

# The Heights Headlines

## Reaching New Heights!

### Valentine Rock!



On February 10, 2023, Castle Heights Elementary School brought back Valentine Rock! Valentine Rock is a day where kids can have fun and dance. It had music, glow sticks, candy, food, and a photo booth, sponsored by Tamar Asken. It seemed like everyone had a fantastic time at the dance and everyone was dancing and jumping. Some songs that the DJ played were "Waka Waka", by Shakira, "As It Was", by Harry Styles, "Bad Habit", by Steve Lacy, and "World Cup", by Ishowspeed. Isabella M, in 3rd grade, says that she had lots of fun. Emmylou I, in 3rd grade, says that she liked the photo booth. Shabnam P, in 3rd grade, says that she liked how colorful it was. Darrien D, in 3rd grade, says she liked how the tattoos glowed in the dark and also liked how there was a raffle. Brady H, in 4th grade, says he loved the dance, and he felt it was good in the auditorium, and doesn't feel there needed to be any changes. Others had suggestions for improvement. Henry W, Sophia Y, and Everett J, say that the experience would have been better if the whole yard was used. Many people at the dance were disappointed that some songs got cut off. I, personally, would have liked if you could put more than one ticket in the raffle to have a better chance of winning. But overall, the 5th grade Committee did a great job with the dance and it was lots of fun.



# 100th Day of School

Sometimes, you just need an excuse to have a party in school. But you also want to make it educational. That's where the 100th day of school comes in. On February the 6th, the 100th day of school hits. For this day, we celebrate 100 days of learning by decorating classrooms, blowing bubbles, and playing outside. But when you go on to the higher grades, you start to do fewer and fewer things to celebrate 100 days of learning. Starting from 4th and up, nothing happens on the 100th day of school. It's like it's just another day of school. We find that a bit weird because as you get higher and higher in grades, the work gets harder and harder, so it would be nice to have a little party. We also think that the 100th day of school isn't just a time to celebrate getting smarter, but also about spending time with your friends and understanding how long you have been together. For the next couple weeks, try to spend as much time with your friends as you can. If you can't get outside, try to Zoom with them. Remember, you won't be in kindergarten or first grade forever.

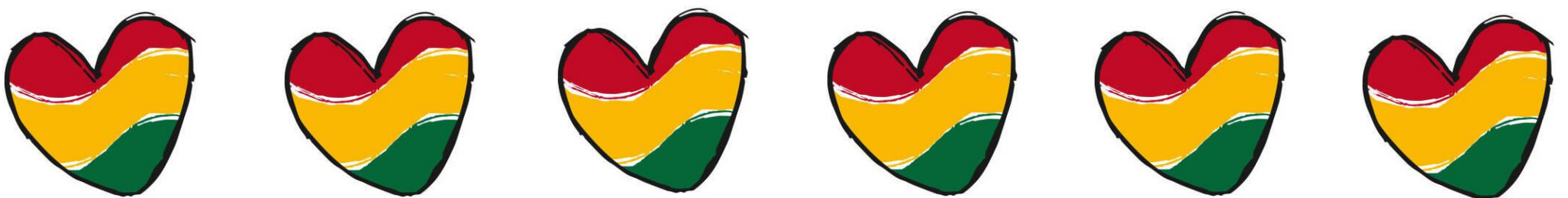
# Super Bowl

The Super Bowl LVII has happened! The Super Bowl was held at the State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. The two teams that competed were The Philadelphia Eagles and The Kansas City Chiefs. The State Farm Stadium is an indoor stadium and is home to the Arizona Cardinals Football Club. It opened in 2006 and was built in 2003. At halftime, the main singer for the halftime show was Rihanna. Rihanna sang some of her most famous songs like "Umbrella," "We Found Love," "Don't Stop The Music" and "Pon De Replay." Near the end of the game, the score was tied at 35-35, but The Chiefs beat the Eagles 38-35 by a field goal when there were 8 seconds left on the clock. The Eagles tried to make a touchdown but they sadly couldn't. Lots of people were happy that the Chiefs won and some people weren't. Are you happy that the Chiefs won?



# Black History Month

It's Black history month! A time for honoring African-American culture through music, art, film, and humor. The holiday recognizes the sacrifices made by African-American rights activists. But unfortunately, it wasn't just activists that were killed. Civilians at protests were beaten and attacked by racially motivated police officers. [www.vericast.com](http://www.vericast.com) says, "Black History Month is that time for African Americans to acknowledge key figures from our past and present." Some famous African-American figures include Mae Jemison, MLK, Malcolm X, Beyonce, Aretha Franklin, Maya Angelou, Fredrick Douglass, and many more. Black History Month was invented by a historian called Carter G. Woodson. [www.history.com](http://www.history.com) says, "Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month." That means Black History Month has been observed for over 50 years!



# HISTORY MONTH

# Entertainment

## Music of the Month

Welcome to the 2022 music and Grammys review. Did you know that 137 million tracks are released every single year? That's a lot! Bonnie Raitt's song called "Just Like That" won Song of the Year. While most of my class dislikes it, most people love it. Harry Styles' album, "Harry's House," won for Album of the Year but I personally don't like it. Samara Joy won New Artist and Adele's beautiful and powerful song, "Easy On Me," won for best pop solo of the year. Lizzo's new song "Special" was sung. The album was also awarded Album of the Year. Those are just some of the amazing songs of 2022.

## TV Show of the Month

*National Treasure, Edge of History* is a series full of adventure, clues, suspense, sentiments, action, and some violence. This series is about a girl named Jess (Lisette Olivera), who thought that her dad died in a fire because of a treasure. She has friends named Thasha, Oren, and her ex, Ethan. Jess works in Peter's storage unit at Almighty Storage located in Baton Rouge and she had to find someone named Iam Pasma. This series is suitable for anyone and every gender. You can watch it now on Disney Plus. All episodes are now streaming.

## Book of the Month

*Inside Out and Back Again* is about a Vietnamese girl and her family fleeing from the Vietnam War in 1975, where they end up going from the territory of Guam to the state of Alabama. The book was written by Thanhha Lai and published in 2011 by HarperCollins. It takes place in 1975 in Vietnam and the United States. The main character is Ha and the other characters are Brother Quang, Brother Vu, Brother Khoi, and Mother. It is a chapter book with 262 pages. It is perfect for anyone who likes poetry and rhyme. The story is based on Lai's own personal experience as a Vietnamese refugee.

## Movies of the Month

The Oscars are coming up this March, and I was tasked with finding 3 movies I have watched, to review. These are *The Heights Headlines'* nominees for the films of the year. ***Top Gun: Maverick***: Currently the best movie of 2022, *Top Gun: Maverick* made over a billion dollars. Tom Cruise plays an amazing character. I didn't like the first *Top Gun* because my favorite character, Goose, died. This movie was good, although it showed flashbacks of Goose's death, even though his son Rooster is one of the main characters in this movie. Lots of people cried during this movie, because of these scenes. Parents on [Common Sense Media](#) say that this is 11+, for there is mild cursing and some violence. ***Black Panther: Wakanda Forever***: This film is more of a tribute to Chadwick Boseman than a *Black Panther* movie. It doesn't feel like a *Black Panther* movie, which is something you should know before watching. Truthfully, it's not worth all the hype; it was good, just not as good as I expected it to be. The actors were good. The princess, Letitia Wright, played the part very well, along with Okoye, played by Danai Gurira. Overall, in my opinion, the movie is a bit overrated. Parents on Common Sense Media say that this movie should be for 10+. ***Puss in Boots: The Last Wish***: This was a good movie, overall. I thought Antonio Banderas, who played Puss in Boots, worked really well with his role. The movie was scarier for kids than the series and the original movie because there was a creepy wolf and, for once, Puss in Boots found fear. I thought the wolf was cool, mostly because I like horror movies. Harvey Guillen, who played Perrito, played the role perfectly along with Salma Hayek, who played Kitty Softpaws. This movie generally had more romance as Kitty Softpaws and Puss in Boots were supposed to get married. Like I said at the beginning, this is a good movie. Parents say that this should be for 9+.

## Tech/Gaming

Hacks are additions to a game that make it easier for you to beat others and harder for other players to beat you. You can find hacks all over Youtube if you look for them. You can find hacks for many things such as Fortnite, Fall Guys, and Minecraft. There are also hacks for games on website. Some of these are Nitro Type, Blooket, and Quizlet. There are many more games that have hacks than what is named here because for almost every game that is out there, there are hacks. What hacks can do can vary quite a lot. Some may allow you to fly, some can make you never miss a target, and some could let you get max upgrades in a game.

Now, you're probably thinking "Is there any downside to this?" and yes, there is. Websites and games have now learned to watch what you are doing and check to see if there is anything weird going on. If they find something weird that is not supposed to be happening they will ban you from the game and you will never be able to play again. Some games/websites find hackers faster than others do, which means that if you played hacks on a pretty simple game you will probably get banned in less than a day. If the game is really complex, you could last up to a year or two without getting banned. Some games/websites will be nice and give you a second chance and say, "Your account is banned for the next 24 hours. Reason: Cheating." So don't get caught cheating or you will probably be banned or don't cheat at all.



## Hacks

# Sports

## Should Castle Heights have sports teams?

I think Castle Heights should have sports because there are a lot of athletes at this school. And I know if we have sports here at Castle Heights, it could help with your heart function, reduce your risk of diabetes, control blood sugar, and lower tension and stress levels. Sports are also a good way to clear your mind and not have to worry about anything.

## What type of sports should Castle Heights have?

I think Castle Heights should have a track team, football team, volleyball team, soccer team, and a basketball team. My friend Dax said that he would like it if we had these teams, because he thinks it would be a fun thing to have at this school, especially for people who stay after school. But unfortunately, according to 2023 Best Schools for Athletes in the Los Angeles Area, "The schools that have sports teams are mostly high schools." According to Principal Beck, to have sport teams, we need coaches and, unfortunately, there is no available budget for that.

## Basketball

There are many teams in the NBA that are getting better and better and some of them are not doing so well. Right now, the Denver Nuggets are the best in the west: their record is 35 wins and 16 losses. The worst team in the west is the Houston Rockets. They have won 12 games and have lost 38 games. There are many teams that may miss the playoffs such as the Houston Rockets, Portland Trail Blazers, Los Angeles Lakers, and Oklahoma City Thunder. Those are the teams that are most likely to make it to the Play-In. In the east, the best team right now is the Boston Celtics. Their record is 36 wins and 15 losses and the worst team in the east is the Detroit Pistons with a record of 13 wins and 39 losses. On February 7 2023 LeBron James broke the record for the most points in NBA history this year. LeBron James is at 38,390, breaking Kareem Abdul Jabbar's record.

# Food

## Chocolate Meringue Pie

It is easy to make a chocolate meringue pie.

For the crust, I used this recipe:

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/classic-butter-pie-pastry/>. For the chocolate

meringue, I used this recipe:

<https://www.yourhomebasedmom.com/chocolate-meringue-pie/>. But, I reduced the sugar by 1/4 cup for the perfect balance. Here are the ingredients for each part.

### Crust

- 1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cold butter, cubed
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3-4 Tbsp ice water

### Reviews

According to Ambie Yesus, "It was great but the chocolate overpowered the meringue and the pie crust was too hard. So you should add more vanilla to the meringue and cut the butter into smaller pieces. Ambie rated it 8/10 or 4 stars out of 5. According to Yosi Antebi, "It was delicious but the meringue needed more flavor. And the pie crust needed to be more flaky by cutting butter into smaller pieces." He says it is 8 1/2/10 or 4 and a half stars out of 5.



### Chocolate Filling

- 9-inch pre-baked pie crust
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 4 heaping Tbsp cocoa
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3 Tbsp cornstarch
- A pinch of salt
- 4 egg yolks
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 1/4 cup semi sweet chocolate chips

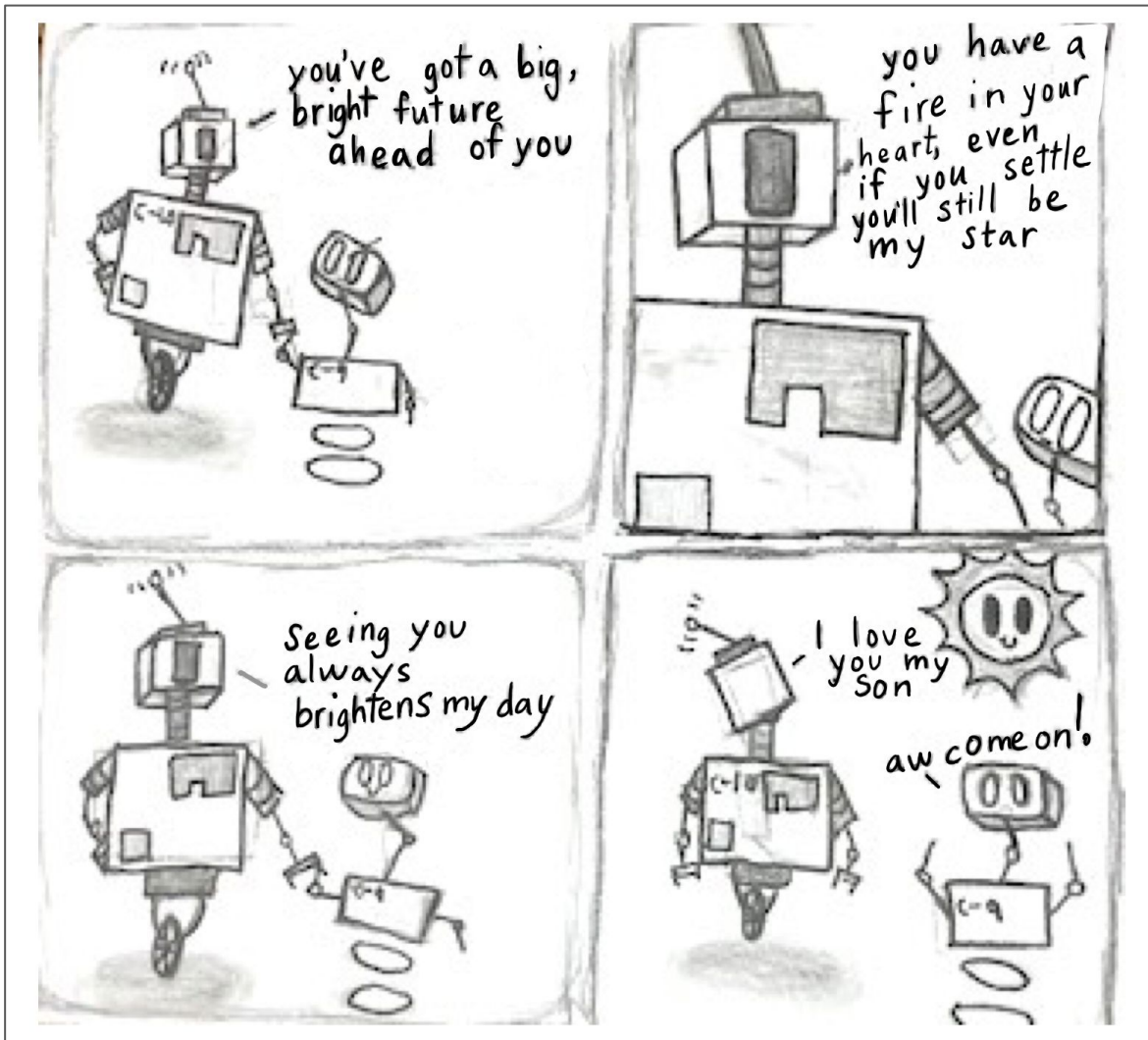
### Meringue

- 4 egg whites
- A pinch of salt
- 1/4 of a cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp cream of tartar
- A few drops of vanilla

# Comics

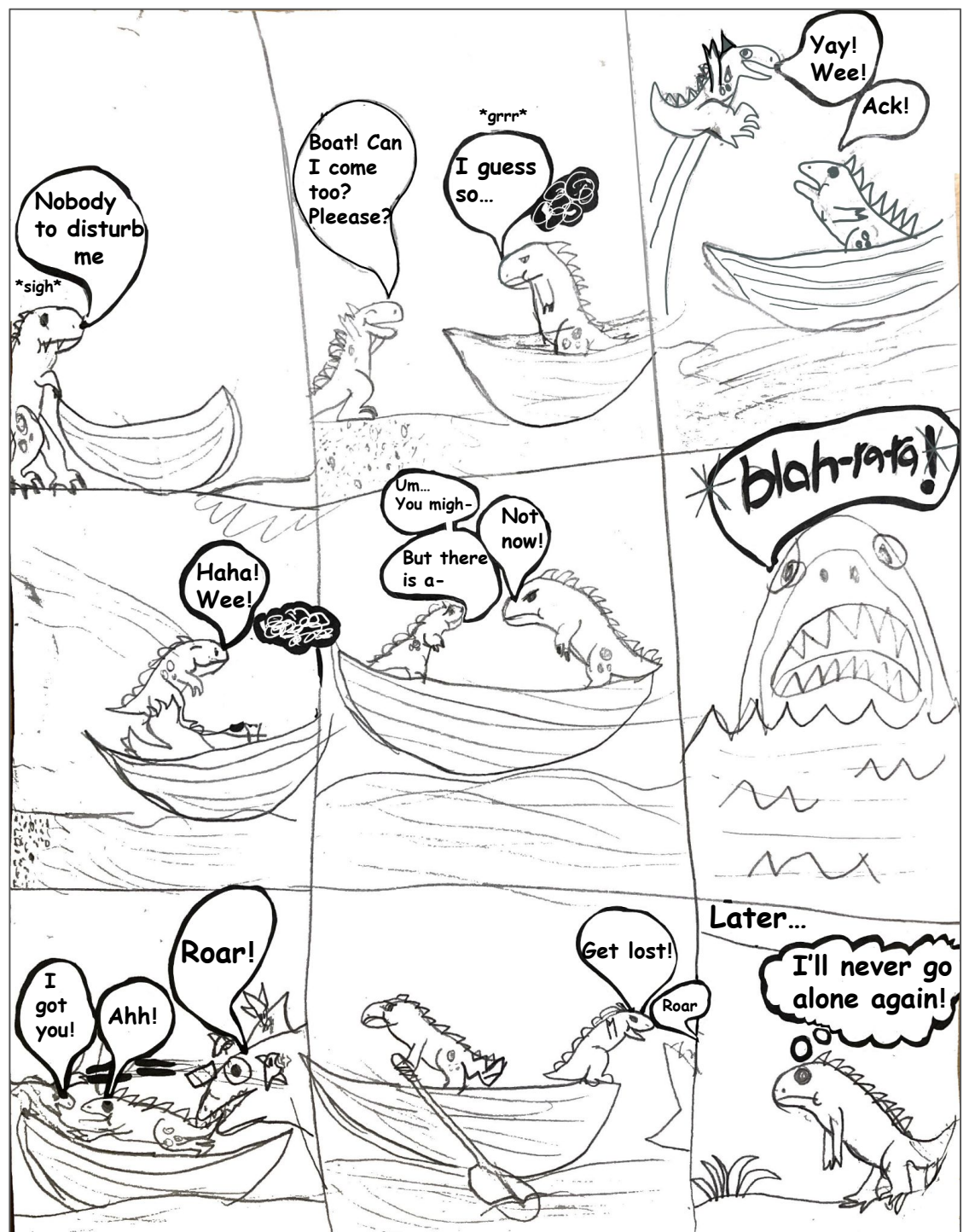
## My Son

*By Tess G.*



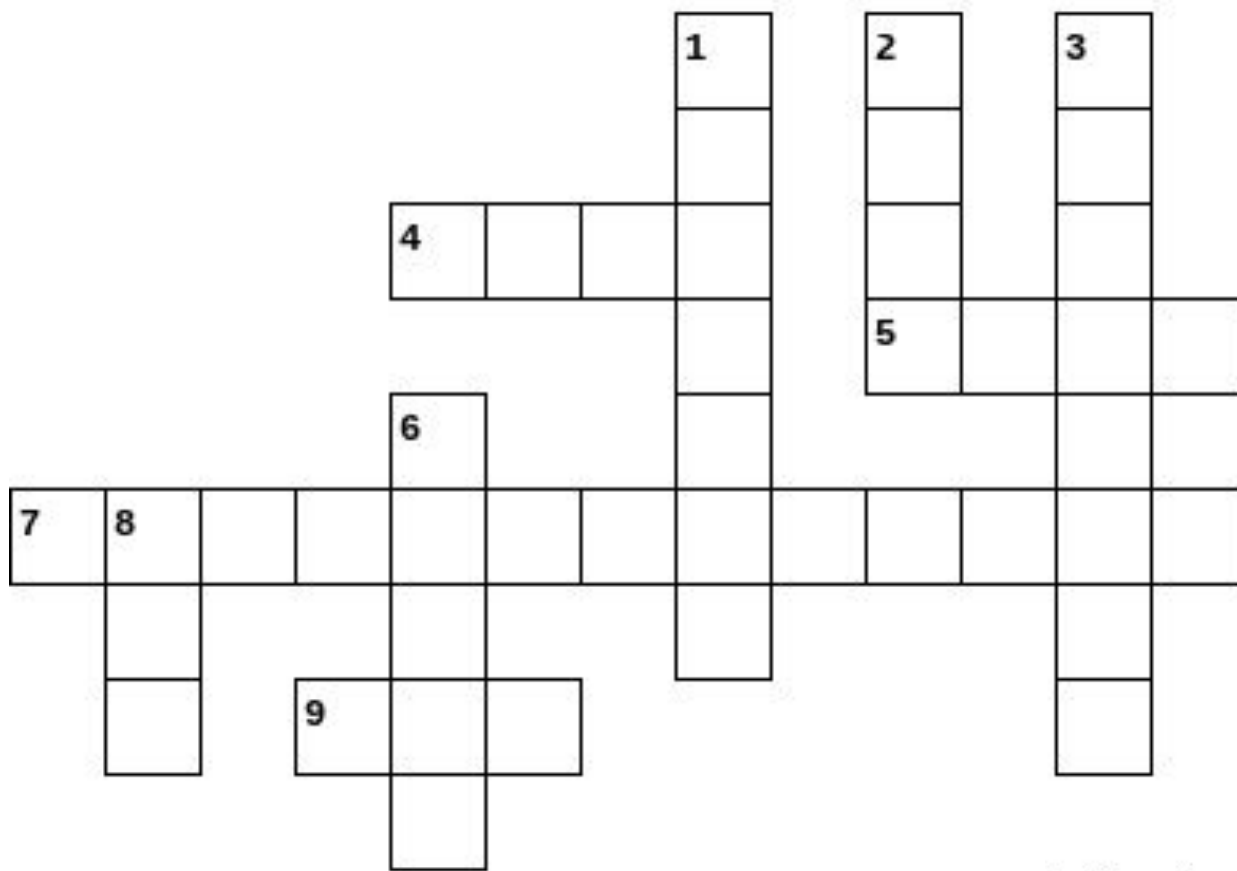
# Big Rex's Boat Trip

*By Toni M.*



# February Crossword Puzzle

The dates are in this format: 22nd, 9th, etc.



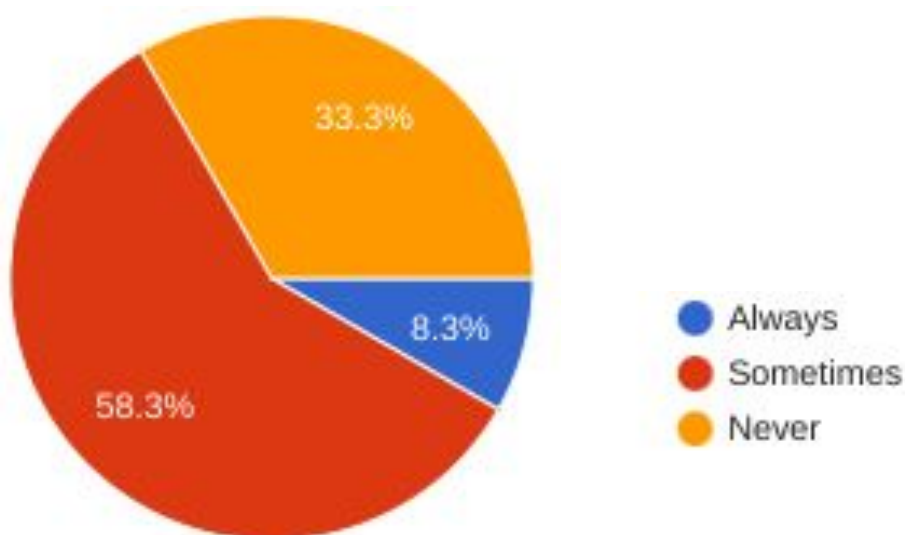
**Across**

- 4. The day of Valentines Day
- 5. The day of Valentines Rock
- 7. A day where we celebrate the leaders of our nation
- 9. The day of Groundhogs Day

**Down**

- 1. The person who performed at the Super Bowl
- 2. When Castle Heights was founded
- 3. What they play at the Super Bowl
- 6. The first black Disney princess
- 8. The color most associated with Valentines Day

## The Results of the Taco Tuesday Poll!



# Poll



What's your favorite P.E. sport? Scan the QR code to participate. You can use your phone or computer.

# Sudoku

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6			1	9	5			
	9	8					6	
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# Letter from the Editor



What a month! Even though February only has 28 days, there have been a lot of events happening in this little month. From the chaotic, but amazing Valentine Rock, to the surprising outcome of the Super Bowl, there have been a lot of articles to choose from. You may have noticed that we added 5 sections and included more voices from writers in our class in this month's newspaper. We hope you enjoy this expanded and more diverse format! Shout-out to the team and as always thank you, readers, for continuing to read. We try our best to make this a fun newspaper, and we are always welcome to feedback. See you in March!

Lyla P.  
Editor-in-Chief

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