

The Connection

Hamburg School's Social Connection

A literary magazine by us, for us, about us

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What are you really thinking about...

I think...

1. I'm thinking about how many injuries the Mets have. We just put out 3 AAA guys yesterday, had 4 catchers on the roster, and had 6 pitchers pitch in 9 innings last night. We had to put a first baseman in left field because we only had enough outfielders to fill the other two spots, and both of those outfielders were called up from AAA. We won, but this seems unsustainable, especially if we get more injuries. I honestly feel that I could probably get called up to play right field or pitch tomorrow.

Ty Dreifus

2. Is Greek yogurt in Greek just yogurt?
3. I wonder if people hold more gas than cars?
4. Why do people look Pretty or handsome but are real jerks?
5. If God can walk on water does he swim on land?
6. Why do we call "purple" purple?
7. Why can't we wear white after Labor Day?
8. Do people have to water George Bush?

But really throughout the majority of the time I'm thinking about my made up character in a fictional story.- Charlotte Flatt

9. I am really thinking about how tired I am and how much I want to go to sleep. Caitlyn Lubrano
10. I am thinking about why cancel culture is so popular now and why people can ruin someone's career or life, because of rumors that were spread, or mistakes they made in the past. - Makenna
11. I'm really thinking about COVID. I can't believe it's not over yet. I remember the week the world shut down. It's been over a year since this virus started spreading. It's so crazy to think that we had to stay at home for such a long time. I still recall when we said it will be over in a couple of weeks. Here we are now and it's been so long. I can't even imagine what it will be like when we go back to "normal". This virus has killed thousands and when I really think about it, it's kind of scary. -Kaylee Fagan
12. It really depends on the day. Every Friday I want to go home and play with the boys (Me and my friends) because it's fun and Armin can never leave his house for some reason... so we play online :)
13. On monday, i think about how long the day is. I hate mondays, and want to delete mondays from the world!!!
14. On sunday... oh dear. I wish that there was no school on monday so on sunday I don't feel like never

going to sleep so i have to wait longer to go to school.
It works!

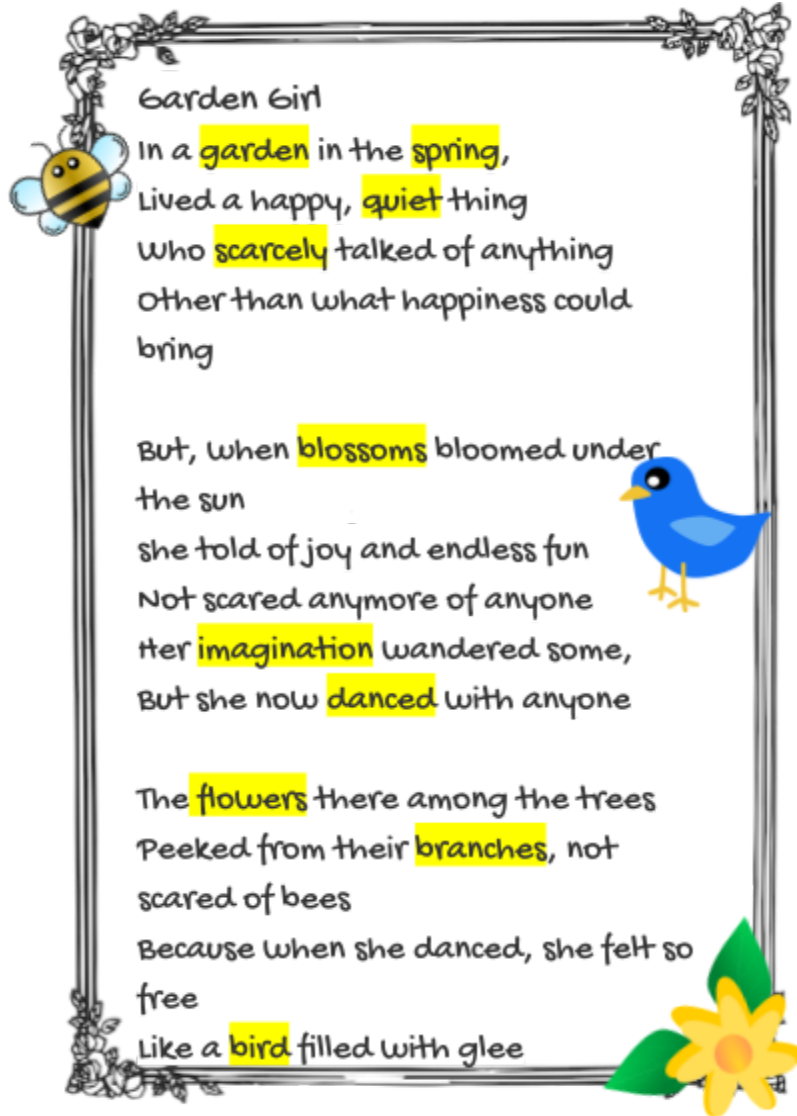
15. On Saturday, every bad thought washes away and I enjoy myself all day. -Jakob

16. I am thinking about when covid will end and when I will have my friends (Joshua and Jacob) back. I am hoping they are coming back for field day back in June. I am also thinking about how everyone's life will change when this pandemic ends. I will have to get back to going to my soccer games and practice with no masks and actually having an audience. I am looking forward to summer, I really want to go somewhere but not until covid ends. I am thinking about what my second vaccine is going to be like in June. I am excited to play video games later with friends. That is pretty much it that I think about. Come back next time to What is Quico thinking about?

-Ivan Reyes

Original poems:

By: Kathryn Brunke



Calm Before Battle

Pennants with red stripes fly above the lines

Troopers march toward battle

Leather belts filled with notes

Ty Dneifus

"The Forgotten"

Silence stretches along an **endless**
plain

To most, it seems a **calm domain**

But underneath the **sullen** air,

Sits a gloomy, sleepless heir

With swallowed pride and **dignity**,

She sits in utter agony

The **anxious** minutes ticking by,

Her heavy heart begins to sigh

The **pedestal** she once stood upon,

Now like the rest, up and gone

Here in her abysmal cave,

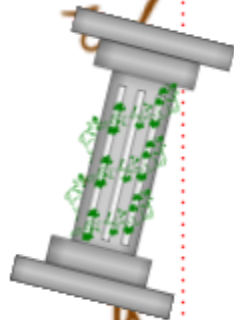
She **curls** up in her doubtless grave

And as a **shiver** runs up her spine,

She remembers all she used to

define

Annette Nathan



The Roses I See

I've always admired roses but not for their color.
There is something about them that I haven't yet discovered.
Everyone tells me that I'm looking in too deep
that it's simply just a flower, a little prize you get to keep.
But, yet, there is something special about the roses that you see
and it is not about the petals but the thorns to me.
It troubles me how something, so beautiful and rare,
could cut you so deep and you wouldn't even care.

- Charlotte Flatt

With my bare feet standing on the rocks,
I listen to the birds singing their songs,
their music to my ears fills me with joy,
and suddenly all the clouds disappear,
making it easy to see the bright light in the sky.

What's that I smell with my nose?
sunflowers blooming and my family smiling,
proud that I can see it see with my own eyes,
Thinking in my head,
This is my favorite part of life.

-Joey Macaro

I have a dog named Odette,
And she eats all day.
She always lays around,
And never wants to play.

Not even with a squeaky toy,
Nor anything that moves.
When I have her exercise,
She always disapproves.

So we've put her on a diet,
But now she yells all day.
And even though she's thinner,
She still won't come out and play.

-Troy McCurry

Advice (what advice can you share to make someone's day easier)

1. Everything happens for a reason.-Kathryn

2. Have the courage to live a life true to yourself, not the life others expect of you

-Marcus Bui

3. To the 5th graders please don't get bangs. They may look cute in the photo, but just don't. Once you get bangs you will be stuck with a little side bang for years. It's not worth it. And most people can't even pull off the look. Not to mention when they are wet they look like little sticks hanging off your head. It's

**better to be safe than sorry . So just don't get
bangs - Aoife Cashen 2021**

- 4. Dear kindergarten students, keep doing your air tag and stay 6 feet apart, wear a mask over your nose and stay safe out in the world.**

-Owen Crowell

- 5. If you are going to a new school, don't think of all the friends you are leaving behind. Think about the fact that you can change your overall reputation in the new school and make new friends.**

- 6. Are you lonely?Keep pushing yourself and eventually you will find a friend.**

-Fabrizio A.

- 7. Take each day one at a time, planning ahead for the rest of your life is not only unreliable, but it will overwhelm you to the point where nothing can be accomplished. -Heather Brunke**

- 8. You should never fear that your name will be tarnished when applied to your work, for you should have given your all into it. -Heather Brunke**

- 9. To the incoming 6th graders: The best advice I can give you is.... don't mess with Mrs.Smalley. -Heather Brunke**

- 10. Advice I would give someone to make their day easier is to not feel guilty for doing what's best for you. Gia Floris**

- 11. A piece of advice I have to share is take some time to truly get to know yourself. You might think that you do, but in most cases, that's not the case. - Jessica Majtczak**

12. Don't overthink anything.- Caleb

13. It is faster to go up two flights of stairs than to go up an elevator.

TY DREIFUS

For Anyone choosing between elevators and stairs

14. You may not see it, but I see someone who is kind-hearted, strange, beautiful, and trying their hardest to make a change in the world.

- Charlotte Flatt

15. I heard this from someone. The world isn't all sunshine and rainbows; it's a very mean and scary place. I don't care how tough you are, it will beat you to your knees if you let it. Winning isn't about how hard you hit, it's about how hard you get hit and keep getting back up. That's how a winner is made.

- Charlotte Flatt

16. Be critical of yourself. Point out your flaws and try to better them, but don't focus on your flaws, also remember the good in you. - Caitlyn Lubrano

The New Normal (explain to us what your new normal is) what do you do differently because of the pandemic

IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THE NEW NORMAL

BY: JAMIE SCHELLS

If we didn't have the new normal we wouldn't have to wear these masks. We would be able to see friends in real life. Social distancing wouldn't be a thing. You could go to the beach. You wouldn't have to be virtual. I would sleepover with my friends. We would have a full day in school. We would eat in the cafeteria. There could be more than 10 people in a room. We could see our friends and family on holidays. You could go to the mall without a mask. We could celebrate our birthdays outside our houses. And I could go on a vacation. So I could do a lot of stuff if it was really normal.

My new normal is that I'm more cautious about my surroundings and the people around me. I look for the "little things" that could help, in a way, in the future, I try to help people in need, and just try to be better overall as I grow up and mature. - Josh Demarest

New normal:

Wearing masks

Social distancing

Sanitising surfaces non-stop (mom)

Cleaning house every week (mom)

-Marilyn

Different because of pandemic (Might keep doing):

- Text friends more
- Listen to more music
- Be more careful

(Things I do differently because of the pandemic that I might keep doing include texting friends more, listening to more music, and being more careful.)

-Anthony Peluso

My new normal is Keeping Safe and Busy during the Pandemic.

BY: Christian Pignataro

One way I've been keeping busy is riding my bike.

I can even pop a wheelie now.

Another way I have been keeping busy is baking.

I baked a cake for my Pop Pop's birthday. He loved it.

My favorite thing I did during the pandemic was snow boarding.

I got to go on the lift for the first time. It was so much fun.

My New Normal

By: Rileigh Rossi

My new normal is five days a week, I wake up, get dressed and log onto a computer for my school day. I spend my day on the computer and only see my friends on a Zoom meeting. We haven't had a class trip in over a year.

On the weekends, there isn't much to do because a lot of places are still closed. When we do go out, we have to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer. I don't get to see my cousins as much as I used to. We don't have big family parties like we used to either.

The Smith Sisters

By: Amelia and Mya 3rd grade Dedicated to: Our Class

Once upon a time there were two mermaids. One was named Summer and one was named Sophie. Summer had long straight blond hair with purple highlights and bright blue eyes. Sophie had long brown hair with blond highlights and green eyes. They were on their way to their special cave.

Finally, they got to their cave. Then all the sudden, the sand at the sea floor opened. Summer and Sophie fell through! They had finally stopped falling. Sophie opened her eyes. They changed. They were not mermaids anymore, they were humans. They both tried climbing back up, but it just sucked them back down. They had no idea where they were. They looked around but all they saw was a chest.

They opened the chest and they saw two necklaces. They put them on, and they turned back to mermaids. Then the spot filled with water and they swam up. They went back up by the shallow water. Then a human spotted them! They both went underwater and talked. Summer said, "If that human follows us she will find out our secret".

Sophie said, "If she does we will just say we are dressed up as mermaids."

"That won't work," said Summer. "She looks like she is 14 like us."

“It's getting late, let's go home,” said Sophie. Finally they got home. They went up to their room and laid on top of their loft beds.

“Good night,” Summer said.

“Goodnight, ” Sophie said back. In the morning they both went downstairs for breakfast.

“Baked Sea Kelp!” they both said happily. They devoured the kelp very fast then asked their mother if they could go outside. “Sure,” said their mother, Suzy.

“Thanks, mom” said Summer. They grabbed the necklaces and they both swam outside. They touched the necklaces when they got on the beach. At first they had trouble walking but they got used to it. First, they went to the boardwalk. They went on so many rides. Then they went to the diner for dinner.

Finally, after they were done eating they went home and went to bed. In the morning, they went downstairs for breakfast and had seaweed juice and eggs. They ate slowly, then finally they went outside again. They swam to the beach and touched their necklaces. They hung out at the beach all day, but right before they left, a HUGE wave came rushing right at the beach! Everyone started running off the beach. Sophie and Summer tried running but they fell over because they had never tried running yet. Summer got up but Sophie was having a little trouble because her arm was stuck in the sand. Summer tried

helping but she couldn't get Sophie up. Then the wave dragged Sophie into the ocean! (in human form). Summer quickly jumped into the water and touched her necklace. She tucked Sophie's necklace in her pocket. Summer followed the wave, trying not to get too close. She saw Sophie at the top of the wave screaming. Summer yelled, "I'm coming!" Then Sophie disappeared into the waves. Finally, Summer jumped into the wave. Then she turned back into a human.

"Oh no!" said Summer. Her necklace had fallen off and sunk to the bottom of the wave but she had managed to grab it. But when she put it around her neck and touched it, she didn't turn back into a mermaid. She swam up to the surface of the water and followed the wave. She heard Sophie yelling again. Once again Summer jumped into the wave. She grabbed Sophie's arm and pulled her out of the wave and up to the surface of the water. Sophie was relieved she could open her mouth again to breathe. They swam for a bit and finally got back to the beach. Then Summer tried fixing her necklace with some tools. Then she put it on and touched it and she turned into a mermaid. Then Summer touched it again and she turned into a human again. "Fixed," said Summer

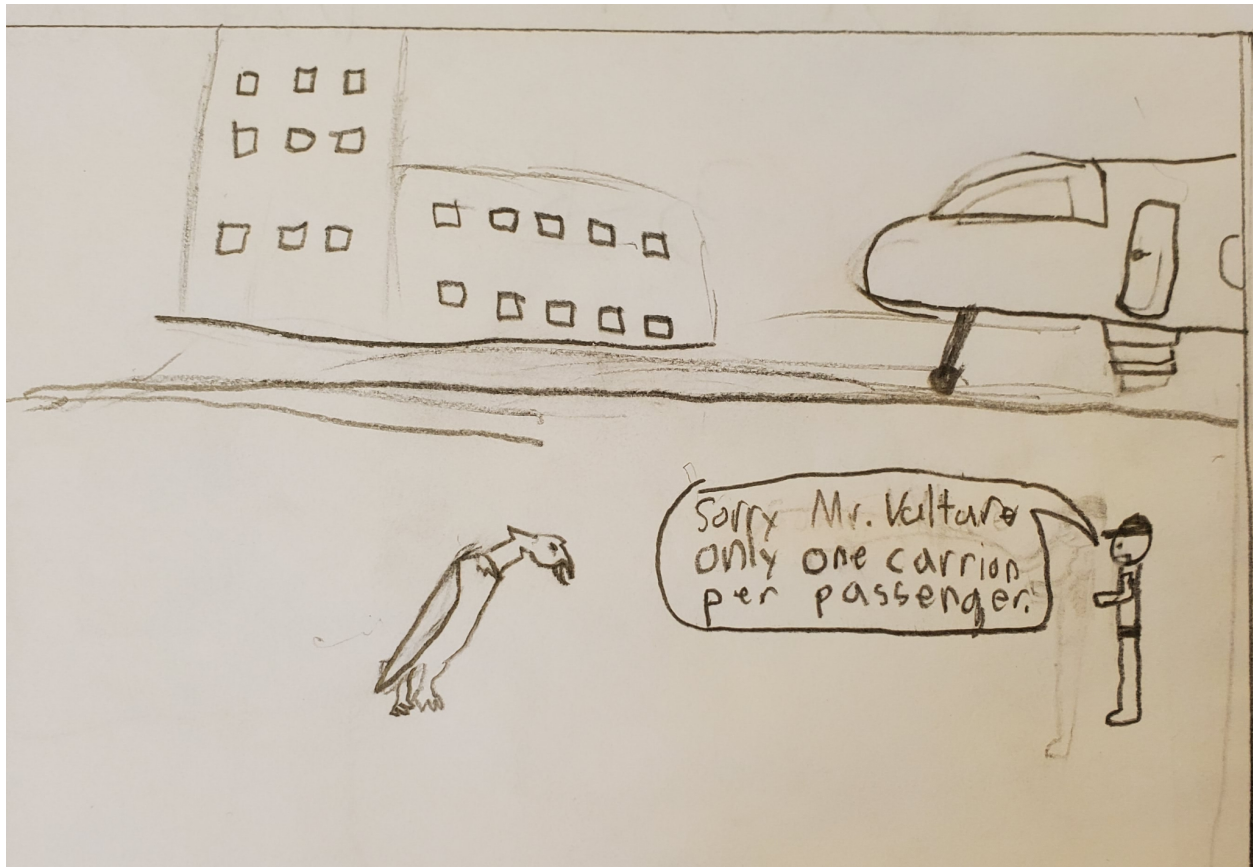
. "Let's go to the boardwalk," said Sophie.

"I agree," said Summer.

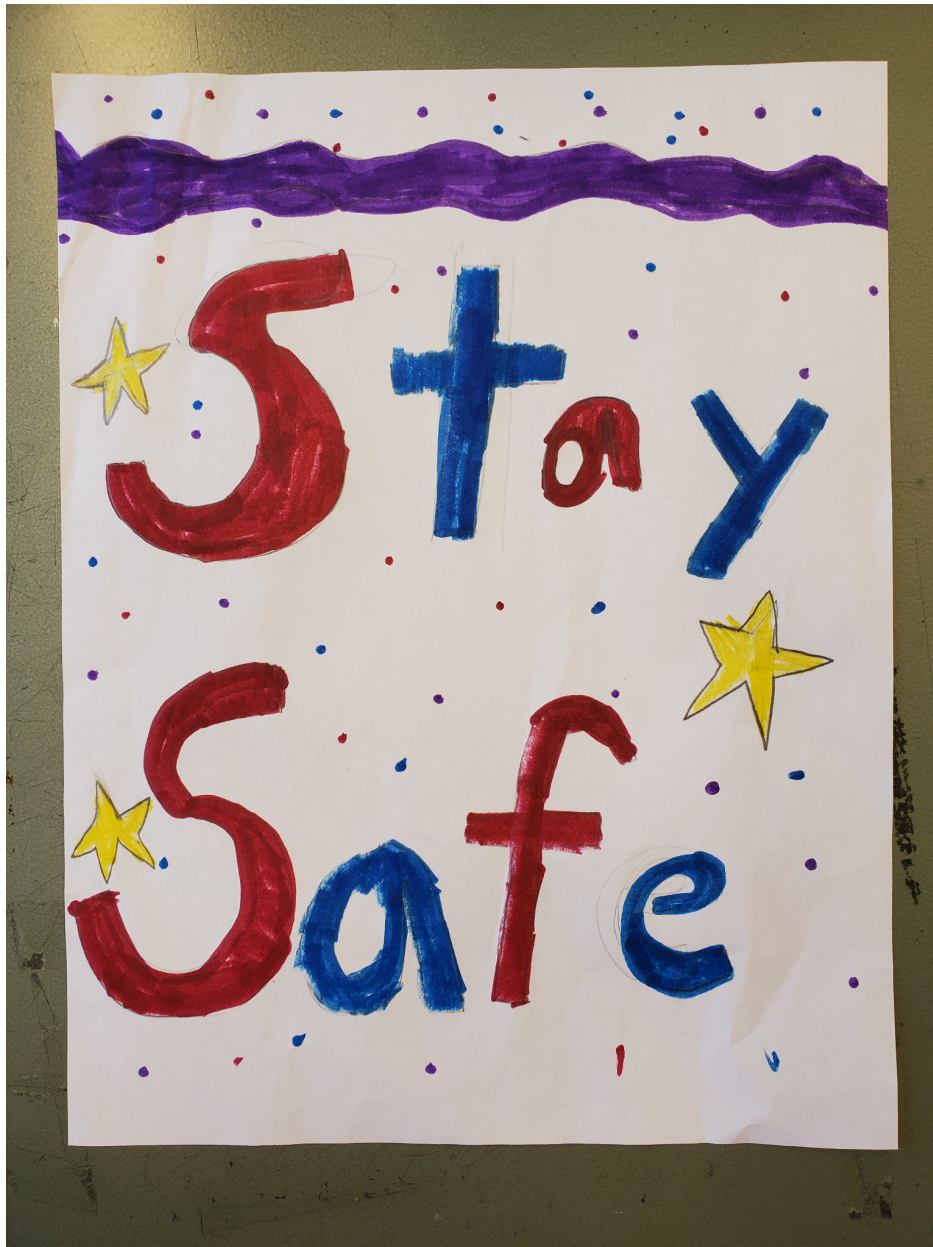
THE END!

Jokes

1. BY: Oliver Dreifus



ENJOY YOUR SUMMER



Learn

We can learn a lot at school.
We learn so much
Be safe all ways



Love all

