Fired up for Field Day!

- Ms. Bingaman & Ms. Niglio

“We work hard, we play hard!” This is a phrase that our very own, Mr. Innocenti, really embraces. However, after the past few years of remote learning, hybrid learning, and then finally transitioning back to the classroom, we really had a great reason to celebrate by “playing hard!”

On June 2nd, the Renaissance Committee held the Annual Grice Middle School Field Day for the first time in two years! Students in 7th and 8th grade were teamed up with their first period class, while the 6th grade students were teamed up in their 2nd period class! Each team went against another team from their grade in a series of events!

One of the most competitive events included Mr. Wilson’s Scavenger Hunt relay, where students had to quickly run around to find an item announced by Mr. Wilson. It was hilarious to watch students haul a giant trash can across the field or have to convince a student from another grade to run all the way back to the playing area in order to win the round! Eighth graders were scooping up sixth graders and dragging them into the hoops with them! Some of the other events included: tug-of-war, skee ball, tic-tac-toe, sponge relay, and dizzy bat relay. Throughout the day, each team moved from event to event trying to secure some wins! There was even an area where students were able to enjoy some delicious ice cream treats! Once all of the events were finished, the entire school came together to enjoy some free time. Students could walk freely from the yard games to the DJ area.

Students who earned pink or green Renaissance cards [which means they earned As and Bs all year, had great attendance and behavior] were able to visit the game truck. Students were able to choose to play Mario Kart, 2K, Mindcraft, and more. This was a huge hit!

Overall, this year’s field day was a huge success and a much-deserved reward for a year of hard work! Thank you to the Health & P.E teachers for running all of the events! A huge congratulations goes out to the winning teams:
6th Grade- Ms. Mills and Mrs. Bartos
7th Grade - Ms. Iannatto
8th Grade - Mr. Struble

We hope everyone had fun and we can’t wait to see what happens next year!
Meet the Teacher, Ms. Jones

- Mary Kate O’Connor

We have a new teacher here at Grice, but she’s actually been here for two years! Meet Ms. Jones, a 7th Grade Math teacher. Her positive attitude, helpful nature, and humorous jokes make the class a great environment. Here are some facts about the Marvelous Ms. Jones!

- She is from Toms River and went to The College of New Jersey.
- She likes to paint watercolor in her free time.
- She enjoys reading, walking, and watching Netflix.
- She really likes math!
- What she enjoys most about teaching is being able to have fun with her students.
- She became a teacher because she likes to help other people.
- She used to be a Teacher of the Deaf.

Ms. Jones is a super fun and helpful teacher who makes assignments very enjoyable. I have the pleasure to have Ms. Jones as my math teacher. I look forward to going to class every day, and a big smile on my face is shown all of the time. She is such a great person and teacher.

Next time you walk past her room in B1, say hello to Ms. Jones!

Dear Students and Staff of GMS,

We are finally at the home stretch of the 2021-2022 school year! Even though we are coming to an end we have many exciting events planned for our amazing Grice Middle School students! Grice Gladiators continue to show spirit for Autism Awareness Month and Pride Month! We are very diverse here at Grice, accepting of everyone from all cultures, races, and religions!

Coming up in this issue are our amazing Band, Orchestra, and Vocal concerts! Grice has many events coming up for our students such as Broadway for our 8th graders, and picnics for our 6th and 7th graders, Frogbridge and many more!

The staff of the Grice Gazette wishes everyone a happy and safe summer, and a farewell to our 8th graders going into high school. You will all do great! Enjoy the Summer Issue of the Grice Gazette!

Journalistically Yours,
Carter Cadlett
Dancing the Night Away:
8th Grade Social

- Amaya Lester

The 8th Grade Social was a night no one will be able to forget! 8th Grade Social is a school dance for the 8th grade class to celebrate their last year at Grice. This event consisted of endless dancing, pictures, and good food. Starting at 6 P.M. and ending at 10 P.M. in Nottingham’s Ballroom, this year’s theme was Hollywood, and everyone looked like they were ready to walk the red carpet!

To enter the venue there was a long line, but it was all worth it when walking in. When I walked in, I was greeted with a warm welcome by my friends, and started to take as many pictures as I could to cherish this moment.

*Quick heads up to the 6th and 7th graders: you’re going to have so much fun, you’re not going to remember to take pictures and videos of your own so do it right when you get in!*

I was so hungry that as soon as the food station was open I went straight to it. The Nottingham Ballroom served light foods such as chicken tenders, salad, vegetables, etc. that way you’re not too stuffed to dance. The DJ was playing jams from “The Cha Cha Slide” and “The Electric Slide” to the queen, Nicki Minaj, and more! All of the music forced you out of your seat and onto the dance floor. Dance circles were created to various songs, and fortunately no one shied away from this, creating more of a welcoming atmosphere. I was dancing and jumping so much that my feet started to hurt, and I already had taken off my heels! Screaming along with the song lyrics made many lose their voices.

Throughout the night, the decorations that really stood out to me were the gold stars with the names of everyone in the 8th grade. These gold stars were the “superstars” of Hollywood. Determined to find my name, I went on a scavenger hunt, and finally found it on the long mirror. After I found my name, I took more pictures with friends, danced some more, and got dessert.

Unfortunately, the night flew by because we were having so much fun! Before ending the night, we gave props to the amazing faculty and staff that made this awesome night possible. On our way out, we were handed goodie/thankyou bags that consisted of a G shaped pretzel, candy, and a magnet. Thank you again to Mr. Innocenzi, Dr. Monroe, Mrs. Piotrowski and the Grice PTA for making this night memorable; we can’t express our gratitude enough.

This was a night that I will never be able to forget!

And the Award Goes To … !

- Giana Ortiz

Well, ladies and gentlemen, it’s time that our hardworking 8th graders get the awards they deserve! The 8th Grade Awards took place on June 9th. This is an event that celebrates the accomplishments of the 8th grade students. Students are able to receive awards for a variety of achievements. This includes: club awards (student council, diversity club, etc.), student awards (attendance, high honor roll, etc.), and many more!

If you are invited to the 8th Grade Awards, you are allowed to bring two guests to celebrate. Students received presidential awards which were signed by our president, Joe Biden. Some of the awards presented were for showing perseverance throughout grades 6th through 8th. This could be through having perfect attendance or being in an advanced level course throughout all three years. Each teacher selected one student to receive their awards in subject areas as well. Guidance counselors chose students that improved their behavior, academics and overall attitude since 6th grade. Those awards went to: Riley Sexton, Jahari Hamilton, Preston Scheibel, and Valencia Foster. Another highlight was the Nicky Pratico award. This award was founded in memory of a former Grice student who passed away, Nicholas Pratico. This award recognizes a student who shows excellence in drama and theater. This year, the award went to Sean Sobke. Although not everyone who earned an award was able to attend, we still celebrated their hard work and dedication at the award ceremony.

The Grice Gazette would like to congratulate all the students who have earned an award! These awards were well-deserved. As our 8th graders move onto their freshman year of high school, we know that they will continue to impress their peers, parents, teachers and administrators!
Snackin’ at 6th Grade Picnic

- Keyla Sanchez and Colin Sullivan

These past few years have been really crazy! The pandemic has been hitting hard on us, and school was no different. After what we have dealt with over the last few years, we all deserved a break! When the eighth graders were on a field trip (lucky), the rest of the school was able to enjoy a nice picnic outside!

On June 10th, the 6th students were able to enjoy a day full of fun! After going to their first period class, the sixth graders went to their second and third period classes! Some classes watched a movie while others played games. One class even got to play Mario Kart! Around 11 A.M., we headed outside! Boy, was it a beautiful day! There were so many games and activities in which to participate. Students could choose to play wiffle ball, connect four, draw with chalk, and more. There was even a DJ playing music so that the students could dance! Then, food was served! Students were called up to get pizza, pasta, and salad! Later on, we were given a choice of a variety of snacks. There were so many snacks to choose from: chips, Rice Krispy treats, Oreo, and fruit snacks! Before the end of the day, the teachers brought out ice cream! We didn’t just have one or two choices, there were so many options to choose from: cones, ice cream sandwiches, and popsicles! Let’s put it this way: we did not leave 6th Grade Picnic day hungry!

Overall, the picnic was a great experience! It was fun to be outside, enjoying the beautiful weather, and hanging with our friends!

Sunshine at the 7th Grade Picnic

- Mykayla Miles

On Friday June 10th, the seventh grade students had the FIRST 7th Grade Picnic in TWO YEARS! This event was a much-anticipated event for all the students in the class of 2023! Let’s just say, this day was loads of fun and a day we will remember forever!

Overall, the day was filled with laughter and fun. When we walked outside, the DJ was blasting music to keep the day alive and the fun flowing! Being a seventh grade student myself, I would say that the day was extremely fun! There were a variety of games to keep the students entertained including basketball, ladder ball, corn hole, spike ball, and even volleyball! Throughout the day, the parents and staff distributed food! We had our choice of picnic food: hotdogs, hamburgers, etc. Plus, there was pizza, snacks, and ice cream to choose from!

Personally, I think the best part of the entire day was just a full day break from school work and learning! This year has been tough and we really needed an enjoyable day to just be kids! This was a great way to kick off summer break!

Fun at Frogbridge

- Kamrynn Mooney

Once again, the 8th grade trip to Frogbridge is back!! When COVID hit in March 2020, that year’s 8th graders missed all their end-of-the-year activities. Field day, activity day, field trips, you name it. So since we had the chance to go to this, we were all ecstatic! After the social was over, this is all that we could think about.

Before we left, we received 8th grade shirts that said “Class of 2022. Some Have a Story, We Made History, Grice Middle School.” We left around 9:15 A.M., and we were on our way! It was not the best bus ride, but it was fun. We got there and everyone wanted to jump out of their seats. We got out and headed to our tent. Within a few minutes, we were free to go!

There were so many things to do there. There were bumper cars, bumper boats, canoes, kayaks, golf, volleyball, basketball, outdoor laser tag, and driveway (for golf). There were also a lot of delicious food and other treats to enjoy. We stayed the majority of the school day there. Even though there was another school with us there, we all still had a great time.

Though, it was very hot that day, it was still a great experience! This is something we have been looking forward to all year long! This trip couldn’t have been so successful without the Grice staff, the Grice PTA, and us, the students. The 8th grade class thanks everyone for making this trip possible! It was such an amazing experience that we will never forget!
Wicked on Broadway
- Maddalena Karr

Through the troubling time of the pandemic, Broadway was forced to close its doors to the public. However, as things start to get better, it has reopened to put on some of the most thrilling shows in the world.

This year, Ms. Pace’s vocal class and Mr. Jeske’s orchestra class had the opportunity to go to Broadway in May to see Wicked. It is a play about friendship, bravery, and trust. The play is 2 hours and 45 minutes long, and approximately 50 million tickets are sold each week now that the lights are back on!

I had the privilege to be a part of the vocalists that attended. It was not a long ride to New York but it definitely kept us waiting. When we got into the theater, our eyes shimerred with curiosity and excitement. My favorite part about the show overall was the “Defying Gravity” song sung by Elphaba at the end of the first half. It was so gratifying! The entire cast showed great talent. We had some of the best seats in the house, right by the orchestra. The seats were comfortable and the employees were really friendly and helpful.

Overall, I feel that this day was one of my favorite school days of the entire year and I can’t wait to revisit Broadway again!

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Club Spotlight: Jazz & Wind Ensemble
- Staff Contributor: Mr. Bonomo

Students: you probably know that you can take Band Class as an elective in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, but did you know that we have two after-school bands that our students can participate in? These two bands are the Jazz Ensemble and the Wind Ensemble. These ensembles (another word for “musical groups”) have accomplished a lot during this school year.

The Grice Jazz Ensemble is a group of students that meets after school every Tuesday to rehearse jazz, rock, and popular music. A standard jazz ensemble includes saxophones, trumpets, trombones, piano, guitar, bass, and drums. At Grice, we try to be inclusive so we also have flutes, clarinets, and French horns as part of our Jazz Ensemble. This year’s Jazz Ensemble performed at the Mercer County PTA Dinner at Mercer Oaks Golf Course. The performance was very well-received, and officials from the state PTA asked us to record a video for the state PTA conference! The Jazz Ensemble also performed at the Jackson Liberty High School Jazz Festival. At this festival, we earned an award for “Best Saxophone Section,” Ire Talabi won a Best Soloist award, and Victoria Baj and Ava Iorio won Outstanding Musicianship awards.

The Grice Wind Ensemble is a group of students that meets after school every Thursday. This group is made up of students who have been playing their instruments for at least two years. Since the students in this group have a lot of experience, we are able to perform more advanced music. The Wind Ensemble is the perfect group for students who love Band as a class and want to be challenged! This group performed with the Jazz Ensemble at the Jazz Ensemble/Wind Ensemble concert. It also performed for two adjudicators at a festival that we hosted at Grice. The Wind Ensemble received a Superior rating (the highest rating) at this festival. Ava Iorio and Patton White received Best Soloist awards and the group received an award for “Best Low Brass Section.”

We are very proud of our Jazz Ensemble and Wind Ensemble, and we know that we will have an outstanding year next year too!
Another Season of Spectacular Performances

Orchestra Concert

- Carter Cadlett

Grice Middle School's Orchestra put on yet another amazing performance for everyone to hear! Luckily for you, this performance was put on the HTSD's YouTube page, so if you didn't get a chance to see our talented students in action during this concert, you will be able to watch them there!

The concert started out with the 6th grade first year orchestra performing "Ode to Joy," starring soloists Nicol Martinez-Tejada, and Maria Ouedraogo, "Travelling Through the Stars," and "Rigadoon." Next up was the 6th grade, Day 2 Orchestra students who performed "Episode, K. 216," "La Rejouissance (Rejoicing)," and "Sourwood Mountain." The 7th grade students performed "Baroque Fanfare," "America: Sweet Land of Liberty," "Dance of the Toy Flutes," and "Take Five." Our 8th grade group performed "Themes from Harry Potter," "Game of Thrones," "Ashokan Farewell," which consisted of our two soloists: Carter Cadlett and Kamryn Mooney. Lastly, the eighth grade students performed "Blue Danube Waltz." All performances were quite amazing and truly showed how talented Grice Gladiators are!

At the end of the concert the eighth graders received certificates from orchestra teacher, Mr. Jeske, for a job well done in the middle school orchestra! It was also a sad farewell to our eighth grade students, as they move to high school next year. It really is fascinating to see our 8th grade orchestra students still holding on to their amazing talent with string instruments and continuing to foster that talent not just throughout elementary and middle school, but now high school!

Congratulations to all Orchestra members for outstanding performances!

Band Concert

- Madelynn LaPage

The Grice Middle School Spring Band Concert of 2022 was phenomenal! The concert included the Concert Band, the Symphonic Band, and the 8th Grade Band. The Concert Band performed "Wiggle Worm Workout," "Music with a Road Map," "Mary Ann," "Pirates Cave," and "Midnight Mission" as a collaborative piece with the 8th graders. The Symphonic Band performed "Castles and Dragons," "Prehistoric Suites," "The Gladiator," and "Mechanical Monsters." "Mechanical Monsters" was performed together by the Symphonic and 8th-Grade Band.

The last band to perform was the 8th Grade Band. The songs they played were "Darklands March," "The Washington Post March," and "Music from Carmen." Some other songs they performed earlier in the night were: "At the Crossroads," "Party Rock Anthem," and "Beat It."

The best part of the concert was still yet to come! As some of you might know, our lovely principal, Mr. Innocenzi, will be retiring at the end of this school year. Though we are disappointed that Mr. Innocenzi will be leaving, Grice Bands wanted to celebrate his years of hard work and dedication. To honor Mr. Inno, the Grice Band put together a gift for him. He was surprised with a brand new conducting baton and a program from the concert signed by all the 8th graders. With Mr. Innocenzi's new baton, he directed one of his favorite songs, "Hey Baby" by Bruce Channel. "Hey Baby" was also performed as a collaboration piece by the Symphonic and 8th Grade Bands. Our bands have worked incredibly hard to put together the concert and so have our Conductors and Teachers, Mr. Wilmot and Mr. Bonomo. As a band student myself, I know the whole band appreciates and loves them very much.

All in all, the Grice Middle School Spring Band Concert of 2022 was a great success. We hope to see you all next year!

Vocal Concert

- Maddy Karr

Through the years, the Grice Middle School's choir has put on some amazing shows. The past two years have been totally different. Before COVID started, we were able to fill up the entire auditorium with family, and friends. Even with this dramatic virus, it has not stopped us from putting on some spectacular performances. We had two concerts: the 6th grade chorus performed first, the 7th grade performed second and the 8th grade performed at both.

The 6th grade chorus performed first and sang, "Morning", "We Can Dream," "Colors of the Wind," "Kye Kye Kule," and "This is Me." Then came 7th grade. They performed "Oye, " "Fight Song," "I'll Walk You Through the Rain," and "Here Comes the Sun." The 8th grade chorus performed at both concerts. We sang, "If I Ask You Nicely," "Seasons of Love," "Darkness Fall," and "Hallelujah." At the end, we all sang a combined finale: "A Million Dreams."

The Spring concert of 2022 was very special because it was our last performance as 8th graders. It was very emotional and filled with excitement. Our vocal teacher, Ms. Pace, did an outstanding job directing the show and teaching us everything we know. We will miss her so much next year!

Congratulations to everyone on a successful concert!
April: Autism Awareness Month

-Sam Sutton & Ms. Niglio

Many people know what Autism is in a general sense, but many people don’t know much about it. For example, did you know that April is Autism Awareness Month? Read along to find out more.

Autism is not a disease or a mental illness. It is just another way the brain functions. It is technically classified as a Pervasive Developmental Disorder. It’s a lifelong developmental condition, for which there is no cure, but that is okay because this condition is what makes these individuals unique! Since Autism is a spectrum disorder, it can affect a person in many different ways, with different levels of severity. Many people with Autism show signs of it in early childhood, usually getting diagnosed around 18 months to 3 years old. However, individuals with High Functioning Autism may not be diagnosed until they are 5-6 years old.

Autism usually makes it harder to socially interact with individuals and the world around you. Some individuals with autism are non-verbal, so it makes it harder for them to express their feelings and emotions. Often times, individuals with autism have a hard time recognizing feelings and emotions in others. That’s not to say that everyone that has autism will have these characteristics. Autism presents differently in every individual, which is why the national symbol for autism is a puzzle piece!

Some common identifiers of an individual who may have autism are:

- They may have a hard time talking to other people
- They might have a hard time understanding tone, and telling when someone is joking
- They might be sensitive when it comes to touching certain textures
- They might have a specific schedule
- They might get overwhelmed easily

Hopefully now you know a little more about individuals with autism than you did before you read this article!

Dear Grice Advice,

I have spent three whole years in this school -- THREE WHOLE YEARS!! I made so many friends in this school. Unfortunately next year, I am not going to the same school as my friends -- only one of them is coming with me. Any advice on what to do? How to stay in touch? Thank you.

Sincerely,
Freaking Out

Dear Freaking Out,

I understand that you feel disappointed in leaving your friends. I am going through the same thing, as I will be moving outside of Hamilton over the summer. Unfortunately, the reality is that you will not see your friends as much, and may grow more distant. You may even get over it and forget about it. Obviously, that is not what you (or I) wish to happen. So, I hope these tips may help.

Firstly, if you have their social media, such as phone numbers, Snapchat, Skype, Discord, etc., you can stay in touch that way. However, if the usage of social media begins to dwindle, you can stay in touch alternatively by visiting each other once in a while. If you are staying in the district for high school, you are probably close enough to get to each other’s house. In addition, you could also throw a last party together, or spend some more time hanging out.

However, just because you may be in a different school, it does not stop you from hanging out with them. I am going through the same exact thing, so I understand your feelings. I hope you find ways to cope with this.

Sincerely,
Grice Advice
**Hive Mind**
- Ashena Gamboa Mora [West Student]

Attention 8th graders attending Hamilton High West in the Fall!

Are you interested in STEM, teamwork, making friends, college scholarships and having the hardest fun you ever had? Consider joining the award winning Hamilton High West Robotics Team: Team 2495 Hivemind!

Students are involved in the FIRST robotics competition where they design and build, program and test a robot to accomplish specific tasks each year. No experience is required, flexible schedules, and $80,000,000 of scholarships are accessible for all students participating in our program. Hard work pays off by watching your robot go into action, accomplishing wins with your teammates, meeting other amazing teams, achieving awards, and even having opportunities for scholarships.

On the team, there are different committees: Drive (yes, to control the robot manually!), Build/Design, Programming, Strategy/Scouting, Art/Media, Safety, and Business/Finance committee. You could be on one or multiple committees and possibly be leaders of a committee. Interested in being a part of our team? Contact us, all are welcome to join!!

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**Best 4th of July Cake**

Cake Ingredients:
- 2 ½ sticks unsalted butter, at room temp.
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 6 extra-large eggs, at room temp.
- 1 cup sour cream, at room temp.
- 1 ½ tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for the pan
- ¾ cup cornstarch
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda

Icing Ingredients:
- 1 ½ lb. cream cheese (3 8-ounce packages), at room temp.
- 1 lb. unsalted butter (4 sticks), at room temp.
- 1 lb. confectioners' sugar, sifted
- 1 ½ tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 2 half-pints blueberries, 3 half-pints raspberries

Baking the Cake:
1. Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 17-by-12 ½ inch sheet cake pan.
2. In a bowl with a mixer, mix the butter and sugar together on high speed until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, two at a time. Mix after each addition. Add the sour cream and vanilla.
3. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, cornstarch, kosher salt, and baking soda.
4. Gradually add the flour mixture to the butter/sugar mixture. Keep adding the flour mixture until it is JUST combined. The mixture will be thick.
5. Pour the cake batter into the prepared pan! Spread the cake batter evenly over the pan.
6. Bake until a toothpick comes out clean, 20 to 30 minutes.

Making the Icing:
1. Add the cream cheese and butter to a bowl. Whip until combined. Then, add the powdered sugar and vanilla. Mix until thoroughly combined, scraping the sides once mixed.

Decorating the Cake:
1. After your cake is cooled, add about ½ of the frosting to the cake. Mark off the area for the stars with a toothpick.
2. Using a pastry bag with a large star tip, squeeze two lines of frosting at the bottom of the cake. Then, add two rows of raspberries on the cake. Keep repeating until the cake is filled.
3. Fill the square in the corner with a nice layer of blueberries. With the star tip, squeeze little dollops of frosting all over the blueberries to resemble stars!
The Best Summer Ever!!
- Kamryn Mooney

After this long year, we all can’t wait for summer. There are many activities that are a go-to for this time of year, like the beach, pools, boardwalks, and other fun activities.

The Beach: There are so many fun activities that you can do at the beach like swimming, building sand castles, and starting a competitive game of volleyball. I love swimming in the ocean because I love challenging my friends in the waves. I get there early in the morning and don’t leave till late in the afternoon. We go to the boardwalk after and have just a fun time.

The Pool: If you don’t love the beach and the sand, a nice dip in the pool is great for this summer. The pool is so calming and you don’t have to worry about any waves. It’s a great place to hang out with friends because it’s closed in space, so it’s very relaxing and you don’t have to worry about all the other people that would be at the beach.

Boardwalks: After a long day, the boardwalk is the best place to be. The arcades, rides, games, and other activities are such an amazing place to have fun and the best part is when you get to watch fireworks from the boardwalk! You can play games, win fun prizes, and looking at all the colors is by far one of the favorite things to do during the summer. However, I bet we could all agree that the best part of the boardwalk is the food! You can find all kinds of treats including funnel cake, French fries, and pizza! And obviously don’t forget to enjoy a delicious ice cream cone!

Cheers to the beginning of Summer 2022!

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Summer DIY: Pool Wreathes
- Addison Bozarth

Summer means cool! What other way than to decorate your door, like a pool! This summer pool wreath is very customizable.

For this craft you will need:
- a pool noodle
- hot glue (if supervised) or Elmer’s glue
- duct tape
- Summer decorations
- Fake flowers

To start off, grab your pool noodle and trim it (if needed) to a comfortable size. Then, duct tape the two ends to merge the noodles together. This is the first part of your wreath. Now, go take a trip around your house/outside area, to find your summer decorations. You could use: flip flops, flowers, shovels, or anything else that can be attached to your creation. Start with hot gluing (if allowed/ supervised!) the decorations over top of your duct tape. By doing this, you are covering the tape making it look professional!

Arrange your decorations to your liking. If you have extra space, grab some fake flowers! Don’t cut all the way down to the flower, keep some of the medal stick on it. Then, push the medal part of the stick into the pool noodle to keep the flower stuck onto the wreath.

The final step is the easiest! Take your creation and some rope and tie a knot around the noodle, but leave some space. Then go straight to your door for all your neighbors to see!
**Out of My Mind**  
- Annika Quick

The book *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper is one of my favorites! It is about a 10 year old girl named Melody, who has cerebral palsy. She can’t walk, she can’t talk, she can’t write, and she can’t move most parts of her body on her own. But, Melody also has a photographic memory. She can remember every memory, every fact, and every phone number from a TV commercial. All of these thoughts, all of these feelings, all of these memories, all of these words are clogged up in her mind. Melody just wants a way to finally speak.

At school, Melody and the other kids with disabilities and wheelchairs stay in a special classroom, and some of their teachers just don’t understand them. Melody just wants to make a friend and Melody just wants to prove to people that she is as smart as a regular kid, maybe even smarter! But some people aren’t ready for her to do so.

If you’ve already finished it, check out the sequel: *Out of My Heart*. A year later, Melody is ready for a new adventure: summer camp. Melody has always had everything done for her, and she wonders if one day she will be able to do what she wants and make decisions for herself. As Melody does things she never thought she would be able to do, she hopes to finally make a real friend. Both are great books and I recommend them for some summer reading!

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**Wings of Fire**  
- Francesca Tylutki

In *Wings of Fire*, by Tui T. Sutherland, Clay is a MudWing, who is part of a prophecy. He and his friends are destined to end a war that is going on between the dragon tribes. Clay and his friends are kept by the Talons of Peace, a group of dragons trying to peacefully end the war, and they are trapped in a cave with their guardians, Dune, Webs, and Kestrel. Clay and his friends, Starflight, Sunny, Glory, and Tsunami study the Dragonet Prophecy.

Later, Tsunami tells Clay that she is planning to escape and leave their guardians. The next day, Morrowseer, a NightWing, comes to inspect the dragonets, and when he leaves, the dragonets’ guardians tie up Tsunami for complaining about them. Then, Tsunami tells Clay her escape plan, and he goes through a river and gets outside. Tsunami managed to get free of her chains and followed Clay out there. They meet the Queen of the SkyWings, who finds their cave and takes them all as prisoners.

After, Clay meets a SkyWing named Peril, and she begins to explain what goes on with the prisoners. There is an arena, and two prisoners fight to the death. Peril is the queen’s champion, so she goes and fights prisoners sometimes. Clay watches Peril fight and it seems as though she has fire in her claws! Then Clay and his friends get taken to see the SkyWing queen, Queen Scarlet. Kestrel, who got captured, was having a trial for disobeying Queen Scarlet. Kestrel turns out to be Peril’s mother. Clay and his friends get trapped, and Peril saves them. Peril helps everyone escape the Sky kingdom. In the end, Clay finds something out about his family but I won’t tell you what!

I give this book five stars, because it kept me reading to the end, and it was full of excitement and surprises on every page. If you are into fantasy, you will like this book. I like that this book is part of a series, so that you can read the ones that come after and fall in love with the characters. This book also comes in graphic novel form. Hopefully you can read it soon!
Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness

- Danilynn Conte

There’s a new movie out and you have to see it! The movie is Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness. This movie is also a part of the Marvel franchise, so if you’re a fan of Marvel, this movie is a must-see. It incorporates the storyline after the tragedy of the events in the show, Wandavision, and shows the intensity of the magical and mysterious world beyond us.

A multiverse is a hypothetical group of other universes in which there are other “versions,” I guess you can say, of yourself and everyone else. The multiverse can also get VERY out of hand if you mess with the timeline. Messing with the timeline will create alternate universes and that makes The Multiverse a catastrophic mess. In Wandavision the main character, Wanda Maximoff, aka The Scarlet Witch, was devastated that her husband Vision had been killed in the battle with Thanos (Avengers: Infinity War) and with her fierce powers given to her by the mind stone (Avengers: Age of Ultron) created an alternate universe where her husband was still alive and living in a beautiful town called Westview in New Jersey. Although this wasn’t just a happy ever after, in the process of this she managed to basically kidnap the entire town and make it her own by using her mind-controlling powers to control everyone there making no thought of their own, only hers.

Then there is Doctor Strange, the main character of this movie. He just recently got done messing around with the timeline and multiverse with Peter Parker, aka Spider-man. (Spider-man: No Way Home) and already has some experience with the multiverse. At this point, his life was a complete mess. Now, Dr. Strange and a yet-to-be introduced character fight their way through the Multiverse to break this wicked spell Wanda has placed using the Darkhold, an ancient book of evil spells and runes that if used will end in a definite not-so-happy ending. In the end, we leave it up to Dr. Strange and his powers to fight against the world beyond.

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Just Jokin’
- Mohammed Mohammed

Q: Why do fish swim in saltwater?
A: Because pepper water would make them sneeze!

Q: Where do sheep go on vacation?
A: To the baa-hamas!

Q: Why should you never blame a dolphin for doing anything wrong?
A: Because they never do it on porpoise!

Q: Why do fish like to eat worms?
A: Because they get hooked on them!

Q: What is a shark’s favorite sandwich?
A: Peanut butter and jellyfish!

Did You Know? Jersey Shore Edition
- Jade Pearson

New Jersey is especially famous for our beautiful beaches. Tourists come from all over to visit the shore towns of NJ. Here are five interesting facts that you may not know about the Jersey Shore!

1. Seaside Heights boardwalk was rebuilt three different times.

2. One of the Revolutionary War battles was fought in Wildwood Crest in Cape May County.

3. The Atlantic City boardwalk is the longest boardwalk in the world!!

4. The town of Avalon was named after a mythical town in the Legend King Arthur.

5. The only way onto Long Beach Island is Route 72 or by boat!
Grice Gazette Summer 2022 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).

Across
4. Who wrote Out of My Mind?
5. What college did Ms. Jones attend?
7. The novel written by Tui T. Sutherland is called?
8. Who is retiring this year?
9. Who was our staff contributor this issue?
10. What theme was the 8th grade social?

Down
1. What is the Hamilton High West Robotic Team’s name?
2. What month is Autism Awareness month?
3. What play did Ms. Pace take her students to see?
6. What is the main item needed to complete the Summer Wreath?

Comic by John Daily