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Bluehawks in The News



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Some P.S. / M.S. 146 Programs!

By Luna Zhuo and Emily Walsh

Have you ever wondered how many programs there are in P.S./M.S.146? There are many, but two specific programs are N.Y.Edge and the Robotics Club. N.Y.Edge is an after school program for all of the students up to 5th grade. The students do many activities such as theater! The Robotics Club is run by Ms. Romeo for the 5th and 6th graders.

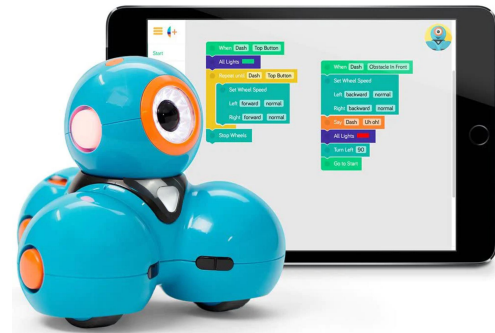
N.Y.Edge is the after school program that all elementary school students can go to! Currently N.Y.Edge is doing a *Frozen* play with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders of P.S./M.S.146. *Frozen* is being directed by Miss Francesca, the programs drama teacher. This play is going to star

a 5th grader named Shantel as Elsa and a 4th grader named Savanna as Anna. Though this play has just started, the students have been working very hard! If you ever see a 5th, 4th, or 3rd grader from N.Y.Edge in the hallway you should congratulate them on all of their hard work!

The Robotics Club can hold 12-15 students and involves technology. The students use electronic robots called *Dash Bots* that they can control with IPads. The students also build different Lego creations of robots and other technology related objects. The students have fun using technology. Kevin, a 5th grade student shared with us, 'I like the

dash basketball because of all of the different angles you can use to shoot". The robotics club is super interesting, you should think about trying it!

There are so many programs to participate in at P.S./M.S.146! All of them are so much fun! Which one is your favorite?



Puss In Boots: The Last Wish Movie Review

Overall rating: 4.7 stars out of 5 stars

By: Kevin Zhou and Raymond Chen

Remember the legendary Puss in boots that you might have watched in 2011? Well he's back and this time, he lost eight of his nine lives! He embarks on a dangerous journey to find the wishing star that'll grant him all of his lives back! Along his way, he meets other fairytale characters that also are competing for the wishing star. Will he get all of his lives back, or will he perish and be forgotten forever?

What Flaws are There?

By: Kevin Zhou

I would give this movie 4.6 stars. My favorite character is Death because his clothes really fit his personality. The movie has really good scenes with well made lighting, characters and motion! I would recommend this movie to my classmates because it is both an entertaining and action packed movie with some conflicts throughout. However, there were not a lot of plot twists and that is what brought my rating down to 4.5 stars.



Great, But is it Long Enough?

By: Raymond Chen

I would rate *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish* 4.8 stars. The plot and story were great, the animation could rival *Spider Man into The Spider Verse*! Compared to the original, this movie seems like a whole different movie! Dreamworks really did a great job with the animation, design, and characters. The only reason that the movie isn't 5 stars is because personally, I think the movie felt a bit short compared to other movies. Nevertheless, I would definitely recommend the movie to friends and families!

HOT NEWS!

By Ava Turano and Mia LaSala



On February 12th, 2023 it was the 57th Annual Super Bowl! The two teams competing in the game were the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles. They battled it out on the field at the State-Farm Stadium in Arizona! Did you know this is the 4th time the Super Bowl was being placed there?

Kelce brothers, two brothers Travis and Jason, played against one another. Travis plays for the Kansas City Chiefs and Jason plays for the Eagles. They were seen embracing each other on the field. In addition, Travis & Jason Kelce are the 1st brothers to play against each other in a Super Bowl! Their mom rooted for both of them by wearing a jersey that represents both of their teams!

Rihanna performed this year's Super Bowl halftime show! She was wearing a red fiery outfit, dancing and singing at the same time. During the show, she says that she is on baby number 2 after twister speculations about her pregnancy. She said to her vogues "I would like to have more kids but whatever God wants for me, I'm here." Which all here proves that she is pregnant! Additionally, one of her backup dancers was not following the correct choreography on the stage! She was doing some random TikTok dance. Over 100's of people caught it live. Did you notice that?



Where do you think next year's Super Bowl will take place? Do you think the Kelce brothers will be playing each other again? As you can see, this year's Super Bowl was something!

Let's Get Fit in P.S./M.S. 146

- The school currently has a middle school boys basketball team and a girls volleyball team (*Grades 6-8*).
- Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Manekas are looking forward to a middle school girls basketball team and a flag football team for girls in spring! (*Grades 6-8*).
- Soccer is coming back in September for grades 6-8! (*Co-ed*).

What sports/physical activities would you like to see at school?

The Physical Education Department will be recognizing individual students for the hard work that they demonstrate in class during each month. Students will be chosen that display positive influence on their class as a whole and have shown great leadership and sportsmanship during activities.

Keep up your great work in gym class!



2023, The Year of the Rabbit

By Nicolette Manero and Giulia LaSala



Fun Facts

People believe that certain numbers have different meanings. For example, 8 is a lucky number and 9 means you'll live a long life. Yet, the 4 is an unlucky number in their culture. There are also different meanings of food in Lunar New Year. Examples are- *lettuce*- wealth, *duck*-happiness, *long noodles*- long life, and *cookies*- a special treat for all hard work. Do you know any other fun facts?

New Year

Lots of people do multiple things to get ready for the Chinese New Year. They get brand new haircuts and clothes. Families clean all over the house, so that it's not dirty. They have huge feasts with big tables with their family. They all get to share plates.

Next time you will learn about the Animal Race! The Animal Race is when 12 animal's race each other, to get a spot for Chinese New Year. This year the mouse won, what animal do you think would win next year?



Black History Month

By Aaliyah Caban and Jayliah Bourdier

Black History Month is to draw attention to the contributions made by African Americans to the United States. It pays tribute to all Black Americans throughout American history. Did you know that Black History Month was set in February to celebrate the birthdays of two wonderful Americans who played an important role in shaping black history? People like Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, and Martin Luther King Jr are all very important people in history, but Black History Month isn't only for them. It's to show awareness to all African Americans!

Black History Month is important because it was created to focus attention on African Americans coming to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S history from enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th Century to

African Americans living in the United States. In 1926, Black History Month was only the second week of February. Then in 1976, as a part of the Nation's Bicentennial, it was expanded to a month.

Some fun facts about Black History Month are that people now celebrate/honor it by visiting museum exhibits, watching film screenings, and encouraging the study of achievements by African Americans all year-round.



Rice Whales

By Joseph McDonald

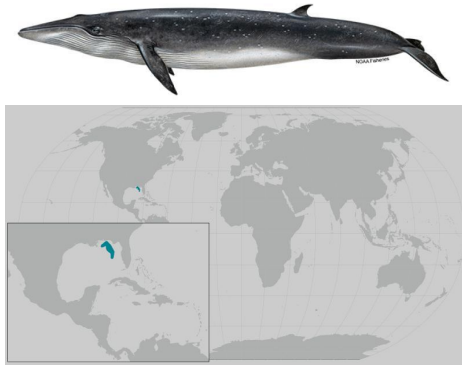
How Could the World's Newest Species of Whale Already Be Endangered?

Did you know that the Rice Whale that was discovered in 2021 off the Gulf of Mexico only has 33 whales left in its species? This endangered species is declining rapidly due to the rise of oil spills in the ocean. The Rice Whale also known as the Balaenoptera Rícei was originally found in the Gulf of Mexico, but now they can be found off the coast of Florida.

The Rice Whale's very small population size makes the animal more open to danger. The most significant threats they face are swimming in oil contaminated water, getting hit by a passing ship or boat, or getting entangled in fishing gear. Due to contaminated ocean water, the Rice Whale's food usually dies before being eaten. With such a small population size already, the death of one Rice Whale could damage the ecosystem and its recovery efforts.

A Day in the Life of a Rice Whale

Rice Whales take in large amounts of water and strain it through baleen plates that hang inside their mouths to catch their prey. They have throat grooves that expand while they eat in order to increase the amount of seawater, and prey, that they can ingest. During the day, Rice Whales could be found hunting near the bottom of the seafloor. They spend the majority of their time at night within 50 feet of the water's surface.



The blue part shows where the whales live.

How Do You Identify a Rice Whale in The Ocean?

The Rice Whale grows to be about 40 feet in length and weighs up to 30 tons. Rice whales are dark gray on top with a pink belly. Their head is the biggest part of their body which makes up about one quarter of its length. Their body is sleek and shiny, and their pectoral fins, which help them swim, are skinny and pointed at the tip. Their tail, which is called the fluke, is broad, and they have a pointed dorsal fin which helps them to swim straight, and not drown in the water.

March's Big Celebration!

By Miley Torres

What is Women's History Month?

Do you know why March is so important? March is the month where everyone around the world celebrates and acknowledges the accomplishments of women. This celebration was made to raise more awareness of the women who changed everything for their rights.

How Was Women's History Month Created?

Educators in Santa Rosa, California wanted to contribute to the women in history who made a huge difference in our world and lives. In 1978, a week was arranged for people to increase awareness on women's acts. Soon it was made into a month. Due to the unnoticed acknowledgments of the women who accomplished so much, the month of March was announced Women's History Month. Soon later other countries started to contribute to honor women and their achievements.

Facts About Women History Month

There are so many ways to learn more about women and the history they have made with our country. You can learn more by visiting a museum, watching a film screening, or reading different informative articles. Some people host events to raise awareness of women's history month, others post on social media.

On November 14th, 1990, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said at the 16th Annual Olin Conference, "As women achieve power, the barriers will fall. As society sees what women can do, as women see what women can do, there will be more women out there doing things, and we'll all be better off for it." This quote means that when women start to do everything that society thinks we can't, others will notice how much women can achieve.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Can you find all of the words in the word search?



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GOLD
GREEN
IRISH
LEPRECHAUN

LUCK
MARCH
POT
RAINBOW
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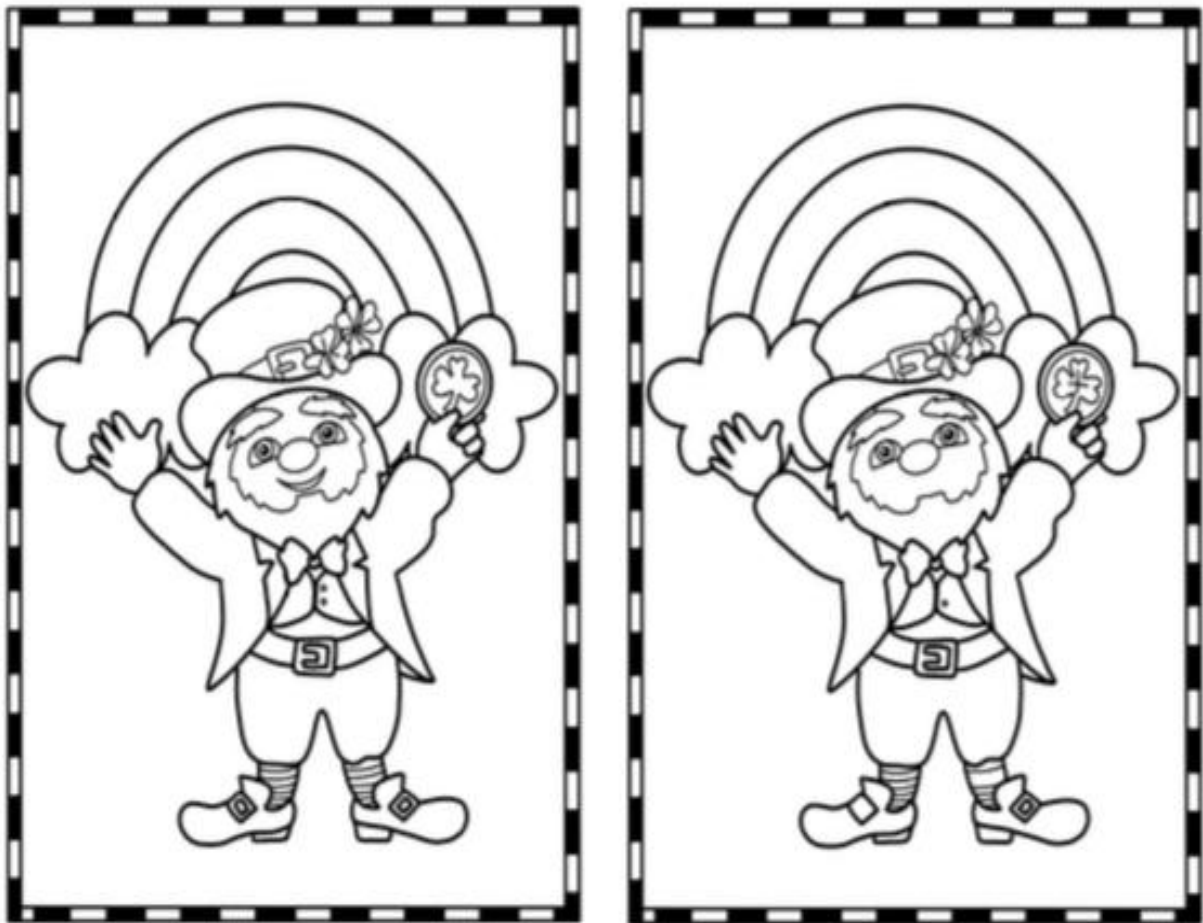
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St. Patrick's Day Spot the Difference

Can you spot the 5 differences?



After you found all 5 differences, color in your two leprechauns!

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