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The Capstone Program

By Julia Srama

I bet you all have heard of the Capstone program, but do you know what goes on during an average day? In this article, you will find out what a student does in Capstone.

During zero hour, a student goes to one of the Capstone rooms. There they meet up with other people in their group. With their group they either research a solution to a problem or work on a presentation to explain their solution. The problems students worked on this year were: how to control the deer population, how to revitalize Harlem Ave in Palos Heights, and how to save energy costs at Palos South. The student meets with his/her group once a week. Next comes the vetting process. After each group has put together a presentation, the facilitators and/or coordinator watch the presentation and provide feedback. The group then meets to fine tune the presentation before the presenting in front of the District 118 administration. The groups who earn the highest scores move on to the next round where they will present in front of experts related to their problems topic and administrators. The group receiving the overall highest score was announced at the Honors Assembly and each winner received an engraved plaque.

Now you know what a student does in Capstone! 6th and 7th graders—take advantage of this unique opportunity when you get the chance.



Cassidy Rosynek, Matthew Steinke, Dariusz Slowikowski

Why there's no Windows 9

By Jeffrey Korbitz

DISCLAIMER: IF BY ANY CHANCE this article does not meet your expectations, there is a video on Youtube that blames Illuminati for this issue. Simply search this article's title to see it. Thank you for your consideration.

There are a handful of reasons, some true and some not, why Windows 9 never existed. Most are funny. Anyway, we need to get to the bottom of this issue. And strangely enough, it may be as simple as 7 8 9.

Turns out that many Windows employees were wearing T-shirts encrypted in computer code that when translated said: "Windows 10, because 7 8 9". Really. Suprisingly, it's the most promising theory (in my opinion).

Another theory is that they skipped it because 9 is an unlucky number in Japan. Other software companies have done the same thing including Trend Micro (based in Japan.) Their software line also skipped over 9.

A third reason is that they originally wanted to call it Windows One, to go along with Onenote, Onedrive, and Xbox One, but it had already been taken. So Windows just decided on Windows 10. Simple as that.



Flower Pot Cupcake Cones



24 cake cones

1 batch chocolate cake batter

1 batch quick chocolate buttercream

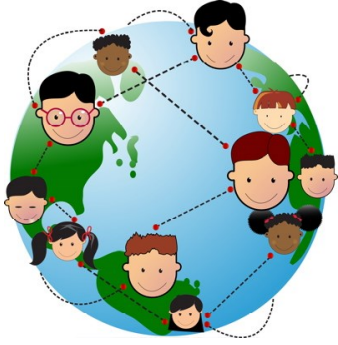
Chocolate wafer cookie or Oreos, crushed

24 edible sugar flowers

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat the oven to 350°F. Place cake cones in the cups of two 12-cup standard muffin tins.
2. Pour batter into each cone until it reaches the inner rim. (Don't overfill, or the cake will spill over during baking.)
3. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean. Let cool completely.
4. Pour crushed cookies into a shallow bowl. When cupcakes have cooled, frost each one with buttercream and roll in crushed cookies. Dot the base of the sugar flowers with frosting and press one into the top of each cupcake.

Submitted by:



Crazy Laws

from Around the World

By: Julia Srama

1. In Mobile, Alabama, it is against the law to throw confetti or spray silly string.
2. In Thailand it is illegal to step on money.
3. In Singapore, selling non-medical chewing gum or chewing normal is illegal. If a person litters three times, they must clean the streets wearing a bib that reads "I'm a litterer." Pharmacists who sell medical gum and forget to ID get two years in jail. Spitting is also illegal.
4. It is illegal to handle a salmon in suspicious circumstances in Britain.
5. In Victoria, Australia, only a qualified electrician can change a light bulb.
6. In Florida it is illegal for unmarried women to parachute on Sunday.
7. It is illegal to make ugly faces at a dog in Oklahoma.
8. In Salt Lake City it is illegal to walk down a street carrying a violin in a paper bag.
9. It is illegal to for a car without a driver to exceed 60 miles per hour in San Francisco.
10. In Tennessee it is illegal to drive while sleeping.
11. In Danville, Pennsylvania, all fire hydrants must be checked one hour before all fires.

13. In New York City, it's illegal for a restaurant to call a sandwich a "corned beef sandwich" if it's made with white bread and mayonnaise.
14. Being overweight is illegal in Japan.
15. It is illegal to start your car without checking if there are any children sleeping under the car in Denmark.
16. It is illegal to import potatoes into England or Wales if you have reasonable cause to believe that they are from Poland.
17. You can go to jail if you are caught cheating on a final exam and are over the age of 15 in Bangladesh.
18. It is illegal to flush a toilet after 10 pm in Switzerland.
19. You can't name a pig Napoleon in France.
20. Milan, Italy, a law requires citizens to smile at all times.
21. In Venice, it is illegal to feed pigeons.
22. One out of every five songs on the radio must be sung by



OBEY THE
LAWS

Mayor For A Day Program

Written by Grace Mintle



On April 19th, 2016, I participated in the annual Mayor for a Day Program. The program was started by the Palos Heights Woman's Club 39 years ago. In order to participate in the program, you have to be a resident of Palos heights and you have to write an essay to be eligible for the contest. I wrote about things I wanted changed in Palos Heights such as sidewalks, pool lighting, etc. I was selected to participate in the contest with 4 other students from Palos South, and 4 from Independence, and 3 from Saint Alexander's.

Every student selected to participate in the contest was given a role for a mock city council meeting. The roles that students were assigned to fill are as followed, Mayor Robert Straz, City Treasurer Frank Oswald, City Clerk Thomas Kantas, Ward 1 officers, Jeffery M. Key and Donald Bylut, Ward 2 officers, Jack Clifford and Robert Basso, Ward 3 officers, Alan Fulkerson and Dolores Kramorski, and finally Ward 4 officers, Michael McGrogan and Jerry McGovern. I was given the role of Ms. Dolores Kramorski. Each participant was asked to read their essay at a pizza party with the city council at Lake Katherine's Club House. After you read your essay, you were given a plaque that had your name, your position, and the date on it. We were then asked to travel to the City Hall to hold our mock City Council meeting. The meeting was even broadcast on Palos Height's Channel 4 news!

During the meeting, we were asked to vote on made up problems in Palos Heights. After the meeting before the real meeting was started, each participant received a certificate of recognition from the mayor. I really enjoyed the Mayor for a Day Program because it taught me new skills for writing essays. It also taught me how my city works and what goes on behind the scenes in order to make the city work. I hope that everyone has the opportunity to participate in something like the Mayor for a Day Program. It is a great experience and it is very fun.

I hope you enjoyed learning about my experience and I hope you take something out of it and learn what it's like to run a city for a day.

Congratulations
to
all the
winners of the
Mayor-For-A-Day
essay contest.





ShiftWear Shoes

By: Nicholas Skweres



Ever buy an awesome pair of shoes and then discover that they don't look as cool as you thought? Ever buy a pair of shoes that's in style the one day out of style the next? I bet you have. Then, your problem is what to do with them. Most likely they're still perfectly good shoes, but you just don't like them. You can buy a new pair and waste money, or bite the bullet and deal with it.

Well, with these new shoes you don't have to face dilemmas like this! The ShiftWear shoe comes in three different styles and lets you change the image on your shoe at any time you like to anything you like. The ShiftWear shoes allow you to make the image or pattern on your shoe exactly what you want!

There are three different models of the ShiftWear shoe. The ShiftWear L1 Classic comes in five colors and an option to customize it. It costs \$349, but with the customizable option it costs \$399. The ShiftWear M1 Classic also comes in five colors and an option to customize. It costs \$399, but with the customizable option it costs \$449. The ShiftWear H1 Classic comes in five different colors and an option to customize your own. It costs \$499, but with the customizable option it costs \$549. The only difference between these models is the shoe style.

After you buy the shoes you download the ShiftWear app. The app connects directly with your shoes and allows you to either choose a pattern or image that is currently on the app, or create your own image. The image will appear on your shoes after you choose it. You can choose a different image to appear on your shoe as often as you like. You don't really have to worry about the soles wearing out because they are coated with Kevlar fiber, the same stuff they make bullet-proof vests out of.

Some other neat features are that the shoe is water-proof, it can also be washed. If you are worried about having the battery run out then have no fear, because the Walk – N – Charge technology actually charges the shoe while you walk! Haven't worn them in a while? That's okay; it also comes with a wireless charger!

The big question is whether it's worth the price or not. I don't think it is, but that's for you to decide. Is this really the shoe of the future? Only time will tell.

Random Musings... by Gideon Kohlhaas

How to dance:

The Recon Drone

#1: point to the sky,

#2: scream the word, "drone!" 4 times,

#3: run in a circle,

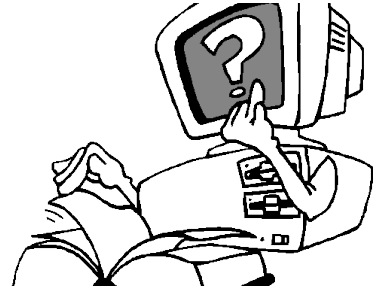
#4: rub the ground



x4



How We Came to Be



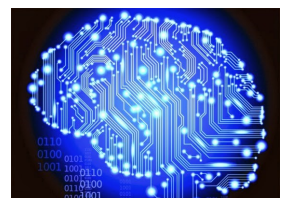
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(don't take this seriously!!)

Big Bertha, a wise website of the craignoif race, had an idea to make a new race called people. They would put us in an abandoned planet called Earth. They would set up this planet with history, plants, animals, and a supreme leader (illuminati) . Big Bertha started to send the message out to craignoif all over the galaxy. They started experimenting to make the perfect gene. Finally after 764,351,321,242,453,668 tries they did it....

the perfect gene was created.

And that's us!!



SPRAY CHALK



Supplies:

1 tsp. washable tempera paint

1 cup of hot water

1/2 cup of cornstarch

squirt of dishwashing liquid

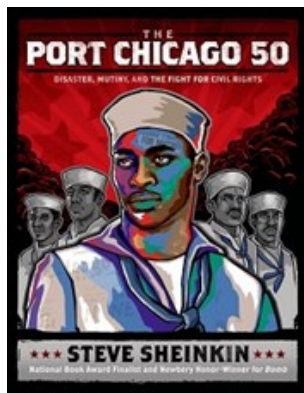
1 squirt bottle

1. Add cornstarch to one cup of hot water whisking to mix so that there are no clumps.
2. Add one teaspoon of washable tempura paint and a squirt of dishwashing liquid. Mix well.
3. Pour it into your squirt bottles and shake well.

Enjoy making designs and pictures on your driveway. I always spray my driveway down when we are done to avoid any staining. After you let your spray sit a while it will separate. Shake it really well before you use it each time.

Submitted by:

Anonymous



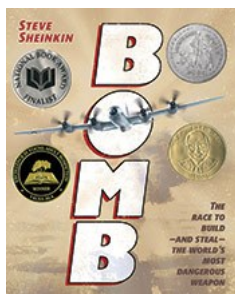
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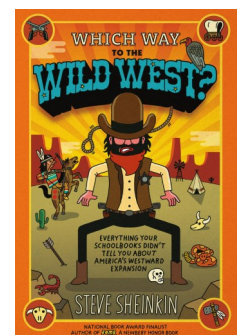
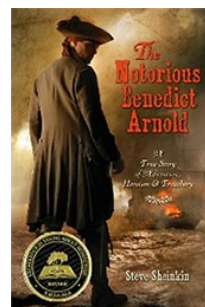
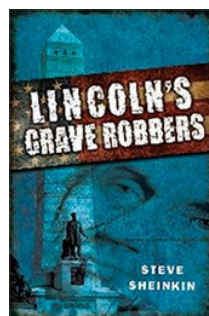
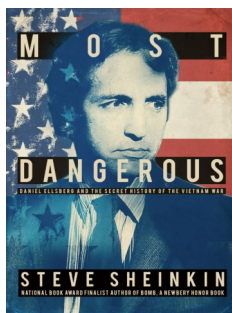
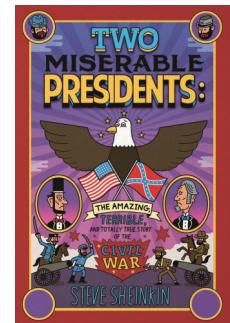
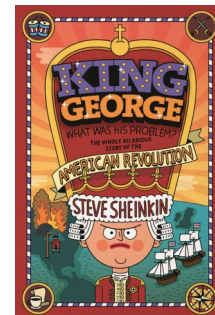
Nicholas Skweres



This year thanks to generous support from our PFA we were able to have, not one, but two author visits. As you know early in the year we had author Tim Green come to our school. Also, on April 28th we had award winning author Steve Sheinkin come and speak about his writing career. Originally, Mr. Sheinkin wanted to be a movie director. He even made a low budget film with his brother that got nasty reviews. After making the movie Mr. Sheinkin got in a lot of debt because the movie did not sell as planned. To pay for his debt, he became a textbook author. He wrote history textbooks for schools. When researching for his textbooks he found a number of interesting stories about history, but he was not allowed to publish them. He decided to write his own books about history, *including* the interesting parts. For instance, did you know that when fleeing Lexington, John Hancock asked his wife to bring the fine salmon? Neither did I! Again, a great thanks to the PFA for making two author visits possible this year.



Shown are the covers of Steven Sheinkin's other books. Click [here](#) and it will take you to his website where you can learn more about this author as well as find out more about these very interesting titles.



CALLING ALL SUMMER READERS!



Below is next year's list of the Rebecca Caudhill books.
Get a jump on reading 1 or 10 this summer to be able to take part in the Media Center sponsored events! Happy Reading!



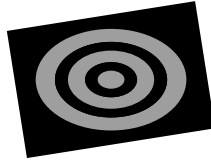
2017 Master List Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award Illinois Children's Choice Award

| Author | Title | Publisher | Pub Date | Interest Levels |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Alexander, Kwame | The Crossover | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt | 2014 | 4-8 |
| Auxier, Jonathan | The Night Gardener | Abrams | 2014 | 6-8 |
| Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker | The War that Saved My Life | Dial | 2015 | 5-8 |
| Draper, Sharon | Stella by Starlight | Atheneum | 2015 | 4-7 |
| Hoffman, Alice | Nightbird | Wendy Lamb | 2015 | 5-8 |
| Holczer, Tracy | The Secret Hum of a Daisy | G.P. Putnam's Sons | 2014 | 5-8 |
| Holm, Jennifer L. | The Fourteenth Goldfish | Random House | 2014 | 4-6 |
| Holt, K.A. | Rhyme Schemer | Chronicle | 2014 | 5-8 |
| Hopkinson, Deborah | The Great Trouble | Knopf | 2013 | 5-8 |
| Hunt, Linda Mullaly | Fish in a Tree | Nancy Paulsen | 2015 | 4-6 |
| Johnston, E.K. | The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim | Carolrhoda | 2014 | 7-8 |
| Korman, Gordon | Masterminds | Balzer & Bray | 2015 | 4-7 |
| Levine, Kristin | The Paper Cowboy | G.P. Putnam's Sons | 2014 | 5-8 |
| Lowery, Lynda Blackmon | Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March | Dial | 2015 | 4-8 |
| Martin, Ann. M. | Rain Reign | Feiwel and Friends | 2014 | 4-7 |
| Ryan, Pam Muñoz | Echo | Scholastic Press | 2015 | 5-8 |
| Sheinkin, Steve | The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights | Roaring Brook Press | 2014 | 6-8 |
| Stroud, Jonathan | The Screaming Staircase | Disney/Hyperion | 2013 | 5-8 |
| Tingle, Tim | How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story | The RoadRunner Press | 2013 | 5-8 |
| Venkatraman, Padma | A Time to Dance | Nancy Paulsen | 2014 | 6-8 |

Interest levels reflect a title's combination of ability and appeal for young readers as suggested by the RCYRBA Steering Committee. With each annual list participants should evaluate, purchase and promote only those books which they determine appropriate for their students and the grade levels served. Be reminded, to participate in the program, you need only offer 12 of the titles.

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Red and White Report!!!



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The Staff at the Red and White Report would like to wish all the Palos South students and staff a wonderful and safe Summer Break!

To the graduating class of 2016: Congratulations and Best Wishes for successful years in high school!

