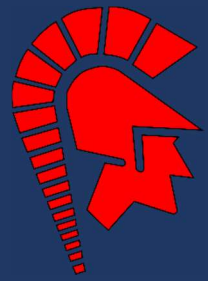


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Kayla Patrick used materials from around her home to create this recycled artwork.

News and Notices

Summer Book Checkout

Summer is almost here! It's the perfect time to relax with some good books.

Miss Zdrojewski is currently taking requests for summer book checkouts. Use our online library catalog to search for books you might like to read. Add them to a list, then save your list as a PDF and send it to Miss Zdrojewski by the end of the day this Friday, May 22.

This video will walk you through the steps:

<https://youtu.be/kQQ5y8wB4-Y>

Not sure what you want to read? Miss Zdrojewski recommends trying a new series. Here are some of her favorites available in our library:

Arlo Finch by John August (2 books, 3rd coming)

-Arlo joins a scout troop that battles magical creatures in between earning badges.

Jackaby by William Ritter (4 books)

-Sherlock meets Doctor Who and Supernatural in these historical fantasies.

Lockwood & Co. by Jonathan Stroud (5 books)

-Tween ghost hunters risk their lives protecting London from deadly spirits. Start with *The Screaming Staircase*.

Maximum Ride by James Patterson (8 books)

-Max and her family escape from the lab that created them as human-bird hybrids.

A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket (13 books)

-Three orphans struggle to stay alive as they're caught between two secret organizations.

Find these books and more on our catalog:

<https://swms.goalexandria.com/search#>

Persistence – Word of the Month

Our PBIS word of the month is “persistence.”

Persistence means the ability to stick with something. When you stick with something, even if it's difficult at first, you improve.

One strategy you can use to help develop your own persistence is breaking a task into steps and setting small goals to achieve those steps.

For example, I want to start a garden and trying growing vegetables, but I have never gardened before. Starting a garden seems like such a difficult job, so last year I gave up before I even started.

This year, I am making small goals. I made a list of things to do and I am checking them off one by one. One of my first tasks was to start seedlings in my garage. Now that those seeds have sprouted, I am excited to see my progress.

I have also asked for help and advice from friends who have more knowledge and experience with gardening. Asking for help when I need it is an important part of reaching goals.

Morning Announcements

Don't miss our school video announcements! Watch for them in your email and via social media every Friday!

Tech Troubleshooting

If you have any problems with your technology, like a broken stylus or your computer not working right, contact the SW Tech department at SWCSTech@swcsk12.org

Mystery Teacher

Can you guess the identity of these teachers based on these clues?

Mystery Teacher #8

This teacher's favorite ice cream is Let's Dough Buffalo.

His favorite season is spring. Why? It's the opening of baseball season!

When he was in middle school, he loved moving from class to class.

In his free time, he likes to sit by a campfire.

The farthest he has traveled is Europe.

He loves to travel in his camper.

If given the choice of going to the beach or mountains, he would choose mountains.

Who is it?

Think you know any of our Mystery Teachers?

Fill out the form here: shorturl.at/dN489

Guessing will enter you in a drawing for a Better World Books gift certificate, and you'll get an extra entry for each teacher you guess correctly. This is the last week to enter for this drawing!

All guesses must be in by Tuesday, May 26th at noon.

Mystery Teacher #7

This teacher's favorite ice cream is chocolate mocha. She loves the summer! She loves to be outdoors doing any activities!

She says, "I am definitely an SWCS alumni!! My greatest passion while at SWCS was being in all the musicals! I still enjoy performing at local theaters."

She can still do acrobatics, cartwheel, split, and fancy jump rope tricks.

She says, "I love the beach!!! Sand, sun, swimming and walking on the beach in the early morning with a cup of coffee!!"

Who is it?



Mystery Teacher #9

This teacher's favorite ice cream is Coconut Pineapple.

Her favorite season is fall. She likes the cool temperatures and the changing leaves.

When she was in middle school, she loved hanging out with friends.

In her free time, she likes to read and play golf.

The farthest this teacher has traveled is Hawaii.

She has lived in 5 states.

Who is it?

Mystery Teacher #10

This teacher's favorite ice cream is Salted Caramel.

Her favorite season is summer. She loves the heat and sun on her face.

When she was in middle school, she loved Home and Career class. She learned to make cream puffs and wrap skirts.

In her downtime, she loves to bake sweet treats. The farthest she has traveled is Greece.

You may not know that this teacher has a twin brother.

If she could spend time in the mountains or at the beach, she would choose the beach, although sand annoys her.

Who is it?

Last Week's Mystery Teachers

Mystery Teacher #6 – Mrs. Wells

Mystery Teacher #7 – Mr. Beckerink

Congratulations to this week's top guessers!

Everyone who guesses is entered in a drawing for a Better World Books gift certificate, and each correct guess earns you another entry.

Winner will be announced in our May 27th issue.



Artwork using recycled materials by
Brooke Shuttles (above)
and Connor Swafford (right)

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is observed every year on the last Monday of May.

Formerly called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day set aside to honor all those who lost their lives while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

On this day, many people visit cemeteries and place flags on the graves of those who died in military service.

Carson Couchner created this stunning American flag artwork using recycled materials.



SWMS Movie Night



More than 75 SWMS families joined in our movie night last Wednesday.

Pictured here are just a few participants who were still in the Zoom at the end of the night.

Do you have an idea for another movie night?

Let Miss Zdrojewski know!

Adventures in Foraging

By Miss Zdrojewski

The tree grew fruit, small and green, that I had never seen before. I watched over several weeks as the tiny buds grew into lumpy fruits with leathery skins. By early July, they blushed with a little ink on the sides that faced the sun; they became soft and smelled like cotton candy.

I hadn't planted the tree; it was growing in the yard when I bought the house. The bark, blossoms, and leaves looked nothing like anything my Google searches turned up.

I picked a fruit -- it certainly seemed ripe -- and held it, wondering if it was safe to eat.

A small reddish squirrel scampered onto a nearer branch and said, "Try it. You may be surprised."

I dropped the fruit.

"What a waste," the squirrel said, looking at the fruit on the ground. "If you're not going to eat it, I will." It hopped down from the branch and scooped up the green ball. I watched the squirrel rip off the tough skin and bite into the soft pink flesh.

"You're talking," I said to the squirrel.

"Wow, what an observation," the squirrel said. "No wonder you're at the top of the food chain."

He tore off another chunk of the fruit and swallowed it.

"But--" I said, staring at him. Then I looked at the tree again. "But is it edible?"

"Everything's edible once," the squirrel said. He gripped what was left of the fruit he'd been eating between his teeth and sprinted across the yard.

I plucked another ripe fruit from the tree. Following the squirrel's example, I peeled off the thick skin, exposing the juicy pink inside, and took a bite.

It was sweet and warm. I ate it quickly and spit the seeds onto the ground.

As I licked the juice from my lips, the bird songs in the trees around me changed and sounded more like talking.

A starling landed in an upper branch of the fruit tree. "Hey," it asked me, "are these things edible?"

"Everything's edible once," I said, and I bit into another.

*Editor's note: Not everything is edible. Do not eat strange plants. Even if a talking squirrel says it's okay. Especially then.

A police officer sees a man driving around with a pickup truck full of Squirrels. He pulls the guy over and says... "You can't drive around with squirrels in this town! Take them to the zoo immediately." The guy says "OK"... and drives away. The next day, the officer sees the guy still driving around with the truck full of squirrels, and they're all wearing sun glasses. He pulls the guy over and demands... "I thought I told you to take these squirrels to the zoo yesterday?" The guy replies... "I did . . . today I'm taking them to the beach!"

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/animaljokes/squirreljokes.html>

STEAM OF THE WEEK WITH MR. THOMAS

Register today for Virtual STEMWars 2020!

The STEM challenges in Virtual STEMWars 2020 include:

- Balloon Car
- Egg Drop
- Popsicle Stick Catapult
- Spaghetti Tower
- 100 Brick LEGO Challenge
- LEGO Candy Dispenser

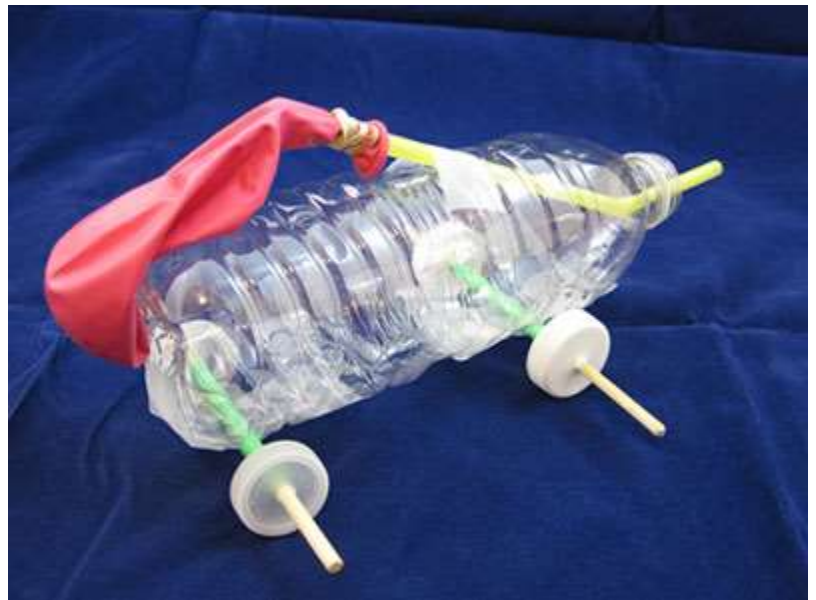
Register on Mr. Thomas' webpage:

<https://sites.google.com/view/steamroom/virtual-stemwars-2020>

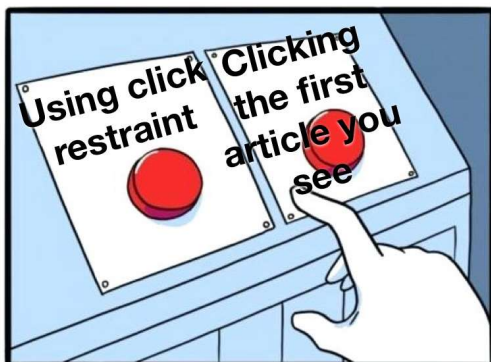
You MUST register by May 22.

That's this Friday.

Register today while it's fresh in your mind!



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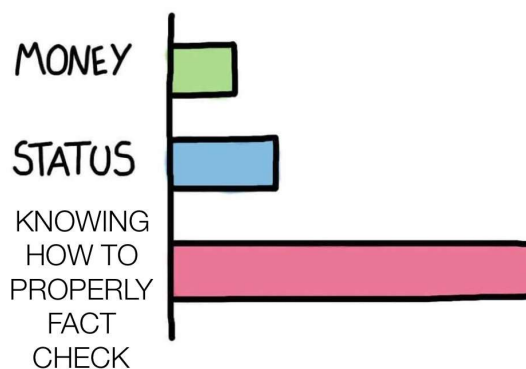


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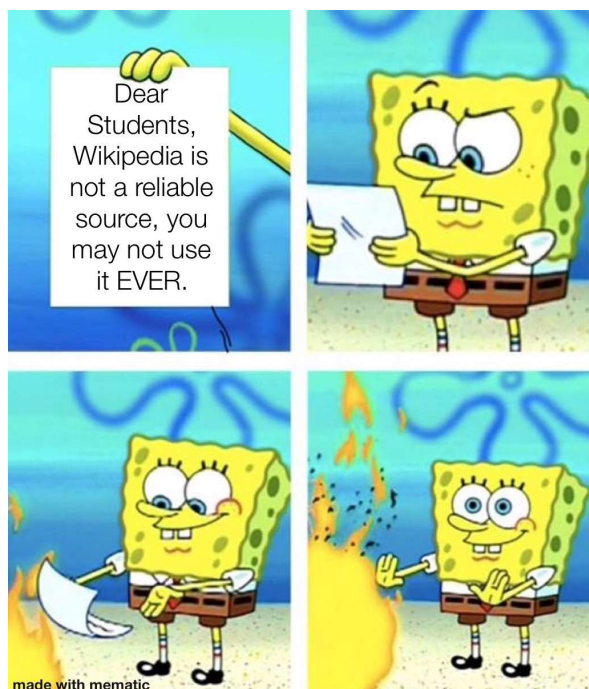
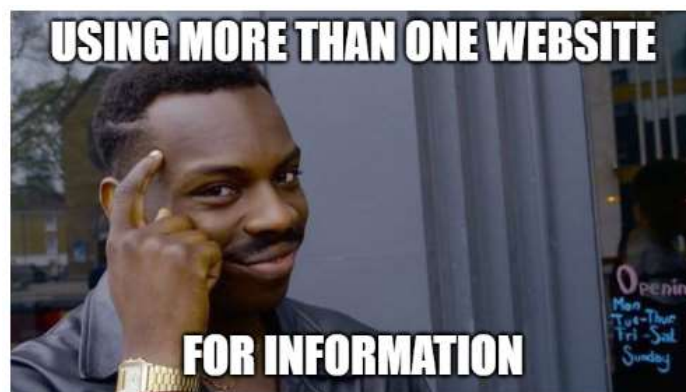
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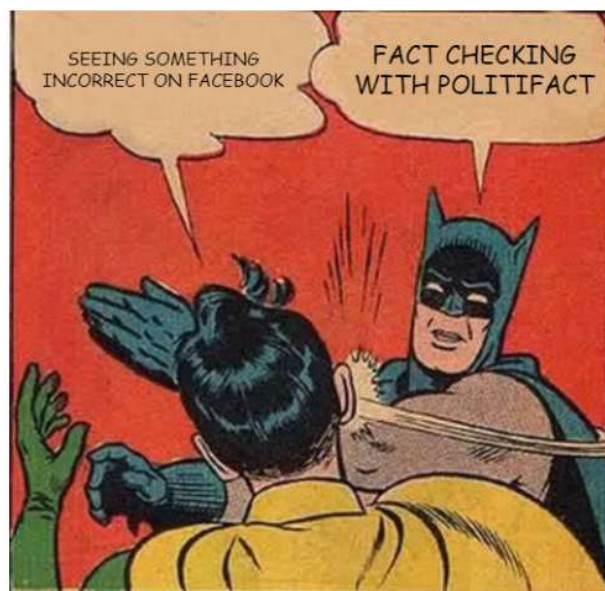


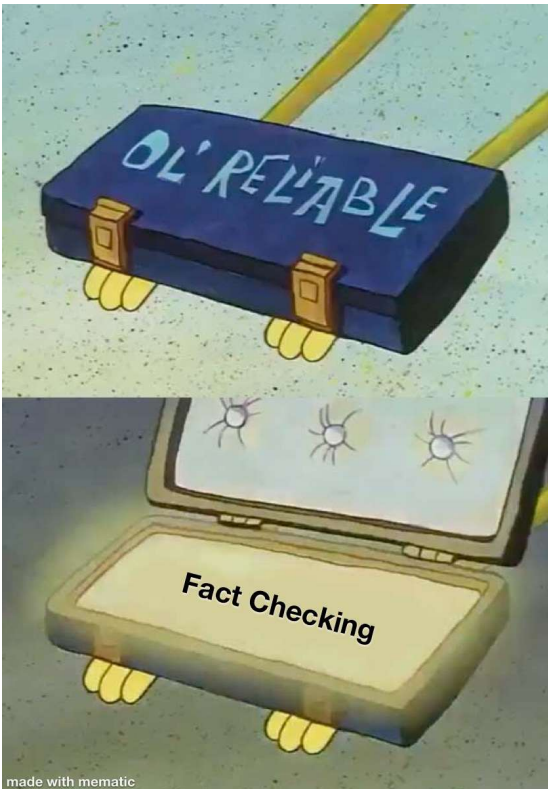
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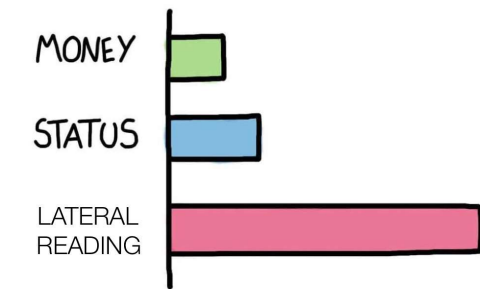


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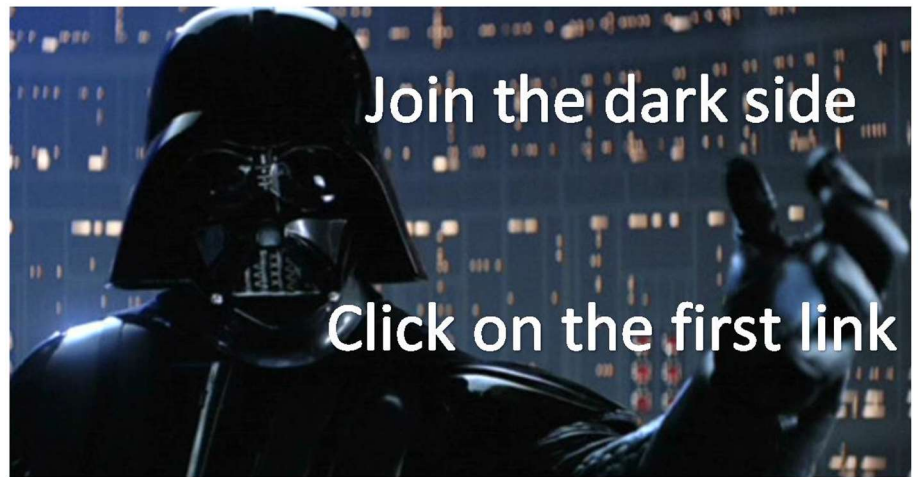


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Top left and middle left: Mallory Lohnes

Top right, middle right, and bottom:

Matthew Lefler



COPING CORNER

“Play is a natural stress reliever... I would encourage everyone to use their favorite distraction coping skills right now. Why? First, it helps your brain. When you are in fight, flight, or freeze mode, your emotional brain is in charge. By doing something distracting, you’re giving your brain a chance to switch back so that the thinking part of your brain can come back online.”

What are some things you can use to distract yourself so your brain can switch back from anxiety?

Here are some ideas:

- Color a coloring page.
- Put together a puzzle.
- Play a game with family.
- Put on music and dance.

If you don’t have resources at home (or if you’re ready for a change), here are some online resources:

Coloring pages you can print:

<https://www.art-is-fun.com/free-adult-coloring-pages>

Puzzles of artwork from a New Zealand museum:

<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/discover-collections/read-watch-play/online-jigsaw-puzzles-using-our-collections>

A fun game you can play with family who are distant (This game works best if you play online while also chatting on the phone with the other players. You need at least 3 players to make it fun.):

<https://kc-fakeartistonline.herokuapp.com/>

Remember, you can email Mrs. Fisher
or Mrs. Lindquist at any time
if you need help with coping strategies
or managing anxiety or emotions.

This information is from: “Coping Skills for Kids” by Janine Halloran,
<https://copingskillsforkids.com/coping-with-coronavirus>

Patriotic Punch

Having a picnic for Memorial Day weekend and looking for a special beverage?

Try this simple red, white, and blue punch!

You will need:

- white grape juice or other light colored juice
- 1 apple
- 1/2 cup blueberries
- 1/2 cup sliced strawberries
- ice (optional)
- plain seltzer or sparkling water

1. Chill all the ingredients, especially the juice and seltzer or sparkling water.
2. Slice the apple into thin slices. Use a small star shaped cookie cutter to cut stars out of the slices. If you don’t have a star cookie cutter, use just the tip of your knife and carefully cut a few star shapes.
3. Fill a clear pitcher halfway with juice.
4. Add the blueberries, strawberries, apple stars, and ice, if using, to the juice.
5. Fill the pitcher the rest of the way with seltzer or sparkling water. Gently stir the punch.
6. Enjoy!

THIS WEEK...

Today, May 20th – **World Bee Day**

Watch some honeybees hard at work in their hives.

<https://explore.org/livecams/honey-bees/honey-bee-hive-cam>

Thursday, May 21st – **National Notebook Day**

Upcycle old paper and boxes into a DIY notebook.

<https://justaddstudents.com/upcycled-notebooks/>

Friday, May 22nd – **Sherlock Holmes Day**

Read the original adventures online. They're In the public domain!

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/1661>

Saturday, May 23rd – **National Girls Learning Code Day**

Use your time at home to learn a new programming language.

<https://code.org/athome>

Sunday, May 24th – **National Escargot Day**

The Indianapolis 500 has been rescheduled, so race snails instead.

<https://www.transum.org/software/SW/SnailRace/Student.asp>

Monday, May 25th – **Memorial Day**

Listen to the stories of those who have served in the military.

<https://storycorps.org/discover/military-voices/>

Tuesday, May 26th – **National Paper Airplane Day**

Fold some different designs and see how far they go.

<https://www.foldnfly.com/#/1-1-1-1-1-1-1-2>

Q: Why doesn't McDonalds serve escargot?

A: It's not fast food.

Q: What does a snail wear to go dancing?

A: Escargogo boots.

Q: What happens when two snails get into a fight?

A: They slug it out.

Be part of the Trojan Horse Magazine!

Email your submissions to
mzdrojewski@swcsc12.org

What can you send?

Stories

Poems

Artwork

Crafts

Comics

Recipes

Activities

Jokes

Reviews of books or movies

Photos

Ways to deal with stress

Send all items to
Miss Zdrojewski by
12 noon each Tuesday.



A note on **Commotion in Arrowburg**:

Hello my readers! Sorry that I skipped this week 😊 but the story will continue next week!
-Ethan Lohnes