

The Buzz

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ECONOMY: Bitcoin: The New Cryptocurrency

By Sameen Abbasi 6B1



Bitcoin has gotten the world crazy as it has become the new cryptocurrency and money trend of 2018. Wait, hold up: it's not real money; it's online. Kids, better listen up because you can buy Xbox games! I mean, how cool is that? Well, I still need to fill you in on the facts (though buying Xbox games using Bitcoin is a fact.)

The creator of this mad invention is the one and only Satoshi Naka-

moto, but that is not his real name; it's his alias. So you get a BitCoin, and you wait and hope that it's value will go up so you can buy stuff like furniture from Overstock.com. But only some websites accept it. You can also sell your BitCoin, send it, trade it, all that good stuff. You store your BitCoins in a digital wallet on your computer, but there is also a downside.

You can get hacked because when you buy stuff, your server can give away your wallet ID. Though, other than that it is completely anonymous. The logo is a gold coin with the initials BTC on it which stand for the legendary

BitCoin. Governments are also concerned about not being able to have full control over people using it. But before you take this into account, you have to pay for a Bitcoin first.

Yes. The price changes all the time. At the time I am writing this, the value of one BitCoin is \$14,845.56. But maybe when you are reading this right now in your classroom it might have changed. I can guarantee it will still be in the ten thousand to twenty thousand range. If you have that money on you currently (you're pretty cool and rich if you do in my opinion), you can buy BitCoins. Happy spending!

ENTERTAINMENT: "Splatoon 2" Makes a Splash

By Samuel Gagliardi 6B5



If you own a Nintendo Switch System and love shooter games, "Splatoon 2" is the game for you. Whether you're new to the game or are a pro at it, you should get it. The fresh new sequel to the popular shooter game introduces new game modes, a new location, new gear and weapons, and much more.

If you're unfamiliar with the game, here's some quick info. You play as an Inkling, a species of creatures that can transform from a kid to a squid and back. All Inklings are

crazy for the ever-popular Turf War. You lay down your team's colored ink using your weapons in this 4v4 mode. You have to cover the most turf with ink to win.

Swim in ink as a squid and shoot ink as a kid! When you reach a certain level, you can compete in Ranked Battles, which give more competitive modes for serious players. Inkopolis Square, the new nerve center for Inking culture, holds many things to do. Play offline story mode and splat down enemies.

Play local multiplayer in the Shoal. Work shifts of Salmon Run, where you fend off three waves of "Salmonoids" and bosses to get Golden Eggs and meet the quota for each wave. Buy fresh clothes and weapons in the Galleria,

the shopping mall where you can get the freshest gear around, and so much more!

Splatoon 2 is a great game with lots to offer!



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HOW TO: Create Mason Jar Love Notes

By Sinar Chen 7B1

Materials:

- Mason Jar
- Colored paper
- Writing utensil
- Decorating supplies

Steps:

- Cut the colored paper into foldable pieces
- Write different reasons why you love your family, friend, etc.
- When your done, fold them in half and place in a jar
- DECORATE! Add some ribbon or stickers to the Mason Jar

TEAMWORK MONTH!

02/02	Sports Jersey Day
02/12	Academy Color Day
02/13	Fashion Disaster Day
02/14	Valentine's Day
02/15	Throwback Day
02/16-02/25	No School

EDITORIAL: Q&A with School Librarian Mrs. McManus

By Pedro De la Cruz 7B1

Q: What are your “trapped on a desert island” books or movies?



A: I enjoy reading Beach Music and watching “Fried Green Tomatoes.”

Q: What can you cook to perfection?

A: A Hamburger Stroganoff.

Q: What is your dream vacation?

A: I would love to bike around Provence, France, and eat lots of cheese and bread.

Q: How do you remember all of your students’ names?

A: I try to connect them with something cool.

Q: What differences do you see in your morning classes versus the afternoon classes? **A:** During the afternoon the kids have more energy and in the morning

they are quiet.

Q: What is your favorite dish from the cafeteria?

A: Ice Cream Day on Thursday!

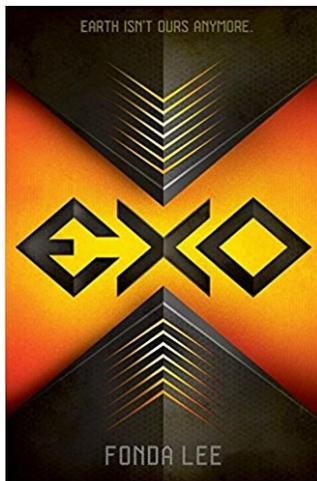
ENTERTAINMENT: “EXO:” A Peaceful Invasion

By Dante Alexander Cedo 6P1

Fonda Lee’s “EXO” is a sci-fi novel that puts an interesting spin on alien invasion stories as a whole. In “EXO”, the aliens, or the Zhree, have already won, and are allies of humanity. But some fringe elements, known as Sapi-ence, believe that the Zhree are subjugating humanity, and that humanity should become the dominant species once again.

The main character is Donovan Reyes, a person with an exocel, a series of implants that can pour metal all over his body, allowing him to

“armor up”. But enough spoilers! On amazon.com, buy the paperback version for \$9.99 or listen to it for free during your trial as an audio book!



ENTERTAINMENT: Nintendo LABO: The DIY Console!

By Joaquin Jumarito 6B5

Nintendo strikes again with a new invention of theirs, and this time it’s only cardboard! With your Nintendo Switch and their new invention, LABO, you can “make, play, and discover!”

Just take their LABO cardboard and build a piano or a motorbike, then add life to it with your Nintendo Switch. It will even let you do a recital or catch a fish! You can pre-order the Nintendo LABO variety set with the piano, fish-

ing rod and the motorbike for \$69.99, but there is also a Nintendo LABO robot kit with pieces of cardboard that can piece together your robot suit and become one with your Nintendo Switch for \$79.99, at labo.nintendo.com.



FOOD: Valentine’s Day Chocolate Strawberries Recipe

By Brandon Sacta 6N3

Chocolate strawberries can be a delicious treat, but when it is holiday themed it can be better. To make this delicious treat, you first have to get fresh strawberries and then you should clean the strawberries and your hands.

After that, you melt some baking chocolate which can come in a variety of colors, but I recom-

mend you use pink and red since it is Valentine’s Day themed. When you have melted your chocolate, take your strawberries from the tip and dip it in the melted chocolate.

With the chocolate covered strawberries you can dip that in some colorful sprinkles that can be shaped like hearts, crystals or just plain red and pink sprinkles.

Additional tip: you can use some of melted pink or red chocolate and spread it on the strawberries in many different patterns. With

the decorated strawberries, you can lay them on a tray and let them dry. After they have dried, they are ready to be given to your valentine!



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