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The Super Bowl **Cora. K**

After a total blowout NFC Championship game won by the Eagles, and an extremely close AFC Championship game won by the Patriots, they were the only teams left standing. On February 4th, 2018 the 52nd Super Bowl was played in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Before the game, the National Anthem was sung by Pink. The coin flip went in favor of the Patriots. Some of the biggest plays made by the Eagles in the first half were a great catch at the 21 yard line by Alshon Jeffery, and a touchdown where the ball was caught by Nick Foles. The Patriots had their times too, with a crazy play where Tom Brady actually tried to catch the ball and didn't and an interception by Duron Harmon near the Eagle's end zone. The halftime show was performed by Justin Timberlake and he sang his best song. After the show, the Eagles and Patriots came back onto the field. Both teams came back out with a strong intent to win. There was a touchdown made by Rob Gronkowski in the very beginning of the third quarter, followed by a touchdown from the Eagles. The Eagles came back with a touchdown in the fourth quarter by Zach Ertz. The score ended 41-33, Eagles. The Eagles won Super Bowl 52! Congratulations to the Philadelphia Eagles!

The Origin Of Valentine's Day **Reese G.**

A Catholic priest named Saint Valentine started Valentine's Day in the 3rd century. Most Romans were converting to Christianity, but the Emperor of the Romans was a pagan and created a law stating that Roman soldiers could not marry Christian girls. Saint Valentine secretly married them because he believed in true love. He was imprisoned for doing so and later executed. It wasn't until 200 years later that Valentine's Day was official. The Pope made this day on February 14th and called it Saint Valentine's day where they had a feast. Soon, people started sending cards to their loved ones on Valentine's Day to show their affection. That's when it became a holiday of love.

The Greatest Showman **Rowan. S**

What is it about movies that make them so appealing? Is it the eye-catching visuals or stunning story? For my peers and I, we think a good movie must have a nice story, music, visuals, and characters. One of our favorites is *The Greatest Showman*, a newly released movie that came out in 2017. It has all of the qualities previously stated and more. So next time you watch a movie think about what makes a movie fun to watch for you.

Red Velvet Cupcakes **Kiley X. and Tea G.**

Strawberry Ingredients:

- Strawberries
- Sprinkles
- 1 bag chocolate chips
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 2 tbsp. milk

In a saucepan, melt the butter and chocolate chips together. Stir constantly to prevent burning. Add in milk. Dip strawberries in chocolate mixture and roll in sprinkles. Place on cookie sheet lined with parchment or wax paper.

Cupcake Ingredients:

- 8 tbsp butter
- 1 ½ c sugar
- 2 eggs
- 5 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- 6 tbsp red food coloring
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 c buttermilk
- 2 c & 4 tbsp flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 5 tsp white vinegar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line large muffin pans with paper liners. Cream together the butter and sugar, then add eggs. In new bowl, mix cocoa powder, food coloring, and vanilla. Add to butter mixture. Stir in buttermilk and flour, then baking soda, salt, and vinegar. batter into muffin pans and bake. Set for 10 minutes before removing from tray and cool completely before frosting.

Frosting:

- 1 c butter, softened
- 16 oz cream cheese, softened
- 7 c powdered sugar
- 4 tsps pure vanilla extract

In a separate bowl, beat together the butter and cream cheese. (The longer you beat the frosting, the fluffier it will become.) Add in sugar and vanilla. Stir until completely smooth. Frost cupcakes with piping tip and top with chocolate covered strawberry. Enjoy your dessert!

DIY Mason Jar Candle Holders

Jillian. G

These do-it-yourself mason jar candle holders are perfect for Valentine's Day, but can also be used year-round as a home decoration. Here's how to make this great gift:

Materials:

- mason jar
- paint and/or glitter (I actually used glitter paint)
- glue (if using glitter)
- ribbon/string (optional)
- X-acto knife

Steps:

- Print a picture or use cookie cutters to make stencils for the hearts on your candle. Trace onto masking tape and cut out.
- Stick your masking tape hearts onto the mason jar.
- Paint your jar, using 1-2 coats of paint.
- Let dry, then *carefully* use your X-Acto knife to cut along the masking tape, and peel off.
- Put a candle inside!



Ivory Ella Chloe T. and Samantha H.

Elephants are one of the most endangered species in the world. With increasing human population, human settlements create barriers in the wild which makes it hard for the elephants to find water and food. It also separates elephant groups, decreasing breeding chances. Humans also hunt elephants for their ivory, killing the elephants in the process. These are the main reasons why the elephant population is going down in numbers. Ivory Ella is a clothing company that helps protect and save elephants by donating 10% of their annual profit to

saving elephants. They make different shirt designs and other clothing options.

They also recently expanded their business to room decor and other things. Elephants are amazing creatures that feel some of the same emotions we do! Help support the cause, before the elephants disappear forever.



POETRY CORNER

They Say

By Leah F.

They say love sounds like a bell.
Softly it rings at first,
just loud enough to recognize.
Slowly it grows
until you are completely engulfed,
deafened, even.
Like you are sitting in a theater,
harmony wrapping you up,
in high-definition.
They say it's wonderful,
that it opens a door
to a world of light,
a world of color.
That nothing can compete,
nothing can describe it.
They say you'll never understand,
until you do.
Until that point,
all you can do is imagine.

This Year's Flu Strain Kailash. P

The numbers are huge: 49, 53, but only if you look at it from the flu perspective. There are 49 states reporting high flu activity, and 53 children have already *died*. Long story short, the flu is *really* bad. The most common flu strain this year is the H3N2 strain, which has proved deadly. States are reporting that only 17% of immunizations work. This means that you can get the worst flu strain seen in years even if you got a flu shot. The flu is most common in school, because of kids. Let's face it, most kids are nasty and germ ridden. Because of this, the schools are getting hit hard. Lots of schools have had to cancel classes, defeating the purpose of learning. Which means that the flu is an obstruction of learning, just like a bully might be. As you know, or *should* know, the best prevention is washing your hands, and taking care of your body when you *are* sick. Germs can transfer to you in wet conditions in less than one second, which disproves the 5 second rule. The bathroom is the most disgusting, dirty place in a school. I was in the bathroom last week, and the paper towel dispenser had not been resupplied. I touched the stall doors, the faucet handles, *and* the soap dispenser and thought that I was clean because I washed my hands. Since there were no paper towels, I touched the paper towel dispenser about fifty times, and the hand dryer. By not resupplying paper towels, I believe our school added to the flu problem. In conclusion, we all need to work together to fight the flu. Kids need to wash for a full 20 seconds. We need to stay clean, and keep our stuff clean. Seriously. Kids need to wash their hands, and the school should keep the bathroom well-stocked. End of story.

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