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## The Impact to Healthcare Workers Beyond Covid



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by An N.

We know that healthcare workers have been working so hard for us during these times. But aren't you curious what exactly is going on behind the scenes?

According to John Hopkins University data, over 40 million people worldwide have contracted Covid-19 with almost 300,000 cases in Los Angeles alone. I had an opportunity to interview Dr. Paul Natterson, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of Saint John's hospital. He was able to give us insight on how healthcare workers and hospitals are doing during these difficult times.

At the start of this pandemic, to keep patients and employees safe, all procedures were postponed except for true emergencies. By doing this, hospitals all over the nation were heavily impacted because hospitals actually get most of their money from procedures. This caused the hospitals to be incredibly empty and the doctors were most definitely stressed out. After all, having to deal with a new virus isn't exactly easy. On top of this, there was also a shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This definitely added much unnecessary stress on healthcare workers because they have to work long hours to take care of patients without enough protection.

Patients are on two sides of this argument. Some were actually happy while others were definitely mad. For patients who want a procedure, you must first get a negative Covid test before you may enter the facility. On top of that, no visitors are allowed either. Imagine if someone close to you was sick at the hospital, and you couldn't visit them!

Dr. Natterson shared that Saint John's has almost recovered back to pre-Covid, "We're already doing 90% of all business we did before," which is good seeing that there's only a 10% gap. Weirdly enough, the area with the slowest recovery was actually the emergency room (ER). This was because now people are realizing that the things that they once thought were 'emergencies' aren't such urgent things compared to what others are facing. So, they then wait, making the ER, waiting a bit longer to recover. Other than that, everything else is going smoothly.

When being asked what he thought the kids at McKinley could do to stay safe during this county-wide lock-down. He told us to listen to the medical officials, wear a mask, and stay 6 feet (1.82 meters) apart. He advised us that we should still maintain and keep a social life. Kids during these times can sometimes feel isolated and alone sitting at a computer at home all day. So, whether it's a socially distanced walk or a FaceTime with friends. It's important to talk to others during these times.

Just don't make it an excuse to be unsafe during this pandemic, because keeping you safe keeps me safe. If I keep myself safe, that's keeping you safe. So, make sure that you're keeping in mind to listen to updated advice from officials such as the CDC, WHO, SMMUSD guidelines, or local hospitals like Saint John's hospital.

# CURRENT EVENTS



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## Climate Change in the World

by Sienna N.

There are many problems in this world, one of the largest is climate change and the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> being produced into the atmosphere. CO<sub>2</sub> stands for carbon dioxide. When this gas is released into the air it absorbs heat from the sun, therefore heating up the planet. This is the way climate change works.

There are many things causing CO<sub>2</sub> to be in the air. One big problem is the factories, which are burning fossil fuels such as coal and oil and releasing them into the air. The US is working against this. Many of our factories are now running on solar or electrical power. This is really good for the environment.

Another way we can help to solve this is by using other types of transportation. Electric cars are much better for the environment than cars that run on gas. We can also use bikes, or public transports like buses or the metro train. This will reduce a lot of the CO<sub>2</sub> being put into the air.

It isn't just in the US though. Many poorer countries have to burn wood or coal because they can't afford solar panels or electricity. This is something harder to solve. We can try to limit these uses of fossil fuels like coal and oil.

The way we are heating up the planet is not just making it hot. It is causing ice caps to melt, providing less homes for the arctic animals like polar bears and seals. It is also causing our sea levels to rise. This is NOT good. We will soon have to move further inland if the sea levels keep rising. We won't be able to live on the beaches. We have to stop this as fast as we can so if you can use less fossil fuels in any way at all please do all you can.

I believe that we should all try to use renewable energy, like putting solar panels on our houses. This is one way we can help save the environment. If we can turn this around. You will probably agree that if we stop this it will make our planet a lot more enjoyable. We can enjoy the beach and so much more that we won't be able to do if we continue to heat up the planet like a microwave burrito.

So in conclusion, we should all try to use a lot less fossil fuels and help the planet cool down.

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## Ways to Stop Pollution

by Jose S.

I have some ideas to help our environment. We can stop using cars or stop using them every day of the week. We can use bikes and trains and other types of transportation. If you are able to, get a single jar and see if you can fit all of your trash in it. We need to control the rise of air pollution to ensure that we stay safe.

## Election Update

by Zalie R.

President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence are running for a second term. A term is four years. Vice President Joseph Biden and Kamala Harris are running against them. Joe Biden was Barack Obama's Vice President from 2009-2017. The 2020 Presidential Election is held countrywide on November 3, 2020. We have a Presidential Election every four years to decide all the important decisions for the United States. You must be eighteen years old to vote. There are two ways to vote, mail-in-ballot or in person at a polling place.

George Washington was our first President from 1789-1797. His Vice President was John Adams. I find it interesting that John Adams was a Vice President first and then ran for President just like Joe Biden. The four year terms started in 1797, but how many times a person could run for President didn't become a law until 1951 when the 22nd Amendment was added to the Constitution.

The 22nd Amendment states that a person can only run for two terms. That means they can only be President for at most eight years.

Have you ever wondered about the blue for Democrats and the red for Republicans? The blue for the Democrats and the red for the Republicans is a relatively new concept. The colors associated with the two leading parties didn't come into play until the 2000 Presidential election between vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush.



# CURRENT EVENTS



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## Jellyfish Overpopulation

by Samantha A.

Jellyfish are rapidly populating, taking over the ocean. Not many people know this. Not many people realize how big of a problem this is. Jellyfish love warm water. The fact that oceans are warming up...doesn't help. Jellyfish are easily able to survive now, meaning their species will only keep growing larger. You might be thinking, "Oh, that's good! We don't want a species to grow extinct," and that is exactly right. Well, the second part. We DON'T want any species extinct, but if jellyfish overpopulate, that is just what will happen.

One item in the jellyfish's diet is krill. These crustaceans are not just eaten by jellyfish. Whales, birds, fish, and more all eat them. They are a very important part of the ecosystem. If the jellyfish population continues to grow, all the animals that feast on krill will become extinct, or at the very least their population will decrease drastically due to the fact that jellyfish are eating all their food. Now,

those animals disappearing will cause lots more animals to disappear — the small fish that eat krill are gone, now the larger fish that eat them are gone, too. Sharks and seals will likely disappear, along with dolphins. Polar bears are gone, perhaps other kinds of bears on land too. Penguins gone. Squids, octopi...all of it gone. Remaining animals will have a harder time surviving. But, wait — that's not all!

When the jellyfish population gets larger, and parts of the sea that aren't usually warm get warmer, they will migrate to places they don't usually visit — like Santa Monica's very own beaches. It will be much more dangerous to swim and surf in the ocean. Some jellyfish are so tiny you don't even see them — but you'll know once you're stung. One of Santa Monica's main tourist spots...empty. Imagine that. Santa Monica will get less money from the usual tourists. People will want to live here, and at other beach cities less. Now, imagine that. A huge percentage of our animals are gone. No one wants to live in Santa Monica anymore. Who really wants to live in that world?

Well, there are some ways to make sure that world doesn't happen. One thing we can do is eat less fish. When people eat more fish, more people have to fish for it. If the demand goes down, fishing will happen less, meaning there will be more predators to eat jellyfish. In addition, if we cut down on driving, and worked harder to stop using greenhouse gases, this will cause a lot of change, not just in the jellyfish department. This will mean that the oceans will stop heating up. Jellyfish won't overpopulate. We'll all be a little happier. Hopefully, if there can be more awareness about this problem, we will be able to find a solution.

## The 2020 World Series: Dodgers vs. Rays

by Jonah C.

Baseball is a very popular sport. The playoffs or postseason is even more popular; it has about 20 million viewers each game. The MLB season was delayed due to Covid-19, but, on July 23, the season started 3 months after it usually does. 16 teams made it to the playoffs including the Los Angeles Dodgers. I talked to Mr. Mesrobian, a third grade teacher at McKinley, he said that he wanted the Dodgers to win because he has been a Dodger fan since he was 5. He keeps up with the event by filling out a bracket as each team wins and watches the games on television.

The Dodgers beat the Atlanta Braves in seven games, making it to their third World Series in the past four years. The Rays also won in seven games against the Houston Astros making it to the franchise's second World Series. These two teams faced each other for the first time in over a year.

The Dodgers are trying to win their 7th World Series title and the Rays are going for their 1st. The starting pitchers for Game #1 were Clayton Kershaw for the Dodgers and Tyler Glasnow for the Rays. On Tuesday the Dodgers won 8-3 and are up 1 game to 0 in the series.

As of Sunday evening, the Dodgers are on the brink of winning their first World Series since 1988. They were in a similar position in 2017, but this time, unlike 2017, they have two games to take care of business. The Dodgers are up 3-2 in the series.

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## 2020 Harvest Festival at McKinley: An Innovative, Immersive Experience!



### Halloween at McKinley

by Ashlyn B.

Have you been wondering what Halloween is going to look like at McKinley this year? I don't know about you but I definitely have, especially during coronavirus.

Well, if you were, keep reading. I e-mailed our principal, Dr. Benjamin, and asked her a few questions that may answer some of yours.

One of the questions I asked was, "What are we doing for the Harvest Festival?" She said, "This year we are going to have a Virtual Harvest Festival. Volunteers have done an amazing job putting together this creative and fun event. Students and families will go to a website and be able to click on different virtual doors to experience a variety of fun things." So, now we know what we're doing but

let's find out the activities planned for us. "There will be experiences like games, slime making demonstrations, spooky read alouds, a virtual petting zoo, a magic show with Mac the Lion, and more!" Well, that sounds really cool!

Now we have an idea what the Harvest Festival will be like but what about the Haunted House? Are we going to have one? What is it going to be like? Here's what she said: "The Haunted House is a Scooby Doo mystery video experience. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders were able to participate and be actors in the video. Families can also purchase an interactive evidence bag to enhance the Haunted House experience, and a Harvest Festival box of goodies." That sounds like a lot of fun.

Today some of our mysteries were solved. But there's a lot more at the Harvest Festival so don't miss it! Bye for now...

### Haunted Harvest

by Sage M.

The Harvest Festival and Haunted House are almost here! Although this year it will be virtual, a different format from what we've had before, the Harvest Festival is still awesome and the Haunted House ready to spook you! As you can imagine we won't be going to school, getting dressed up, and playing games. But we will be having a Haunted House and fun Harvest Fest movies and activities to get you in the spirit!

Even though we're at home, we still have so many great things to look forward to, but first let's look back. I asked a few 5<sup>th</sup> graders about their favorite Harvest Festival memories:

Chloe H., Mrs. Talbott's class, enjoys walking around the Haunted House with her friends and eating the amazing food.

An N., Mrs. Talbott's class said her favorite thing was being there, and connecting with her friends.

Luckily we'll still be having a Haunted House this year! And if you want to connect with your friends while enjoying the virtual Harvest Fest you're more than welcome to Zoom with them! Also it would be fun to make some popcorn!

I had the opportunity to connect with the Haunted House Co-Chairs to get their thoughts.

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## *Haunted Harvest, continued*

Co-Chair Keve Smith, Mom to Gia, 1st grade, said “This year is unique from last year because we had a new challenge of and exciting. We knew we had to keep this special tradition going and wanted to do whatever it takes to make it happen.”

Co-chair, Lindsey McCann, Mom to Mercer, 1st grade added “Of course this year’s Haunted House is not in the auditorium like last year but we are keeping the tradition alive virtually. This year’s Haunted House gave the 5th graders a chance to work with a script and improvise short scenes and scares for the full video event.”

I also had the chance to hear from the three moms who are spearheading the Virtual Harvest Festival to see what they are most excited about.

Alana, Mom to Molly, 5th and Jordan, 1st, noted “ I am most excited for the Take-Home Harvest Festival Box and Evidence Bag, and all of the online content we have uploaded to the Virtual Harvest Festival page. I hope that families ‘knock’ and look at each door together, there is a lot to see and do!”

Tracie, mom to Jonah, 5th and Beatrice, 1st, said “ I’m excited that we were able to bring some of our well-loved traditions to the event, like the Haunted House, Dia de Muertos, games, and even the petting zoo! I’m also excited to see the reaction to the new activities we’re introducing this year (no spoilers!).”

Mari, mom to Sage, 5th (and Cedar, 8th at LMS) added “ I really wish I could see everyone’s faces when they go into the little movies, or slideshows, and have a look into events of the past. Kids will be so excited to see their teachers dressed in

costume from past Halloween Parades. I think us adults, parents and teachers alike, will have a few moments of “ Oh, yeah, remember when...” and families new to McKinley will have so much to look forward to!”

Everyone who has helped somehow in putting together this unforgettable event has worked so hard in making it as normal, memorable, and mostly fun as possible! And there are even some things added that we couldn’t do at school. So get ready for the most spooky, fun, memorable, and fantastic McKinley Harvest Festival yet!

And here’s a little preview, Knock-Knock!

## Student Council Elections

by Jacob M.

It was an exciting election with nine participants running for VP and President! 4<sup>th</sup> grade student Hunter V. won as VP and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student Sage M. won as President. I know they are going to be good school leaders. They had great speeches and they did not talk fast or mess up on anything! I think they are also going to be great leaders, because they talked about really great stuff. I think that when we go back to school there will be more fun stuff, like more school clubs and sports to make the school active. When we go back to school and see all of our friends and school leaders and the staff, it will be great!

**Don't forget to check your e-mail on October 30 for the link to the Virtual Harvest Festival!**



## 10 Questions With a McKinley Lion: Ms. Sherman

by Matthew S.

I interviewed McKinley’s NEW 5th grade teacher, Ms. Sherman with 10 questions! Find out what her favorite book is and her special connection to Mickey Mouse! Read on to find out all her interesting answers.

Question: What was your favorite book as a kid and why?

Answer: “My favorite book as a kid was *The Giver*. I’ve always really enjoyed the dystopian genre, and this particular novel captivated me. I read it several times and gained a new perspective from it each time.”

Question: What was your favorite school subject and why?

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## A Definition of Social Justice

by Juliet S.

You may have heard the term, “Social Justice,” but not know what it means. Social Justice is exactly what it sounds like. Social means a society, or a society’s interaction. When you look at the word justice you see the word just in it, which is not only a synonym for exactly, but it also means fair. Therefore, the term Social Justice means that a community or an economy is fair or equal.



*McKinley families engaging in peaceful protests in June, photos courtesy of Von Der Leib family*

### 10 Questions continued

Answer: “My favorite school subject was math. I have always loved finding patterns and finding new ways to solve different problems. I also find it interesting how we can use math to analyze different aspects of our universe.”

Question: What is your favorite movie and why?

Answer: “My favorite movie is The Avengers. I grew up reading comic books, so when The Avengers came out in 2012, it brought a lot of those characters to life for me. I love all of the Marvel movies, but that will always be my favorite one.”

Question: What is your favorite board game and why?

Answer: “My favorite board game is Clue. I love trying to solve mysteries, so this game has always been fun for me.”

Question: What is your favorite sport and why?

Answer: “My favorite sport is football. I’m from Texas where football is extremely popular, so I grew up watching it all weekend long. My favorite team is definitely the Cowboys!”

Question: What are three things you like to do outside of school?

Answer: “Outside of school, my three favorite things to do include dancing, traveling, and going to the beach. I have been dancing since I was 2, so it has always been one of my biggest passions. I also love traveling as much as I can. With Covid-19, this has been restricted due to safety concerns. However, I can’t wait to go back to traveling once this is all over. I also love going to the beach. It is one of the reasons I moved out to California.”

Question: What is your favorite food and why?

Answer: “My favorite food is sushi, because it is so delicious and there are many different options. It is also what my family and I like to eat whenever we see each other.”

Question: What is your favorite candy?

Answer: “My favorite candy is Reeses!”

Question: What is your favorite animal?

Answer: “My favorite animal is a dolphin. They are playful, acrobatic, and very intelligent mammals. I got to see some wild dolphins from a boat as a kid, and they have been my favorite animal ever since.”

Question: Can you tell us some interesting facts about you?

Answer: “I had the wonderful opportunity to be a cast member at Disney World in Florida. I really enjoyed my time there and made lots of memories. Mickey Mouse is a fabulous boss! I also studied abroad during college, so I got to live in Europe for 6 months. It was an incredible chance to learn about different cultures and meet people from across the world.”

Thank you, Ms. Sherman for being a part of 10 Questions with a McKinley Lion and welcome to our school!

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



## Super Smash Bros Ultimate Lives Up To Its Name

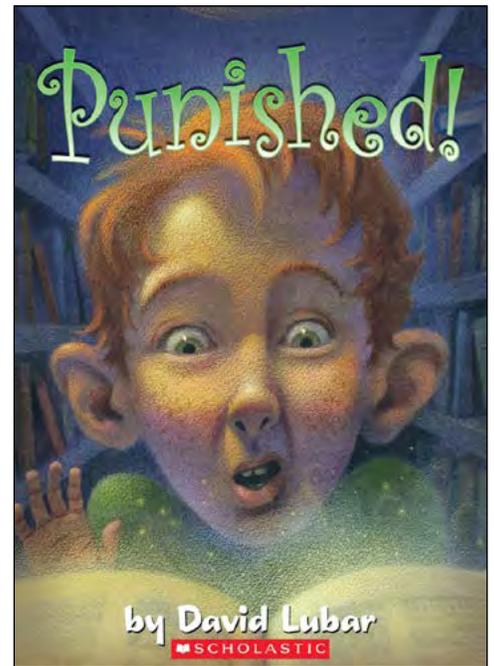
by Matthew S.

One of the benefits of being at home during the Pandemic is that you are given more time to play. As a huge fan of card, board and video games, this has given me the chance to try out many new, fun and entertaining games. One video game I can highly recommend is Nintendo Switch's Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. This game definitely lives up to its name.

Super Smash Bros Ultimate includes famous gaming icons such as Mario, Sonic the Hedgehog, Link and Pikachu battling it out on various stages. There are 74 different characters to choose from, which you can customize. My personal favorites are Mega Man, Luigi, Pichu and two of the game's new characters Incineroar and Inkling. I have found these characters more enjoyable because they have different move sets and strategies. Super Smash Bros is known for having many characters, but it is also known for its stages. Believe it or not, there is even more stages than there are characters! There is a whopping 104 stages! My personal favorites are Kongo Falls, Venom

and Great Tower Plateau. These stages all have detailed backgrounds and platforms for the characters to battle on. You can even create your own stage with the stage builder feature. I have to say that the design of each stage is mind blowing and to make the experience even better, you can customize your own soundtrack as you battle. This game has an impressive 800 tracks to choose from. All of these options allow you to fully customize your entire game to your liking. Having so many characters, stages and songs makes it seem like you are playing a new game every time you play. This is incredibly important because the price of the game, like most Nintendo Switch games, is very high (\$59.99 + tax). I would say the price is the one major downside to this game. However, there are other downsides. One issue I have is when you play by yourself. It is not as fun playing as a single player because you battle against the CPU (which is the computer in the system). Even when you adjust the difficulty level it still is too easy to beat the computer. Nintendo should make it much more challenging. They do offer a way to do this by buying your own CPU player with higher levels of difficulty, but this is an additional cost. I also am not a fan of the scrolling stages. These are stages that move when you are battling. I find it distracting and less fun, because you cannot focus on fighting your opponent. The pros definitely outweigh the cons by a landslide in this game, though. Another positive is the amount of features. Some of my favorite features are Squad strike, Classic, Adventure and Training mode. These offer you even more options when you are tired of playing regular matches.

Overall, I highly recommend this game and give it 4.7 out 5. This game is rated E



## Punished! Book Review

by Aria E.

I am recommending the book Punished! because it is a great book for kids and parents. It has a lot of humor and puns. Punished! is a book about a kid named Logan who can only speak in puns. It has a lot of educational value too. You can learn more about grammar. The book mentions oxymorons, redundancies, and acronyms. That is why you should get the book Punished!

**Dr. Benjamin still needs help with Friday morning announcements and is looking for children to volunteer! It's super easy and fun - script provided to you!**

**If interested, please reach out to Erika Diaz at [e.diaz@smmusd.org](mailto:e.diaz@smmusd.org) for further information.**

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## Song Recommendations

by Shayla A.

Listening to music is really relaxing and fun. You can dance to some, chill to others or just have it in the background. These days, we all have different perspectives of what type of music is dancing music or chilling music. To get some good song recommendations, I interviewed my dad, who used to be a DJ.

My dad said, “We live in the golden age of music,” because there is no specific type of music you have to listen to anymore, like when he was a kid. For example, when only chill music was on you had to listen to chill music, no crazy music or loud music was available.” I asked him, “What are some of your favorite songs?” and he said, “I still haven’t found ‘What I’m Looking For’ by U2, ‘Somebody that I Used to Know’ by Gotye, ‘Alone in Kyoto,’ by Air ‘Cheap Sunglasses’ by LCD Soundsystem, and No Brainer by DJ Khaled.” I like these songs as well because they are my style, chill and electric, but I also like instrumental chill and crazy songs. But they might not be

your style. The next question was what are some of your I-don’t-really-listen-to-but-still-recommend songs and his answer was Sunflower by Post Malone. My last question was, “What is your taste in music?” and he said, “Instrumental chill is my type of music.” Here are some of the songs I like that he didn’t mention. I like Kidz Bop (who cover a lot of popular songs in an appropriate way). I also like Don’t Stop the Music by Rihanna as well as Shape of You by Ed Sheeran and Sorry by Justin Bieber, Here by Alessia Cara, Firework by Katy Perry and Happier by Marshmello and Bastille. If you’re looking for chill or French you might like Ce Jeu by Yelle. If you’re looking for a pump up active song you might like Fight Song by Rachel Platten. Whatever music you like, you will always find something for you.

## My Octopus Teacher Review

by Juliet S.

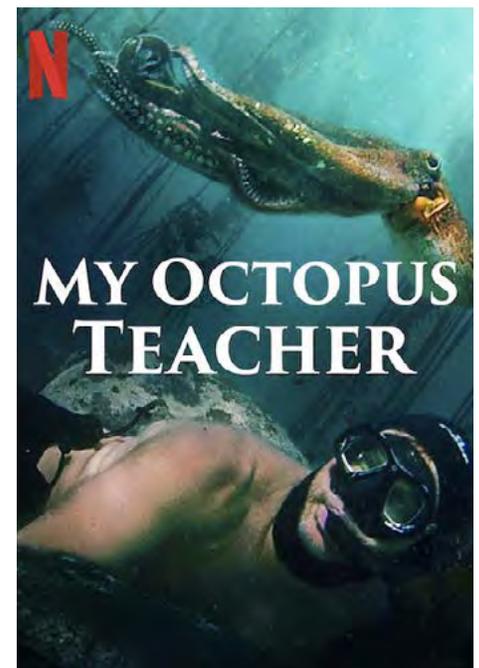
Are your parents always telling you to watch something educational? My Octopus Teacher is worth it. It tells the story of a man named Craig Foster who lives off the coast of South Africa and while diving in the ocean every day for about a year formed a special connection with an octopus. The movie tells these facts almost like fiction, with suspense, relief, happiness, fear, and life, all happening in an undersea world.

The film explores human connection with animals and their similarities with them, particularly octopuses. For example, just as we are curious about new things in our environment, so are octopuses.

In the beginning of the movie, Foster tells about his childhood, staying in a small house so close to the raging ocean, that when the waves were especially high, the floor would be covered in water. When he got older, he became a filmmaker and filmed “master trackers” in the Kalahari, people who can track almost any animal. He became obsessed with their connection to animals and formed a deep longing to have it himself. He decided to go back to swimming in the ocean as he did when he was a child. The ocean can be 8-9 degrees Celsius or 46.4-48.2 degrees Fahrenheit.

A little later, he discovers a certain patch of water, about 200 meters, where the water is more still and you can dive and observe much more easily. Here, he encounters an octopus living in a small cave. Throughout the movie, he befriends the octopus and observes her life in this whole other world in the sea.

You can stream this movie on Netflix and I would highly recommend it because it is exciting, suspenseful, and educational.



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## Enola Holmes Review

by Juliet S.

Have you heard of Sherlock Holmes and the many mysteries he's solved? Enola Holmes focuses on his younger sister, Enola, which backwards spells Alone. Accordingly it tells of how the titular character struggles to survive Alone in late 1800s England, a society bent against women.

Despite being younger than her famous brother, Enola proves to be just as clever, solving mysteries just as well as him. The primary mysteries in the film are the disappearance of Enola's mother, Eudoria, and the identity and employer of a man who follows Enola and her friend throughout most of the movie. However, there are other revolving conflicts in the story, such as her brother's stories and reasonings.

Millie Bobby Brown, (of Stranger Things fame) Helena Bonham Carter, Fiona Shaw, (both from the Harry Potter series) Henry Cavill, Louis Partridge, and Susie Wokoma make up the primary cast.

You can stream this movie on Netflix. I would recommend this movie to people who like historical fiction, mysteries, and empowering characters.

## Books You NEED to Read, (You Just Don't Realize It Yet)

by Samantha A.

Looking for something good to read? Look at this article to find a collection of some of McKinley students' favorite

books.

Olivia Z., 5th grade student said, "There is a series called The Land of Stories, which is amazing! It's about two twins, Alex and Conner Bailey, who's grandmother gives them a book for their birthday, and it changes their lives...they then travel into a world full of fairy tales."

Ghosts is another favorite that Ashlyn B. recommended to me. "I have read a good book called Ghosts, by Raina Telgemeier," she said. "Any book by her is good, but this one is my favorite." It's about a girl who moves to a new town with her younger sister. Oh yeah, there might just be some ghosts.

Here's another great book — Three Keys. This sequel to Front Desk, a New York Times bestseller, is great, just like the first. "Three Keys is very good historical fiction," Juliet S. said.

"Dog Man by Dav Pilkey is an awesome book," says a second grade student. "It's about a half-person, half-dog that fights crime."

Interested in history? Maybe about World War II? Look no farther than this paragraph. "A book that I've been fond of is Anne Frank's Diary," says anonymous. "I really like it because of the amount of history and richness you're able to learn from it...It's so sad, yet so inspirational at the same time."

Mallory in the Spotlight by Laurie B. Friedman is a good book for 3rd-4th graders. In this book, Mallory is cast for the lead role in her school play. Her friend, Mary Ann, doesn't do as well...on purpose. Mallory is trying to figure out what's happening with her friend, and is hoping that the play goes well.

Destiny, Rewritten, by Katherine Fitzmaurice is about a girl named after the famous poet Emily Dickinson. Her mom thinks her destiny is to become a poet, but Emily isn't good at poetry... When something unexpected happens at the worst time, Emily is determined to find the truth about her long lost father, and rewrite her destiny.

"One book I have recently read is Something to Say by Lisa Moore Ramee," says Angie D. "The reason I liked this book is because it was very well written, using vocabulary words, and describing everything well. I also liked it because it talked about a girl overcoming her fears so the book was inspiring." Angie also told me that serious topics like change are brought up.

Small Spaces, by Katherine Arden is about a girl who gets wrapped up in a deal with "the smiling man" — a deal that could put everyone around her in danger. A very interesting and compelling book.

"I have read a book called Iron Hearted Violet by Kelly Barnhill. It is very good because it sort of carries you into this whole other world and the plot goes along at a good pace," said Juliet S. Yep, you really do need to read those books!



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## The Industrial Revolution

by Delilah P.

When you hear the word progress you might think it's a good thing. But is progress always good? In 1760, the Industrial Revolution really started. In England in the 1800's, they originally used water from a stream to power the machines but later they used coal to power factories, which caused a lot of pollution.

And only in 1830 were children under the age nine not allowed to work. The main industries were cotton and coal. Before 1830, children as young as five were working in dangerous factory conditions and exposed to fatal conditions.

The Industrial Revolution was also a time where lots of emissions were caused. For example, the peppered moth used to be white and black but during the Industrial Revolution because of the smoke the trees turned black, and after a while the moths became black too. But more recently, there have been laws to dilate the amount of emissions made by factories and to cause less emissions. And remarkably after that the peppered

moths became peppered again. The Industrial Revolution was still an age of progress and certain things were invented like how there were lots of big leaps, like for example the printing press even though it had already been around for hundreds of years the rotary press in the 1840's brought the price of books and other manuscripts down a lot. A lot of medicines also improved. Before the Industrial Revolution, people would use the same treatments as from 2,000 years before, but because of the Industrial Revolution, for example the stethoscope was invented, clinical trials were happening and a vaccine for smallpox was invented.

The effects are still playing out today, since climate change is happening which means that the earth's heat is getting trapped into the atmosphere, and the climate is changing. The Industrial Revolution also caused a lot of emissions from smoke coal and other high emission types of things.

The Industrial Revolution effects have been good and been bad and are still with us but if one thing is for sure the Industrial Revolution was certainly a revolution.

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### A Note From Ms. Ross

It has been such an honor to advise The McKinley Times staff. We feel so lucky to have the opportunity to work with such thoughtful and dedicated 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at McKinley. The McKinley Times started with an idea brought to the administration by one student who felt strongly that we needed a school newspaper. All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders were invited to contribute.

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