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THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE
WHO BELIEVE IN THE BEAUTY
OF THEIR DREAMS.
- ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

RESOLUTIONS

by Foster Schrader

This year, I made my New Year's resolutions six days late. I hadn't planned to make any- it felt pointless to set a list of goals for a future that, these days, seems so uncertain. Ordinarily, I resolve to see my friends more, or to spend less time on screens. But in this unprecedented (a word I'm getting very tired of hearing) time, it's unsafe to see my friends in person, and I spend more time than I ever have on screens, in this virtual world that the pandemic created. I joked with my family that my goal for the year was to get vaccinated- everything else could wait.



Inspirational Artwork by
Imagine Kid Audrey (12)!

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Six days into 2021, I re-evaluated. I'd spent much of the day staring, horrified, at various screens, watching as the Capitol was attacked and my democracy was gravely tested- all at the instructions of the President of the United States of America. Images circulating around social media showed Confederate flags, anti-Semitic t-shirts, and banners touting white supremacy and pro-racist and pro-Nazi sentiments. The FBI warned to look out for potential future attacks on racial and religious minorities and members of the LGBTQ+ community, and that scared and continues to scare me, even though my sexuality and religion aren't externally obvious. Slightly younger Foster was wrong- everything else can't wait.

In her essay collection, *Intimations*, Zadie Smith compares contempt, specifically in terms of race, to a virus, one that spreads more easily from person to person than any biological disease. She says: "I used to think that there would one day be a vaccine: that if enough black people named the virus, explained it, demonstrated how it operates.... we might finally reach some kind of herd immunity. I don't think that anymore." Perhaps my youth or my privilege has made me myopic or naive, but I'd like to believe in and work towards a more hopeful narrative. There is a virus of contempt in America, and it has existed here since its conception- from Christopher Columbus's enslavement and murder of the indigenous inhabitants of the Carribean upon his arrival in America to the Capitol attacks on January 6th. But there is still room and time to eradicate it.

There may not yet be a vaccination for the virus known as contempt, but there is a treatment- education. I live in the relative bubble that is New York City, and my beliefs have been ingrained in me by my city, my school, and the people closest to me, no matter how much research I have done to cement them. If I lived somewhere that wasn't quite as progressive, with a family that didn't encourage me to form my own opinions, it might never have been possible for me to form or educate myself on the beliefs I so strongly hold now. Many people who I disagree with are not hateful but misguided. Perhaps if we addressed issues with open discussion, rather than telling those people how much we disagree with them, they would change their minds. The polarization across America cannot be combated by intolerance- from either side. Education is key. That's not to say that I'm going to walk up to a violent protester and try to start a civil conversation- I don't negotiate with terrorists, including the domestic variety. But I can have conversations- open ones, not arguments where we hurl insults at each other from our respective party lines- with people who have different opinions than me, but who are willing to listen. My New Year's resolution is just that- to listen.



Thank you Foster
for your meaningful essay.
WE are listening!

Foster Schrader (17) is a Senior at LaGuardia High School

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In light of the events at the US Capitol, I have a dream that...

...we will be able to overcome the struggles of racism, immigration, education homelessness, and much more. - Sydney Shankman (8th grade)

...I can inspire change in our country and world. - Zaylin Palacios (13)

...my children never have to feel or understand the fear that I felt and so many others felt that day. - Ella Cetina (15) (Ella's great grandparents are Holocaust survivors)

...we will create a less polarized and more unified world. - Foster Schrader (17)

...all young people will be educated about all sides of US History in a non-biased way... So that young people can be taught that their voice and all voices matter. - Natalie Carnoy (11th grade)

...justice is served for the people who attacked our nation's Capitol. - Joseph Fitzpatrick (17)

...we will lift each other up to create a world of peace, growth, and kindness to others. - Alessia Turner (15)

... excellent education will be available to everyone regardless of their socio-economic status. - Elle Ferretti-Gray (16)

...we can restore democracy, emphasize equity, empathy, and professionalism in our government and its leaders. - Zoe Singer (10th grade)

...I will be successful and give back to my parents. - Jessica Plepi (18)

...all essential workers are treated with the respect they deserve. - Julia (16)

...the country can find unity and learn to accept and confront our differences peacefully moving forward. - Annalise Schuster (10th grade)

In light of the events at the US Capitol, I have a dream that...

...we can
work towards a more
compassionate nation. I
hope that this is an
unbiased nation where all
are treated equally. -
Carly Hermann (10th
grade)

...
misinformation
will stop tearing
our country apart. -
Nellie Fitzpatrick
(15)

...we will all uplift and
educate each other so
we can create a better,
safer, and more hopeful
world for everyone. -
McKenzie Post (17)

...everyone was
happy and loved
each other. - Nick
Hastings (16)

...the world was
full of equality as it
was always meant to
be. - Margot
Lymberly (14)

... we will raise the
American voices that
need to be heard and
hold others
accountable. - Marre
Gaffigan (16)

...all kids in New
York can have access
to computers and wifi in
their own homes! -
Liam Helfrich (15)

...we can move forward
and start making a change
as soon as possible. I hope we
can work to make the world a
better & more equal place for
everyone. - Sara Buner
(10th grade)

...I can make it far
in life and make my
Dad proud. - Dayelin
Delacruz (17)

... people who
need the COVID
vaccine will get it.
- Sadie (16)

...we can all
come together and
overcome all of these
hardships with love.
- JT Sheeler (14)

...my family
and friends stay
happy and safe.
- Sasha (16)

In light of the events at the US Capitol, I have a dream that...

...I can be
successful and buy
my parents a home.
- Chelsea Cardenas
(18)

...we find
a respectful unity
and unwavering
strength to be better
tomorrow for the sake
of humanity. - Nora
Toscano (15)

...
someday people
of any color will get
the same quality of
justice as white
people. - Jack
Gaffigan (14)

...I can become
a vet and help
animals. - Rosie
Driscoll (10)

...this pandemic
comes to an end and
loved ones are able to
reunite once again. -
Sabrina Turner (17)

...we
will be able to
reunite under a new
presidency and build
back a strong democracy.
- Sydney Shankman
(8th grade)

...with optimism
and determination,
we can accomplish
anything. - Paul
Bloom (17)

...the people I
love have a happy
and healthy new
year. - Ciara (16)

..I can become my
own boss! - Janete
Garcia (16)

...human
beings' rights
will come true. -
Emery Brown
(16)

...our
democracy can
overcome this, and
so can we. - Foster
Schrader (17)

...COVID ended.
- James Driscoll (12)

The Fact that I can

That fact I can dream
While being 13
While being a young black teen
While being a young latina teen
That when I'm 36 I can run for presidency
Or when I'm 35 I can run for vice presidency

The fact that I can
dream from the heavens and earth
When the sky isn't the limit
Cause there isn't one

That fact the world is evolving
And I can dream is a mirrical

The fact that my descendants lay there down there life
to let me free
And now i can dream
That's a gift

1/20-21/2021
Nicole M. Santos-Pena

Nicole Santos-Peña is 13 years old and a BOLD Brothers/Sisters Mentee



Baby New Year 2021



Dear Babies,

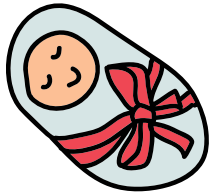


2020 was a pretty crazy year and to be honest I'm not sorry you missed it. As a matter of fact, you being born was pretty much the best thing about it.



You are the sign of hope we need right now.

You are the inspiration to us to do the hard work to recover from all the damage, continue to heal the world and feel happy about the future instead of sad about the past.



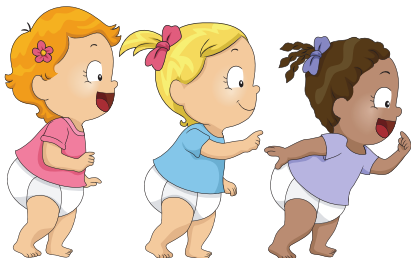
I will do my best and work hard to create a world where you can be exactly who you were meant to be and be accepted for who you are no matter what. A place where people share what they have and listen to your voices even if you don't have money, power or status. I want you to grow up in a society where you are valued and where you feel safe and free.

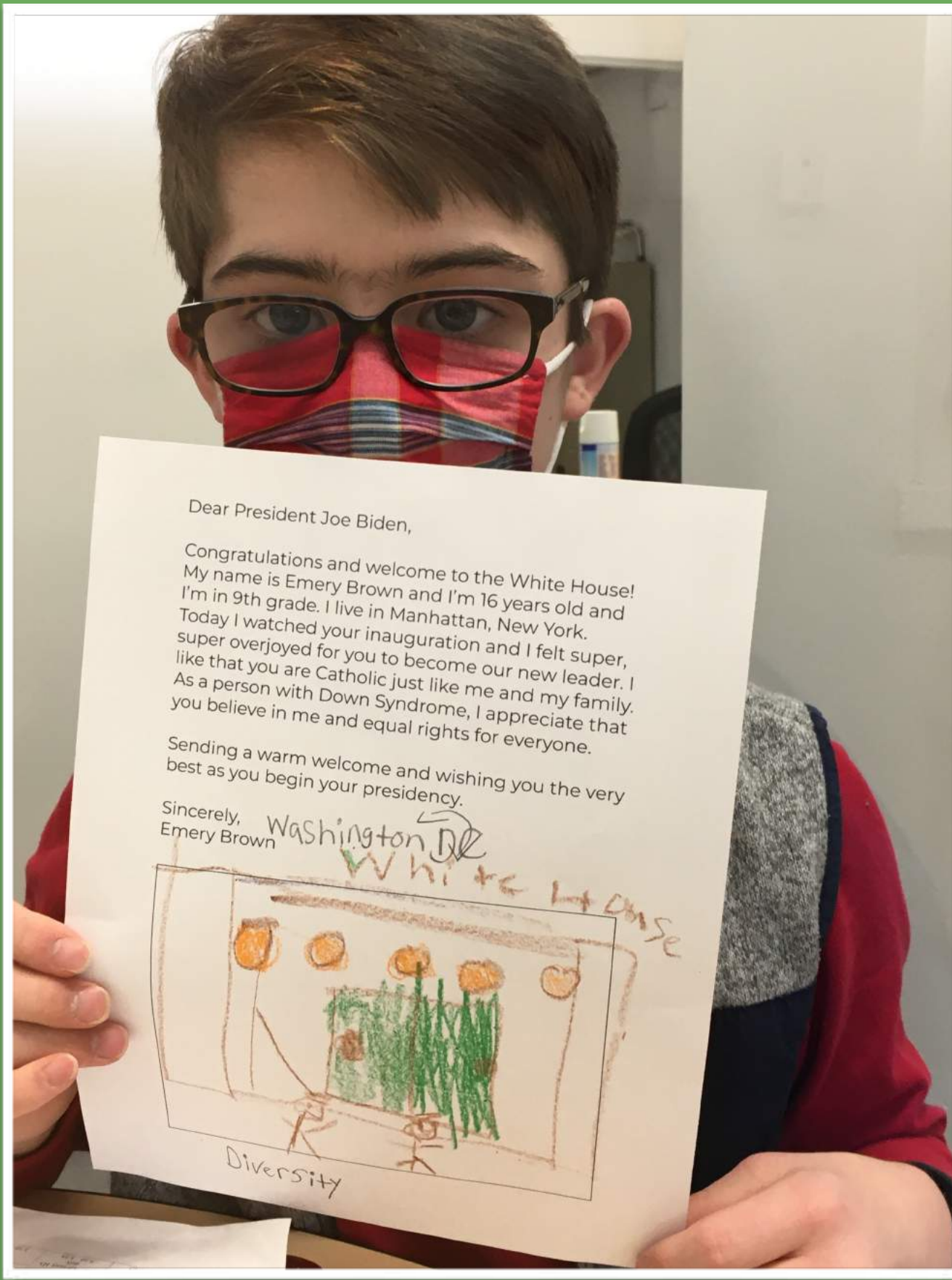


The good news is that someday I won't have to wear a mask and you can see me smile at you and you will know that you are loved.



Happy New Year, Baby!





Emery Brown (16) is in 9th grade at The Ideal School of Manhattan



In Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.!!



On Saturday, January 16th, **The Imagine Society** provided 350 food insecure families with staple groceries and ingredients for a celebratory Barbecue Dinner inspired by African American chefs from the American South in honor of Dr. King and his commitment to racial and social justice. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the \$20,000 budget, and the many volunteers (teens and adults alike) who made this glorious gesture possible. The service took place at the Ascension Food Pantry, and all the clients went home with ingredients to make the healthy meal!

Please enjoy our continuing teen chef's series bilingual cooking video where we demonstrate how to cook the full meal. **Good for your soul!** To check out the cooking videos and download all the recipe cards please go to our website theimagesociety.org/service/ Photos from the event courtesy of photographer **Enid Alvarez!**



Imagine Artwork in Honor of Dr Martin Luther King Jr.!



IF YOU CAN'T FLY
THEN RUN. IF YOU
CAN'T RUN THEN WALK.
IF YOU CAN'T WALK THEN
CRAWL. BUT WHATEVER
YOU DO DON'T STOP
MOVING FORWARD

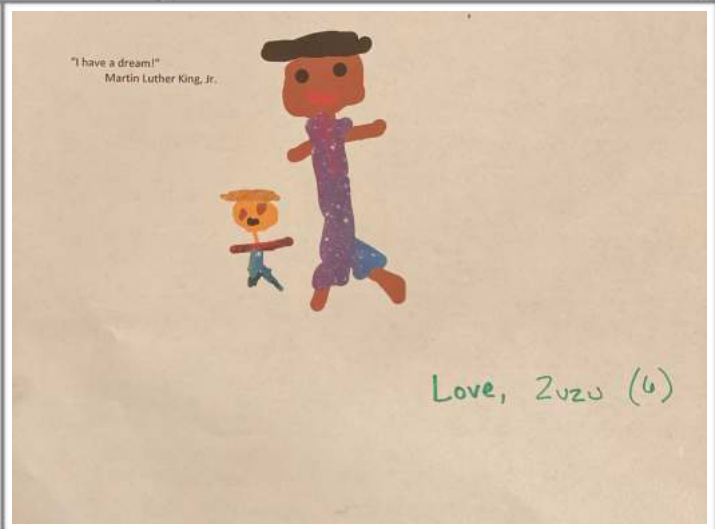


LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT
AND URGENT QUESTION IS,
"WHAT ARE YOU
DOING FOR OTHERS?"

I HAVE
A DREAM
Martin Luther King

I HAVE A
DREAM!

Hannah age 12



Check out one of our great recipes from the MLK Barbecue!

Creamy Baked Macaroni and Cheese

3 cups elbow macaroni uncooked
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
7/8 cup of whole milk warmed and mixed with 2
tablespoons of melted butter

4 cups of Cheddar cheese shredded
1 1/2 cups whole milk
2 eggs slightly beaten
salt & pepper



1. Preheat oven to 350 F and butter an 8x10 casserole dish. Set aside.
2. Bring a large pot of seasoned water to a boil. (Season water generously with salt, pepper, and garlic powder. It should taste a bit salty.)
3. Cook pasta until a little under al dente (about 7 minutes), then drain and set aside.
4. In a large saucepan, over medium heat, melt butter then whisk in flour and continue stirring until golden.
5. Slowly whisk in warmed milk mixed with melted butter. Continue stirring until smooth.
6. Stir in 1 cup of Cheddar cheese until sauce is creamy.
7. Pour cheese sauce over macaroni, tossing to coat. Then pour the cheese coated macaroni into the prepared pan. Set aside.
8. In a large bowl, combine milk and 2 1/4 cups Cheddar cheese. Add salt and pepper to taste.
9. Add in eggs and stir well to make sure the eggs are mixed in.
10. Pour milk, cheese, and egg mixture over the macaroni. (Use a spatula to help push the mixture throughout the macaroni so that it isn't just sitting on top). Sprinkle the top with remaining cheese.
11. Bake for 30-35 minutes. (may not need this long so check on it at the 25-minute mark). Let sit for 10 minutes before serving.

To view youth-led tutorial video visit our website TheImagineSociety.org/service and follow us on Instagram @TheImagineSociety

Macarrones y Queso Cremosos al Horno

3 Tazas de macarrones sin cocer
2 Cucharadas de mantequilla
2 Cucharadas de harina para todo uso
7/8 Taza de leche entera calentada y mezclada con
2 cucharadas de mantequilla derretida

4 Tazas de queso cheddar rallado
1 1/2 Tazas de leche entera
2 Huevos ligeramente batidos
Sal y Pimienta



1. Precaliente el horno a 350 grados. Mantequilla una cazuela de 8x10. Dejar a lado.
2. Ponga a hervir una olla grande con agua sazonada (sazone el agua generosamente con sal, pimienta y ajo en polvo. Debe tener un saber un poco salado.)
3. Cocine la pasta hasta que esté un poco al dente (como 7 minutos). Escurre y deja a un lado.
4. En una cacerola grande, a fuego medio, derrita la mantequilla, luego agregue la harina y continúe revolviendo hasta que esté dorado.
5. Batir lentamente la leche tibia mezclada con mantequilla derretida. Continúe revolviendo hasta que quede suave.
6. Agregue 1 taza de queso cheddar hasta que la salsa esté cremosa.
7. Vierta la salsa de queso sobre los macarrones, revolviendo para cubrirlos. Luego vierta los macarrones con queso en el sartén preparado. Dejar a un lado.
8. En un tazón grande, combine la leche y 2 1/4 tazas de queso cheddar. Añadir sal y pimienta al gusto.
9. Agregue los huevos y revuelva bien para asegurarse de que los huevos se mezclan.
10. Vierta la mezcla de leche, queso y huevo sobre los macarrones. (Use una espátula para ayudar a empujar la mezcla a lo largo de los macarrones para que no se quede encima). Espolvorea la parte superior con el queso restante.
11. Hornee por 30-35 minutos. (Puede que no necesite tanto tiempo, así que revíselo en la marca de los 25 minutos). Deje reposar durante 10 minutos antes de servir.

Para ver tutorial liderada por jóvenes visite nuestro sitio web TheImagineSociety.org/service y síguenos en Instagram @TheImagineSociety

起司通心粉

3杯未煮过的通心粉
2汤匙黄油
2汤匙通用面粉将
7/8杯全脂牛奶加热并与2汤匙融化黄油混合

4杯切达干酪切丝
1 1/2杯全脂牛奶
2个鸡蛋略打散
黑胡椒和盐



1. 将烤箱预热至350 华氏度，并在8x10的砂锅涂上黄油。搁置。
2. 将一大锅调味水烧开。（用盐，胡椒粉和大蒜粉适量调味水。水应该有稍许咸味。）
3. 将通心粉煮至略微下凹（约7分钟），然后沥干水分放在一边。
4. 在一个大锅中，用中火加热，融化的黄油然后在面粉中搅拌，继续搅拌直至变黄。
5. 慢慢搅拌混合有融化黄油的温牛奶。继续搅拌直至光滑。
6. 搅拌入1杯切达干酪，直到酱呈奶油状。
7. 将奶酪酱倒在通心粉上，拌成大衣。然后将涂有奶酪的通心粉倒入准备好的锅中。搁置。
8. 在一个大碗中，将牛奶和2 1/4杯切达干酪混合。加入盐和胡椒调味。
9. 加入鸡蛋并充分搅拌酱料，以确保鸡蛋混合均匀。
10. 将牛奶，奶酪和鸡蛋混合物倒在通心粉上。（使用铲子将混合物推入通心粉中，这样它不仅可以放在通心粉上）。在顶部撒上剩余的奶酪。
11. 烘烤30-35分钟。（可能不需要这么长时间，因此请在25分钟时检查一下避免烧糊）。上菜前可先将菜静置十分钟。

Check out one of our great recipes from the MLK Barbecue!



Uniting a Community Through Food and Pets: How One High School is Making a Difference

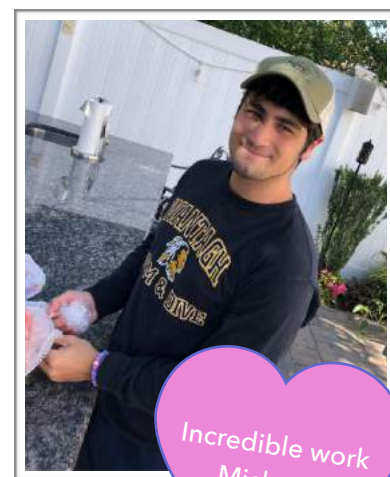
By Ava Kornbluth (Class of 2023), Michael Minars (Class of 2021),
Chris Murale (Class of 2021), and Nora Toscano (Class of 2023)



The Year 2020 has been one of the most chaotic and unprecedented times in modern history, especially for high schoolers. As the pandemic struck, we were already in a distressing social and political environment. The 2020-21 school year began and the Wantagh community was hurting. With social justice protests rolling through our town, many students' parents out of work, and the uncharted waters of online learning, Wantagh High School was in a sense divided and broken. All the fun that school had to offer was taken from us: no sports, no after school activities, no prom—nothing. A few months of the school year go by and our wonderful faculty advisor came to us in the hope to draw us closer and to spark some creativity.

Kathleen Flynn had the idea for the National English Honor Society (NEHS) to collaborate with the *Wantagh Warrior* (our school's newspaper) on a holiday cookbook. Immediately, the executive board was in on this idea and spread the news to our members. We thought that this cookbook—which was really much more than just a cookbook—would be something that everyone could enjoy. The NEHS started to spread the word all over school. Before we knew it, we had submissions for the holiday light show display competition; students and staff sent in pictures of their ugly sweaters; clubs wrote up articles to be included in our cookbook; and, most importantly, a flood of recipes came our way. Parents and other Wantagh community members also got involved by sending recipes and supporting us.

The small idea of a cookbook turned into a school wide bonding activity. We found out so much about our community, from different recipes submitted and stories shared. We realized we were learning so much about the people we are around every day. This whole experience has been a really exciting journey. Amidst everything, to see our school community come together in a time of darkness has been inspiring. I have come to view this project as a holiday cookbook adventure; in a way, it exemplifies Wantagh in a nutshell.



Even through a period of such uncertainty, our community looks to raising money for charity to bring us together. Proceeds from our cookbook will be donated to **Long Island Harvest**, a local food bank, and **Last Hope Animal Shelter**, located across the street from our school. As part of the NEHS mission to “promote exemplary character and good fellowship” in our community, the holiday cookbook has done just that. I am excited and grateful to be a part of this adventure and hope that this will be a tradition that will continue into the future.

Michael Minars, Wantagh High School Class of 2021

At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, we had a decision to make as a publication at *The Warrior*. Would we cover the sad, depressing stories we saw on the national news, or would we try to write articles that highlighted the joy and togetherness of our community? The answer for us was not up for debate: we decided to publish stories that shared positive news to bring a bit of happiness into the lives of those in our school. Some of these articles are included in our cookbook. Two articles gave appreciation and thanks to our lunch ladies and security guards, who are vital members of our district, and other stories covered the various holiday decorations teachers around the high school have put tremendous effort into creating. Our main office secretaries put up a Buddy the

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Elf, while our 104 secretary Donna Wick turned the office into a Winter Wonderland. We also included articles discussing the drives held by various clubs, including Key Club's essential items drive, the student government officers' toy drive, and the Italian Club's food drive. The cookbook also contains pictures of students and teachers dressing up for the high school's Ugly Sweater Day. Pictures of senior Jack Bruno's Christmas village and Mrs. Sebastiano's holiday window display were featured, along with the outside light decorations of various teachers. As a newspaper, we at *The Warrior* have tried to spread holiday joy and we were successful by the creation of our holiday cookbook.

Nora Toscano (15) Wantagh High School Class of 2023

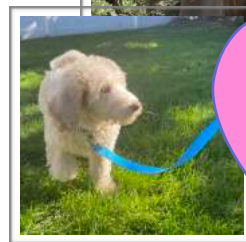
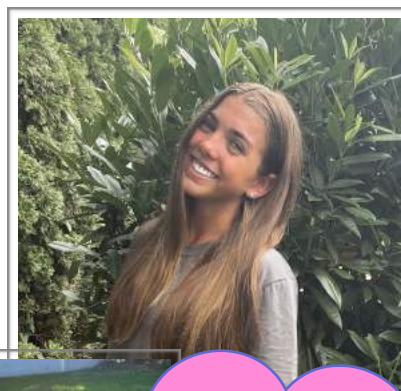


Thank you
Nora!

As the pandemic continues, people feel lonelier than ever before. We are not able to socialize like we would regularly; we are also trapped in the close quarters of our own home, and social distancing six feet apart from our peers has taken an emotional toll on many people. However, many have discovered their own solution to this issue – buying a pet! Whether it is a dog, a cat, a hamster, or whatever you wish, pets can make great companions during these tough times. Their unconditional love can not only improve one's mental state, but also serve as a sense of company. Over the course of the year, we have collected stories of our community's pets in our Pets of the Pandemic column and the way they have kept us sane during the pandemic.

My family welcomed its very own furry friend in November. Koda the labradoodle was born on September 11, 2020. She was delivered to our home by a breeder in Indiana and has brought us joy ever since. Koda enjoys scrabbling for leaves, playing fetch with a frisbee, and reaching for any food in sight. She also experienced the presence of snow for the first time in December, and to say she became obsessed is an understatement. Although Koda's need for constant attention can be overwhelming, having a new play companion eliminates any loneliness or boredom. She even makes many appearances at the virtual Journalism conferences!

Ava Kornbluth (15) Wantagh High School Class of 2023



Thank you for
sharing your
story Ava!

This year was very different from the years of the past. For myself, and many other food lovers, making my favorite holiday recipes was a challenge because I was unable to bake or cook for my extended families and friends. One of my favorite holiday activities is baking with my family, which I got to enjoy even if it was just me and my parents. Our favorite recipe was the "Rainbow Cookie" one Ms. Flynn put in our cookbook. It helped bring our family together and enjoy a delicious treat. My favorite part about this cookbook is not only the amazing recipes but the wonderful stories told throughout. This is exciting to me because unlike basic cookbooks with lists of recipes, ours has a brilliant narrative told throughout. I cannot wait to get a copy of this cookbook to see the amazing recipes my fellow peers and teachers have included.

Chris Murale Wantagh High School Class of 2021



Awesome work
Chris & Ms
Flynn!

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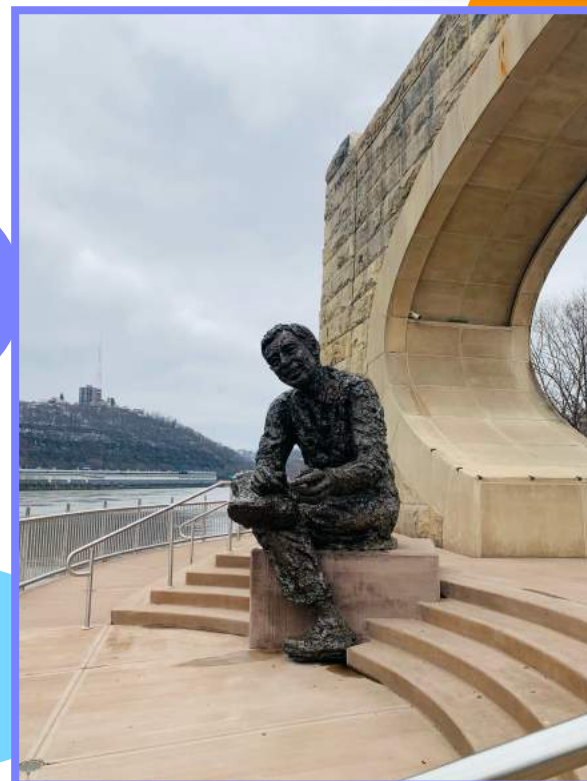
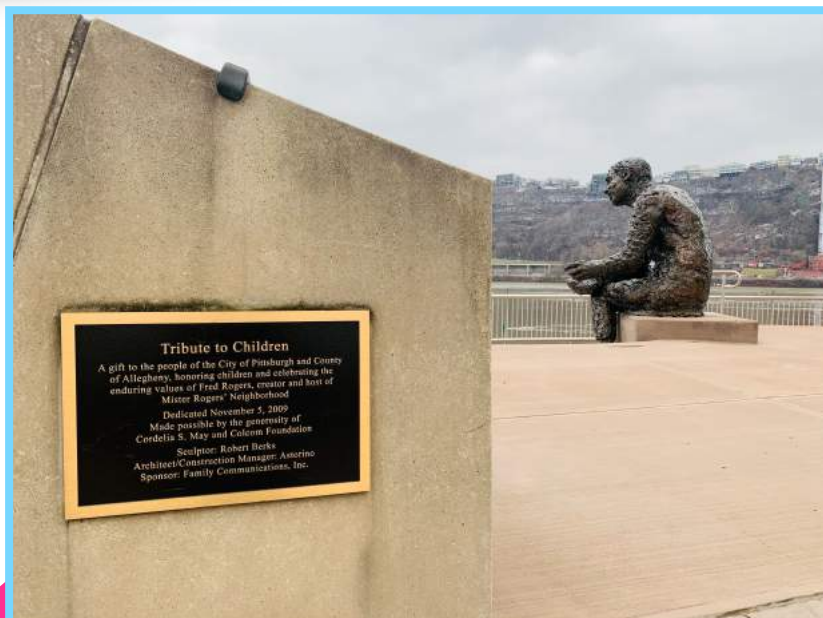
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Spotted in our Sister City Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania featuring everyone's favorite neighbor, **Fred Rogers**, and a very special **Tribute to Children** - a unique sculpture and installation on the city's North Shore. Mr. Rogers was from Pittsburgh! So cool!



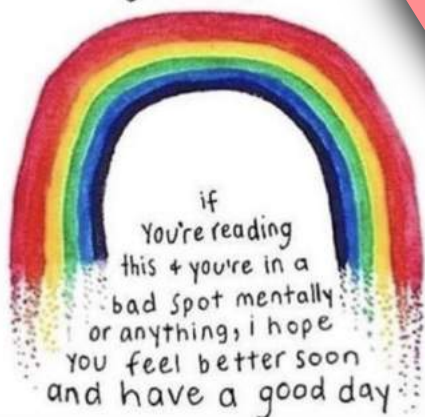
A gift to the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, honoring children and celebrating the enduring values of Fred Rogers.



"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes." - Fred Rogers

FUN PAGES

HEY



Edited by
Junior Member
Katie Gaffigan
(11)

LIZ AT LARGE



LIZ AT LARGE



Katie's
Fave
Memes
:)

Lol!

I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY
"2021 IS GONNA BE
MY YEAR" POSTS YET.

YOU ALL SCARED,
AREN'T YA?

MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE

BABY YODA ON A SPEEDER HAPPY

MY GOAL IN **2021**
IS TO
ACCOMPLISH THE
GOALS I SET IN
2020 WHICH I
SHOULD HAVE
DONE IN 2019
BECAUSE I MADE
A PROMISE IN
2018 WHICH I
PLANNED IN 2017.

HATERS GONNA

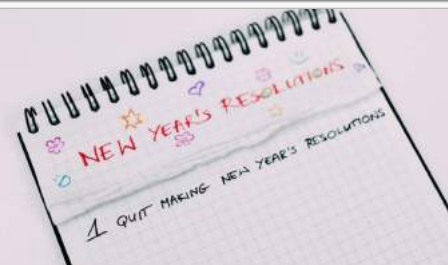


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this year will
be different!



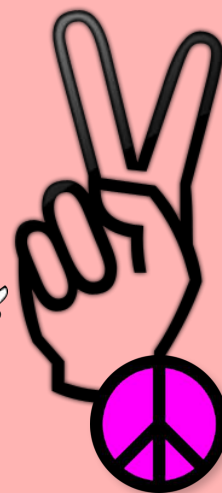
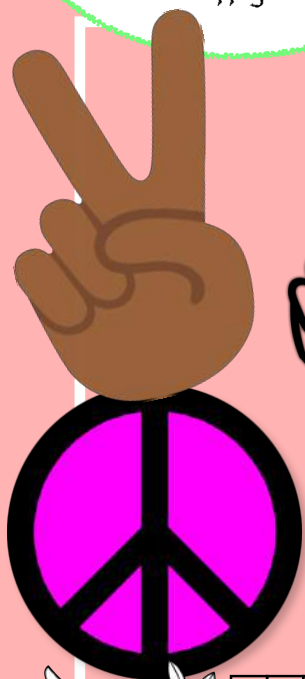
I have a dream
that some day people will
realize that every person is
equal, and should be treated
the same. - Katie
Gaffigan

WORD PLAY



Peace in the New Year

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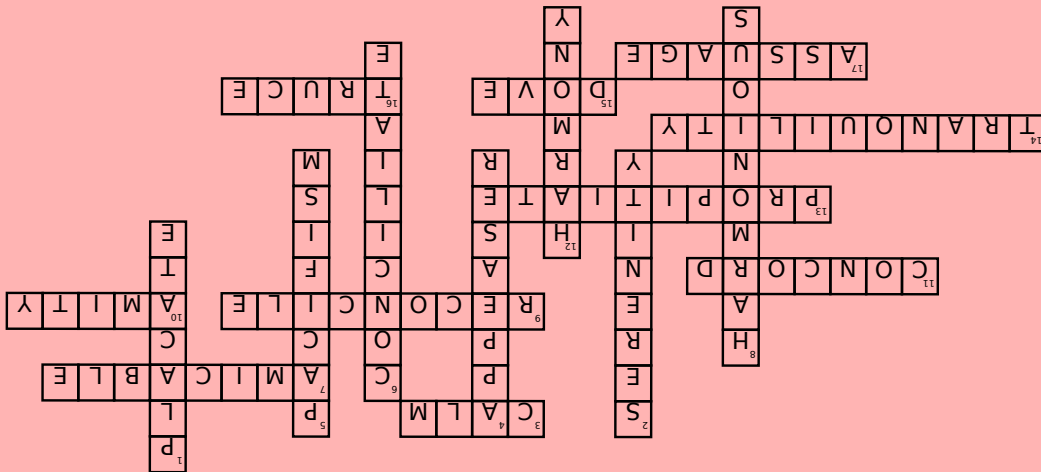
1. cause to be more favorably inclined
2. the absence of mental stress or anxiety
4. someone who tries to bring peace by acceding to demands
5. the doctrine that all violence is unjustifiable
6. gain the good will of or cause to be more favorably inclined
8. exhibiting equivalence or correspondence among constituents
12. compatibility in opinion and action

Across:

3. not agitated; without losing self-possession
7. characterized by friendship and good will
9. come to terms
10. a state of friendship and cordiality
11. a harmonious state of things and of their properties
13. make peace with
14. an untroubled state that is free from disturbances
15. any of numerous small pigeons
16. a state of peace agreed to between opponents
17. provide physical relief, as from pain



Peace in the New Year



Down:

1. cause to be more favorably inclined
2. the absence of mental stress or anxiety
4. someone who tries to bring peace by acceding to demands
5. the doctrine that all violence is unjustifiable
6. gain the good will of or cause to be more favorably inclined
8. exhibiting equivalence or correspondence among constituents
12. compatibility in opinion and action

Across:

3. not agitated; without losing self-possession
7. characterized by friendship and good will
9. come to terms
10. a state of friendship and cordiality
11. a harmonious state of things and of their properties
13. make peace with
14. an untroubled state that is free from disturbances
15. any of numerous small pigeons
16. a state of peace agreed to between opponents
17. provide physical relief, as from pain