel good after you do so.

Hope this all helps and good luck.
From, Abby

Dear Abby, I have a crippling addiction to peanut butter. I have tried to stop but I can't stop eating so much. Please help me.

~Master of memes

Dear Master of memes,

I can understand your addiction to peanut butter. I too have dealt with such issues in my life and it can be very difficult to go through. From my experience, I found that when dealing with a food addiction you needed to find balance. You need to explore other healthy foods and work them into what you eat.

Portion out how much you will eat at a single time. Only eat one portion. Don't cut it out peanut butter completely or you won't stick with it. Find a way to live a balanced life where you are proud of the eating decisions you are making.

Good luck!
From, Abby

Dear Abby,

I always have a lot of homework and have little time in the day to get it done. Because I have a ton of after school activities that I have to go to. What do I do? Please help.

Sincerely, Unknown

Dear Unknown,

I understand; a lot of other people have problems with school homework and activities, and I get that it is hard to get it all done. Here are some ideas to help.

1. Get up early to do some of your work. Make sure you get enough sleep, but starting 30 min. early will give you more time to fit everything in.

2. Try to get as much homework done as you can at school so you will have less when you do it at home. Come in on Fridays. Use the time you have to get the work done.

3. Get rid of some activities to make time for what you enjoy most.

I think it is mostly up to you to decide if you care more about your grades or activities.

Hope this help,

Abby



DEAR ABBY

Dear Abby,

I have a serious problem, my brother always blames me for taking all the games even though I don't have them. What can I do to make him stop blaming me for taking all his games.

From Little Fire

Dear Little Fire,

I know that older and younger siblings blame their siblings for taking their stuff. I have the same problem. Sometimes my sisters or brothers get mad at me for things like that too. Here is some advice I have from my experience.

1. Help him find it what he thinks you stole, so he can't yell at you. Show you are helping. It is hard to blame someone who is working to help you out.
2. Tell him why you could not have stolen it. Give your evidence and back yourself up with more than "I didn't take it."
3. Take the argument to your parents or guardians, so they can help work it out.

This is what I have found out and thought of.

Hope this helped.

From, Abby



Dear Abby,

How are you? I was wondering how is your life going? Mine is going pretty well, my teachers are all great. Except for one teacher, who talks too much and we do literally nothing in his class. Anyways, my problem is that my mom promised to get me a dog when we lived in a house, guess what! It's been a month and I don't see no dog around my house... Tell me what I can do to make her give me a dog!!!

-Ms. None of your business

Dear Ms. none of your business,

I'm doing great, thanks for asking! My parents promised me to get a dog 6 years ago. I recently got my dog last year. It took tons of convincing. Let me tell you what I did to convince my strict parents to get me a dog. I started telling them about the dog I really wanted. I did my research and showed them I'd thought out my choice. I told them that I would take full responsibility for the dog (which I did once I got him). I came up with a detailed plan on how I would care for it that included: walking the dog 3 times a day everyday, feeding it, cleaning it, and training the dog to listen. Then for them, I helped around the house all the time and got perfect grades in school to prove I was responsible.

If you have not brought up the topic of getting a dog recently you should! Maybe your mom forgot since you moved into a house. Show you can take care of it and make your case on how you are ready, how having a dog will help you and the family, and how you will care and train it.

I hope this will help you get a dog!

Your Friend, Abby

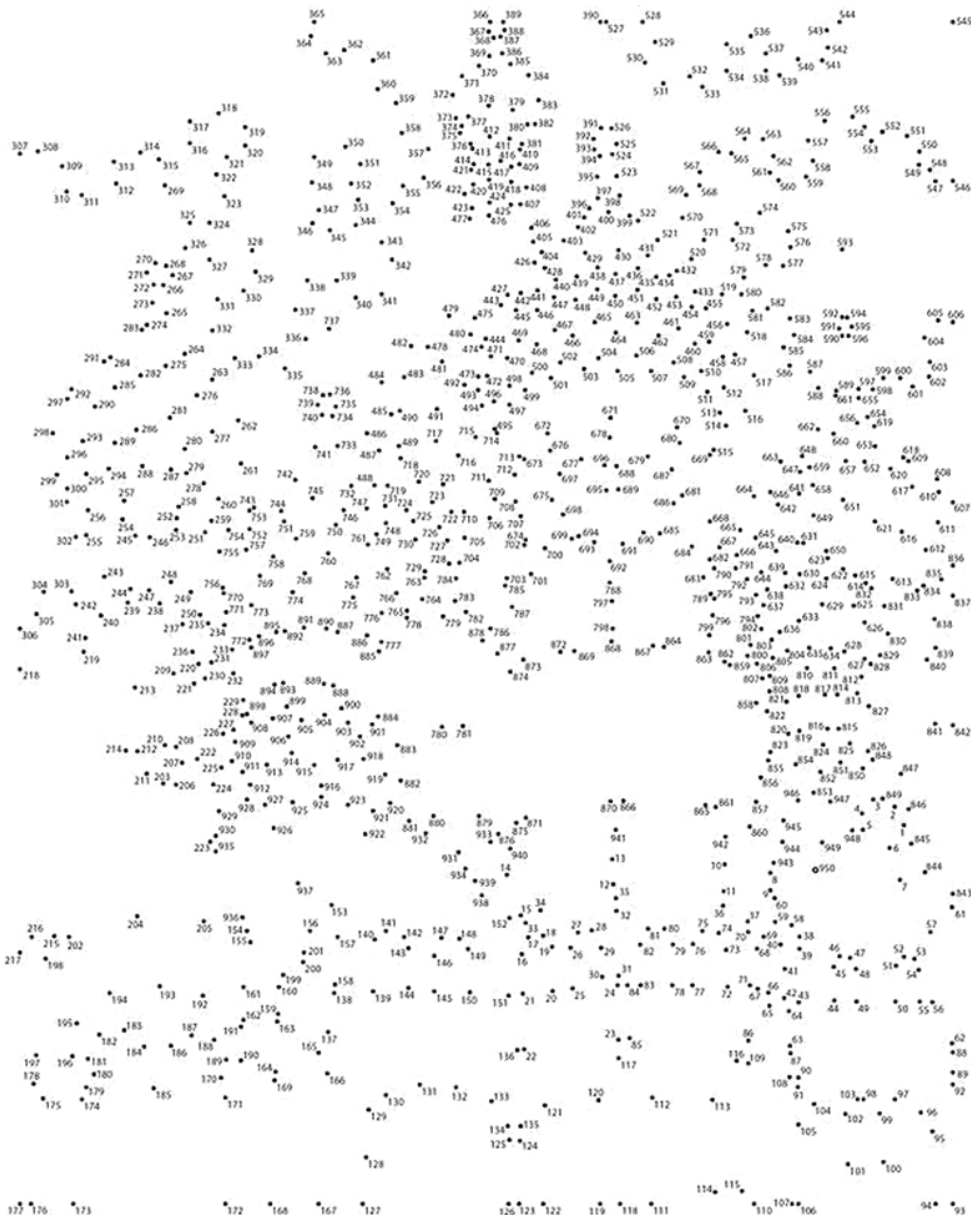


ENTERTAINMENT

Dot To Dots

By: Trevor Nay

Draw a straight line from dot to dot in order to make a picture.



Paw Prints Word Search

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MATH
WESTHILLS
FRIENDS
PENCIL
PAWPRINTS
BOOKS
ART
SCIENCE
SCHOOL
HOMEWORK
NEWS
WILDCATS
HISTORY
PAPER
CLASS

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1497317/>

West Hills Paw Print Drawing Contest

You have two weeks to draw a paw print and turn it into Mrs. Fawcett's classroom (108).

Submissions are due by Monday November, 9.

Whoever wins will earn a candy bar of their choice or Wild Cash.

Drawings will be judged on Creativity, Art work, and Skill.



Instructions:

Write down original answers in the blanks using the guide underneath, symbols represent what type of word to use, like nouns, plural nouns, etc. But make sure that you do not read it until you are all done filling it out (that way it'll be funnier).

Mad Libs

Have you seen the new movie that just came out? Man, it is so _____!

A

I am going to go to the theater to see it again because I finally got enough money, \$_____, to get tickets, but they ended up costing \$_____! Can I borrow

#

#

\$_____ I'll pay you back, I promise, a-and you can come with me! Y-you, see? You

#

are my _____ pal!! I just need...wait, did you say that you watched _____? Y-you

A

;))

did! Okay, Okay, here, let's just-change of plans, how about we watch _____. Oh, what a _____ movie! Here let me check my wallet, HOLLY- ummm...can I borrow

A

\$_____? Thank You, you are a _____ friend! A-and I promise that you can

#

A

bring that _____ of yours! He/She/It is so cute! And !!! bring lots of _____! See

N

PN

you on _____!

D

= a number

;)) = a movie

A = an adjective (explaining something)

N = a noun (a person place or thing)

PN = a pronoun (more than one of something-a person place or thing)

D = a day of the week

WE HAVE THREE MONTHS LEFT IN 2020

I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS

Smoked Fish

