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ALL OVER THE WORLD

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Almost everyone has heard of or celebrated Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, but do you really know how many more holidays like these are celebrated around the world? There are 78 holidays like these are celebrated around the world. Now we are going to focus on 5 of them. Let's get started.

The first holiday is Sinterklaas Day, which is celebrated in Holland. On December 5th, kids put out their wooden shoes in hopes that Sinterklass will bring them candy, treats and gifts. The people in Holland also always have all the local churches ring their bells to celebrate the event and they love to sing carols.

The next holiday is called St. Lucias Day, which is celebrated in Sweden. This event is celebrated on December 13th and takes place during the winter solstice. The reason behind this holiday is about remembering a girl who used to sneak food and supplies to imprisoned Catholics. Every year all of the girls dress up in white dresses with a red sash around the waist along with a crown of candles on their heads. But for the protection of the small children, they only let girls 12 and older have real candles and the younger ones have mechanical ones.

Hallo, Greetings from Germany, where they celebrate Advent quite like the other holidays we just discussed but there are a few things that are different. The mother secretly decorates the tree, they read the Bible and sing Christmas songs. The first day of this holiday is called Erste Feiertag (Dec. 25) and the second day is Zwete Feiertag (Dec.26). They especially love getting and giving presents along with glass ornaments. Plus, they collect money for charity.

France celebrates Christmas quite like the holiday you probably know. On Christmas Eve they burn Cherry Wood with wine on it. They also leave food and drinks out for the baby Jesus and Mary. They give away apples on Christmas Eve. In France, Christmas and Santa are called Pere Noel, and they also go to church service on Christmas.

Last, but definitely not least, we go to China. In China not that many people celebrate Shen Dan Lao (Christmas), but for the people who do, they put up decorations, are mostly made out of chains. Also, in some of the bigger cities they have department stores for Christmas, trees and lights/decorations.

Happy Holidays Everyone!



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Science Fair



Frankie Vigil

Dependent and Independent variables, hypothesis, conclusions. These are words that we hear as everyone prepared for the Science Fair. Every scholar presented a project to be judged by former Skinner scholars and community members. The annual fair brings out the students talents in the field of science and gets them to think about things in a new way. winners will compete at Metropolitan State University, where their projects will compete on a state level. We had some great projects this year and we learned that every scholar worked hard to finish on time. We had a great showing and turnout during the night of practice, which prepared our scholars to present. Thank you to everyone who helped out!



8th Grade. 1st Josh Miller, 2nd Grace Even & 3rd Laila Smith

7th Grade. 1st Juno Gregg, 2nd Olivia Talle & Lucy Caldwell and Charlie Ruderman Pratt

6th Grade. Coco Goldman, Gabbi Isom & Lia Dino



Scorpions in Action

Girls Volleyball



Our volleyball team had an amazing season, and the Citizen's sports team wanted to find out how they built such a strong team. Gissel stated that, "we've been practicing a lot and doing mini games to prepare for the final game." This was proven by the hard work the girls put in and by making the playoffs. Not only was the team successful but their support of each other was on a whole new level. Emmy said, "the team treats me very good, it is like a big family, and gave support when anyone was feeling down." The team works hard but who builds them up to such success? Ms. Montoya, the coach, said, "I like to coach volleyball because I like to spend time with the girls and make sure they make good choices and to keep them involved in the sport." On that note, you heard it here first, the Skinner Volleyball team represented us all proudly and they are MIGHTY!

Flag Football

Over the course of this Fall and Winter, the flag football team did their best and had a fun time doing it. Although they had a tough season they played hard and showed that Skinner Pride. We asked a few members how they felt about the team and season. We asked Angelica Delgado if Coach Kelly pushed the team hard enough and she said, "Coach Kelly wants to win, like we do, so he pushes us to do our best." The Scorpion flag football team improved and changed up its play style. Alex Richardson said, "we pushed ourselves hard, came up with plays and practiced those plays over and over." We look forward to next season when our players will be stronger and more prepared.



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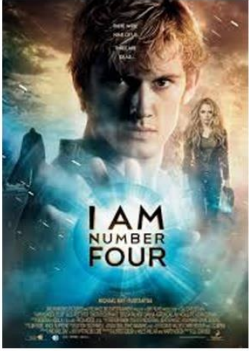
Skinner Middle School was built in 1921 and was dedicated to the people of Denver. Named after Elizabeth Hope Skinner, it was known as the biggest and most elaborate school of its time. Skinner was separated by gender, with the boys and girls on opposite sides of the building. There used to be 2 pools. People believed that Skinner was snobby for thier wealth. The school wasn't always as big as it is today. The science wing was built in 1992.

Skinner History

Alex Stone



Book Suggestions from Lucia



I AM Number Four By: Pittacus Lore

Nine of them came here. They look like us, act like us and talk like us. They live among us, but they are not like us at all. The powers we dream of, they have. Aliens, who wouldn't hurt us, but save us? They killed One in Malaysia, Two in England Three in Kenya. They are ready to kill the next. John Smith is Number Four and he is next.



Let it Snow

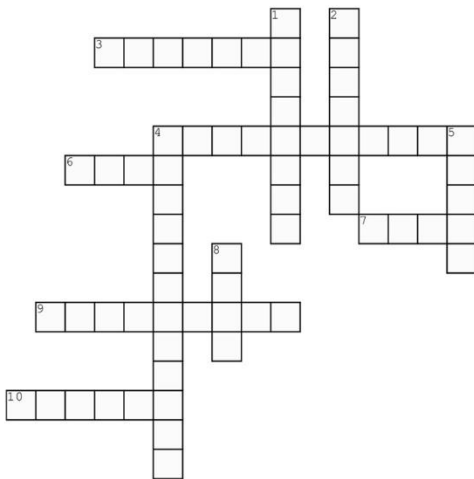
By: John Green, Lauren Myracle & Maureen Johnson
Three different stories by three different authors. Three teenagers experiencing the same snow storm in the same town during the Christmas season. The three stories connect when all three come together and meet each other.
The three stories are: The Jubilee Express, A Cheertastic Christmas Miracle & The Patron Saint of Pigs

Teacher Highlight - 6th Grade

By: Cebastian Gomez, Emma Piburn & Sofia Diaz

In this edition of the Skinner Citizen, we are highlighting the 6th grade teachers. We asked about their favorite holiday memories and what things they like. Here are some of the things we learned. Ms. Espes' worst Christmas present was Monkey Butt Powder. Mrs. Piwko, Mrs. Huff and Mr. Martins favorite holiday movie is National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. Mr. Markko like the movie, Planes, Trains and Automobils. Mrs. Stransky and Ms. Espe like the movie, ELF. Almost all the teachers wanted a dog (except Mrs. Piwko). Mr. Markko has sadly recieved a stocking of coal for Christmas before. Mrs. Cummings has received an engagement ring for Christmas. Ms. McAdams surprised her family last year on Thanksgiving by visiting unexpectedly. Ms. Nelson's worst present she has ever recieved was a workout VHS, a Barbie workout to be exact! Theresa Morelli's favorite childhood memory was the freedom of learning to ride a bike. Mrs. Rydning's favorite present was a DVD of one of her first Christmas's, that her aunt recorded.

All and all, we love our teachers and the fact that they come to work everyday is AMAZING!



Across

- 3. Name of our school.
- 4. Name of holiday in Holland.
- 6. Elizabeth Sinner's middle name.
- 7. The ability to keep going even when it's hard.
- 9. The desire to learn or know something.
- 10. The season of the year we are in.

Down

- 1. You give these out.
- 2. Piece of clothing that keeps you warm
- 4. The ability to control one's self.
- 5. He delivers presents.
- 8. Falls from the sky.

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ASK C & Y

Q: Where is a quite place to study?
A: If you need a quite place to study, then maybe try staying for PIE or go to after hours. If that doesn't work maybe try going to the library for lunch.

Q: My friend has been being rude lately, shoud, I still be friends with them?
A: Friends are tricky and they can be the best at times and the worst at times, but a true friend will always stick up for you. Sometimes you have to give them space and hope for the best.

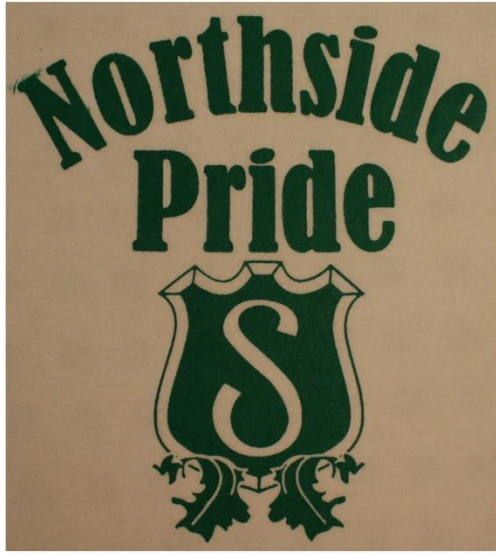
How is TAP beneficial to students?

Gabby Desantiago & Gemma Mitchell

Have you ever wondered if TAP is necessary or why it was started in the first place? Our staff and scholars all have different opinions on TAP. Our principal, Mrs. Koyama, said that she wished that students did not have TAP and would come to school on time. TAP was started because there would be a long line and students would have to wait for a tardy pass. TAP was started over 10 years ago by the former principal, Ms. Veltsy. Sixth grader, Rachel Lucero, gave us her opinion on TAP and she doesn't think that TAP is necessary because "you can't do anything unless you have homework." We also interviewed 7th grader Enola-Lee Guyer, who has a different opinion of TAP. She said, "TAP gives me and others the motivation to not be late." She also believes that the only thing wrong with TAP is that it seems unnecessary to get pulled out of 8th period early because you were late a few minutes. 8th grader, Gabe Alba, believes TAP is helpful to him and others. Gabe also says, "TAP helps students get their work done and it also helps students learn to not be late." Mrs. Reyes, who runs TAP said there were 19 students in TAP when she first started and that, "the number of students in TAP has gone down since then."

As we looked at TAP and its reasoning, we also looked for an alternative. Mr. Alba thinks that a good alternative would be to clean classrooms after school. Another idea that came up was having scholars have mandatory tutoring after school. The way this system would work is to have tutoring for the same amount of time as TAP. If the scholar is late by less than one minute, they could choose which subject to work on, but if they are later than one minute, their teachers could decide what they have to work on. We believe this system would work because it will still encourage scholars to not be late, but if they are late they can get help with their school work.





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