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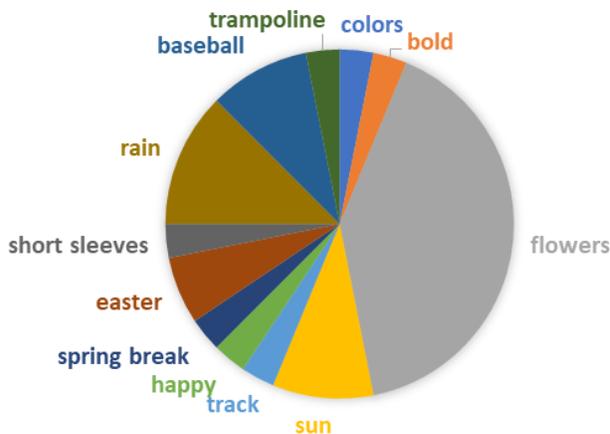


Spring 2018

What Do You Think of When You Hear the Word “Spring”?

By: Sarah Hubatch and Morgan Mucha

WORDS THAT DESCRIBE SPRING



Spring is an important part of all our lives. With Easter right around the corner and flowers blooming, what do our Summit Hill Junior High students and staff think about when they hear the word “spring”? We got so many perspectives on this topic—some random and some specific! Here are all the exclusive opinions that we got with just one word. To us, “spring” means nature is finally blooming. This is our way of welcoming spring!

Spring is the *WORST*

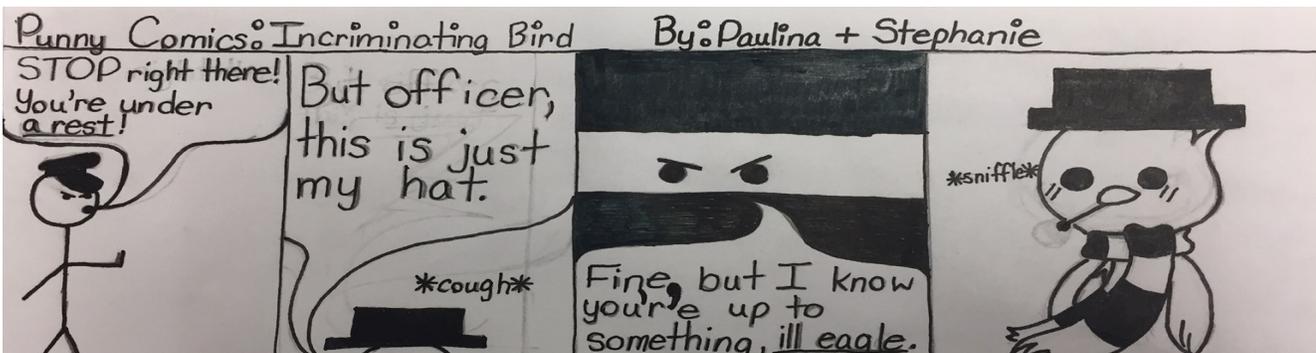
By: Jessariia Nelson, London Joy, Tarah Mottley

Spring has been portrayed as a time of happiness and joy. It’s usually about blossoming nature and a fresh start, but it can have its downsides. What happens when reality kicks in? We asked students and teachers about what they *dislike* about spring.

Allergies are a big part of the downsides of spring. Seasonal allergies are very common. Spring triggers these annoying, pesky conditions. Things that happen during seasonal allergies are running and itchy noses, irritated eyes, and other reactions. People can’t enjoy the festivities of spring if they have sinus issues, can they?

We asked the eighth graders about what they think. They disliked spring because they would be leaving their friends the next year.

When you watch the flowers blossom and the plants grow, remember the horrible parts. Watch the people sneeze in agony, friends say goodbye to friends, and kids disgusted with spring in general.



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ADVENTURES AT FIREWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

John Williams: Perhaps the Best Film Composer

By: Armin Salvador

John Williams: perhaps you don't know who he is or what he does. He is an American film composer, BUT he is best known for movies like all eight *Star Wars* saga films, *Jaws*, the first *Harry Potter* films, the first two *Home Alone* films, all the *Indiana Jones* films, *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*, and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

You might only know *Star Wars*, but Williams's film score is what makes these other films

great anyway. Especially *E.T.*, since he added a bit of *Yoda's Theme* when E.T runs into someone dressed as Yoda.

I listen to his film score (soundtrack) all the time, and when I asked to play it for Mrs. Zinsky, even she knew most of the films from it. I recommend that you listen to him, too. He's a great artist for many movies. My personal favorite from him is actually NOT the main theme of *Star Wars*, but it is *Theme from Superman*.

Seven Steps to Track Success

By: Tori Lucarelli

Have you ever wanted to be on or make the Summit Hill track team? Well, if you've answered yes to that question, then this is the article for you! Here are seven easy steps to make the track team and to stay on it!



As the first step you want to eat healthy and stay in shape! If you continue to stay healthy it'll be easier to run and sprint and jump.

You want to try and practice every day! You might have gym equipment in your house, but if you don't then try to run outside once it gets warmer or you could find a local gym to sign up for!

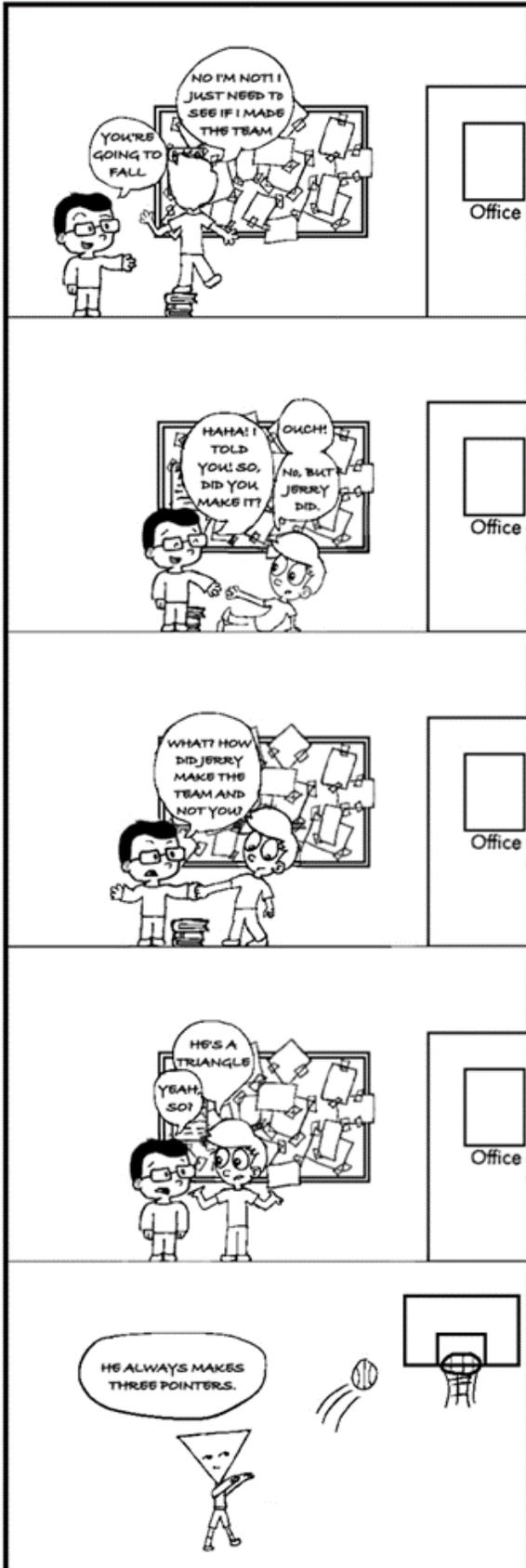
Remember to show up at all your practices and meets with the correct materials. Make sure to bring a supply of water, gym shoes, and your uniform! And pack a healthy snack if the meets become too long!

Now that you're ready for the meet, make sure to show up at the right time and stretch well. You don't want to pull something before your race!

Did you hear that? Was that a whistle to start your race? Oh no! You missed your race! Remember to be ready when your race is about to start and to be at the track on time!

At your meets and after your first race, remember to keep your muscles warm and your body hydrated! It doesn't help if you hurt yourself!

As our last step, remember to go over the rules and follow them! Also, have fun and stay healthy no matter what!



BY: SARAH HUBATCH

Divided: Chapter 2 (A Continuing Story)

By: Julianna Neu

I sighed, looking at one of the training centers. “Full,” I whispered under my breath. I shook my head. “No matter,” I thought, “there are plenty more training centers. After all the Night Tribe is known for its army, so there’s bound to be another one open somewhere.”

After running around, trying to find a place to train, I realized the only training camp open was the one by the border. I walked to it for two reasons. One, I had to run all over the kingdom to find an empty camp, and two, I wasn’t very thrilled to find out I had to go near the border. The leader of the Night Tribe, Queen Flare, hated the Day Tribe with all her heart and wanted no one near the border except for soldiers. I walked up to one of the fake dragon dummies in the ruined down training center and raised my head just enough to meet with its glossy, lifeless eyes. Just as I was about to shoot some fire at my fake target I heard someone say something under their breath.

I wiped my head around only to see a female dragon laying down on the other side of the border in awe. She had light blue scales with small hints of gold accenting them. What looked like gold wire was wrapped around her short horns and I just stared at her, flustered. I stood up straight and spoke in voice way deeper than my normal voice is. “Hey! What a-are you doing here?” I stuttered slightly when speaking, but she didn’t seem to pay attention to that. Instead, she pulled her attention away from my fire mane and stared at my face. I looked at her and realized something. Her eyes were a mixture of magenta and hot pink color. I’ve never seen a dragon with those colored eyes before.

She stood up and spoke, “Oh! Sorry, I didn’t mean to startle you!” She lowered her head and gave a slight bow. “I’m Nepeta of the Day Tribe, and you are?” She raised her head again and stood up straight like I was. I hesitated at first, but I decided it would be rude to not tell Nepeta my name, after all I was raised to be polite.

“I’m Pyro,” I paused quickly before deciding I should say my name like she did, “of the Night Tribe.” She started walking towards the border. She stopped when the two-different colored skies of the tribe met. The purple and black sky of the Night Tribe met the clear blue of the Day Tribe in a brilliant burst of orange. I approached her as she raised a claw up for me to shake.

“So, wanna be my friend?” she asked, her eyes sparkling as an awkward smile grew on her face.

I looked at her claws for a moment and then brought my claws to meet hers. “Sure, what do I got to lose?” I silently thought about what I had to lose after saying that. My family. My dream of being a soldier. My tribe’s trust. Almost everything I had, yet for some reason, I didn’t feel scared to lose them, and I had no idea why.



2018 Winter Olympics

By: Katie Ehmen



The 2018 Winter Olympics were significant for the world. This was the first time South Korea hosted the Winter Olympics. During the Opening Ceremonies, a presentation of ancient traditions and modern technology, North and South Korea marched in together under a united flag and competed as a unified women’s hockey team. This Olympics also featured some new events including: Big Air for Snowboarding, Alpine Skiing Team Event, Speedskating Mass Start, and Curling Mixed Doubles.

The 2018 Winter Olympics just recently ended in Pyeongchang, South Korea, and Team USA came home successful with a total of 23 medals in a variety of events. The team won nine gold medals, eight silver medals, and six bronze medals. This put the U.S. in fourth place behind Norway, Germany, and Canada.

In the 2018 Winter Olympics, there were many unexpected and exciting victories for the U.S. The women’s hockey team won gold in a shoot-out for the first time in 20 years, breaking Canada’s streak. The men’s cross country skiing team won its very first gold medal. David Wise, a halfpipe freeskier, won his second consecutive gold. Mikaela Shiffrin won the silver in the combined skiing event. The men’s curling team, led by Captain John Shuster, also won their first gold medal ever.

Games Corner

Spring Word Search

By: Junior Alvarez

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VACATION

What are You Doing Over Spring Break?

By: Sam Troxell

We asked/surveyed people to see what they are doing over spring break: going on vacation, spending time with family, or staying home. The results are pretty even!

Going on vacation- 30%

Spending time with family- 30%

Staying Home- 40%

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