

Spartan Forum



## 8th grade Trip to DC What did I learn?

At the Vietnam Monument I was told that everywhere you step at least one soldier is looking at you. -Dominic V.

George Washington lived on Mount Vernon.—Anastasia P.

I learned that until FDR dies people did not know that he was

paralyzed. - Dino S.

I learned that the Washington Monument is a free-standing building. -Eva G.

I learned that if you look closely into the head of Lincoln on the Lincoln Monument you can see John Wilkes Booth. - Justin Z.

I learned that in the Lincoln Memorial, Lincoln's hands are symbolic of his determination and caring heart. -Nora Y.

I learned that Lincoln was shot at Fords Theatre but didn't die there. He dies across the street.—McKenna M.

I learned that any veteran can be buried in Arlington. -Joey P.

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# Weird News

## Outback Steakhouse in the Middle of an Insane Conspiracy Theory

Recently an anonymous twitter account noticed something odd about Outback Steakhouse. They notice that in the Outback restaurants near them are close enough to form a star. Since then the tweet has been re-tweeted more than 100,000 times. This started the intense investigation of the intentions of the popular steakhouse. As more people began to investigate the theory they realized the layout of many locations in several cities resembled a pentagram. A pentagram is a symbol used within wiccan practice and in ancient cultures. It is Mostly associated with the practice of Satanism in the U.S. This caused the twitter community to join together to find out what outback could be planning. Soon it got so out of hand the restaurant itself has intervened in the conversation. They responded with a bunch of jokes regarding one of their trademark foods, the blooming onion. In the end people realized they were

overreacting and it was just a coincidence and that with about 1,000 locations it's very likely



to create some weird shapes if you look close enough. Looks like the rumors are done (for now), but what a weird coincidence. Who knows maybe the restaurant is hiding something earth shattering.



# Movie Reviews

The Lego

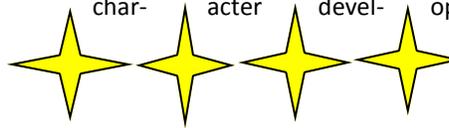
## Ninjago Movie

Andrew Gilbride & Josh Baitch



The Lego ninjago movie is about 5 lego ninjas on a quest to defeat a real life cat with the “ultimate, ultimate” weapons . The movie is targeted at young children. The movie has lots of action and humor. The problem of the movie is the story it doesn't have a lot

char- actor devel- opment, and the story is very dull and for that we give it



## The Maze Runner :The Death Cure

By Spencer Fiske and  
Nicholas Federico

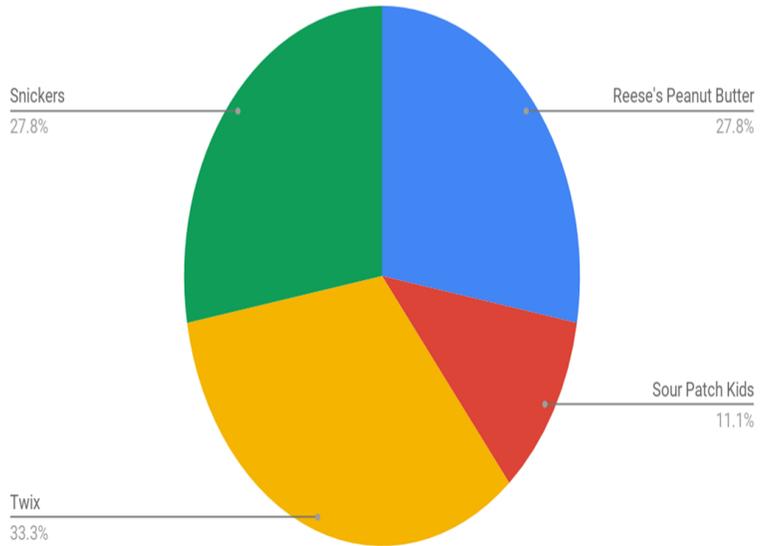
The Maze Runner series is a Action packed movies with a main character named Thomas. He figures out the meaning of the maze he was trapped in for weeks after he gets out. Thomas and his crew finds out what is going on in the real world in the second movie. They regret leaving the maze because Its a luxury compared to the outside world. The maze has trees, supply drops, fruit, and even animals what else can you ask for in a post apocalypse. In the outside world there is a deadly disease called the flare which creates you into a sprinting zombie, sort of. The world is fighting and is trying to cure the virus, but if they don't the whole world will turn



# Candy Survey

## By Alex Zayas

Points scored



In my survey of the candies Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Sour Patch Kids, Twix, Skittles, and Snickers, the candy bar Twix was the win with 5 votes. The Twix bar was introduced to the world in 1967 by Mars Inc. in its original wrapping as shown below.

The chocolate bar consisting of biscuit applied with other confectionery toppings and coatings, but the original was a biscuit, covered in caramel, and then coated in chocolate. The original can still be found now a day in your nearest Walmart, Cumberland Farms, or any place you by candy. There have been many Twix bar throughout the years but one had stuck around enough that the company made many commercials pinning the original against the Peanut Butter Twix. The

Peanut Butter Twix had been available from 1983 to 1997, then returned from 2000 to 2007, and then resurged in 2014 and are still around today. The candy bar is turning 50 this year and is still a fan favorite of all today.



# Fashion

By Roy Wright



This look is the year-round look for girls in middle school. This look comes in a look that never fades. From sweaters, to summer tees and so on, this look never seems to end. This look also comes in sizes from 0 to plus size for whoever. This look in the Fall and Winter times would best suit jeans. If your shirt is a lighter color, pair it with some contrast of a dark jean. In the Spring and Summer, pair your short sleeve cut with some jean shorts. For the footwear, year round, this could be paired with Adidas Superstars or some white converses for the Fall/ Winter look.



This nice collar shirt is stylish. Its nice and blue and has short sleeves and good for running. It has three nice buttons. It looks really nice with blue and black colors. It is good for warmer weather, or just hanging around the house.



It goes good with this nice of shorts. It's nice with pockets and gray. there good for running. Also good for summer and hot weather. Also they are good for hiking, running and almost any sport.



This nice pair of shoes is black and grey along with a touch of yellow. Good for any time of the year.



We suggest running , hiking or any sport that you might chose.

# Game/App Review

## Color Switch

By Anchal Bahel & Lyra Kann



Today we are reviewing the app Color Switch. This game was created by Fortafy studios. Color Switch has been download by about two hundred million people. This game was initially created for iPhones, Androids, etc.... Color Switch is age appropriate. The game is for ages 4 and up. But, really anyone can play it because there is not many mechanics to the game. It is simple, and entertaining with fun new game modes and challenges. This game is free on the app store and the Google Play store. In addition, some websites have created a way for one to play on a laptop, desktop, etc.. Some positive characteristics

about this game are: Every month or so, a new game mode is added to the game inspired by a current event or a popular item. An example is the boxing mode, inspired from the fight that Mayweather won. Other game modes are, the Rocket mode, Lava, Volcano, Punch, Slime... etc. Also, they have holiday-themed modes also. If you do not want to play a mode then you can also do regular mode. There are daily challenges and you can win stars. Stars can be used to buy a "character" the ball can be anything, they have animals, designs.. Etc. Also, you get to spin the wheel every four hours. You can either win different amounts of stars or you get a mystery character, which you can only get from spinning the wheel. Basically you have a colored ball and you have to move through the same colored bars. The colored bars can be any shape or size. The color of the ball switches colors after a while. Those bars can be any shape or size. Throughout the game you can collect stars to buy different items to play with besides a ball. Some negatives about the game are you have to update often and a lot of the time ads pop up when you enter the game and when you play the game can get repetitive after a while. Overall this game is very enjoyable, and everyone should have because it is fun, simple, and you do not even need internet if you downloaded the app.

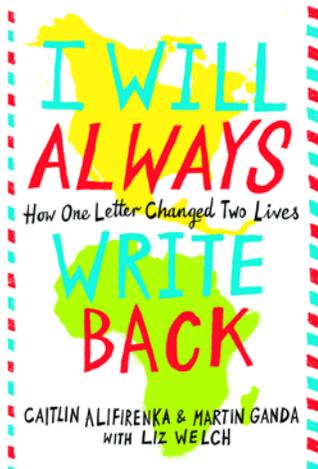
## Snapchat By Sabrina McGovern



Snapchat is a social media app that has swept the nation. This app has both pros and cons. Some pros is that it is harder to hack the server unlike other social media apps. Also you can talk to people that you haven't seen for awhile, for example, family members that live far away. But, there are also some cons in this app. Some people believe that it can become a distraction. Also parents are concerned that since a picture only shows for a certain amount of time, teens think they can get away with bad things because it is not permanent. With the new iOS update Snapchat is becoming more user friendly. There is now a search bar where you can search up another user or group chat so you can get to it in less time. Snapchat is downloaded for free. That is great for people who don't want to pay for an app. But on the downside, you can only download this app on a phone or a tablet. Overall this app is both good and bad.



## Book Review



### *I Will Always Write Back*

By *Karishma Bulsara and Mila Ditman*

In the book, *I Will Always Write Back*, you learn how a teenage girl impacted multiple lives. This book teaches

you how to help somebody in need, to appreciate the privilege and importance of going to school, and will help open your eyes to the outside world.

*I WILL ALWAYS WRITE BACK* is the true story about two friends that haven't met, but still are close. An American teen involved with drama involving friends and boys, while a Zimbabwean teen goes hungry daily and struggles to find the funds to stay in school. These two are pen pals, Caitlin, a typical American teenager, and Martin, a poor but incredibly bright and hard-working boy from Zimbabwe, Africa. Martin is struggling to get enough money to stay in school. His family barely has enough money to pay rent. Caitlin has no idea of what Martin is going through. She is oblivious to Martin's poverty and continuously sending him photographs and small gifts and expecting some in return. She doesn't mean it in a selfish way, but she does not know that Martin's family barely has enough money to eat or pay his school fees, much less buy stamps or even have a photograph taken.

As time goes on, Martin gets more desperate and feels the need to tell Caitlin his real situation. When Caitlin finds out she does everything she can like sending him her babysitting money to prevent his family from being kicked out of their apartment and not getting to go to school. As Martin's financial situation descends, Caitlin and her family increase their support, eventually changing both Martin's and Caitlin's lives forever.

When Caitlin sends him a dollar so he can see American currency, he can buy enough groceries to feed his family for two weeks. Martin is hesitant to disclose just how poor his family is but eventually opens up to Caitlin as his situation grows more desperate. Caitlin, with help from her tireless mother, ultimately changes Martin's life, as well as the lives of his family members. Martin, in return, opens Caitlin's eyes to the world outside her small rural town.

This book is a true representation of the power of friendship, charity, and many more inspiring acts of kindness. The next time you are looking for a book, read

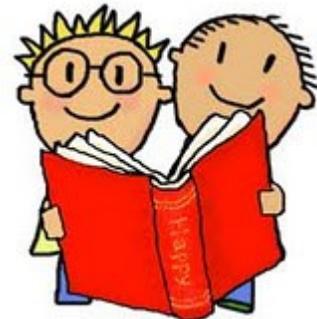
### *I Will Always Write Back.*



Reading left to right:

Caitlin Alfirenka,

Martin Ganda



## Pop News

By Angelina Marinko



Taylor Swift, American singer-songwriter, to launch her own social app for fans called, “The Swift Life.” The free app promises exclusive content, photos and interaction with Swift. She can see, like, and comment on photos. She will be launching her own set of emojis called “Taymojis.” The Swift Life is expected sometime in late 2017.

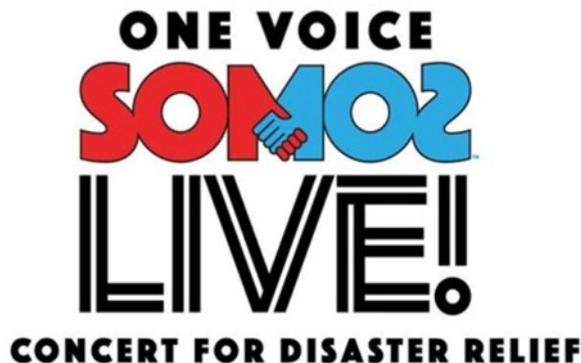
American Music Award nominations have been released. The nominees were announced October 12, 2017 on Good Morning



America. Bruno Mars is leading with eight nominations. This will be the 45th anniversary of the AMAs. The nominations were decided based on a combination of album and song sales, radio airplay, online streaming, touring, and social media activity. The winners will be decided by fans. The AMAs will be on November 19, 2017.



The iHeartRadio Jingle Ball Tour Lineup has been announced. The performers include Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran, Fifth Harmony, Kesha, Demi Lovato and more. They will be performing during select Jingle Ball shows throughout major cities this holiday season. Tickets go on sale to the public on Monday, October 16th.



Somos Live!, a concert for disaster relief to raise money for those affected by recent natural disasters, was held on October 14th in Los Angeles, California. Stars including Jennifer Lopez, Ellen DeGeneres, Demi Lovato, Selena Gomez and many more. Performances by Maroon 5, Bruno Mars, Demi Lovato, Gwen Stefani and more. The telethons proceeds will benefit several aid organizations.

## Pop News Cont....

By Wincy Lee



Nanase Nishino is a Japanese idol singer, model, and a member of the Japanese idol girl group Nogizaka46. Nanase Nishino's gentle character makes her one of the most popular members of Nogizaka46. She often sang solos and took the center stage for the super idol group's songs. The 23 years old Nanase Nishino currently serves as an exclusive model for non-no, a fashion magazine. She has appeared in many TV dramas, commercials, and events. Nanase Nishino has a regular spot in the Fuji TV variety show.

Nanase Nishino isn't described as the "standout member of the Nogizaka46" because she is quiet and modest and isn't the type who pushes others aside to make herself stand out. An example would be the way she reacted when she was offered her first film lead role. During an interview with The Yomiuri Shimbun (Japanese newspaper) she said, "I just felt so nervous because I didn't know if any other Nogizaka46 members would also appear in the film. However, as soon as I learned other members would be in it, I felt so

relieved."

Nanase Nishino stars as an honest high schools girl who grows through practicing a martial art that uses halberd-like poles called naginata in the movie Asahinagu. Asahinagu is a manga made by Ai Kozaki, has been in Big Comic Spirits magazine since 2011, and won the Shogakukan Mangasho (Japanese Publisher) award in 2014. This project which is based on the manga featuring different Nogizaka46 members as the main characters.

Nanase Nishino born in the Osaka Prefecture made her debut in 2012 while she was in highschool, after winning an audition for Nogizaka46's "first generation" members. In contrast to many other idol girls who shine brilliantly, Nishino is like a delicately flickering star. Nogizaka46 is known to have a large pool of good performers. With Nishino's humble presence as a leading member helps give others a chance to step into the spotlight, apparently.

In September 2016 since the "third generation" members joined, Nogizaka46 entered a new stage. Yuki Yoda, one of the newcomers) admores Nanase Nishino and they often work together. Nigemizu (Mirage), Nogizaka46's 18th single, was released in August 2017. Yuki Yoda and Momoko Ozono, another new member, were selected to perform in the center of the front row of the song. The single sold 1.01 million copies in Oricon's weekly rankings (Japanese corporate group) as of September 18, 2017. The second time Nishino and Shiraishi performed in the center and achieved 1 million sales.

The single with Nanase Nishino and Asuka Saito performing in the center of the song will be released in October 11. Featuring the theme song of the Asahinagu film called "Itsuka Dekiru kara Kyo Dekiru" (You can do it someday, so you can do it today). The first Nogizaka46 concerts at Tokyo Dome will take place Nov. 7 and 8.



## TV Shows Reviews

### **Fuller House**

By Rebecca Huang

#### History of Fuller House



Fuller House is a television show created by Jeff Franklin. It is a sitcom, or a situation comedy. The Jeff Franklins Productions worked with the Miller-Boyett Productions, in association with Warner Horizon Television. The origin of this show is in the United States, in English. The composers of this show are Jesse Frederick and Benett Salvay.

#### Actors

##### *Candace Cameron Bure*



Candace Cameron Bure is an American actress, producer, author and talk show panelist. She is outspoken and passionate

about her family and faith. She is known as “D.J. Tanner” from Fuller House to millions worldwide.

##### *Jodie Lee-Ann Sweetin*



Jodie Lee-Ann Sweetin is known for her role as Stephanie Tanner in the sitcom, Fuller House. She is an American actress, dancer, and singer. She had three husbands

but divorced with them after. She was also a drug addict, stating that the reason she turned to drugs was because she was “bored.”

##### *Andrea Barber*



Andrea Barber is an American actress, known for her role as Kimmy Gibbler in the sitcom, Fuller House. She had two children with Jeremy Rytky, but divorced with him later on. She was active as an actress from 1982-1995, 2012, and 2016.

By Owen Lee &  
Joeseeph Przybyloski



Rick and Morty is a show about a teenage boy named Morty and his Grandfather Rick, who has been missing for 20 years. Rick is a Sociopathic Scientist who makes interesting gadgets and travels through different dimensions with Morty. The iconic pair go on many adventures and get into lots of troubling situations. The show is based off the movie Back To The Future and Rick and Morty are supposed to resemble the main characters in the movie, which are Doc and Marty. The show is voiced by many actors, but the main voice actor is Justin Roiland, who plays the two main characters Rick and Morty. Dan Harmon and Justin Roiland are the co-creators of the show and at least one of them has voiced a character on every episode. The show announced that 11 million people tuned into the surprise season premiere and has over two million viewers per episode on all but one episode. The show has just finished their third season and are working on a fourth.

## Dear Help



Dear Help,

At school, everyone seems to have every new thing that comes out, like clothes, iPhones, cool hair, or shoes. My family doesn't have a lot of extra money to spend on things. Sometimes I feel like I'm nowhere near as cool as them!!!! What do I do?

Sincerely,

No Cool Stuff

Dear No Cool,

All the cool stuff is just a fad, and it will die down soon, and if you had the new stuff, you would probably get sick of it very fast. More importantly, it doesn't matter what sort of stuff you have. Having a good heart and being friendly and kind makes you cool, not the stuff that you have in your backpack or on your feet. If someone makes fun of you for not having the cool stuff, then they don't know what being the real kind of cool really means.

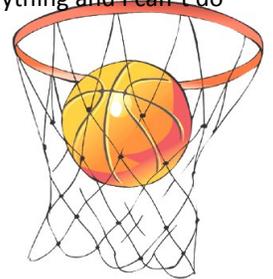
Good luck,

Dear Help,

My sister is way better than me at everything! Whenever I try something new, my sister comes along and does it ten times better than me! The worst part is, my sister is three years younger than me. She makes me feel like I'm bad at everything and I can't do anything. I just wish I was better than her at one thing! What am I supposed to do?

Sincerely,

Second Place



Dear Second Place,

Does your sister know how you feel about this? You can tell her how you feel and maybe she'll understand. Just believe in yourself and work hard to accomplish your goals. Tell your sister how you feel and maybe she won't try everything that you do and she'll be considerate of your feelings.

Good luck,

Dear Help

My best friend just told me the worst news. She is moving to California! I don't have any other good friends besides her and it's hard for me to make new friends. What are some things that I can do not to be so shy? Please help!

Sincerely,

Bye-bye Bestie

Dear Bye-bye,

First of all, definitely do NOT be mad at your best friend for moving away. It is even harder for her to move because she has to switch schools and she doesn't know anyone. It's probably not her fault she has to move. Maybe her dad got a new job, maybe she has family problems. In order to make friends, just be friendly and kind. Just make sure to keep in touch with your best friend