Back-to-School Bash

- Amaya Lester

The Back-to-School Bash is a moment I could never forget! This event was not only successful for the school, but it was extremely fun to be a part of it! Some of the student council members were chosen to help with the event! Alyssa Martinez, Millie Santiago, and I helped by selling t-shirts and headphones, while Kamryn Mooney was the DJ helping to get the students and families excited for the new school year!

At first, it was going very slowly. People did not seem very interested in buying the shirts, or they previously bought shirts from the PTA Spirit Wear sale! However, around 4:00pm it started getting busy! As we were talking with the families and students at the event, we realized that many of the students were 6th graders. This was a great way to introduce ourselves and make our new peers feel like they belong at Grice! We even told them to say hi as they passed through the hallway during class change! This also allowed us to answer some questions from parents like, what type of clubs we have at the school. Later, Mr. Innocenzi came to tell us that a parent gave us a compliment and said that we made her child feel welcome and less nervous! This compliment made our hearts spark with joy because we were once in their shoes and know how nervous you are to start middle school. By making them feel less nervous, we could help them grow and help them to make the most of middle school!

Throughout the event, students were able to play games, buy school spirit wear, and get free school supplies to start the year off right! The staff members helping with the event were handing out sandwiches and chips! The kids who were playing the games looked like they were having so much fun!

Overall, it was a great experience for new and returning students! This event helped to make students feel more comfortable, helped to inspire them to get involved, and helped to set them up for a successful school year at Grice Middle School! A huge thank you to all the community partners and vendors for their support in making the Back-to-School Bash a huge success!
The New Teacher in Town:
Mr. Dressel

- Maddalena Karr

ATTENTION GRICE!!!! Meet the newest member of the Grice family, Mr. Dressel. He teaches Physical Education and has already made a huge impact on the Grice community. He has graced us with his big smile and outstanding personality. Let’s get to know Mr. Dressel a little bit more and see what he is all about.

Q: Why did you choose to become a teacher?
A: “I became a teacher because I really wanted to have a positive impact on the lives of the next generation the way that my teachers impacted me. It is very important for students to have role models and people they can trust, connect with, and feel comfortable around in their lives. That is the kind of teacher I want to be for all of the students here at Grice.”

Q: Why teach Gym over all of the other subjects?
A: “I chose Health and Physical Education over the other subjects because it is the subject that resonated most with me. Ever since I was in middle school, I loved taking care of myself and others. I grew to love and appreciate what it takes to be a gym teacher and as I found out teaching was my passion, it was a no brainer for me!”

Q: What’s the best thing about your students?
A: “The best thing about the students at Grice is how diverse our student population is! All the students that I’ve had the pleasure of teaching and talking to have been really amazing so far in their own unique way. You all have also inspired me every day so far to be a better teacher. Everyone contributes to our lessons every day and has made them better for everyone. We contribute ideas to make lessons better for everyone and it makes for a more enjoyable and engaging class for all of us!”

Q: What’s the best thing about Grice Middle School?
A: “The best thing about Grice Middle School is the students and staff that I’ve worked with! Everyone that I have met so far have been amazing and supportive. We are lucky to have such a great staff and student population and I am excited for the 2nd semester to meet and teach even more students.”

As you can tell, Mr. Dressel will definitely make a huge impact on the Grice community! So, the next time you are running through the hallways trying to get to your next class, stop to say hello to our newest teacher, Mr. Dressel!
Week of Respect
- Francesca Tylutki and Annika Quick

The Week of Respect at Grice Middle School was a lot of fun! The Week of Respect is celebrated in New Jersey during the first week of October. The purpose of the Week of Respect is to teach students how to respect others, our school, our community and ourselves. To celebrate, students and staff are encouraged to participate in the Week of Respect Spirit Week!

On Monday, we wore football jerseys to team up against bullying! On Tuesday, we put bullying to bed by wearing pajama pants to school! On Wednesday, the theme was “Don’t judge a book by its cover.” On this day, we wore Disney clothes. On Thursday, we wore our favorite color or tie dye to show our true colors! On Friday, the last day of the Week of Respect, we came together as Grice Gladiators and wore black and orange to show our school spirit!

Everyone had so much fun wearing different themed outfits like pajama pants and football jerseys during the Week of Respect. It was great to see the students and staff come together to participate in these exciting spirit days!

Red Ribbon Week
- Hannah Scraver

The Red Ribbon Campaign is the largest drug-abuse prevention campaign in the United States. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. Here is some additional information about this important week!

1. When is Red Ribbon Week celebrated?
Each year, Red Ribbon Week is celebrated from October 23rd to October 31st. Each year there is a specific theme. This year's theme is “Drug Free Looks like Me!”

2. Why did we start celebrating Red Ribbon Week?
Red Ribbon Week started as a tribute to DEA agent Enrique Camarena. Enrique tragically lost his life while investigating the drug traffickers in Mexico. After his death, many people started to wear red ribbons to honor his sacrifices.

3. What are some ways Red Ribbon Week is celebrated?
Some schools will participate in Spirit Weeks, as Grice does for many other important campaigns. Other schools will hold contests and organize anti-drug events. Many people will celebrate Red Ribbon Week by wearing red ribbons, participating in the community anti-drug events, and by pledging to live a drug-free life!

Violence Awareness Week
- Keyla Sanchez

Violence Awareness Week is celebrated in schools on the third Monday of October. The purpose of Violence Awareness week is for people to discuss methods to keep schools safe from violence, and activities to discuss bullying prevention, conflict resolution, and issues of student diversity and tolerance. Students can share PSA’s (Public Service Announcements) about cyberbullying, being an upstander, or knowing who is trustworthy, and can be shared virtually and in-person. Students can also share positive prevention messages with sidewalk chalk to share with their teachers and classmates via photos. Sometimes, there are intermissions for positive self-management, like breathing and other meditation exercises. Teachers can conduct small group activities on conflict resolution and meditation for students. Programs are provided for the school staff, and are designed to help recognize warning signs of school violence and what to do during an incident. Law enforcement personnel are also involved with the staff in these times to discuss methods of how to keep schools safe from violence. Both the programs and law enforcement personnel are there for training the staff about school violence.

At Grice, we celebrate Violence Awareness Week by participating in theme days! Theme days are special days where students can wear clothes based on that day’s theme. For example, students can wear an outfit to match a friend! Grice students participated in this event on Tuesday for “Friends don’t let friends stand alone!” Students were also able to participate by wearing a superhero shirt and wearing orange, which represents gun violence awareness! There are many fun and unique ways to celebrate Violence Awareness Week.
Club Spotlight:
Dance Team

- Maddy LaPage

Looking for a fun after school activity and an excuse to hang out with friends? Then you are at the right place. The Grice Middle School Dance Team is a great place to have fun and express yourself. It is run by Ms. Niglio and Mrs. Ruzich. Everyone there is so kind and accepting. Dancing is an amazing outlet for expressing yourself and having fun! When you dance with us, you can let go of all other problems and put all that stress, anger, or sadness into working hard. The team is also like a second family. We will always have your back and be there for you to talk about anything.

It is a fun activity and a great workout to get your blood pumping when you are tired at the end of the day. It works up a sweat but it is worth it for all the bonding team building exercises, combos, and warm-ups. I personally love dance because just like all middle schoolers, I have a lot of emotions and dance helps me express them instead of keeping them all bottled up. I truly look forward to dancing every day because it really is an escape: doing something I love with my friends helps me recharge after a stressful day. Anyone on the dance team can tell you I’m a whole different person in dance- and so is everyone else! All in all, the dance team radiates positive energy everywhere which makes it one of the best places to be. Come join us!

Track & Field

- Carter Cadlett

Grice is proud to announce that we will have another Track and Field season! This Track and Field season is a little different than in the past. This year there will be no 50-meter dash. However, instead we will be competing in the long jump! Another big change this season is that we have three brand new track coaches: Coach Struble, Coach Egner, and Coach Valenzano, also known as Mr. V!

Each week, the Track and Field team meets every Wednesday and Thursday to practice. We don’t just practice by stretching and running, but we are also doing activities to help us gain stamina. Throughout practice, we also play fun games that help in these areas, such as capture the flag. Capture the flag is one of the many games that help with stamina. It is a fun way to improve your running by playing a nice competitive game.

For anyone on the Grice Middle School Track and Field team, remember that the Track and Field meet is on November 20th! We encourage and hope that members of the Grice community will come out to support us! Thank you Coaches and students of the Track & Field team for your hard work and participation. Without all of you this Track & Field team wouldn’t be possible. Make Grice Proud!
Breaking News: Student Council Election

- Mary Kate O’Connor

In September, we had our Student Council Elections. We had hard-working candidates this year, who spent their time setting goals to accomplish. For the 8th Grade Student Council President, our candidates were Kylie Simms, Autumn Mattaliano, Kamryn Mooney, Milianys Santiago, and Nicole Halucka. The elected 8th Grade Student Council President is Autumn Mattaliano. The candidates for 8th Grade Vice President were Alyssa Martinez and Chelsea Nodeland. The elected 8th Grade Student Council Vice President was Chelsea Nodeland. Amaya Lester was elected 8th Grade Secretary, Sarah Forestin as 8th Grade Treasurer, and Juliana Adams as 7th Grade Treasurer. All participants had great plans for Grice and really worked hard during their campaign! At the end of the day, everyone should be proud of the work they put in during the elections!

I asked the elected individuals to share their experience of running a campaign and how it felt to win.

“Before school even started, I had already begun thinking about what I wanted to do for my campaign. It took a week before I finally made my decision, and I decided to just go for it. I figured that even if I lost, I tried my best.”
-Autumn Mattaliano

“Running for Vice President felt very intimidating and a lot of fun! I had to think through all of the responsibilities I would have and prepare myself for the hard work.”
-Chelsea Nodeland

“I felt elated that I got Secretary because I could help out the school and student council. Also, I’m grateful I get the opportunity to help.”
-Amaya Lester

“I felt nervous and scared when running. I was worried nobody would vote for me. I know that I’m not always going to win a competition but when you do, the scared feeling you had goes away.”
-Juliana Adams

“At one point, I was so nervous that I could’ve given up, but I didn’t. A reason why I wanted to enter was that I wanted to help.”
-Sarah Forestin

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Exploring Culture through Choice

- Staff Contributor: Mrs. Bronski

Students in both Mrs. Bronski and Ms. Niglio’s 8th grade English Language Arts classes have been introduced to indigenous voices by exploring monthly choice boards. These boards serve as a way to diversify their ELA curriculum. Students are presented with a choice board activity each month that helps them gain exposure to 25 different resources across the categories of: stores, poetry, art, books, tradition, and culture. The goal of this activity is to provide students with a choice-an opportunity to self-navigate their interests and explore new ideas. These boards also help foster empathy for other cultural practices, assist students in becoming more well-rounded, and develop an understanding of their peers around them. Choice board topics include: Hispanic Heritage, Gothic Fiction, Indigenous People, The Holocaust, Black History, Women’s History, Poetry, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and LGBTQAI+ Community.
Fantastic Fall Recipe: Ms. Niglio’s Perfectly Pleasant Pumpkin Roll

- Ms. Niglio

Calling all pumpkin lovers! By popular demand, the Grice Gazette brings you Ms. Niglio’s Perfectly Pleasant Pumpkin Roll recipe:

**Ingredients:**

**Cake Portion:**
1 cup of flour  
1 cup of sugar  
1 tsp of baking soda  
1 tsp of cinnamon  
1/2 tsp of pumpkin pie spice  
3 eggs  
3/4 cup of canned pumpkin (either ShopRite or Libby’s)

**Icing Portion:**
1, 8 oz. block of cream cheese, cut into squares  
1 tsp of vanilla extract  
1 cup of confectioner’s sugar  
2 tsp of room temperature butter

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees
2. Mix the dry ingredients of the cake portion together first, then add the eggs and pumpkin.
3. Stir until smooth, and place onto a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.
5. While the cake is baking, mix together the icing ingredients on slow speed.
6. Take cake out of the oven and run a knife along the edges.
7. Wait 5 minutes and flip the cake onto wax paper,
8. Peel off the parchment paper from the opposite side.
9. Sprinkle powdered sugar on top.
10. Place the icing on top of the cake and ice it evenly
11. Roll end to end tightly
12. Refrigerate for 8-12 hours, slice evenly.

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Dear GriceAdvice,

I am new to Grice! I have mixed emotions about going to a new school! I am excited, but I am also really nervous since I don’t know what to expect! I'm worried that it's not going to be like my last school. I think there is a possibility that I won’t make friends and will struggle in my classes! What are your suggestions to make the most out of middle school?

Sincerely,
New Student

Dear New Student,

Hi! Are you new to Grice? If so, this is the article for you! I know how it feels to be in your position so I want to give you some advice on how to get through middle school.

The first piece of advice that I could give you is be you! There are going to be people who enter and leave your life, but the biggest thing is never change who you are. Don’t worry about what other people think about you!

Another piece of advice is to work hard in everything you do for school. You might be thinking this is such a cliché thing to say or I know this already, but this is something that could help you in life. Middle school goes fast, faster than it may seem, so don’t waste it taking the easy way out. Yes, it is okay for you sometimes to do the easy things, but don’t do it all the time. Maybe go the extra mile to get the grade you are proud of. Prove to your teachers that you work hard and put in the time and effort. Ask for help when you need it. It is important not only to do your assignments, but to understand what you’re learning. You’re not always going to get everything you learn, and that is normal. However, don’t say that you understand something when you really have no clue. The teachers here at Grice have no problem in doing anything and everything in order to make sure you get the most out of your lessons! So, don’t be afraid to raise your hand and ask for guidance or help.

The last piece of advice I could give you is have fun! There are fun events that the school hosts, so make sure to participate and to get involved! The staff at Grice know how stressed we could be at times, so they do everything they can to make school fun and interesting inside and outside the classroom. Make the most enjoyable memories you can while at Grice! You won’t regret it!

Sincerely,
Grice Advice Staff
Pumpkins, Pumpkins Everywhere: A Pumpkin DIY Craft

- Addison Bozarth

Fall brings nice chilly weather, but also brings around many pumpkins! Pumpkin spice, pumpkin bread, pumpkin carving, and pumpkin crafts! For this craft you will need one full roll of toilet paper, a fabric of your choice (18 inches × 18 inches), a brown lunch bag or a brown piece of paper, and a green pipe cleaner.

To begin this festive craft, you are going to take your fabric and place it face down. If you don’t have any fabric you can use a pillow case or towel. Take your roll of toilet paper and place it in the middle. Take the sides of your fabric and tuck them into the hole of the toilet paper roll. Then, take your corners and tuck them into the center, like you did before. Make sure that your fabric is securely tucked in, and the sides of the fabric are as well.

To make the stem of the pumpkin, you will use the brown lunch bag or brown piece of paper and roll it. Roll it tightly so that it does not unravel. After that, you will take your stem and place it in the hole you have created in the middle of the toilet paper. At this point your craft should be coming along.

The last step in this process is to take your pipe cleaner and wrap it around the stem. Your pumpkin is all finished and ready for the patch! Perfect for decoration, or a cute way to store your toilet paper!

Be-Leaf in Your Crafting Abilities

- Addison Bozarth and Danilynn Conte

I be-LEAF in you, this craft isn’t hard! For this leaf bowl craft, you will need: leaves from outside, a bowl, saran wrap, glue, and a paintbrush.

To start off you will have to collect your leaves from outside. Make sure to collect a good fifteen to twenty leaves, if not more. Start by taking your saran wrap and wrapping it all around the bowl until covered. Place your first leaf on the bowl to your liking, and glue it down. Repeat this step so that it covers all of the bowl. You can add more or take away if you need to. This is all about your opinion and what you want your bowl to look like.

After the glue dries completely (It may take longer depending on how much glue you used.), carefully remove the saran wrap off of the bowl. Peel the saran wrap off of your leaf bowl.

Don’t let it FALL apart! (I swear that’s the last pun!) Your leaf bowl is ready for presentation. See, I told you - you could do it!
The Corn Maze
- Mykayla Miles

My heart started pounding faster and faster as we pulled up to the corn maze on Hardridge Road. Sweat poured down my face and I had chewed all of my fingernails off but my pinkies.

"Penny, stop worrying so much it’s just one small corn maze!" my mother said.

"Yeah Penny, you’ve chewed off all of your fingernails!" said my father.

"I don’t want to be here. I don’t like corn mazes! You’ve known about this for years!" I yelled.

"Penny, please don’t make us go home! I’ve wanted to come here since it opened up last fall!" said my eight-year-old sister, Mia.

"Fiiiine, I guess I could go into the maze and take a little look around. But Mia, if you want me to go inside you CAN’T leave my side; you have to stay near me," I told Mia.

"Okay, you’re the best big sister ever!!" Mia shouted excitedly.

When I walked up to the entrance of the corn maze, my heart started pounding twenty beats a minute!

"C’mon Penny, we have to start nowww," said Mia as she grabbed my hand and tried to pull me into the maze.

"H..how about we go to the bathroom first? We might be in here for a while," I said in a quivering voice.

"Okay, as long as we get to go in," said Mia.

I ran to the bathroom and went straight to the first sink I could see. "Penny, you’re being such a baby! It’s just one stupid corn maze. You can make it through!" I thought while I splashed water on my face.

"Penny, I don’t have to go to the bathroom. Can we go to the corn maze now??"

"Yes, but don’t let go of my hand. I don’t want to lose you in there," I grips Mia’s hand very tightly and walked out of the bathroom.

We walked through the entrance and started looking for the way out. "Mia, can you walk a bit faster? I want to get out of here as fast as possible!!"

"No Penny, I want to explore the corn maze a little bit!" Mia whined.

"If you don’t want to go out of the maze, I will. We are leaving this maze right now and we will find the exit!" I scolded.

“Penny, can I ask you a question? Why are you so afraid of corn mazes anyway?” Mia asked curiously.

“I... it all happened when I was ten. Mom and Dad took me to a Halloween festival near our house and to my surprise there was a corn maze. I started walking towards it. Well when I got to the entrance, I walked all the way in until I was lost! I yelled for Mom and Dad until I eventually found them in the middle of the corn maze looking for me. That day I vowed to never step foot in another maze again!” I explained to my little sister! Maybe she would finally understand why I felt so uncomfortable!

“Wow, you never stepped into another corn maze again because of something that stupid?” Mia questioned.

“It’s not stupid! It’s my fear, think about your fears...” I never did finish my sentence that day because something grabbed Mia from behind the corn. My grip on her hand tightened as I tried to pull her away from the person behind the corn. Mia screamed and screamed until I finally had enough strength to yank her back to me. My face hit the dirt and instantly I was covered with bruises!

“Mia are you okay?” I asked.

“Yes I’m fine, but I want to get out of here! I’m scared,” said Mia in a trembling voice.

I hugged her tight by my side as we tried to find our way out. It took us about five minutes to find the exit of the maze. It felt like an eternity! But when we did get out of the maze, we saw our parents standing near the stand for apple cider. We ran over to our parents and told them everything that happened when we were inside of the corn maze. Worried, our parents decided it was time to leave the creepy corn maze.

We never did find out who was on the other side of the corn. All I know is I’m NEVER stepping foot in a corn maze again!
"The Sights of Fall"
- Carter Cadlett

The cool fall season is about to come,
The leaves from the trees begin to fall down,
All of the colors red, orange, and brown,
When the leaves don't crunch some people get glum.

Little kids laughing and playing in leaves,
All jumping in piles, smiling with glee.

Sitting on the porch wearing thick, long sleeves,
Sitting down drinking a hot cup of tea.

New flavors are out, sweet cinnamon gum,
A crisp breeze flew by, some pumpkins have sprung,
All of the decorations are now hung,
The crisp, cool fall season, it has now begun.

Drawing by: John Daily

Drawing by:
Liliana Davila
Don't you dare disobey me Coraline!

- Giana Ortiz

Looking for your next spooky but nostalgic book? Here at the Grice Gazette, we've got you! The book *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman is not only a very nostalgic book, but it also is very suspenseful. It's about this girl Coraline who finds a hidden door to a parallel universe that's not as nice as her current universe. Coraline has to face her "evil mother" in this universe. I don't want to spoil it for you, but just know this book will keep you on your toes. If you're on TikTok, you've heard the popular "Don't you dare disobey me Coraline" audio, and yes this audio does come from the movie.

If you think that audio is funny alone, then imagine how funny the book is. Overall, *Coraline* is a wonderful book and movie, and even if you don't like reading, you will most likely LOVE this book. To be honest, I myself am not the biggest fan of reading, but this is a book that I cannot put down! Most definitely a "go to" book for the spooky season. This book is available at all major retailers! Hopefully you have found your new favorite book!

Books of the Season

- Samantha Sutton

Hello Grice Gladiators! I hope everyone is doing amazing, and is ready for a lot of reading and learning! To start reading this year, why not try some of our recommendations?

*The Language of Ghosts* by Heather Fawcett

In *The Language of Ghosts*, which is a great fantasy and action book, you will meet the characters Mite, Noa, and Julian, the only living members of the royal Marchena family. When a war breaks out between their family and supporters and the new king who took over, who will win the war?

*Wings of Fire* by Tui T. Sutherland

In *Wings of Fire*, you will want to glide into this great fantasy book with many secrets, adventures, and a lot of magic and dragons! Dive into this great series, with enough books and huge fandom to keep anyone interested forever!

*Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard* by Rick Riordan

This is a great mythology series, full of action and fantasy! Written by the same author who made the Percy Jackson series. Explore a world full of Norse mythology, and amazing characters!
Five Feet Apart
- Melissa Navarrete

Do you like romance, angst, drama, and heartbreak? Well if you do i think you'd like the movie, Five Feet Apart. I personally love this movie! It starts with the sick girl, Stella, who suffers from cystic fibrosis. Stella is a happy, hopeful girl. She always has her med cart organized, she takes her medication, and stays a safe distance of six feet from other cystic fibrosis suffering patients; she's the good girl. On the other hand, Will, the boy she meets viewing the newborns, is I guess you can say “the bad boy.” He doesn't have a med cart in his room like Stella and skips his medication, that is until he met Stella. Stella decides to bend the rules with Will, so instead of six feet apart she decides to do five. For Stella to make sure Will takes his meds and other hospital necessities, they usually facetime. Barb, their nurse, makes some comments to Will on why he should leave Stella alone, but luckily they find their way to each other. After a while in the movie it's time for a party, more specifically, Will's party. Everyone is having a great time until some drama happens. Towards the end of the movie, Stella and Will break the rules. They leave the hospital and go out in the snow not caring on how far apart they are supposed to be. Now I can't say anymore without spoiling, so I recommend you go watch Five Feet Apart. It's definitely one of my favorite heartbreak films and I absolutely recommend it. Five Feet Apart is available on Netflix.

Top 5 Tim Burton Movies
- Lucy Calvani

1. *Edward Scissorhands* is a 1990 film about a man created by an inventor who died and left him with scissors for hands. When a local Avon representative discovers him in the mansion, where he has been living by himself, she takes him in to live with her family.

2. *Beetlejuice* is a 1988 film about a couple who happens to be dead. As ghosts they are trapped in their old home without knowing they are deceased. A new family moves in and the ghosts try to spook them out. The new family uses these events as an attraction. They summon Beetlejuice, played by Michael Keaton to help them push the living family out, but Beetlejuice has something else up his sleeve.

3. *Batman Returns*, a 1992 film featuring Michael Keaton as Batman and Danny DeVito as the Penguin. This film is about Batman fighting the Penguin to stop him from hurting all the firstborn sons of Gotham. Penguin teams up with Max Shreck, a corrupt tycoon, and Catwoman, played by Michele Pfeiffer, to help him take over Gotham.

4. *Corpse Bride* is a 2005 film featuring Johnny Depp as Victor, Helena Bohan Carter as Emily, and Emily Watson as Victoria. In this film Victor and Victoria have an arranged marriage. Victor gets nervous and runs off into the woods after messing up the practice ceremony. He practices his vows and puts the ring on a branch which becomes a hand and drags him down into the land of the dead. This hand belonged to a murdered bride named Emily, who wanted to marry Victor. Victor must get back “up stairs” to find Victoria before she gets married to the villain Lord Barkis, played by Richard E. Grant.

5. *Sleepy Hollow*, is a 1999 film featuring Johnny Depp as Ichabod Crane, Christopher Walken as the Headless Horseman, Christina Ricci as Katrina Van Tassel, and Miranda Richardson as Lady Van Tassel. The film is about Ichabod who was sent from New York to investigate multiple murders in the town of Sleepy Hollow. These murders were committed by the Headless Horseman, but he's under someone else's control.
How to Make a Comic Book

- Colin Sullivan

**Comic Book Panels.**

Panels can be rectangles or other shapes with pictures in them. They can be all shapes and sizes. For example they could be circles, triangles, or ovals. In a comic you will see some panels on EVERY page. I drew some panels to inspire you.

**Comic Book Heroes.**

Now that we have panels out of the way, let’s talk about heroes. Now when you think about comic books you would probably think about Batman or Captain America. Well, this is your comic so don’t steal other people’s ideas. If you need inspiration, look around. Something will inspire you. I drew an example of a superhero if you get stuck.

**Comic Book Villains**

If you want your comic to be interesting you have to have a good villain. You would also need an origin for the bad guy. An origin is the story of why he or she became bad. Your villain could be caught in an explosion or something. I drew an example.

**Speech Bubbles**

If you want to show your character speaking you need speech bubbles. Speech bubbles are little ovals (or other shapes) with words in them. I drew some to inspire you.

Put it all together. Good luck!

Plants vs. Zombies

- John Daily

Many of the games from the 2000s could be classified as revolutionary at their time. One of these games was Plants vs. Zombies. This game was originally created by PopCap back in 2009 on PC and mobile devices. The game is a classic style of a tower-defense type genre, which it handles pretty well, at least for the time.

Although the game has been around for quite a while now, there are still people who don’t know about the original. So, for those unaware, the goal of Plants vs. Zombies is to fend off the zombies with the plants you obtain throughout the game. As you go through the game’s main story mode you will find more plants to use against the zombies, like ones that are mainly attack focused, defense focused, and support plants that do things like give you sun to buy other plants. Obviously, some of these plants are better than others. But, of course, when talking about this game you have to take into consideration the other portion of the title: the Zombies.

Similar to the plants, as you progress through the game you will be finding more and more zombies. Many of the zombies have unique abilities and many times you’ll be greeted with multiple combinations of zombies causing you to strategize with what plants you want to use in specific levels and situations. All of this may sound confusing, but many times it all combines into a fun time and makes many of the levels feel distinct from each other instead of blending in.

Other than the main story mode, the game gives you various other things to do. They give you achievements to try and go for specific challenges, mini games and puzzles to do if you’re bored of the normal gameplay. There is even a post-game set of levels that are more difficult than the first set of story mode levels. Once again, all of this combined makes for a fun time and gives many pieces of replay ability.

Although Plants vs. Zombies is several years old now and more games have been released that give more gameplay, this game still holds up well today to play during your off time.
Just Jokin’

- Mohammed Mohammed

Q: Which are the strongest days of the week?
A: Saturday and Sunday. The rest are WEAKdays.

Q: Why did the lettuce beat the carrot in the middle school track meet?
A: It was a head the whole time!

Q: How does a dog stop a show he’s watching?
A: He pushes PAWS!

Q: Why does the math teacher go to the corner to warm up?
A: Because it is always 90 degrees!

Q: How is an earthquake like a middle schooler?
A: They both get grounded!

Did You Know? McDonald’s Edition

- Jade Pearson

1. McDonald’s once created bubble gum-flavored broccoli!

2. By 1958, McDonald’s had sold its 100 Millionth burger.

3. McDonald’s first originally sold hot dogs NOT hamburgers.

4. McDonald’s sells over 75 burgers every single second!

5. There are almost one and a half times more McDonald’s locations than hospitals.
Grice Gazette Fall 2021 Issue Crossword Puzzle

For your chance to win a prize, please complete the crossword puzzle using the articles from this issue. Submit the puzzle to Ms. Bingaman (A10) or Ms. Niglio (C5).

Name: ____________________

Complete the crossword puzzle below:

Across
2. Who was elected Student Council President?
3. This provides previews for movies in detail.
6. What colors did Grice students wear on the last day of Week of Respect and every Friday?
9. This provides previews for books in detail.
10. A fall sport

Down
1. An event for the parents in the beginning of the year.
4. Who was the new teacher that is being interviewed?
5. ________ is an art that is expressed with your body language.
7. This letter provides advice to students new to middle school.
8. What did we do on the first day of Week of Respect?