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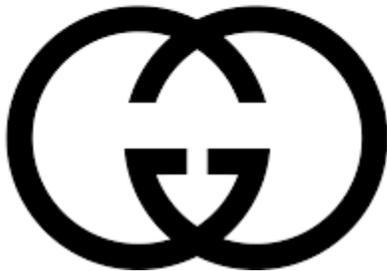
Mission Statement:

Our mission at The Voice of I.S. 303 is to empower, educate and inform our school community on current events in our school, our community, our city and our world. As a Leader in Me school, we aim to share our passions and interests as Middle Schoolers in Coney Island, Brooklyn.

Fashion Brands

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GUCCI



Fashion brands are a big part of modern society, and play an important role in the world we see today. Nowadays, everyone wants their parents to buy them luxury brands to show to their friends and family. Mainstream brands are extremely popular for most teens. These brands can also be expensive, however that is because they use the finest materials, and excellent designs to satisfy the customers. Also, in a study of most teens, it is shown that teens spend around 38% of their income on clothing. Jordan, Gucci, and Louis Vuitton are popular brands in which many people aspire to buy from.

Gucci

Gucci is an Italian luxury fashion house in Florence, Italy. Gucci got its name from its founder Guccio Gucci. The CEO of Gucci now is Marco Bizzari since January 2015 and he has appointed Alessandro Michael as a creative director of the Italian fashion house. Gucci has become a luxury brand consisting of many things such as handbags, ready to wear footwear, accessories, and makeup. Gucci became popular in 1950 and is known for its extravagant designs. The Gucci logo has 2 bold double G because of its founder name Guccio Gucci.

Gucci has become the most popular brand online in 2021. There are 100 Gucci locations in the USA as of 2021. Gucci clothing uses 100% cotton to create their T-shirts. A Gucci T-shirt that is not 100% cotton is, perhaps, just a fake Gucci shirt, a fake designer item. Gucci has always made everything high quality and has become famous because of that. Real Gucci shoes have authentic leather and smell like genuine leather. You can tell if Gucci shoes are fake because they use tough canvas unlike Gucci high quality shoes. Also people try mimicking the Gucci logo, but Authentic Gucci will use printed clothes which have an iridescent fabric quality. People have fallen for these scams a lot of times, but sometimes they do it on purpose, so they can show off. Real Gucci will always be high quality.

Jordan

Michael Jordan is a very popular basketball player. Jordan is an awesome brand of shoes and clothes, and it was inspired by Michael Jordan when he teamed up with Nike. The shoes hold the record for the most expensive sneakers to be ever sold for now. Jordans are used greatly for a popular sport called basketball. The shoes are so popular that anyone, who has ever laced up a pair of basketball shoes, can identify the Jordan logo on them.

However, it's strange to think the most famous NBA player ever wasn't allowed to wear his own shoes to play in. Yet, this was the decision that the NBA made. The color did not match the criteria and it was against the "dress code." As such, every time Michael Jordan stepped on the court with the shoes, he was fined \$5000. However, the controversy was an awesome marketing scheme for Nike and they were happy to cover the fees. Originally, Michael Jordan didn't even want to sign with Nike. The young basketball player had his heart set on a shoe deal with Adidas. Also, there are theories that the pair of shoes, Jordans, can make you jump higher; the reasoning for this is because Michael Jordan jumps really high, and the shoes Jordans is Michael Jordan's own shoe brand. All in all, the shoes Jordans is a very nice brand of shoes that many people want, especially if they play basketball. Also, Jordans are the most popular for their shoes, and they expanded to other cosmetics such as hats, shirts, pants, jackets, and backpacks.

Louis Vuitton

Louis Vuitton Malletier, commonly known as Louis Vuitton or by its initials LV, is a French fashion house and luxury goods company founded in 1854 by Louis Vuitton. Louis Vuitton sells products, ranging from luxury trunks and leather goods to shoes, watches, jewelry, accessories, sunglasses and books. Louis Vuitton was named the world's most valuable luxury brand. Its 2012 valuation was US \$25.9 billion. In 2013, the evaluation of the brand was US \$28.4 billion with revenue of US \$9.4 billion. The company operates in 50 countries with more than 460 stores worldwide. Vuitton started his journey by making custom design boxes that went famous, however it needed a lock so that burglars can't easily steal from people traveling and, he did; he made a lock for his boxes and then quickly made his own company, and to this day we still use his ways of making locks. Later, he started to advance into the Louis Vuitton we know today.

Also, Louis Vuitton is most famous for its handbags requested by many women throughout the world. Louis Vuitton today shows the hard work of Louis Vuitton and how he worked incredibly hard in order to make his company grow and expand. He was successful in his attempt, which shows how he made Louis Vuitton from the ground up to one of the world's most famous fashion brands

Some of the most popular fashion brands include Gucci, Jordan and Louis Vuitton. These brands haven't just become popular just by luck. They have become popular because they are high quality with amazing designs. There are many more fashion brands but these are some of the most popular fashion brands in the world! The

Jordan brand has made over 3.1 billion dollars in only one year! Next time you are looking to buy luxury items, try buying Gucci, Louis Vuitton, or Jordan.

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Basketball

By: Artur Kochura



Swoosh! The basketball hit the net, the crowd cheered, and the team won the game! Basketball is an intense sport, and you need a lot of skill to play it. From shooting to dribbling, you need to learn a lot of things on how to play basketball.

Basketball was a sport created by James Naismith in 1891. He was a physical education teacher and made this sport in Springfield, Massachusetts. He made the sport to be played during the baseball and football seasons, and also made the original 13 rules. Basketball was introduced in the Olympics in 1936, and was played in Berlin. Later on, there were two leagues for basketball that merged together to create the NBA.

To play basketball, you need a ball (preferably a basketball) and a hoop with a net. Then, you need to learn how to dribble. Dribbling is when you bounce the ball off the ground, and if you take 2 steps without dribbling, it will result in a travel and the ball will be given to the other team. If you dribble the ball and then pick it up with two hands and continue dribbling, it will result in a double dribble and the ball will be given to the other team. After you figured out how to dribble, you will need to learn how to get the ball in the net. Preferably, you will need to first learn how to layup. A layup is when you score really close to the hoop. Then, you can start learning how to shoot further and further until the 3 point line. To shoot or throw the ball (for left-handed people, everything is opposite) you need to put your right hand under the ball and your left hand on the left side of the

ball. Then, you will need to flick your right hand and throw the ball and target for the hoop. You may need to use more or less power ,depending on the range from the hoop. If you want to improve even more, you can watch NBA games and copy the styles and play styles of players.

Now that you learned the basic mechanics of basketball, you will need to learn the important rules and positions. The point guard is usually the smallest but quickest player for the team and mostly revolved around scoring, passing, and playmaking. The shooting guard is a lot like the point guard, but a bit bigger and more focused on scoring. The small forward is sometimes the most important person on the court; they do everything a point guard does but is a taller human. The power forward is a smaller center, and could sometimes be useless. The center dominates the paint (the inside box next to the hoop) and is very helpful for the team. A really important rule in the league is something called a foul. A foul is when you make some kind of heavy physical contact with somebody in the game. If somebody fouls you while you threw the ball in the net and you made it in, it's called an "and one." If you make it in, you will have to shoot one free throw. If you miss, you will have to shoot two free throws. A free throw is worth one point, and it is a good way to get points since nobody can guard you when shooting free throws. If you score from the two point range and get a foul, you have a chance to get a third point. If you make it from the three point line and get fouled, you have a chance to get a fourth point.

Now that you know all the basic rules and mechanics of basketball, you are set to play a real game! You can go to your local park and play with your friends or play a pickup game with strangers.

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Ask Amira

By: Amira Alieva

Dear Amira,

Are you overwhelmed with schoolwork? You have family issues? You feel like giving up or you just need help on making right decisions in the future? Well, in that case, Amira is here to help you, so you don't have to worry about anything!

Are you struggling with creating a better bond with your family? If so, first, try to stay calm and put your emotions aside. One thing that's ruining most families is the way they treat each other or just how one family member acts at the moment. For example if you show any anger, one family member won't be able to build up respect for you or understand you. Second, try to understand their point of view, and when they are done talking, you explain yours truthfully and carefully.

If you are overwhelmed by school work, try practicing time management and get good sleep. You should know when to do your homework and when to take a break to start off with a fresh mindset. For example, for time management, you are

allowed to take a break, but you do need to also accomplish your work. If your device is distracting, please turn the device off while you accomplish your most important goal of your school work. Getting a good night's sleep is absolutely essential to ensure you are productive and working hard the next few days. Please remember to put away your cell phone in order to achieve the 8-9 hours of sleep.

If you feel like giving up, remember why you started doing all this in the first place. You should keep moving forward because champions never give up! No matter what comes your way, you need to know that you are much stronger than you think. Think of all the positive things that will happen when you reach your goal because you didn't give up. Try to adopt an "I won't give up" mindset to help you go forward. Use your failures as a path of achievement! If your plan doesn't work, find another "How?" Try to think of other plans to reach your goal.

To conclude, you can always find a solution to your problem! You just need a little help to solve the problem, and that's okay! Practise time management, putting your emotions aside, or just refresh your mindset to solve your struggle!

Peer Pressure: Good or Bad?

By: Benjamin Gerzon



You probably communicate with your friends on a daily basis (that includes texting/calling). Whatever they say, even if it's not respectful, you probably still hang out with them because you've known them for so long. You also might have them added on Tik Tok, Reddit, and other social media platforms. In a couple years, you might hang out with different people, and do completely different things. Still, you follow these people who were once in your life. We all know what is bad for us, yet somehow, we still do it. Why is this? The answer is very simple: **peer pressure**.

Peer pressure is affecting more young people each year. It's now extending to social media platforms. Some Tik Tok content is promoting peer pressure. With users posting challenges like the Benadryl challenge, in which users chug a couple bottles of Benadryl, landing the person who chugged Benadryl in the hospital. Another dangerous challenge is the Blackout Challenge where the person doing the challenge cuts off his or her air supply off until the point of unconsciousness. Unsurprisingly, some users thought that these close calls were worth it. For example, a girl named "JC" took two bottles of Benadryl and had 4 seizures in a matter of a couple hours. This, however, is not the only thing peer pressure does.

Peer pressure from your friends/classmates is not as bad as social media challenges. The side effects of peer pressure from your friends/classmates might include "alcohol, cigarettes or drugs, pressure to engage in

risk-taking behaviours, distraction from schoolwork, distance between family and existing friends, drastic changes in behaviour and attitudes” according to [Peer Pressure and Teenagers](#). These effects can impact the rest of your life. For example, if you start smoking cigarettes or vaping in the next few years and continue for the rest of your life, you might get “cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung diseases, diabetes, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Smoking also increases risk for tuberculosis, certain eye diseases, and problems of the immune system, including rheumatoid arthritis” according to [Health Effects | Smoking & Tobacco Use](#). That is one of only numerous side effects from peer pressure.

Peer pressure highly affects a student’s academics. According to [How Peer Pressure Can Lead Teens to Underachieve—Even in Schools Where It’s “Cool to Be Smart,”](#) “a student deciding whether to participate in educational activities, such as raising their hand in class or signing up for enrichment programs. While these efforts may be good for a college application, they also could affect how classmates perceive the student.” This shows that students are aiming towards having a better life. This means that if they are pressured by their friends to be popular, instead of pursuing educational careers and a focus on education, they might fail terribly. Despite the positives of creating community and connecting with peers on social media, there are numerous negative effects of peer pressure. To avoid this, you can remove the need for external validation. People should have enough self confidence and respect to know what is right or wrong and to achieve their goals.

As you can see, peer pressure is something that everyone should be concerned about. After all, some people might end up doing things that will lead them in the wrong direction, just to feel accepted among their peers. Sometimes, doing something good for your social status is not worth it. If you ever encounter peer pressure, resist the urge of trying to up your reputation among your friends because it most likely will not benefit you long term.

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Social Media

By: Jeimy Ambrosio



Devious Licks

Social media has made many people do horrific acts, especially the "devious licks" trend on Tiktok. It's a trend on Tiktok where you steal or break things, mostly done in schools. Many of the things broken are soap dispensers, exit signs, classroom phones and many other things. Tiktok has also made many teens constantly compare themselves to others. Tiktok has banned the devious lick trend after thousands of videos of teenagers vandalizing local high schools and bragging about the things they have stolen were uploaded to the app. Not long ago, a video was posted of a group of people breaking a sink in their highschool bathroom just for this trend and got over 3 million likes. This trend is horrible and should not be allowed on the app.

Constant comparing

When you see a video of someone with a flat stomach and long straight hair who is also tall but has a "perfect" body, many people compare themselves to them. No one is perfect, including you, but we are all unique individuals who do not deserve to be compared to others simply because they are taller than you. It makes no difference, and no one should make a big deal about it. When people start comparing themselves to what they see on social media, they may find themselves attempting to fulfill unrealistic expectations, which can lead to feelings of insecurity, anxiety, and low self-esteem.

Stop Comparison

Social media is a deception. Many people modify their photos to make it appear as if they have the "ideal" body. None of this is true, and you should not believe it since those who do it are insecure about themselves, which is why they do it. You don't want to be like them simply because they have a flat stomach. It's possible that they're sucking in their stomachs or that they've been edited.

In conclusion, social media is not as glamorous as we believe. People are inherently flawed and through connecting on a superficial app promoting beauty is ludicrous. Please support your mental health and halt your use of social media.

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Cities of the Future: Dubai

By: Faridun Marupov and Benjamin Gerzon



We've all heard of the big countries with big economies and the countries with abundant natural resources. What about the countries that are getting bigger and bigger every year? The countries that are getting more money off of the tourism industry? For example, over the last 15 years, the United Arab Emirates decided to spend money building palms off the coast of the Persian Gulf in Dubai. Hence, Dubai's tourist industry has exploded over the last 15 years, thanks to the palms. If you think that's the only attraction, well, sorry (you're wrong).

Dubai's biggest building and major tourist attraction is Burj-Khalifa, which is a 160-story (829.9 meters from the ground) building which also serves as an observation deck. Currently, it is the tallest building/skyscraper in the world. It is made of glass. Dubai has a big mall where there are multiple stores and vendors, an ice-skating rink, a gaming zone, and there is a cinema complex for entertainment. In Dubai, you can visit the UAE history museum. One of the interesting things you can do in Dubai is take a look at Jumeirah Mosque. Also, make sure to take a look at the exceptional architecture of Sheikh Saeed Al-Maktoum House. In other words, you can visit the Dubai Frame and take a picture of the extraordinary sunset. In 2006, the United Arab Emirates paid a Dutch company to make the "World's Islands." That is the main reason that the tourism industry in Dubai skyrocketed over the last 20 years. In "The Bargain," you can visit the underwater world Dubai aquarium. However, not only are the attractions the reasons to go and live there. One reason you would want to live in Dubai is because the economy is continuing to grow every year. Another key reason you might want to live in Dubai is because the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has lots of oil reserves. This might sound like a minor reason but it's not, because oil is a big factor in our daily lives. That's not the only industry Dubai makes its money on besides the tourism industry. Another reason Dubai is a good place to live in is because of the real estate, the healthcare (which, by the way, is the best in the world), and the education. Lastly, lots of people in Dubai speak English.

Qatar and Dubai are similar places. Qatar is just like Dubai because the buildings are just as scenic. Also, Qatar is similar because it is an independent nation. "Therefore, Dubai is the leading tourist destination of the world while Qatar is wealthy because of its oil and natural gas reserves," according to [Difference Between Qatar and Dubai | Compare the Difference Between Similar Terms](#). Dubai has a westernized outlook whereas Qatar is traditional and conservative in many ways. Another way Dubai and Qatar relate is that Qatar is trying to modernize the way it looks, but without the mistakes that Dubai made in its transformation. In conclusion, Dubai is a great place to be. Whether it's the tourist attractions or the great environment. Dubai is a spectacular place worldwide. It is also a growing nation. We highly encourage you to go to Dubai.

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Respect

By: Mukhammadzafar Kholmurzaev



Respect is defined as a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements. From my experience, respect means honoring your or someone else's presence and hard work. It is important first of all to respect yourself. Respecting yourself means making sure you are proud of everything you are doing. Respect means creating and leaving the environment you are in not only the same, but better. When I have respect for myself and others, people will want to work with me.

Everyone should give and receive respect. Respect is a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something by what they have done and what they have not accomplished, however respect matters a lot because respecting others can earn you respect in return. Respect is a great thing to give to things and people, and also earning respect. The way I know how to be respectful is through being treated with respect.

Treating everything and everyone with respect can help you in many ways. There will be an extremely high possibility that you will not be hated on by many people.

The many advantages respect gives you is amazing in every way. For example, if you are doing a good deed and treating someone in a positive way, you will be respected. You are honoring someone else's hobbies, passions and talents, and in turn hopefully they honor yours. Also, using appropriate language is very important and a key means to being respected. This will help you have a good reputation and people know they can trust you. Also, treating your body and yourself with respect is the biggest advantage of all. In every circumstance, people should be respected.

Respecting others helps me know that all people are different and that is amazing. I want to learn all about people's differences because if we were all the same, life would be boring.

Example of respect:

“Thank you so much for letting me borrow your pencil, next time i will bring an extra pencil for you to use if something happens to your original one!”

Roblox

By: Joseph Rosales Gonzales



Roblox is an online game that can be played anytime anywhere and it is for all ages to play.

On the left side, there is a joystick. You can use a joystick to help move the character. On your right hand side there is a jump button. Your character will jump if you press the jump button and it will move when using the joystick.

Roblox even has events like Bloxy awards which is where they pick the best game in Roblox to get its own merchandise and the metaverse. You can play games to get prizes like things for your avatar such as clothes, emotes which are dances, faces, accessories and more. There are also the RB battles which are the same thing as the metaverse, but different; you have to collect three swords to make a final sword to defeat the boss at the end of the event and more events there are to offer.

Your Roblox Avatar is the player you start off with, a bacon which is a character who has bacon hair. You have to buy money called Robux and you can customize your Avatar and buy clothes, faces, and other actions like emotes, or you can even buy Roblox celebrities like the owner or from movies or cartoons; so that is how you can see your avatar in game.

Ok, let's say you want to connect with friends when you load into Roblox, there will be a little circle saying add friend with a + on it, click on it, and there, you will find your friend request and people who are following you. To connect to you, go to the bar where it says search and make sure to ask your friend their account name and search it up. Then you will find your friend's account and you can add him and play together.

The reason you should get Roblox is to keep in touch with friends, play interactive games, and form new positive relationships. Make sure you only connect with people you know in real life and stay aware of internet dangers (see **Social Media** by Jeimy Ambrosio).

Jobs

By: Victoria Vasilyeva



Are you tired of hearing your parents tell you that your birthday money is not your own? Or are you tired of others telling you that you're irresponsible with your money. Well, jolly for you, there are many ways to make money easily and keep it secure. It's not setting up a lemonade stand or selling candy at school, but it's just as easy as those two. If you have reached the age of 12, lucky for you, you have various opportunities towards a career. Hard careers for a 12 year old include Youtuber, car washer or editor. More simple jobs can be pet sitter, tutoring and yard sale buyer and seller. There are various jobs like these and I will be talking about them today.

Challenging Jobs

If you're up for a challenge, consider these jobs: Youtuber, car washer, or editor. I will be talking about these 3 jobs, but don't consider these as the only options. There are many more. First of all, Youtuber. Recently the rise in online popularity has affected many jobs. Suddenly most kids that were once lemonade stand workers are now on the internet, searching for different ways to blow up on social media. The thought of gaining internet fame may seem like an easy concept, considering that you can get views from almost anything. But behind the curtain of easy recording and views, there is a dark

Anime

By: Faisal Mateen



What do you know about anime? Anime is a TV show made from a book called manga. Manga is a graphic novel that is turned into an animation. There is great fandom over both Anime and Manga because of the unique characters and journeys the characters take. The more chapters in the Manga the more seasons in the Anime. To start watching Anime, you can go to websites such as Crunchyroll, and Funimation. There are also many different genres of Anime, such as action, thriller, romance, horror, sad, and fantasy.

One Anime that's quite popular is Naruto. Naruto is an Anime written by Masashi Kishimoto and animated by Studio Pierrot. Naruto is about a young boy in the world of ninjas who has a depressing life. Naruto is an orphan who doesn't know his parents. He also has the Nine Tail Fox sealed inside of him. The Nine Tail Fox is one of the Nine Tail Beasts in the world of ninjas and those who possess them like Naruto are called Jinchuriki and one becomes a Jinchuriki when one of the nine tail beasts is sealed in them. Many consider them to be just weapons of mass destruction. However, the person who sealed it in him was his dad and he did it in order to protect the village that was getting attacked by the Nine Tail Fox. The origin of the Nine Tail Fox is when there was this incredibly strong creature roaming the earth

side. No matter what you do, there will always be someone out there that will hate our content or just be plain rude. There is no way to escape this and you will have to deal with it for the rest of your life. Starting a Youtube channel is a commitment because anything that gets posted may be able to be deleted, but others may have already saved it. Even after years of not mentioning an embarrassing video, there will always be someone out there who holds the knowledge of it. Youtubing may seem like an easy concept, but there is a deep dark side to it. Another job to consider if you're up for a challenge is washing cars. And no, I'm not talking about turning on a machine and letting it do everything for you, I'm talking about hand washing and drying an entire car! Many kids throughout history have fainted or passed out while washing cars because of an electric shock or heat stroke. Plus, since people want a trusted worker for their car, they would much rather have a trusted adult than some child. Washing cars can be a hard job to accomplish. It's very difficult and may cause serious injuries. Stay away from dangerous jobs at a young age and be careful. Coming back to the topic of social media, editing is a great way to make money too! If you learn the basics of editing and post your profile on multiple websites, you might just get a brand new job. No, it's not as easy as that, professional streamers and Youtubers have high standards towards editing. You will have to go through many negative comments from those who you looked up to. Some editors spend years learning how to edit properly and still can't get a job. If it's hard for you to keep up with work and take in negative comments, maybe editing isn't the job for you. These are some jobs that you can get. Although they may vary in price and risks, they are still good for a start. Try something new and stay safe.

Simple Jobs

If you're considering an easier alternative for jobs, there are many that support you with average pay and respect. Here is a list of 3 of them. Pet sitter, tutoring, and finally the best job, yard sale buyer and seller. Pet sitting is a great job for people who want to

and causing destruction, and a man who was also very powerful split the creature into 9 pieces which became the Nine Tail beasts. Since Naruto has one side of him, he is hated by the village and known as the demon. All the adults in their village tell their children to stay away from him, so Naruto is left alone. However he has a clear dream to become Hokage, the village leader.

Another amazing Anime is One piece which is written by Eiichiro Oda and animated by Toei Animation. One Piece takes place in the era of pirates and is about a teenager, Monkey D. Luffy who wants to build a pirate crew and be the pirate king. In the One Piece world, there are many islands and bodies of water. There are also four oceans: the west blue, east blue, north blue, and the south blue. There is a grand line which is a reverse mountain dividing the four oceans and in the center of the reverse mountain is the grand line ocean. In order to be the pirate king, Luffy has to reach the last island, Raftel, in the grand line and find the One Piece which is the great treasure left by the previous Pirate King who started the Pirate Era, Gol D. Roger. In the world of One Piece, there are two types of irregular powers, Devil fruits and Haki. Devil fruits are special fruits found in the One Piece world that gives the person who eats it irregular abilities. When one eats a Devil fruit, the ocean hates that person and takes away their ability to swim in a world of mainly water. Also when a person who eats a devil fruit, the devil possesses another random fruit in the world for somebody else to eat. Haki is a power that everybody has but needs to unlock. There are three types of Haki. Armament Haki is like invisible armor which allows the user to harden their skin to block attacks and attack with more force.

Observation Haki allows the user to see a few seconds into the future or easily dodge attacks, and Conqueror's Haki, which only a handful of people get, can knock out anyone with weak spirit or even strong spirit if the user can control conquerors Haki perfectly. To sum it up, Luffy wants to use his devil fruit and Haki to become the pirate king.

earn a pretty penny and experience different responsibilities. As a person who has pet sitted before, it really isn't that hard. Most pets are very kind and well behaved. Most of the time, people just suggest feeding and playing with their pet. Otherwise there really isn't much else to do. Pet Sitting is a great way to make money without much work or just enjoy company with an animal. Another job to apply to if you want something educational is tutoring. If you are an intelligent, young student, tutoring others is great for you! Some parents are very strict with their child's education and you might even be surprised at how many want a tutor in first grade. Otherwise, you can even help your fellow students in their studies. The final job that I think is one of the best jobs is yard sale buyer and seller. The name may be off putting but honestly it's one of the most enjoyable and rewarding jobs for a young student. Let me explain, to do this job, you have to live in a more rural area. Find a yard sale and get things that are no more than 10 dollars. Once you get all of your things, either scan or search them up on ebay. Then find the original price and take off about 5 percent. A ton of people are buying things online.

These jobs are all attainable for middle school students to help earn money, host responsibilities and help foster their careers. If you have extra time and need extra money consider these jobs.

Anime shares amazing great stories and fantastic plots. There are many genres to choose from and fantastic characters to follow. There are less to no dull moments when watching Anime. In conclusion, this is why you should give Anime a shot.



Soccer

By: Faridun Marupov



The sport of soccer (called Futbol in most of the world) is considered to be the world's most popular sport. In soccer there are two teams of eleven players. Soccer is played on a large field or turf with a goal on each end.

The objective of the game is to get the soccer ball into the opposing team's net. Whichever team scores the most goals wins. The only time there will be a tiebreaker is if the teams are playing in a tournament.

There are many positions in the game of soccer. There is offense, defense, and midfield. The offense is the players who score the goals. The objective in soccer is to have a higher score (more goals) than the opposite team. The midfield's job is to both help the offense and the defense. There is a lot of running in this position. First off, before playing soccer, you have to know the language of the sport, so you will understand how to play, what the coach is saying, and where you are supposed to be on the field. Some soccer languages include goal, shot, assist, header, and more.

The offense gets the ball from the defense or midfield and is focused on scoring goals. The three offensive positions are right wing, striker, and left wing. Midfielders are the players who do both the attacking and defending. There are both attacking midfielders and defending midfielders. Their job is just what it sounds like. Depending on the team's formation, there are various midfielding positions. For example, there are the center attacking midfielders (CAM), center defending midfielder (CDM), attacking midfielder, and so many more. Defenders are the ones who try to intercept the ball from the other team and give it to the attackers. They also defend the ball from getting into their net. Some defensive positions include the fullback, center back, right back and left back. Another very important position in soccer is the goalkeeper. He/she is the one who stands in front of the net the whole game and tries to keep the ball out of the net no matter what.

There are many reasons why you might want to try playing soccer! Here is what you will need in order to play: a soccer ball, cleats, shin guards, and goalie gloves. The shin guards are for the leg because there is a chance of someone trying to slide tackle you and hitting the lower part of your leg. Also, you need a pair of goalie gloves for a goalie so the hands don't hurt because the players shoot hard. The cleats you'll need for a shooting because the grass is slippery if you fall, you might get hurt.

Soccer is a fantastic test of strength, honor, and endurance. Try playing soccer in the park with your friends or join a club/travel team!

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The Power of Music

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Hawaii

By: Usman Nadeem



Songs are relaxing and calming. Songs can help with stress and help you calm down. Music is a vocal or instrumental sound combined in a way that is enjoyable. Music provides an outlet for stress and provides an outlet for people to express themselves. Music helps keep you company and always gives you something to do. Music can raise someone's mood, get them excited, or make them calm or relaxed. There are all different kinds of music genres like, indie rock, metal, hip-hop and k-pop, etc. You can create a playlist with songs you like or songs that you enjoy. A playlist is a list of songs or pieces of music. You can download a music app, some are free and some cost money. There is Spotify, Apple Music, Pandora, Amazon Music, Sound Cloud, and more! Free options make sense to all because this is an opportunity to listen to music without a high cost. Music is a form of entertainment that puts sounds together in a way that people like or find interesting.

Some artist to listen to are Ghostmane, Juice Wrld lil Darkie. I would recommend those singers as well if you listen to hip hop/rap. Some songs to listen to include e "Smells like drill spirit" by Nirvana, "Where'd all the time go?" by Dr.Dog, "Paper"(Dfa Remix-M.i.a, Bleue), Wale the sage, Sunday best -Surfaces, Heybb- Binki.

Finding music you like can be challenging. To find this music, you can look up on Youtube, for example hip-hop songs, and then you can look at all the options there are or you can go on media apps and search up hip-hop recommended songs.

Music is important because it helps evoke emotions. It helps relate feelings that I have with the artist and allows me to express myself. The songs I listen to make me feel happy and released from my stress.

Hawaii is a magical place with a lot of amazing views, foods and people!

Hawaii has a lot of rules to help protect the environment, such as you cannot bring plastic bags to Hawaii. This is because plastic bags kill animals and nobody wants that. Sea turtles could get trapped and lose air and die as well as fish. It is illegal to touch sea turtles or any turtles in Hawaii because you may harm them. Also, touching any endangered animal in Hawaii is a sign of disrespect. Another rule is, it is illegal to bring a dangerous dog or animal to Hawaii. This is because the people of Hawaii don't want anybody or anything getting hurt or killed. I advise you to not touch monk seals or dolphins because sometimes, they will attack back.

Hawaii is beautiful in many ways. For example, its mountains, beaches, houses, food, and more. A lot of people live in Hawaii because of its beauty and the food is amazing. For example, pizza, coconuts, sea food, and so much more, it sounds so yummy.

Hawaii's mountains are huge, a lot of people go hiking on them, and beaches are really famous spots for Hawaii.

Palm trees are really famous trees in Hawaii. For example, people get coconuts from palm trees and stores but the stores get the coconuts from the palm trees. Palm trees are really well known for their beauty. Also, palm trees were invented 80 million years ago and are still available to this day. They will not stop growing unless workers cut them. Palm trees are massive. The tallest palm trees could grow up to 197 feet. The palm trees in Hawaii are Loulu palms and are the only trees native to Hawaii. For example, the palm tree was so huge, there even was a palm tree taller than a house.

Hawaii's beauty encompasses its mountains, palm trees, cars, houses and so much more.

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Basketball

By: Rehan Cheema



Basketball has been played by over 450 million people. James Niasmith invented basketball in 1891 and it has now become one of the 10 most popular sports. The USA is where basketball is the most popular. It's the second most popular sport in the USA. In basketball, teamwork is important because it requires collaborating with other players. The NBA, which stands for the National Basketball Association, was formed in New York City on June 6th, 1946. Basketball is a sport in which you must have a special talent of being fast, and very coordinated in order to shoot baskets.

Proper defending is important in team matches, because in any basketball match, if you don't defend properly then you might lose. You must follow the rules on defending, in which you cannot have physical contact with anyone or it will be a foul if you do. In the NBA, a player that makes more than 6 fouls will be out of the match. Also in basketball the team whose player committed the foul will lose possession of the ball.

The fouled player will be awarded one or more free throws. Some tips on defending are to not be too close or too far. If you are too close then they will drive by you and if you are too far then they will shoot so your defending wont do anything if they shoot and score. Also, make sure, in team matches especially, to have a specific target or a person that you are going to defend so you cannot just go guarding different people. Also another tip on defending is that you should always play with anticipation and awareness of what's around you. Follow all these tips and you will make a great defender.

Now it's on to how to properly shoot a basketball, score, and rebounding. While shooting you should always hold the basketball correctly. Some tips on how to properly shoot a basketball are that you should keep your eyes on the basketball hoop or your target on where you wanna shoot, don't just shoot blindly. Another tip to properly shoot a basketball is to have balance, make sure your feet are balanced or something that is comfortable for you and make sure your back is straight. Rebounding is one of the most important aspects of the game. Rebounding gives a team possession of the basketball and each possession can help both a team's offense and defense, and this can help in winning basketball games. When a person from the opposing team has

possession of the ball and they try to shoot and fail, then a player that's not on the same team as the person that shot the ball gets possession of the ball. That is a rebound.

Now it's on to dribbling. Dribbling is a fundamental skill in which you use one hand to continuously bounce the ball. Dribbling is actually important since it helps you control the ball, advance it toward the hoop and create some distance between you and the player. You can not run with basketball in your hands without dribbling. It is an NBA rule that if you do that then the penalty is loss of the ball, the ball goes to the other team if you do that. Dribbling is not a hard thing to do, it's actually easy because the more time you spend with the ball in your hand and you practice, then you will dribble easily, but you can not get to the next level if you do not leave your comfort zone. Some reasons why dribbling is important is that it helps you advance the ball to the court. Another reason why it is important is that it can help you shorten a pass which will make it easy for you to pass the ball to your teammate.

Now you know how to play basketball, how to properly defend, why it is important, how to properly shoot a basketball, what a rebound is and why dribbling is important. If you practice every day and work hard, you can become a great basketball player. Basketball is a sport that can help you improve your teamwork with other people.

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Kabaddi, Motocross, and Cricket

By: Artur Ashurov

Have you ever played Kabaddi, Motocross, and Cricket? These sports are really different from traditional American sports; they involve racing on an off road motorcycle and having a bat and hitting it with a ball but quite different from baseball.

The sport Cricket is a pretty simple game. Cricket was invented in South England during the 19 and 20th centuries. The game is played by throwing a ball at the batter and the batter must swing the bat and hit the ball to the side. The other team will have to get the ball and throw it at a stick called a wicket and the batter will have to run to the wicket and block the ball with the bat. This sport is pretty simple but it does take some running and swinging to win so you will get tired. There were 3 people that died playing a game of cricket. It seems simple enough, but you can still get injured.



The sport Kabaddi is played quite differently from cricket. The game Kabaddi was invented by Tamil Nadu, a south Indian state, Kabaddi was invented over 4 thousand years ago. The game is played by two teams of 7, there is an attacker and a defender. The attacker sends out 1 player that's gonna be the raider, the raider has to try tagging the defense team while screaming Kabaddi. If he stops saying Kabaddi then he's out, if the defending team tackles the raider then the defending team gets a point. If the raider tags two players and goes to the side of the attackers field unharmed, that means the attackers get two points, and the 2 players that got tagged are out. Their teammates could revive the players that are out if they score a point. If all the players are out in the attacker team that means, the defender team gets 2 points and if there are 4 of them still alive, then they get 4 more points. Then another round starts and if the defender wins this round too, that means the defender wins the whole game.



Motocross is a different sport from Kabaddi and Cricket. Motocross involves racing with dirt bikes. The sport Motocross came out in the UK in the early 1900. There are obstacles and it's really hard to drive the dirt bike. Motocross doesn't have any rules, you can sabotage players by bumping into them. In Motocross you have to drive on dirt, and when you're about to finish the race there is a huge ramp and you have to land the jump, it's pretty hard. There is a red line on the bike and if you go too fast it goes up and if it goes to the highest speed your bike's engine can break.



All in all, I learned a lot about Cricket, Kabaddi and Motocross. These are sports I have not played but would like the opportunity to play one day. Try playing these sports one day with your family or friends.

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Relaxation Within Yourself

By: Victoria Vasilyeva

Take a step back, relax and calm your mental state. Everyone is going through something and we need a way to calm ourselves and relax our mind. Yoga is a form of meditation that has adopted certain poses widely practiced for health and relaxation benefits. It improves your heart, sleep and energy levels. Another relaxation method is anger/emotion control. Emotion management is essential for calming your mind. It is impossible to avoid struggle, but we need to understand that pain is normal and there is no reason to hide it. Meditation is an action of when an individual practices the use of mindfulness and attention towards a certain thought or object. This can help with reducing levels of stress and anxiety.

Yoga

There are various yoga poses to help you with your mental stability. Doing them daily will boost your flexibility and muscle strength. One pose is called the Balasna (baby pose). Get down on your knees, keeping your spine straight, slowly bend forwards until both your thighs are touching your chest. Now stretch your arms forwards with your palms down on the floor. Stay in this position for about 30-35 seconds. Rise up slowly and breathe in and out a few times. This pose can help with hip joint muscles, balance and stamina. Best of all, it helps with blood circulation and tones the muscles around the hip, ankles and thighs. Practicing this regularly will relieve stress in your muscles and boost your energy. There are various poses that will help with stress and muscle strength, this was one of them.

Emotional Control

We've all felt anger and emotions that are hard to control. These emotions are completely normal, but they sometimes can cause grief and depression because we feel very isolated. There are multiple ways to relieve these emotions without damaging other people. Anger can get out of control and turn destructive, it can lead to problems—problems at work, in your personal relationships, and in the overall quality of your life. This can be avoided using simple methods that you might have been hearing your whole life. Think before you speak. Once you're calm, express your anger by talking about your feelings, get some exercise, take a timeout, identify possible solutions, stick with 'I' statements, don't hold a grudge, use humor to release tension. These are all good ways to let anger out without harming others but the worst way to let anger out is to scream at others, deny the truth and blame your mistakes on others! Never do this! It will be tempting to release yourself like this, but it is

unhealthy for you and the people around you. In all, emotion control and anger control can be resolved no matter what. Don't give up because life ebbs and flows and you will get through this hard time.

Meditation

Have you ever felt extreme levels of stress and anxiety? Meditation is here for you and easy to accomplish anywhere. Meditation is an ancient practice that is believed to have originated in India several thousand years ago. Although meditation is tied to religious teachings, meditation is less about faith and more about altering consciousness, finding awareness, and achieving peace. The five most popular meditation practices are-mindfulness meditation, spiritual meditation, focused meditation, movement meditation, and mantra meditation. These practices require different skills and mindsets that aren't made for everyone, but you can try finding a comfort zone in these skills. Mindfulness meditation-Mindfulness originated from ancient eastern and Buddhist teachings and goes back around 2500 years. The concept of mindfulness was introduced to the western world by Jon Kabat-Zinn. Pay attention to your thoughts as they pass through your mind. Do not judge the thoughts or become involved with them. You simply observe and take note of any patterns. This type of exercise is good for people who don't have someone to guide them through hard times. Focused meditation-Focused meditation involves concentration using any of the five senses. For example, you can focus on something internal, like your breath, or you can bring in external influences to help focus your attention. Try counting, observing a pacing object or staring at a candle flame. This practice may be simple in theory, but it can be difficult to focus for longer periods of time. If your mind suggests wandering, it's important to come back to the practice and refocus. As the name suggests, this practice is ideal for anyone who requires additional focus in their life. Using these techniques can benefit your social and mental emotions. Try them, and you will see extreme benefits in your health.

Managing yourself is a hard challenge to overcome. Make sure your body is healthy, use yoga stretches to relax and tone your muscles. Control your feelings using simple steps and don't involve others in your emotions. This will affect you and the person you're confronting. You will face horrible things in life that just need to be avoided at all cost. Try to consume more positive comments and don't run away from problems. There is always a solution to everything and meditation is here for you. Stay healthy and positive.

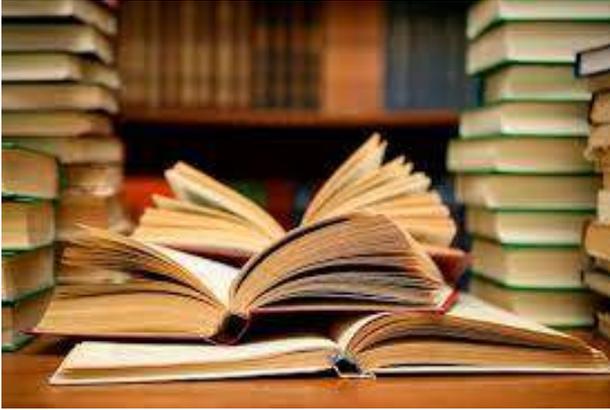
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The Importance of Reading

By: William Lau



Reading is very important. It opens up a whole new world full of mystery, wonder and even magic. Reading also opens up an advantage in ELA. Reading has so much to offer. It even opens a whole new level of vocabulary words.

Reading is so important. It can help give you an advantage in ELA. For example when you read you can try to figure out the main idea of a chapter or page and doing this a lot will make it easier to find main ideas which are essential for ELA. In addition to that reading can help you find themes much easier which is also essential in ELA.

Reading isn't just to help your ELA skills. You can also read for pleasure. For example when you read you can get transferred to a whole new world where you can do anything you want. If that isn't enough when you read you can obtain so much information that can help you on your test and this is important because getting a 100 on your test will surely make you happy.

Reading can also help your vocabulary skills. For example when you read you can memorize words that you might have trouble with thus helping your vocabulary skills. In addition to that if you can't understand a word with context clues you can go to the glossary to find the word you were having problems with. You can also use context clues to figure out the meaning of words.

In conclusion, reading is so important. It can help your ELA skills by making it easier to find the main idea, theme and many more things. It also is insanely fun to read because it sends you to a whole new world. Last of all, reading can help your vocabulary and don't forget to use the glossary and internet.

There are many reasons why you should read. Such as because reading non-fiction books can teach you so much about a certain topic. Another reason why you read is because when you're having a bad day reading sends you to a new world where there are no troubles. Sometimes you can read to get an advantage or when you're falling behind on a subject. While you're reading for all those reasons your brain memorizes all those words you read making your vocabulary skills better. Reading can also keep you out of trouble. When you are about to do something you shouldn't you should read a book and calm yourself down.

Principal's Corner:

Principal's Message

Hello everyone!

One of my most favorite things in the world to do is write. I also like to read because I learn so much through exploring the authors and books that I immerse myself in. Therefore, I receive every edition of "The Voice of IS 303" with anticipation and excitement. Our student leaders have so much to say and are so smart! I also love that the mission statement of our school newspaper transcends informing solely our school community. Our reporters, journalists, writers, and photographers want to inform our community and beyond!

I very much look forward to receiving and reading each one of the editions of "The Voice of IS 303". With every article, I get to know my students more and more. Through their writings, I also learn about our student body and school community. I guarantee that as you peruse through each section of our school newspaper, you will find an array of diverse topics which will appeal to all: students, staff, and families within our school community. I invite you all to read and enjoy what our school newspaper offers. In addition to so many interesting articles, we also have an Advice Column which I enjoy too. I hope you will enjoy reading.

I hope you enjoy this issue of our school newspaper as much as I did.

If you share a class with any one of the contributors to the paper, please thank them and share with them particularly what you liked about their submission.

On my end, I'd like to thank all our student contributors and of course their wonderful facilitators: Ms. Harris and Ms. Perez. Bravo to all for a job well done!