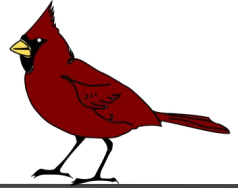


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BLACK HOLES

By: Gracie Cleaveland

Have you ever wondered about black holes?

Specifically how strong they are, how they are formed, or if they could destroy the Earth.

Well, in this article I have the answer to all three of those questions.

First, have you ever thought how close to a black hole you can get without it sucking you in it? A black hole's strength depended on matter being pressed into a small space making their gravitational pull. From the black hole's gravitational pull being so strong not even light itself can escape. Due to black hole's strength they can end a star's life.

Second, did the question ever come to your mind on how black holes are made? Black holes come from when a very massive star's center collapses onto itself. This not only makes a black hole but can also

make an exploding star or make a supernova, which is a ginormous explosion. According to NASA.gov, "Stellar black holes form when the center of a very massive star collapses in upon itself."

Thirdly and lastly, is if black holes can destroy Earth. Black holes do not just float around the universe absorbing everything. Like everything else in the universe they also follow the rules of gravity. Plus, even if a black hole with the same mass as the sun replaced the sun the planets would still orbit around it and not be sucked in. For short, the answer is no the Earth doesn't have any possibility of being destroyed by any black holes.

Those are the answers to how strong a black hole is, how black holes are formed, and if black holes could destroy the Earth. Hopefully that was useful to you and you enjoyed those facts.

All About Taylor Swift

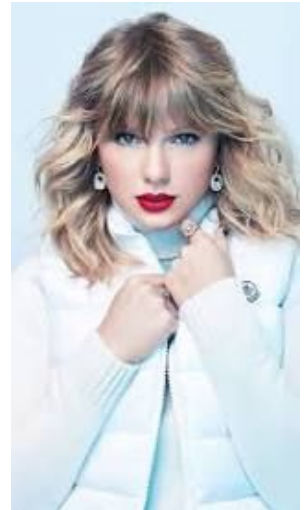
By: Nakinly Pryor

Taylor Swift is a pop singer that almost everyone knows and loves. Her songs are adored by all of her fans and her concerts sell out around the world.

Swift, whose full name is Taylor Alison Swift, had a normal childhood. She was born on December 13, 1989. According to Britannica, "Taylor Swift grew up on a Christmas tree farm in Wyoming, Pennsylvania." She was with her parents and her younger brother at the time. She wrote her first song, "Lucky You", when she was only twelve years old.

If she is not singing, she will be raising money for several causes that she cares about. Swift often does fundraisers for animals without homes. She also raises money for cancer research. Most recently, she has created the Taylor Swift Music Education Center for children to learn about music and culture.

Swift always finds unique ways to show her love and appreciation for her fans. Her current tour, called The Eras Tour, has taken her all over the world. This concert has also been produced as a movie. When Swift sings the song "22" she will give away her "22" hat to one person at every one of her concerts.



Swift's Eras Tour continues on May 9th in Paris and she will return to the U.S. for more concerts in October. Everyone expects that Travis Kelce, her boyfriend and Chiefs player, is going to the Eras Tour with her.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE OF THE FADING FAIRY

By: Kaylee Holm

In a land far far away there's a village full of dream fairies. Dream fairies go into kids' dreams to make the kids believe in the fairies. One day an ordinary blonde and tan fairy named Sparkles went into thousands of kids' dreams and became so popular that she thought that she was the best fairy ever, so she started being mean to a brunette pale shy fairy named Scarlet who was new here, and wasn't known very well. Sparkles was so mean to Scarlet that she made her run home, and cry.



One day when Sparkles went to go into a dream she was being mean to Scarlet and the kid saw that and stopped believing in her, her feet started to fade and her whole body slowly started to fade as well. Sparkles started to panic and yelled for the other fairies to get her out of the dream. As they helped her out, Scarlet had come back to Dream portals to see what the commotion was all about, and couldn't believe her eyes.

"What happened?" asks Scarlet.

Sparkles replies, " I was telling the other fairies how much of a wimp you are and I didn't realize I was in the kids dream and they saw it, so they stopped believing in me!".

FADING FAIRY CONTINUED...

Just as she said that every fairy flies away (even scarlet) , so they wouldn't fade away as well. Darkness started creeping in on Sparkles, so with all her might she flew to her house to get some rest, so she will have enough energy to figure out her problem.

When Sparkles woke up she struggled to fly to the mirror to see if it was just a dream, but when she looked in the mirror she saw that her shins had disappeared.

“AHHHHHHH” Sparkles shrieked.

She grabbed the phone that was by her mirror and called everyone in the village. Once Scarlet got the call she flew as fast as she could to Sparkles house to help her, but when she opened the door she found an empty room with only a shot that the fairy doctors give fairies to put them to sleep. Scarlet knew what to do; she needed to get kids to believe in Sparkles again.

Scarlet was off on her adventure to help Sparkles stop fading away, so she was off to the dream portal to get into the kids dreams.

“I'm so nervous,” thought Scarlet, but she went in anyway.

“Hello little girl I'm Scarlet and I'm here to tell you that Sparkles fairies on what not to do, and she would be really happy if you I go young one I will see you another day.” said Scarlet as she w

She was upset that she lied, but she was so glad that she t: without messing up.



The Doom of the Fire Kingdom

By: Lillie Steele

Flame, Tidal Wave, Hurricane, Ice, Rock, and Moonlight are looking for the Fire Kingdom. Hurricane had gotten them lost while hunting.

“Can we please land?” Hurricane asked. Flame agreed.

They don't know where they are until they see fire. As they flap their wings as fast as they can. As they fly, dragons start flying out of the kingdom. They wonder why there are so many dragons flying out until they find out the dragons flying out are earth dragons. They all race to the fire kingdom.

Flame told his friends to trap one of the earth dragons. After a few they came back with an earth dragon. They laid her on the ground and asked her questions. The earth dragon said her name was Tulip and she was forced to fight and that they all were. They said bye to King Firo who is Flame's dad..

“Bye who?” asked Flame and Tulip explained that it was the Queen Snowstorm.

“My mother!” screamed Ice. After asking questions they let her go. Ice wanted to know why his mom would do that. As they all fly Tidal Wave stops flying

“Now what?” asked Tidal Wave

“Now onto the Winter Kingdom,” said Ice.

Then they were off to the Winter kingdom.



Cell phones: Yes or No?

By: Elle McAfee and Kendyn Ralios

ELLE'S OPINION: Do you think kids should have cellphones in school? Well I do.

One reason that cellphones should be allowed in school is that they can help with safety and emergencies. In case of an emergency children can contact parents. They could also contact the police if the teacher is unable to. Students could also record or catch stuff on video as evidence of something happening, such as if there was an intruder. According to Life360, "Students can quickly alert

authorities or parents, saving valuable time."

Another reason that phones should be allowed in school is that students can download educational



The apps could improve their learning. They could download apps like Photomath, Duolingo, etc. Photomath helps with math problems that they don't understand. Duolingo helps with speaking different languages. There are many more educational apps or games that could help students who are struggling with any type of subjects.

Phones could make doing online homework a lot easier. Say a student has to leave for a few days, they will have no way to do online work at home. But if they get to u



use their phones in school they could easily do their online homework at home. Since we can't take chromebooks home we have no access to Study Island, Google Classroom, etc. So we can't do work that is on those websites. Also phones have access to more information that can improve children's learning.

In conclusion I think that cell phones should be allowed in school. Here were some of the reasons why I thought they should be allowed, safety and emergencies, educational apps or games, and It's easier to do homework online. Go tell your principal to allow phones in school!

KENDYN'S OPINION: Should schools allow phones during class? I think no.

The first reason kids shouldn't be allowed to use phones in school is because they're likely not gonna use it for studying. A second reason kids will also use

messaging apps to text each other mid class so they won't focus on the subject they're learning. Another reason is with the amount of resources on a phone they're bound to get distracted by something whether it be games or something completely different from what they're learning in class!

Some other reasons why are that it could interrupt class with the noises they get like notifications from the apps they have.



Parents like to check on their kids while they're in school every once in a while so imagine them repeatedly texting their kid during class to check if they're okay. Phones disrupt the studying you have learned by putting stuff that should be in your short term memory into your long and kicking out the stuff you learned.

Using phones hinders learning and that's

Don't Pay College Athletes

By: Hyrum Russo

Do you think college athletes should be paid? I don't think they should. Imagine you have been saving your money for your entire life to get into college and you find out that the reason it's so expensive is because the athletes get paid to be there.

First, if a University were to pay too much to the athletes they would have a money shortage. The money shortage would then affect the students who aren't athletes because they would have to pay more to stay at the college. According to the site Grand Canyon University, "If college athletes get paid other students would most likely have to pay more money to be in the academy."

Next, it could not be fair to some athletes that aren't as good because they won't get paid as much money. Some athletes that are better would get paid more than others because they could be older and have more experience. If the athletes with less experience get paid less there's a chance that they might not be able to afford to attend the university. The college athletes could be getting paid too much and the college will start to have money problems.



Finally, athletes getting too much money might cause them to worry about their money instead of what's happening in classes and to their grades. Another reason is that it might be hard for athletes because they could have trouble balancing money and things for school.

In conclusion, You learned an expert's opinion on why they thought colleges should not pay their athletes. If your college pays athletes, go to your Chancellor (principal for a college) and ask them to stop!

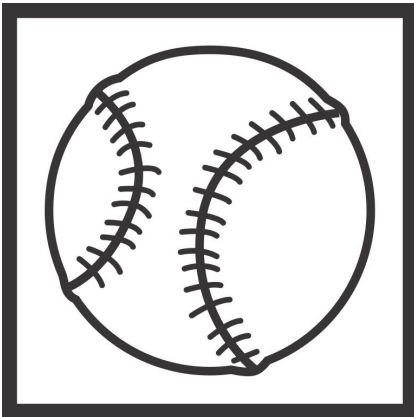
Middle School Softball

By: Bailey McCartney

North Andrew's softball team will soon be gearing up for the start of the season in the fall. Practices and conditioning will start this summer, with games beginning shortly after school starts.

These are tips on how to play the game. You need to be focused, keep your eye on the ball in the batter's box, follow all the way through when you throw, change your grip up, don't second guess your swing, swing with your hips, and make a pre-pitch.

The people on the NA softball team are Bradynn, Hilde, Presleigh, Olivia, Taylor, Zoey, Hadleigh, Hayden, Reese, Georgia, and Delaney. The coaches are Miss. Little and Miss. Knor.



When you are on the team you can hang out with your friends. One of my friends named Hilde said that you fit in well and you will get along with everyone. And my other friend Olivia said, 'You have so much fun, everyone on the team gets along.

The first game of the 2024 season will be after school starts next year. Hilde said that she is excited for softball to start. Olivia said she loves her teammates and is ready for the next game. They both seem really excited for next season.

Retiring Teachers

By: Brantley Gabriel

There have been teachers that have been here for a long time that are retiring. Here are some of them.

Mr. McDaniel, the superintendent, is retiring. He has been working at North Andrew for 6 years. Next year the person taking his place is Mr. Barker. Mr. McDaniel's wife, Mrs. McDaniel has been working here for 7 years as a teacher and 13 years as substitute teacher. This year she is the librarian. After she retires she wants to: babysit, travel, and work on her house and garden. Something that she is going to miss the most is the people. Mrs. Wheeler the 3rd grade teacher is taking her spot as the librarian.

Mr. Simmons, the PE teacher, is retiring after 20 years.. He has been working here since his kids were in school. The person taking his place is Mr.McDanel's son, Tanner McDaniel.

Although we are excited about the new teachers and staff joining our North Andrew family next year, we will certainly miss Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel, Mrs. McGrew, and Mr. Simmons.



FADING FAIRY CONTINUED...

Scarlet kept going in kids' dreams and telling them that Sparkles was doing a play for the fairies and IT WORKED!!!! Sparkles shins and feet came back, so she could go into dreams again. Sparkles wasn't mean to Scarlet anymore she actually became her best friend and there was no more best fairy. Fairies were treated the same and they lived happily ever after.

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Cell Phones continued...

a fact. If students are allowed to use their phone in school they would most likely cheat on their assignments not learning a single thing. Studies show that if you're on your phone too much it causes your grades to drop. Did you know that it takes over 20 minutes for someone's mind to refocus on a lesson once they use their phone? The UNESCO (United Nations Educational Research And Cultural Organization) said "schools should ban phones and parents should help," A recent study done by the UNESCO shows that countries who are more strict with phones being allowed in schools have seen an academic performance increase.

Those are the reasons why schools should allow phones! Go to your Superintendent and ask him to ban phones during class!