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Which is Better: Football vs. Soccer?

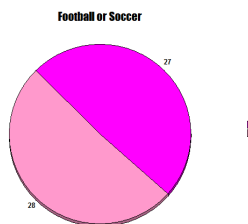
By: Sofia Renzi

Let's be real, soccer and football are some of the world's most famous sports, but which one is more popular? Well, let's break it down.

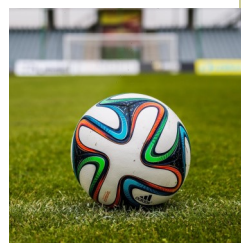
According to World Atlas, soccer is the most popular sport in the world, while football isn't even on the top ten list. Soccer is a worldwide sport and almost every country in the world plays it. Football is only in the United States and almost all states have a team. Some have multiple teams. In football there is more aggressiveness with tackling and sacks. In soccer, if you tackle someone you get a red card.

Both sports have enormous championships, the World Cup and the Super Bowl. In the 2018 World Cup 3.572 billion people worldwide watched it. In the 2018 Super Bowl, 103.4 million people watched it. Personally, I like soccer way better (I play soccer).

The results were close, but soccer won out by one vote!



Which do you prefer?



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Lew-Port Middle Learns the Dangers of Vaping



Lew-Port Middle students all got to attend an informative and important presentation on vaping a few weeks ago. Since vaping is an epidemic among young people, it's important to know the dangerous chemicals that accompany vaping.

*Article on page 14



Upcoming Events

- 2/15- No school for kids
- 2/18-President's Day—no school
- 2/26-3/5 - GOTR Registration
- 3/1-25 week marking period

Valentine's Day Tips and Advice For Your Friends

By: Sofia Renzi



- You can get gifts for friends.
- Everyone appreciates even the smallest gift.
 - GALentine's Day is a thing.
- Go to the movies with your friend.
- Reflect on how much you appreciate your friendship.
 - Plan a day out.
 - Go to a fancy restaurant.
- Most importantly, have fun!



How to Get a Valentine

By: Anonymous

1. Walk up to your crush and say "hi"
2. Give them chocolate
3. If they refuse the chocolate.....
4. Give them a small teddy bear
5. If they refuse the small teddy bear.....
6. Give them a big teddy bear
7. If they refuse the big teddy bear.....
8. Give them a huge teddy bear
9. If they refuse the huge teddy bear.....
10. Give them a small teddy bear and some chocolate
11. If they refuse the bear and chocolate.....
12. Give them a big heart box full of chocolate
13. If they refuse.....
14. Then move on to someone else.....
15. And date your new crush!

Valentine's Day Poem



By: Sofia Renzi

Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
Candy is sweet,
And so are you!



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Movie Review on: Instant Family

By: Catherine Beiter

When my mom and I went to the Four Seasons cinema, we were in hopes that this movie would be good. Thankfully, it was good, except we both agreed that we did not laugh as much as the movie intended. The movie, overall, was about a single Mom named Ellie and a Dad named Pete who decides to adopt a teenager. However, in order to adopt her, they also adopt her siblings.



In order to adopt, the parents have to go through eight months of classes. Then, once they get the kids, they have to deal with temper tantrums, inquiries, and a teenager that won't listen. For me, the movie was good, but the fact that I didn't laugh as much made the movie a huge let-down. Overall, I'd give this movie **three stars out of five**. The movie was educational, but you will not laugh as much as the movie says you will. If you or any of your family members are considering to adopt, maybe show this to them.



Girls On The Run Program Starts Soon!

Interview with Coach Golden

By: Emma Reelee and Alissa Truesdale

*Girls on the Run is a program that trains girls to be strong, physically and mentally, and it ends with a **5K race and celebration on June 3rd**. Girls in grades 6-8 can join.*

1.Q: How many days a week do you guys meet and on what days?

A: We meet twice a week Mondays and Wednesdays after school for 90 minute sessions.

2.Q: How many girls can join and what is your goal for girls this season?

A: We can have up to 20 girls to compete in the 5K, and I would like to have a full team this year.

3.Q: Do you give out snacks, and if so what kind?

A: Yes we do. We have new snacks every week. We have watermelon, yogurt, bananas, and we also like to survey the girls to see what snacks the team likes best.

4.Q: When is the sign up date?

A: Registration is from February 26th to March 5th. You have to sign up online at gotrbuffalo.org. Practices start on March 18th.

5.Q: How long have you been coaching for, and how long do you want to continue coaching for?

A: I have been coaching with Coach Wailand for 4 years and Coach Way for 2 years. I want to keep coaching as long as I can.

6.Q: What goes on during the meetings?

A: Team building activities, a warm up and a workout.



A picture from the 5K Race at UB last year.



Student Council Corner

By: Jack Scully

You may have heard of Student Council. If you didn't make a meeting, how would you know what goes on? Well, here is the upcoming scoop from student council.

In a few weeks, the Student Council will be starting to do a game during lunch. If you are a good student, your name can get picked from a hat. Some of the games you may be able to play are Foosball, Bubble Hockey and many others. Once Student Council decides on the chosen games, we will let you know! During your lunch period, if you are lucky enough to get picked, you may choose one friend to take with you. More about the good student...

You cannot have any referrals [write ups]. So if you see trouble, do not go near it. Then, you may get chosen to play. Look forward to lunch games coming soon!



Valentine Cake Pops

By: Grace Pasquantino

Prep-30 minutes

Bake Time-30

Servings-24

Ingredients:

- 1 package (16 oz) Pillsbury™ Ready To Bake!™ refrigerated sugar cookies (24 cookies)
- 24 flat wooden sticks with round ends
- 1 1/4 cups vanilla creamy ready-to-spread frosting (from 1-lb container)
- Assorted small candies, or candy decors or nonpareils, if desired
- 10 yards red curling ribbon

Steps

- 1) Heat oven to 350°F. On ungreased cookie sheets, place cookie dough pieces 2 inches apart. Into side of each piece of dough, insert wooden stick 1 inch, overlapping wooden sticks as necessary.
- 2) Bake 12 to 16 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 2 minutes; remove from cookie sheets. Cool completely, about 10 minutes.
- 3) Spread frosting on one side of each cookie; decorate with candies. Tie 18 inches of red ribbon into bow around each stick next to cookie.

Kaleidoscope Concerts

By: Sofia Renzi

Do you like music? If you do, then come to one, two, or all three kaleidoscope concerts in March!



- They are all at the High School Auditorium.
- 5th grade - 12th grade are all playing together and also separately!



Band- March 14th at 7:00 PM

Orchestra- March 21st at 7:00 PM

Chorus- March 7th at 7:00 PM

Hope to see you there!

Puzzle: Find out the value of the question mark!

$$\text{Heart} + \text{Heart} + \text{Heart} = 30$$

$$\text{Heart} + \text{Rose} + \text{Rose} = 20$$

$$\text{Rose} + \text{Petals} + \text{Petals} = 9$$

$$\text{Heart} + \text{Rose} + \text{Petals} = ?$$

See answer on page:8

By: Sofia Renzi



Interesting Quotes

Selected by: Lucas Ponticelli

"Just as iron rusts from dis-use,

Even so does inaction spoil the intellect."

-Leonardo Da Vinci

*"People wish to learn to swim
and at the same time to keep
one foot on the ground."*

-Marcel Proust

excerpt from *Mission: GOLD RUSH*

By: Catherine Beiter

I see it, the treasure my boss told me to steal. Well, if I would not, I would die. Of course I need to steal it! Jonah, what were you thinking? It's either you, or them. I crept slowly through the vents. No one is there, or is someone there. No, someone is there. He has blonde hair in a mohawk. He has many gold chains around his mainly black outfit. There is no sign of his skin, anywhere. Slowly, I crept forward. *Squeaking.*

Of course! He must have looked up and saw me! Stupid! Stupid! Stupid! My slow crawl turned into a swift run. I fled through the vents and opened the vent. I jumped out of the vent and landed on the floor.

"Hey! What are you doing here, thief!"

It's that guy.

I fled through. Then, I locked myself in. There's my objective. *The Does The Unbre. A treasure chest full of gold. Well, I thought I had it, until I stuck my hand out. I screamed in pain, a laser had struck through my arm.*

Oh god. I had just gave my location to the guards.

Scared. That is all I am. I take out a huge backpack that Sara gave me and grab diamonds and gold. I threw it in and I climbed back in the vent. *Oh lord, please don't let me get caught!*



*"Curiosity is the wick in the
candle of learning."*

-William A. Ward

**What do these quotes mean to you?
Choose one and explain what you
think it means:**



Excerpt from *Infected*

In the second volume of *infected*, our heroes, Bianca and Ida, learn that they aren't the only ones who almost got infected by Merrick and his servants.

Story by: Catherine and Sarah Beiter

Edited by: Azalynn Stalvey (and Ms. Wailand)

"How did he not find us in the predictable hiding space, and since when did he lose his brain cells?" Ida remarked in her sassy voice. She kept swaying her black bangs side to side.

"I don't know, but we have to get out of here, and fast!" Bianca replied, looking exhausted.

"How about we form a pack? We both run up to Merrick and get infected, because being infected is like death in this world," Ida suggested. Either way, Bianca knew they would not do that plan. She wondered why they didn't just climb a tree. They would be safe, if Merrick really never lost his brain cells. "Maybe, he makes replicas and sends us back to the real world."

"No, that cannot possibly happen! Merrick is ruthless around here. He's much stronger here than in the world we come from!"

"Either way, let's move on ahead. Maybe there will be some water that we can hide in. In this world, everything has to be possible! Even world peace!" The two girls walked and talked until they heard a scream...

What happened before the scream all started in a different climate than Ida and Bianca were in. The source was near a jungle. Three girls ran into the jungle. Sadly, they weren't as fortunate as Ida and Bianca were.

"Oh gosh! What do we do? Merrick is going to be here sooner or later!" Skye asked while shivering. They were worried that Merrick would come and find them just walking around in countless circles. They would get infected, and fast. It would be stupid to be one of the first ones infected.

"We could always ask Ocean for help, but he is missing. Probably swimming with the ducks. If only we had the person who actually gets decent grades here," Sapphire sarcastically said. "Great job, Stella! Why are we hiding here out of all places?"

"No, girl. It's *my hiding place*, so you two can just run off, but I'm not moving until this mountain gets destroyed by Merrick."

Sapphire looked to see a strange place. It was a palace, and it looked like no one was in there!

"We are so dumb. Why did we even hide on the other side of a mountain?"

"It's near a palace with no one inside! It's our lucky day girls! Let's go in!" Stella remarked.

"Are you sure?" Skye exclaimed.

Then they heard a noise. A very disturbing, blood-curdling, and hair raising noise.

Turns out, the strange palace was actually Merrick's prison, where he held three boys in there. That also explains where the screech came from. One of the several prisoners was Ocean, while the other captives were two others that Merrick never knew prior to the event. No matter what, not all of them were related. Merrick knew that one of Ocean's brother's hair was purple, and there were no people with that hair color.

Ocean was stuck in some sort of electric chair, where he screamed in shock. Another boy was in a stretcher, that was also where Merrick was. He spun a wheel, that extended a rope that stretched the boy, testing his flexibility.

"Merrick? Weren't we friends?" Ocean asked, with tears falling down his face.

"No. Who cares anyways?" Merrick remarked as he winked at one of his servants.

"Honestly, you are acting like a jerk. You won't want to look like a person obsessed with a rip-off band who is acting like the world revolves around them." Merrick walked closer to Ocean. Ocean's eyes widen. His mouth opened, trying to cuss, but he couldn't. The sight of Merrick brutally torturing other innocent boys were just too frightening. Poor Ocean, Merrick would thought, except he didn't care. Not even a bit.

"Get over it, dimwitted brat. After this, you will be bowing on your knees."

Infected excerpt continued...

Where's the Merrick that played basketball with me, and did all sorts of fun things?"

"Go jump in a piranha pool."

"Please, stop acting like this. I wish this was just a joke!"

"I'm not acting like the world revolves on *me*. *It depends on me. Au revoir.*"

Merrick pressed a button and shocked Ocean. The chair exploded. Ocean flew up in the sky. Merrick flew after him and touched him. Suddenly, Ocean was trapped in an orb. Ocean's skin turned into a baby-blue color as his eyes washed fully blue. His arms turned muscular and his feet became webbed. (If you do not know, that is the feet that ducks have to help them swim, but Ocean does not swim as often.) Ocean broke out of the orb and out of the chamber. He was now one of the few unlucky ones to get Infected.

The now infected Ocean landed in the forest. Sapphire, Skye, and Stella was sitting near a campfire. He could recognize them, but now, he had to get them infected as swift as possible. However, the girls saw him too, and screamed.

"Relax, it's just a... duck-like creature," Sapphire assured.

"Relax? It's going to maul us!" Stella starred at the creature. *Monster. That is all it is. She thought.*

"Ducks do not maul, but maybe this duck does."

Ocean came closer to Skye.

"What are you going to do? Dance in a clown outfit and juggle three balls, Merrick?" Skye asked sarcastically. Ocean snapped. He started to run closer to her. Suddenly, she screamed and kicked him in the head. She was now flying in a orb.

"Oh god! Skye was right! It's a form of Merrick!" Sapphire screamed. In a last resort, thinking that "Merrick" would get them, they ran, and jumped in a bush. "Merrick" walked around, looking to see no one there, and flew away.

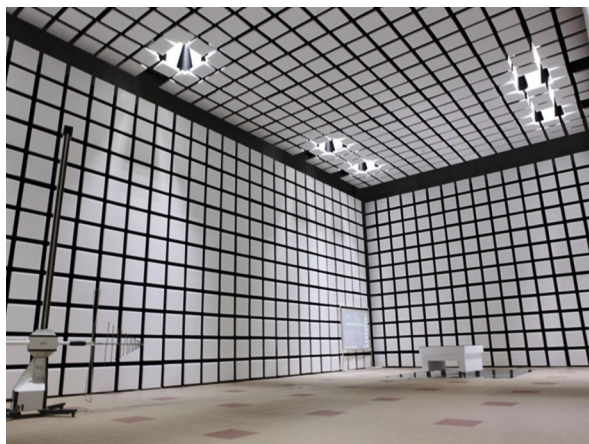
"We lost him!" Sapphire sighed.

"What can possibly happen next, girl?" Stella asked as she swayed her chocolate hair.

"We're on our own now," Sapphire said as she smiled to Stella. In the classroom, they were enemies, but in this game, they were nothing but allies.

*Note: Ocean is made by Dominic Tracy, give credit to him. He deserves it! :)

*Note: Au Revoir is French for goodbye. I hope you learned something, oh yeah! You just did! Hooray!



Picture above: a chamber Merrick put Ocean and the two boys in

Lewiston Porter Middle School Drawing Contest!

Azalynn Stalvey, Lucas Ponticelli, & Grace Pasquantino

The Newspaper Club held a Drawing Contest with a Valentine's Day theme. All of your entries were absolutely magnificent, and it was hard to choose who was worthy of first place. After tallying the votes, we are proud to announce the top three drawings. 3rd - Matt Siejack, 2nd - Sofia Renzi, 1st - Daphne McAuliffe. Congrats to all participants!



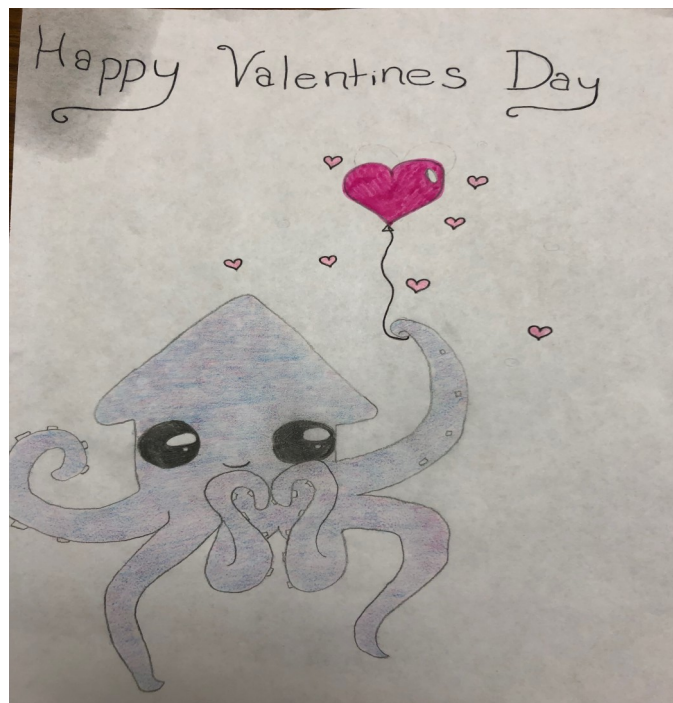
3rd



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1st



Recipe for Love...

Heart Cookies

By: Grace Pasquantino

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Prep: 45 minutes.

Ingredients

1 cup unsalted butter, softened

1 cup superfine sugar

1 large egg

1 large egg yolk

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour

1/4 cup baking cocoa

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon



FROSTING:

1-1/2 cups frozen unsweetened raspberries, thawed

6 tablespoons butter, softened

4 cups confectioners' sugar

Gold and pearl decorations

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg, yolk and vanilla. Combine the flour, cocoa, salt, baking powder and cinnamon; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well.

Divide dough in half. Shape each portion into a ball, then flatten into a disk. Wrap in plastic; refrigerate for 1 hour.

On a lightly floured surface, roll one portion of dough to 1/4-in. thickness.

Cut with a floured 3-in. heart-shaped cookie cutter. Place 1 in. apart on greased baking sheets. Repeat with remaining dough.

Bake at 375° for 6-8 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool for 1 minute before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

For frosting, press raspberries through a sieve; discard seeds. In a large bowl, cream butter, confectioners' sugar and raspberry puree until smooth and creamy. Frost and decorate cookies as desired with decorations. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

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Word Bank: Valentine's Day, be mine, love, galentine's day friend-ship, relationship, kiss, hug, flowers, hearts, chocolate, pink, red, smile cute, cupid, candy, card, holiday admirer, February

Can you find all of the above words?

*Crossword puzzle created by Sofia Renzi

Escape Room Field Trip



A few weeks ago the 8th grade honors project group went on a field trip to escape rooms located on Oliver Street in North Tonawanda. The purpose of the trip was to work on our teamwork and problem solving skills. All 44 students from the honors project group went and participated in the experience. We found the themes for the escape rooms were the jungle, the castle, the prison, and space. My group did the easiest-the castle and the hardest-space. My favorite out of the two we did was the castle. The majority of the groups got out of the rooms. We all agree that it is a very good experience, and I would recommend doing this for fun, learning, or even a team building exercise.

By: Aleena Rydelek

6th Grade DARE Graduation



Congratulations to the winners (pictured above) of the essay contest!

Missing: Hannah Thurman



**SAY
NO
TO
DRUGS**

The Real Truth about Vaping

By: Grace Pasquantino

On Thursday, January 24th we had an assembly about vaping.

We've learned about how vaping contains things like nicotine, lead, and copper. I interviewed Mr. Auer to ask him a few questions about the vaping presentation.

Q: Was there a specific reason or incident for this presentation?

A: We realized that starting last year more kids were vaping and making bad choices so we thought this presentation would help kids make the right choice to not vape.

Q: How do you think this will help kids learn not to vape?

A: I think kids will understand how bad vaping is and realize all the things that go into their bodies.

Q: What was the name of the company that helped with this presentation?

A: NorthPointe Council.

We interviewed a few students too for their opinions on vaping...

"Vaping uses many harmful substances such as titanium, cobalt, and lead. Vaping should have punishments and be discouraged." -Gabe Serra, 6th grader



I think vaping is a terrible idea. It has chemicals that can harm you, and are honestly disgusting to think about putting in your body."
-Estella Orsi 6th grader

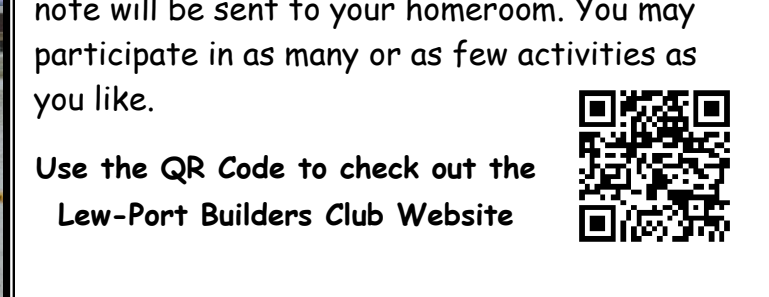
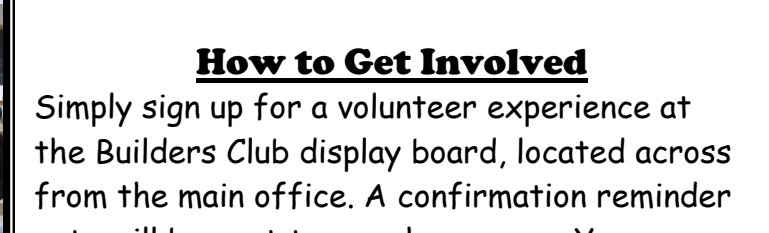
Many people think that vaping is good for you, and is a healthier alternative to smoking cigarettes. Sorry, but it's not. Sadly many kids seem to think this in our school district and others. In fact vape pens contain many harmful substances that could harm your body such as:

nicotine- which will make you addicted and makes it very hard to stop vaping if you already started.

diethylene glycol- this chemical is also found in antifreeze which you put into your car and apparently into your body. This chemical can cause cancer if your body takes too much.

formaldehyde- is a strong-smelling gas used in making building materials and household products. It is used in pressed-wood products, such as glues and plywood. If formaldehyde gets in your body it will affect the blood cells. This might lead to cancer.

Those are just a few of the most harmful substances in vape pens; there are many more dangerous chemicals that will affect your health badly. Hopefully you won't consider vaping or if you have, please don't do it!



Builders Club

Winter 2019

- Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**
- World Cancer Day - February 4
 - Youngstown Monthly Story Hour - February 9
 - Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day - March 3
 - Youngstown Monthly Story Hour - March 9
 - Autism Awareness Day - April 2
 - Recycling Program - Every Wednesday

How to Get Involved

Simply sign up for a volunteer experience at the Builders Club display board, located across from the main office. A confirmation reminder note will be sent to your homeroom. You may participate in as many or as few activities as you like.

Use the QR Code to check out the
Lew-Port Builders Club Website

