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Exploring The Universe - Noah Burton



Space, the vast expansive void outside our planet. We've barely scratched the surface of it, but that is about to change as the company SpaceX

is going to Mars. Founder and CEO of SpaceX, Elon Musk's mission is to make humans multi-planetary.

So how is Musk going to do this you might ask? He wants to make space travel like flying in a plane, which he has already done with reusable rockets. The reusable rocket was made to send a rocket into space, and land it back on Earth in one piece. This is an incredible discovery because now we won't have to make new rockets every time we launch one. Elon Musk responds well by saying that if new planes had to be built every time you wanted to fly, not many people would want to because it would be

too expensive. By being able to reuse the rockets, that will cut the cost to produce them and the only thing we would have to do would be a maintenance check to make sure that the rocket will be ok and ready to take off again. If you liked this article, in the next issue we will get more in-depth on the reusability of the rockets and Starship.

Students Petition To Wear Caps at Graduation - Taylor Boucher

At middle school graduations many schools wear caps. As for Preston Plains Middle School it is a very different story. A few years ago Preston stopped giving their



students caps as it was a budget problem. One student Taylor Boucher talked to her mom

about it and she volunteered to pay the cost for all the students caps. Taylor and her

mom have been doing a lot of research and found caps that are eligible for Prestons colors and they are only \$11.00 per student. Many websites say that they are \$500 but if you do research you will be able to find sites that have special pricings. Many students agree that the graduating classes should have caps. A graduation cap symbolizes that you have worked hard in order to get where you are. Your graduation day is very special because it is a big step in a child's life. The tradition of wearing a graduation cap and gown date back all the way to the late 1800s. The first schools that have been recognized for wearing the cap and gown are Oxford and Cambridge. Many schools, after seeing how unique they looked, started to go along with them. Eventually it transferred into highschool and not just colleges/ universities. Very recently, it made its tradition to middle schools and elementary schools. I believe that we should keep this tradition in our school. Many surrounding schools have cap and gowns such as Montville, Franklin and many others. It may be a little pricey to keep the tradition going, but if you look at the wrong website. Sometimes when you do research, about the caps you have to do more than just looking online, you can look at magazines or other sources. If you do the right research you will find the correct prices. I believe that all students should get the chance to grow up and have a chance to remember the small things in life, such as graduation. It is a very important part of a young adults life, we should keep the tradition going.

Should Pluto be considered a Planet? - Jake Martens

For 13 years, Pluto has been considered a "dwarf planet," but today people question whether Pluto's planet status be returned. What do you think? Please show your opinion on Pluto's position by filling out a ballot and putting it in the envelope taped to Mr. Pickett's door (one per person).



***Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (2019)* - Andrew Pappa**

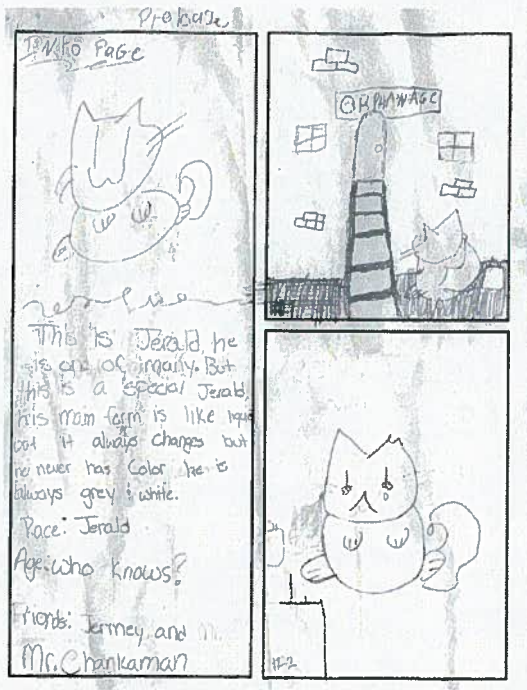
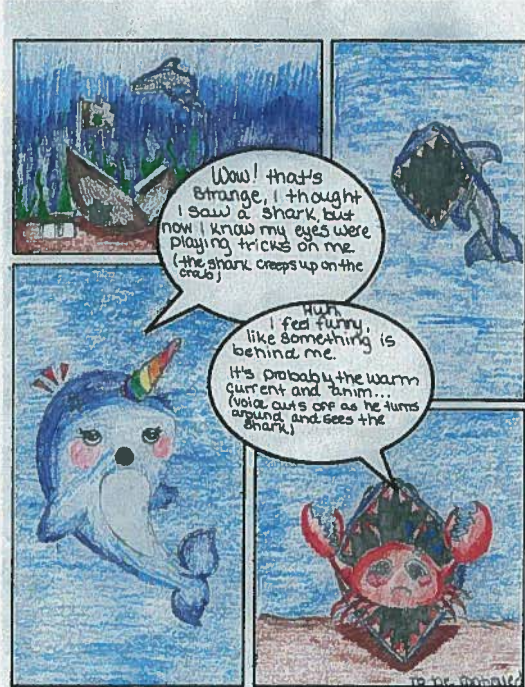


This was a new movie from Disney. I think it could've done a little bit better, but I like it nonetheless. This movie had a more interesting plot then I expected. It has a much less complicated storyline than I thought. Overall, I would say that the movie has a lot of parts that catch your attention, and some parts that really aren't as active and you lose interest quickly. Even though the movie could've been done better, I still recommend the movie for a family movie night.

Also, this movie may not be that interesting for kids in middle-high school. This movie is more for the younger kids. But, before you watch this movie, I would watch the first movie that came out,

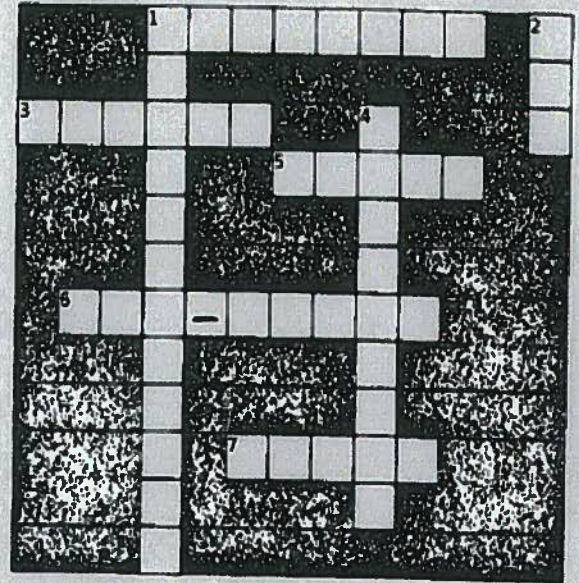
"Maleficent". But still, you'll enjoy it anyways.

Comics - Adriana



Puzzles - Rylee Snyder

Food
By: Rylee Snyder



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| <p>Across</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 What do you eat when you want to eat rainbows? 3 (is a candy) you give this to your rabbit 5 Exercise, I thought you said extra _____ (rhymes with exercise) 6 We all scream for _____! 7 a/n _____ a day keeps the doctor away | <p>Down</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 You are the straw to my berry. What am I? 2 What am I? Look on the sunny side. 4 What am I? I stand tall, have a crown, and is sweet on the inside. |
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