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## Donald Trump Impeachment Trial

*Please note, this article was written before the trial.*

by Juliet S.

On January 20, we welcomed new president, Joe Biden, and Vice President Kamala Harris into office. But scrutiny does not seem to be over for former president Donald Trump.

Trump is the first president to have been impeached twice. In his first trial, he was acquitted, meaning that he had an impeachment trial, but was ultimately not removed from office. As for what will happen in this trial, we don't know yet.

### Impeachment

Andrew Johnson was the first president to be impeached, in 1868, and was followed by Nixon, (although he resigned before his trial, and subsequently never had one) and then Bill Clinton in 1998, and finally Donald Trump in 2019 and 2021. All these presidents were acquitted, so, if Trump is officially impeached, he will be the first president to hold that record.

For Trump to be impeached, two thirds of the Senate, or 67 votes, need to convict him. In order for this to happen, 17 Republicans would need to go against a member of their party, (Trump) and side with convicting him. Since Biden is now President, impeachment would not remove Trump from office, however certain privileges could be taken away.

We will just have to see if the trial is a repetition of the 2019 impeachment trial, and if it is not, what happens next?



## International Day: What Will It Look Like Online?

by Molly L.

McKinley Elementary School has a lot of yearly events and traditions. One event you may remember from past years is International Day. On International Day, we can learn about other cultures and their traditions. Because of the pandemic, this event will be online. Even so, the PTA has some amazing plans to make the event fun and interactive.

International Day will take place on April 30th, and it won't look like what it usually is. It will be on FlipGrid, which is a platform where you can film short videos. Any student can go onto the FlipGrid to film themselves telling us about a country of their choice. You can talk about the country's geography, culture, traditions, and more. Another thing you can do is show how to make a dish from the country or show and teach a dance.

Overall, International Day will be fun and exciting. "Throughout this year, McKinley kids have adjusted and adapted to so much. We look forward to coming back together again soon. In the meantime, the PTA, and many parents will continue to make virtual events as fun and inclusive as we can. International Day will be another example of our school's inclusive culture and rich diversity," says Alana Levitt, the chair of the event. Well, there you have it! International Day online will be just as fun as it would have been in-person.

## Stop Motion Animation

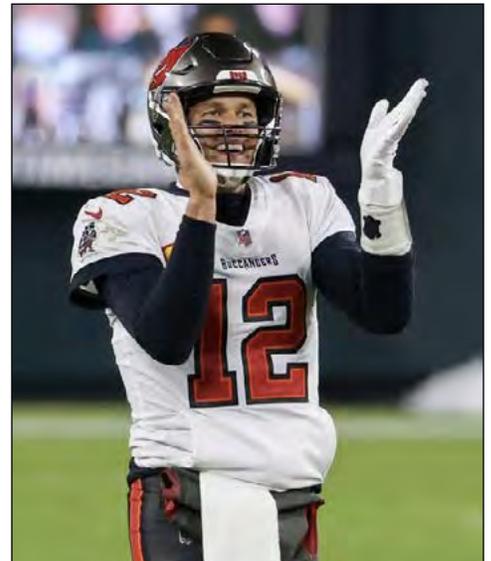
by Jacob M.

When you are doing stop motion, you can take pictures and make it look like the toys or anything you are using is moving. You have to take pictures of their actions. It will seem like it is easy, but it is harder than it looks. It takes time to put them in place and do whatever you want with them. You can make a movie, and, if you have iMovie, you can send it to iMovie and add noise.

## The Super Bowl

by Jonah C.

The Super Bowl is the most popular sports game in America. On February 7, 96 million watchers tuned in to see the Tampa Bay Buccaneers play the Kansas City Chiefs. By halftime the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were up 21 to 6. The Buccaneers held on to their lead and won the game 31 to 6. The Chiefs star quarterback Patrick Mahomes is getting surgery for his toe. Tom Brady who is the Buccaneers quarterback won his 7th Super Bowl which is more than the Steelers and the Patriots, his old team.



# CURRENT EVENTS

## Life After the Pandemic

by Delilah P.

As we are approaching the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, we can start thinking of life after lockdown. I thought it would be interesting to ask McKinley Lions what habits they will keep and which habits will be dropped after the pandemic.

### *Which habits will people keep?*

When doing an online poll of students, a lot of people want to continue doing neighborhood walks. Ms. Kirven, a teacher at McKinley Elementary says “After the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to keep up my exercise routine. It’s been difficult to be sitting at my computer all day when I am accustomed to being on my feet all day, but I enjoy that I have more time for at home workouts.” Dr. Moore talks about some habits of Distance Learning that she wants to continue after the COVID pandemic. “In this setting, I’m not only using the kids’ names in the problems, but I’m also including a photo of them. They’re always excited to see themselves and their friends, so I definitely would like to continue this.” This is an example of some good habits that will continue to benefit people when back physically in the classroom. Ms. Botello, another teacher at Mckinley said, “An activity I think my family and I will keep is game nights on Fridays. We spend all week in front of a screen and don’t really have an opportunity to disconnect until Friday evening. We get to relax, have fun, and enjoy each other’s company without being distracted by other things.” Family game night is another example of something fun that can be continued after the COVID-19 pandemic.

### *Which habits will people drop?*

When asking people what they want to never see again, many people said that they want to stop using video calls. However, other people want to keep video calls. Some other practices that the respondents don’t want to continue are wearing masks, frequent hand washing, video calls, neighborhood walks, and working from home. I know I am eager for distance learning to end, so we can be back together in-person at McKinley!!

### *What do people want to get back to?*

In the online poll, many people said that they want to get back to in-person school, seeing friends, having fun things “for example sleepovers or playdates, traveling, going to the movies, playing sports, visiting friends and family.” Although it’s still the COVID-19 pandemic, we are seeing hope. At the time of this article, there over 50 million people vaccinated in the US, and outdoor dining and other businesses are starting to reopen. The Biden administration has planned to have 300 million people vaccinated by the end of the summer. Therefore, we can start to think about our lives after the pandemic, as well as reflect on which habits from the pandemic we want to keep. During the pandemic, we have adopted some new habits and had to drop other ways of life. Which habits from the pandemic will you keep once we return to “normal”?



## Fun Websites to Try During Quarantine

by Zalie R.

I thought I could give you some website recommendations to keep things fun while at home.

Sumo, is an art website where you can create songs, and lots of different types of art (3D art, painting, etc.). I actually discovered it recently, for it is an icon in the top right hand corner of your Google Chrome if you have a Chromebook from the school. I love to press the symmetry button under “Paint” and watch as all my lines mirror each other six ways.

Canva, is another website for computer artists. This is especially for graphic designs.

I have made cards and as a mini-business, sold them. I find canva a fun and entertaining way to pass the time.

Epic and Libby are great reading programs. I use Libby all the time. I am usually on there twice a day and my parents have to tell me more than twice to turn Libby off. You can use both of these as an app or a computer tab.

If you want learning programs, Reflex and Gimkit are really fun! My class plays Gimkit a lot. I love getting money every time I get a question right and then using it as though I’m actually in charge, like an adult. Reflex is a game where you pay for treehouse games (which are actually in treehouses) and then you get to change your character in a store. After you have played long enough, you get to change your person’s clothes and how they look.

I hope you find this list helpful and try some of these programs then realize you like them and start using them a lot more than you ever thought you would!

# COOKING

## Carrot Tomato Puree Soup

by Juliet S.

We are in the cold winter months, and so what could be better than a bowl of hot soup? This is a recipe for Carrot Tomato Puree Soup that I got from Ms. Le.

Hope you enjoy it!

### Ingredients

4 Tbsp Butter  
6-7 Carrots, diced  
1 sliced Yellow onion  
6 oz Tomato paste  
Salt and Pepper  
1/2 tsp Cayenne  
1/2 tsp Turmeric  
1/2 tsp Ginger  
3 Tbsp Flour  
6-7 cups of water  
Parmesan (optional, garnish)

In a skillet, on medium temperature, melt the butter. Add carrots and onions until the onions are soft. Add tomato paste, salt and pepper, and cayenne. Then add flour, mix it in well. Add turmeric, ginger, and water. Cook for about 45 minutes until carrots are soft enough to put in a blender. Add more water depending on your desired soup consistency. Transfer to a blender and blend and serve warm. You can also garnish the soup with a parmesan crisp.



## What's In Our Food?

by Shayla A.

Have you ever wondered, "What's in my food?" I certainly have. The type of food I'm talking about is the one that everyone thinks is healthier than it actually is. You look on the back of the food packets to see the ingredients, and you see all these chemicals. One thing I noticed is that corn is basically in all food. After some research, I discovered that 4,000 products have corn in them. The corn in food products is usually corn syrup, corn starch, and corn powder. Corn as a vegetable is ok for you but, if mixed with other products, it can be bad for you. If you eat too much corn syrup it can cause illnesses. The food companies say that a little bit is ok and that's probably true but some people don't know corn is in a product and eat too much!

One popular item in America, ketchup, is full of corn, but in other countries, however, ketchup is not like that. Our government allows corn to be put in "supposed to be good for you" products. In other countries, the government

does not allow this. American companies have freedom that they don't have in other countries. In my opinion, this is bad for the people in America. I think it is not fair that people in America have to eat unhealthy food because the government is too laid back on the companies.

Lead is another chemical that is not in all food but actually in more food than you think. Lead is pure chemical and that's not good. Lead is very well hidden. When my mom looked at the ingredients in goji berries (they are supposed to be super healthy) she found out there is lead in it. WHY? Maybe they want people to buy stuff they think is good for them but it's not!

Some unhealthy foods are hidden, but others are not, like Doritos. My sister was attached to Doritos. We were able to take them away from her but she still dreams of them. This is because all unhealthy foods have one special tug to them: they are designed to be deliciously bad for you. It's hard to stop! It's hard to control yourself over foods that are bad for you. The ones that are hidden are even worse; you eat so many of them that you can get sick. You get sick, because you don't know you are eating unhealthy foods and don't hold back. Now that we have coronavirus, this may become even worse than usual. I wonder if you could get sick from faulty products which could make you more vulnerable to coronavirus.

Why do they want to put chemicals in food? Well, they say that they are saving money. There is nothing wrong with eating a little bit or having these foods as snacks. But sometimes too much of a good taste can turn out to be very bad for you. Just try to check the ingredients when you are eating because you should always be aware of the stuff you eat.

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## Sage's Advice Column

by Sage M.

*"It's sort of hard to make new friends while we're having Zoom school. How can I make that easier."* -Anonymous

Hi! Thank you for asking. It can be hard to make friends while in Distance Learning, but luckily there are many ways to help with this! The first is to come back earlier from recess or lunch, you can ask your class before you go to break or when you come back if anyone is going to be there, and talk for the rest of your break. Also, joining after or during school activities like the newspaper or STEM Club is a great way to make new friends in a smaller group! There are many ways to make new friends even during virtual school! I hope this helped! - Sage

If you have any questions you would like to get advice on, e-mail [sgm@smmk12.org](mailto:sgm@smmk12.org)

## Move-A-Thon

by Zalie R.

Move-a-Thon starts Friday, February 26 (TODAY!). It will be going on for two weeks. It ends March 12, but you can turn in fundraising money up to 1 week later.

This is how it works: each person gets a game card of movement activities to do. Film or photograph yourself doing these activities and upload them to Flipgrid. There will be prizes for participation. Also, ask friends and family if they can support you by donating any amount to the school.

Move-a-Thon will be the same as last year because it's all about physical activity and it's a community event that involves the whole school raising money to support programs for the school. It won't be the same because we aren't together on the track, but we'll see each other's videos. Also, running and walking won't be the only exercise option, each person can choose their own activities.

Remember Move-a-Thon is all about having fun and getting some exercise. So don't compare yourself to others, just have fun!

Click [here](#) to access the game cards!

**HEY, MCKINLEY LIONS!**

**Make sure to check out 5th Grader Zoe's exciting travel review in our next edition of The McKinley Times!**



## 10 Questions With A Mckinley Lion: Ms. Juarez

by Matthew S.

Before the Pandemic, I was a student in Ms. Juarez's class. Her room was filled with collections of STEAM learning items. She had legos, magnets, seashells, bottle caps, string, sand paper, cardboard, etc. You could get inspired to make things just by looking around in her room. I interviewed Ms. Juarez for this issue and learned that her favorite movie was "Home Alone." I was thinking that the character from that movie, Kevin McCallister, would have LOVED to be a student in Ms. Juarez's class. She had everything he needed to build and create whatever he wanted. Read on to find out more about Ms. Juarez... like what happened to her on October 5th, 2020 and if you ever need a new recipe for dinner or brunch, you might want to ask Ms. Juarez!

**1. What was your favorite book when you were a kid?** "I really enjoyed reading the Ramona novel series by Beverly Cleary as a kid. I liked how dynamic and funny, Ramona, the main character was throughout the series."

**2. What was your favorite school subject?** "My favorite school subject was writing. I really enjoyed how my thoughts came together to form a piece of writing that others enjoyed reading."

**3. What is your favorite movie?** "My favorite movie, or movies I should say, is the Home Alone film series. I think these movies are funny and family friendly and also always gets me ready and pumped for the holidays."

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**4. What is your favorite board or card game?** “My favorite board game is Monopoly. I remember playing this game with my family often as a child. I really enjoy thinking back at how many fun memories my family and I created while playing this game. To this day, I really enjoy playing and the competition aspect that it provides.”

**5. What is your favorite sport to play or watch?** “My favorite sport to watch is football. I really love how this sport brings so many diverse people together to root for their favorite team.”

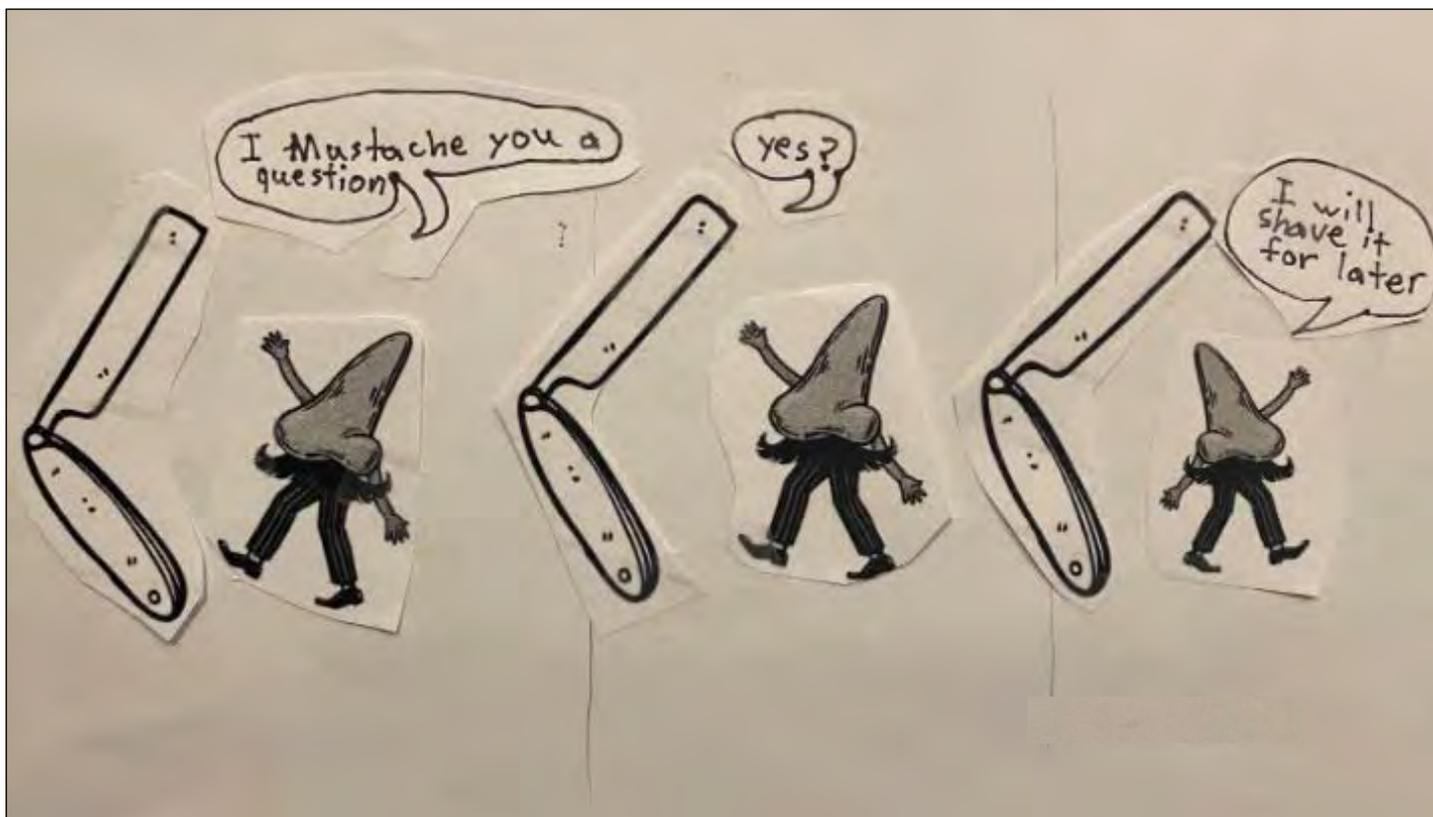
**6. What are three things you like to do outside of school?** “Three things I like to do outside of school include trying new recipes, hosting brunches at home, and

**7. What is your favorite food?** “My favorite food is traditional Mexican and Italian.”

**8. What is your favorite candy?** “My favorite candy is chocolate covered nuts; especially, the See’s Nuts and Chews.”

**9. What is your favorite animal?** “My favorite animal is any type of dog. Dogs are so loving and fun to play with.”

**10. Can you tell us some interesting facts about you?** “Some facts about me include that I was a cheerleader in high school, I am a San Diego State University alumni, I love to travel and I just became a first-time mommy to my wonderful son, Benji, on October 5, 2020.”



*by Samuel N.*

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



## Movies During Quarantine

by Jonah C.

Here are some good movies to watch:

Peabody and Sherman  
 Star Wars  
 Finding Ohana  
 Wanda Vision  
 Space Jam  
 Hachi: A Dog's Tale  
 Mary and the Witch's Tower  
 Soul  
 Raising Dion  
 The Mandalorian  
 Hamilton  
 Naruto and the Lost Tower

## Ways to Stay Entertained During the Quarantine

by Aria E.

Have you ever felt bored during the quarantine? Are you sad because you can't see your friends? Are you out of ideas for what to do at home? Well, I'm here to help! Here are a few ideas to stay entertained during the quarantine:

Read a book. There are many Little Free Libraries in the neighborhood around McKinley. These are a great place to share and find books. There are also contactless ways to check out books

from the McKinley and public libraries. Now is a great time to try a new series.

Do a safe science experiment. For example, you can try putting Mentos candy in Coke and see what happens. (I'd tell you what happens but I don't want to ruin the surprise.) Make sure you do this outside with adult supervision.

Build a fort. Gather pillows and blankets. For a strong foundation, use a table and chairs as the base. Stack pillows and drape blankets over the top. You can read, write, play video games, or many other things in your fort. You're never too old for a fort!

Draw with chalk on the sidewalk. You can draw a long jump course and mark your jump lengths. Each person can use a different color of chalk to figure out who can jump the farthest. Hopscotch is also fun. You can also write positive messages on the sidewalk to keep your neighbors happy.

Practice cooking new recipes. Ask your family to teach you basic recipes or special family recipes. I learned how to make musubi and breaded cauliflower during the quarantine. Everything tastes better when you make it yourself.

## *The Land of Stories* Book Review

by Sienna N.

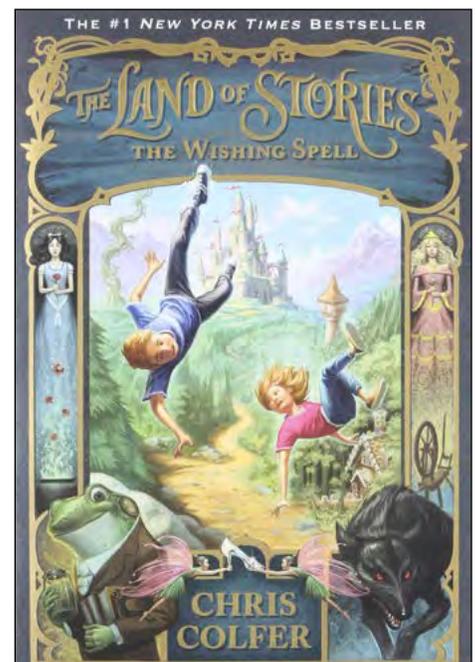
Book 1: *The Wishing Spell*

*The Wishing Spell* is book one in the five book Land of Stories series. The series is about eleven year old twins, Alex and Conner Bailey, who go on all sorts of adventures in The Land of Stories, a world where Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty

and the other fairy tale princess are real, and they rule kingdoms. There are also all sorts of fairy tale characters like Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and Jack and the Beanstalk.

In the first book, Alex and Conner fall into the Land of Stories and meet a friendly frog-man called Froggy. Froggy tells Alex and Conner about a legend called the wishing spell, a spell that says if they collect certain items they will be granted one wish. The twins have a hard time getting these items, because they are very valued items. They run into all sorts of trouble with palace guards, trolls and goblins and dangerous wolves. Snow White's stepmother, the Evil Queen, is at large and hidden in one of the kingdoms. Alex and Conner suspect that she might also be looking for the wishing spell.

This book is a book for anyone who enjoys reading about adventure, surprises, mystery and action. There's even a duel on top of a collapsing castle. I recommend this book because it's very entertaining and a good book for right now while we are stuck at home, longing for adventures.



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



## The Grammys and Oscars

by Daisy M.

Are you curious where your favorite band or actress are now? Well, that won't be a problem to answer. These two award shows happen once a year, oftentimes at the beginning though. These award shows are fun to watch in my opinion, but you might have your own.

**The Grammys** The Grammys is the music award show, of music award shows. It is really interesting, considering most of the past years best artists perform on the stage. Last year, there was an interesting performance, because it was the same, sad day that Kobe Bryant passed away. Most of the singers paid tribute to him. Alica Keys and some boy bands sang a song for his tribute at the beginning of the show. Lizzo also said, "This is for Kobe!" Other than that, you are probably wondering, "Hmm, I wonder if my favorite singer will be there." I can't promise that your exact favorite singer will be at the show, but there are

lots of new and old singers that will be there.

Let's talk about who will be or perform at the Grammys. The people, or Trevor Noah, who is the host, will play the winners' music videos. I'm pretty sure it will be a live stream if they can't make it. Taylor Swift is either being nominated for one of her two new albums, evermore or folklore. She deserves it. To bring us back to 2007, Justin Bieber got nominated three times, one for his song Yummy, another for his song Intentions featuring Quavo and, lastly, for his album Changes. I think you might be noticing that these songs and albums came out in late 2019 or 2020. Anyway, Dua Lipa is yet another artist who has more than one nomination. She has been nominated for a song which is actually J Balvin's, but she was still credited. She was also nominated for Don't Start Now. Just to give you a little list of other singers who you might know who got nominated: Billie Eilish for Everything I Wanted, BTS for Dynamite, Doja Cat for Say So, Harry Styles for Fine Line (album), Noah Cyrus as a new artist, Phoebe Brigers as a new artist, Beyonce for Black Parade, Chloe x

Hallie for Ungodly Hour, Megan Thee Stallion for Savage featuring Beyonce. Just to add, The Grammys will be at the Staples Center in Los Angeles this year, and it will be on March 14 of 2021.

**The Oscars** The Oscars is the award show of movie and show business. The show dates back a long time, the longest I heard was when Walt Disney got awarded for well you know, creating Disney. Last year I remember that Joaquin Phoenix was awarded an Oscar Best Actor in Joker, (not a kid-appropriate movie.) Also, Renee Zellweger was awarded best actress for her performance in JUDY as Judy Garland. Lastly, the movie Parasite won for Best Picture.

I am not entirely sure who will be at the show, because I don't think they put out the information yet. I can speak for a lot of people and say that Elizabeth Olsen should be nominated for best actress as her role of Scarlet Witch. I'm pretty sure that Soul and One Night in Miami will be nominated. The show will be on April 25.