

# THE WHITMAN GAZETTE

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## The Chorus Trip

By: Ava Cornwell

On Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> the Whitman Elementary Chorus began their day in the school parking lot, waiting to go to a concert. As the day started, the kids were outside, excitedly waiting for the bus to come and pick us up for this wonderful trip. We were going to put on a show in just a few short hours. Quickly the buses arrived and picked us all up. We had a blast practicing on the ride to the Voorhees High School Performing Arts Center. We had rehearsal all the way up until the show. Hours later, the moment we had been waiting for had finally come... The big show! As family and friends arrived, we waved and jumped up and down with glee. We finally walked out of rehearsal and there it was, the theater! While we waited in the hallway to make our grand entrance into the theater, we listened to the wonderful songs played by the Philharmonic of Southern New Jersey Orchestra. They were guided by their direction Matthew Oberstein. As we walked into the theater, the orchestra played a song while we took the main stage. Everyone clapped and applauded for us as we took our place on the stage. Then we sang our songs in front of the wonderful and bright crowd along with the singer Caleb Collins. We had a great time! I just want to thank all of chaperones, Mrs. Cade, Miss Dott, Mrs. DiNardo, Miss Castano, Miss Arenz, Mrs. Masso, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Haines, and Mr. Anderson. Also, I want to thank the chorus, the Philharmonic of Southern New Jersey, Mrs. Maxwell, and all our families and friends for helping us put on this amazing performance!



## Guess That Teacher

By: Nick Scheer & Abby Greco

Which teacher at Whitman...

- Loves the color green
- Roots for the Philadelphia Eagles
- Likes Social Studies the most
- Says her favorite specials class is gym
- Likes the book Devine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sister Hood by Rebecca Wells
- Says her favorite movies are Mary Poppins and The Sound of Music

(find the answer on page 2...)



## Hanukkah

By: Sanaa Mehta

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday. This year it is celebrated from December 12 to December 20. Hanukkah began in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century B.C. After the war, between the Jews and the Greek-Syrians, they only had one day's worth of oil left to keep the candles lit. This was a big problem because the closest town was really far away, so they would not be able to get enough oil to last that time. They lit up that one day's worth of oil and sent someone out to get some more. But, a miracle happened because the one day worth of oil lasted for 8 days! Then, the people who were sent to get more oil came back. To celebrate this holiday people get menorahs and light them. They keep the candles lit for 8 days. After each night, they blow out the candles and light them again the next day. They eat delicious foods and play a famous game called Dreidel. To play this game, you spin a top, see what it lands on, and find out what you do with your chocolate coins on your turn. The winner gets chocolate gold coins called gelt. Hanukkah is such a fascinating holiday!

## Saddecky's Puppet Show

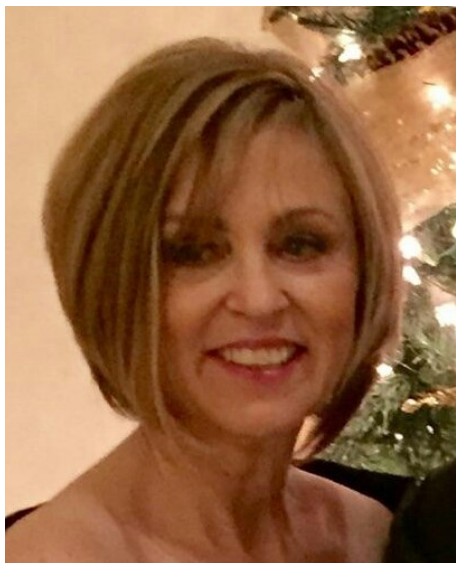
By: Leah Baehr

On Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> the annual Saddecky's puppet show took place. All of the Whitman students were able to see their wonderful performance with the puppets! They must have worked very hard to get the show rehearsed and ready to perform in front of a whole school. The show was about an elf on the shelf and I am sure some of you have one at home for the holidays! Hope you all have a very merry Christmas & enjoy the holidays!

*Photo taken by Leah Baehr*



*Guess that Teacher...*  
**You Guessed it! It's Mrs. Bennett**



*(Our Last issue featured Mrs. Cade)*

## Mrs. Cade was elected Teacher of the Year!

Interviewed by Spencer Cade and Skylar Bouillon

**How did you feel when you found out that you won?**

*I felt extremely honored and very surprised.*

**What did your students do?**

*They clapped, said, "Congratulations!" and gave me cards.*

**What was it like when the staff came in?**

*I heard my name on the loud speaker, looked up, and saw my son Spencer waiting with flowers. Then, Mr. Anderson came in to give me a hug.*

**What were you doing before the announcement was made?**

*I was grading papers and waiting for a meeting to begin.*

(Pictured below, from left: Mr. Anderson, HSC co-president Jodi Wilson, Mrs. Cade, Spencer Cade, & Mrs. Gehrigner)



### This issue was edited by:

Ashley Strate, Sebastian Major, Spencer Cade, Aaron Glennan, Leah Baehr, Ava Cornwell, Sanaa Mehta, and Hunter Smallets.

*Thank you for taking the extra time to review our articles!*

# Advice

Answered by Skylar Bouillon and Amberly Kasper

## What happens if you get invited to two birthday parties on the same day?

– A Fifth Grade Student

Here are some things that you should think about....

- 1. First, check to see if the parties are at the same time...** If the parties are at the same time, you can see how long they are. Let's say they are each an hour long. You can spend 30 minutes at one party, then leave and go to the next one.
- 2. See who the parties are for...** If one party is for your best friend and you've known them for a long time and the other party is for somebody you just met, you should go to the party for the best friend.
- 3. See where the parties are at...** If one party is at a roller skating rink and you don't like skating, but the other party is at a trampoline park and you love to jump, you should go to the party where there is a trampoline park.
- 4. The distance of the parties...** You can see which party is farther. It might be easier to go to the one that is closer to you. The farther one is the one you shouldn't go to.

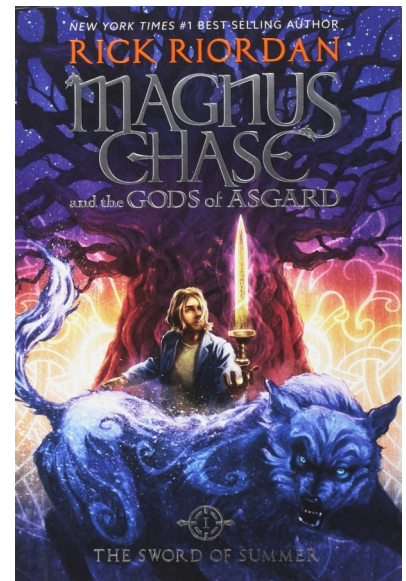
**Hope this advice helps!!**

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## WHAT WE'RE READING...

By: Hunter Smallets

The title of the book is called the Sword of Summer, from the Magnus Chase and the Gods of Osgard series. It is about a boy named Magnus Chase whose father, Frey, is one of the gods of a fantastical world named Asgard. Magnus found his father's sword which is one of the most powerful weapons in the nine worlds. Soon after, Magnus died and he went to a hotel of the dead where warriors go when they die. He found a way to escape and get back to look for his sword so no one else does. Magnus then finds the sword. Magnus then learns that he is responsible for preventing Ragnarok from happening, which would mean the end of the world. Magnus must do this or else the nine worlds will burn. This is one of the best books I ever read so, you should read it too!



## WHAT WE'RE LISTENING TO...

**"Havana" by Camila Cabello**

**Reviewed by Leah Baehr**



Camila Cabello came out with a song called "Havana" and currently it is #2 on the Billboard Hot 100 list. Since I love to dance, it is a great song to dance to. This song has gone viral with over 327 million views on YouTube. The song was also co-written by Pharrell Williams. There is even a version by Ariana Grande featuring Camilla Cabello. Camilla was born in Cojimar, Cuba. Havana is the capital in Cuba, and that's why the song is called Havana. The song at one point was number 1 on billboard hot 100. You should go listen to it!

# WHAT WE'RE WATCHING...



## Star Wars- The Last Jedi

Reviewed by Aaron Glennan

In the newest Star Wars movie, the character Rey finds the Jedi Master, Luke Skywalker, on a remote planet and attempts to get him to come with her to save the rebellion from the First Order. Rey has Jedi powers that she uses to try to turn the other main character, Kylo Ren, back from the dark side of the force. The movie had an excellent plot, revealing the reason Luke Skywalker went into hiding and how Ben Solo became Kylo Ren, a sith lord. Rey continues to find out how great her powers of the force are after she is captured and taken to the Imperial Leader Snoke. Rey and Kylo Ren face off against the Imperial guards in one of the best battles of the movie. The plot twist was great when Kylo Ren and Luke Skywalker face each other again in a battle on a remote rebellion hideout. I don't want to spoil the movie for those that have not seen it yet! I recommend seeing it!!!



**TELEVISION**

## Gravity Falls

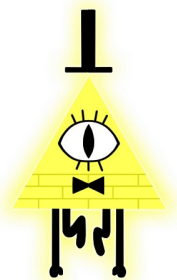
Reviewed by Raymond Hoffman

The show Gravity Falls has already had its series ending, but the show still airs on Disney XD. In the town of Gravity Falls, weird things happen such as Weirdmage-ton. Weirdmage-ton first was seen on season 2 episode 18. Weirdmage-ton happened because one of the characters, named Mabel, picked up Dipper's backpack instead of her own and gave this mysterious globe that, if broken, would release Bill Cipher.

Bill Cipher was first seen on season 1 episode 19. Bill Cipher is a yellow triangle that has pyramid-like markings. Bill Cipher also has arms that are black with only three fingers. Bill Cipher also has no mouth and one big eye. Bill Cipher also wears a black top hat and a black bow tie.

On the other hand, Dipper and Mabel are 12 year old kids that live with their Great Uncle or "Grunckle" Stan, Soos, Wendy, and Mabel's pig Waddles. They live in the Mystery Shack. The Mystery Shack is like a museum with all sorts of mysterious attraction. There's also "Old Man" McGucket. He is good at making all sorts of wacky inventions. I would give this show a 5 star rating. I recommend watching Gravity Falls and I'll give you 10 reasons why.

1. Gravity Falls can be funny and serious.
2. Gravity Falls has awesome adventures.
3. Gravity Falls has all sorts of wacky beast.
4. Gravity Falls has understandable words for kids ages 8+.
5. On the show peoples' minds get erased.
6. Bill Cipher can take some one's body and use it to make others think it's just that person doing their usual things.
7. Gravity Falls shows Fight Fighters, a rip-off of Street Fighters.
8. Is at an easy to understand talking speed.
9. Weirdmage-ton is crazy-cool and wacky.
10. This show has mysterious creatures and comedy perfect for kids ages 8+. This show is on often, multiple times a day!



## Wentz' Injury

By: Nick Scheer

Week 14 of the 2017 season continued on Sunday, December 10th. It was also a turning point for Carson Wentz. Late in the third quarter, while the Eagles were playing the Los Angeles Rams, Carson Wentz ran for a touchdown and leaped into the end zone. Two players from the Rams tackled Wentz from both sides. Carson Wentz walked over to the blue tent to get looked at by the doctor. Then, he started to hobble over to the tunnel that leads to the locker room. In the room, the doctors took an x-ray of his knee. The next day, it was discovered that he had a torn ACL that would require surgery and cause him to miss the rest of the season. The backup quarterback, Nick Foles, had to take over not only for the rest of the game, but will have to for the remainder of the season.



## NFC East Division Title Win!

By: Aaron Glennan

The Philadelphia Eagles won the NFC East division title with their 43 to 35 win over the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday, December 10. The teams record is now 11 wins and 2 losses. The Eagles currently have homefield advantage in the upcoming playoffs. Throughout the game, the score went back and forth with the teams fighting for the lead. The Eagles scored 21 points in the first half of the game. Carson Wentz threw four touchdown passes and set a new team record for most touchdown passes. Later, the Eagles lost their quarterback Carson Wentz because he suffered a knee injury. Back-up quarterback Nick Foles came in to help the team win. In the fourth quarter, the Eagles made a comeback and beat the Rams by three points. Up next, the Eagles will go on to face the Giants.



### Fit Tip

By: Ray Hoffman

**Exercise multiple times a week to keep at your full strength!**

## Health & Wellness

### Tips on Beating Holiday Food Temptations

By: Sebastian Major

The Christmas season is here, and the foods people are addicted to have arrived, too.

Here are a few tips to quit your temptation of your favorite food:

1. Look away from it if it is in your path.
2. Think about Healthy foods- MIND, MOUTH, MUSCLE
3. Know your enemy (for example: Coke, cookies, etc.)
4. If you absolutely can't stop eating junk food, balance it out with good foods.– try to eat more fruits and vegetables.
5. Don't have the items in places that you commonly go to! (Kitchen, Bedroom, etc.)

**Good luck fighting your sweet tooth!**

# Mr. Anderson's Answers

By: Abigayle Greco

**What is your favorite color?**

*My favorite color is red.*

**What is your favorite sport?**

*I love to watch football and hockey, but my favorite sport to play is tennis. I play twice a week outdoors (even in this cold weather)! I also used to do karate and have a black belt in Shotokan karate.*

**What is your favorite game (board or video)?**

*I love playing Monopoly!*

**What is your favorite holiday?**

*I really enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas as I enjoy spending time with my loved ones!*

**What is your favorite food?**

*I love Italian food most of all!*

**What is your favorite movie?**

*I don't really have a favorite movie.*

**What is your favorite song?**

*I love music from the 1980s!*

## Help The Aquatic Environment

By: Sebastian Major

At the moment, about 300 million pieces of trash (mainly plastic and tin cans) are in the ocean. When birds dive in the ocean for fish, they might pick up a piece of trash and choke. By 2025, it is estimated that about 250 million additional pieces of trash will enter the ocean, too. A lot of this comes from ships and boats that are out at sea, or it can even be from a person that throws a soda can on the floor when they are finished with it! Even if you didn't throw your trash straight into the ocean, it may eventually end up in the water because of sewage systems, wind, and some people's improper trash disposal methods. Throwing one piece of plastic, glass, tin, etc. in the recycling bin could possibly save the life of an entire shark! Please consider using your recycling can more often & always making sure to put your trash where it belongs.



## Words of the Week

By: Sebastian Major

K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade: **dreidel**

Definition: a four-sided top that is used to play games in the Jewish holiday called Hanukkah.

Synonyms: Top, Drill

*The children played with their dreidel on Hanukkah.*

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade: **whiteout**

Definition: a condition of heavily falling or blowing snow in which visibility is very poor.

Synonyms: Blizzard, Snowfall, Blast

*We experienced a whiteout during winter break!*

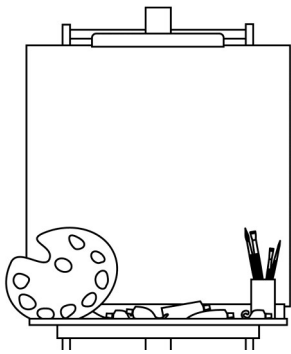
## Maze

By: Hunter Smallets

Help Santa get to his reindeer!



# Student Art



By: Spencer Cade



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Happy  
New Year!  
2018  
Alyssa Lawrence







### Winter Word Search

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 h o l i d a y h g  
 w g h z l z c a r o l y k  
 x l p z r c c z m c d i y c g g o  
 n b n c r z s i z d z p x n y g e c d  
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 santa  
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 december  
 snow

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### Sudoku 6x6 Puzzle

Complete each row and block using the numbers one through six so that the numbers do not repeat!

(For the answers, turn the page upside down)

6	5	4	1	3	2
3	1	2	6	4	5
2	3	5	4	1	6
4	6	1	2	5	3
1	2	3	5	6	4
5	4	6	3	2	1

## The Whitman Gazette's New Year's Resolutions

In 2018 I want to....

- Take better care of my cat and dog - Leah B.
- Try foods that I'm not familiar with - Sebastian M.
- Get better grades and I want to go to more places - Sanaa M.
- Give money and pack food for the poor - Ashley S.
- Try eating new foods, playing new sports, and even making more food, but I do not want to try any new amusement park rides!!!!!! - Corey H.
- Get a dog - Aaron G.
- Do more community service., like help clean up the parks.—Ava C.
- Get more organized & take more time to slow down in life instead of being so busy! - Miss Parker

***What is YOUR New Year's Resolution?!***