

THE VOICE OF PINE HILL MIDDLE'S STUDENTS

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Writing Contest Encourages Pine Hill Students to Actually Write for Fun! by Madison Hyman



The Panther's Eye hosted two writing contest for students that like to write! The first one was called the Young Writers contest. Many students turned in amazing pieces and it was very hard to choose from all the fascinating entries. Yet, out of all these stories one stood out. Seventh graders Jasmine Joubert and David Morris' captivating sci-fi chapter book inspired by the book series Wings of Fire, was selected as the first place winner.

Jasmine and David actually turned in the first few chapters of what will eventually be the first book in their future series. They chose to write this story because they enjoy reading series of books and thought that other people would enjoy reading their story. Apparently people did enjoy reading their story because they won the contest!

There were many students that submitted a story into this contest. Jasmine and David said, "We did not expect our story to win out of all of those students!"

The winners of this contest were writers that enjoy writing and do it for the fun of it.

David said, "I write because I enjoy it and I see myself doing it in the future and making good money off of it."

David has got the right idea! Writing can be a very good way of making money. Some of the richest people are actually writers like J.K. Rowling who wrote the Harry Potter book series.

Jasmine and David teamed up because they both like to write and figured they would be even more creative together than apart.

Since the pair had worked on multiple stories before, it seemed to them that it would be fun to write a story together for this contest and see how it would turn out.

Since Jasmine enjoys drawing, David and Jasmine thought it would be a good idea to use one



Jasmine Joubert & David Morris Winners of the Young Writers Contest



of the subjects of her drawings as the main character which, they named Willowmint the wolf.

Both David and Jasmine share a love of wolves and so it only made sense that the main character should be a wolf. Much of this amazing fantasy is based on other characters inspired by Jasmine's art.

The Panther's Eye decided that because the first writing contest was such a success that we would host a second writing contest called the Spooktacular Scary Story Contest. The spooky story theme was perfect for the October season because Halloween was right around the corner and quickly coming just like the many entries submitted for the contest.

The winning entry for this second writing contest was submitted by another seventh grader: Lauren Miles. Her story called "The Haunting of Timberlake Woods" was both interesting and spooky. For winning the contest, Lauren received a pumpkin basket full of candy and the whole school got to hear her wonderfully creepy story read by Mrs. Majors over the intercom.

On winning the contest, Lauren said that like Jasmine and David she did not expect to win with all the amazing writers that submitted an entry into the contest but shared that, "It makes me feel good knowing that I wrote a story that won the writing contest and that so many people enjoyed."

"Can you imagine a world without movies, T.V. shows, books, or video games!? These all need writers to write the stories that entertain us. The world needs you writers!"



Lauren Miles pictured above won the Spooktacular Scary Story Contest and received a Halloween basket full of candy

Lauren knew the contest was for her when she heard about it. She loves watching scary movies and wanted to see how it would turn out if she wrote her own story. Lauren enjoys writing and shared that, "writing helps me express my feelings."

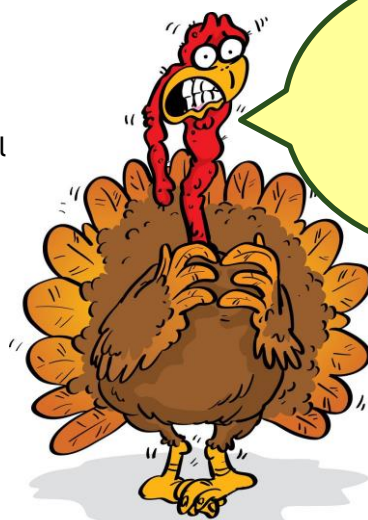
Lauren noted that she gets inspiration for her stories from "everyday life, her classmates, and her friends."

She writes more than just scary stories. She writes all kinds of different stories and expressed that she has a goal of being a writer and really feels like it could be her career job.

Go Lauren! We feel you! To the Panther's Eye the only thing scarier than Halloween is a world without stories.

To all the amazing young writers out there like Jasmine, David, and Lauren the Panther's Eye would like to encourage you to keep writing!

Stories open up the doors to adventure and imagination. Think about it! Can you imagine a world without movies, T.V. shows, books, or video games!? These all need writers to write the stories that entertain us. The world needs you writers!



Thank God for Lauren! The only thing scarier than Halloween is a world without stories!





Pine Hill Middle Teacher Receives Golden Apple!

By Mary Morris



Yeah, Mrs. Majors!



The Golden Apple award is an award given to teachers who are excellent at what they do: TEACH! The teachers who are given this award have strong leadership skills and affective teaching methods. You may be asking, "Why am I reading about a teacher's award?" That's because our very own Mrs. Majors was recently chosen for this honor!

Here at PHMS, Mrs. Majors is a seventh-grade Social Studies teacher. WJBF News came to do a surprise report, conducting an interview to try and capture how amazing Mrs. Majors really is!

They even mentioning how Mrs. Majors got The Panthers Eye started, the only middle school newspaper not only in Richmond County but within a five county radius.

In the interview, she was quoted as saying, "It's really important to me to know that my students understanding the material. [I want to make sure] that they're getting it, internalizing it, and that there's meaning behind what they're learning."

She always makes sure each individual student is where they need to be so that they are on track with what she's teaching.

Mrs. Majors' creative teaching techniques, ensures that everyone can do something that they can be interested in. For example, she utilizes Learning Styles.



For example, if you're a visual learner, she would have an activity that maximizes your potential by incorporating more pictures or visuals.

If you are a Kinesthetic learner, in her classroom, you would have more hands-on options of demonstrating your learning.

"Mrs. Majors is the Senior Editor of the Panther's Eye and all articles must go through her before being published, she knew nothing of this article and preferred that it not even be written about her."

Mrs. Majors even has her students learning another language! Her inclusion of daily Spanish words and phrases give students the opportunity to learn something new other than what's just in the books!

To get an even better idea of how important Mrs. Majors is to other people in our building, I collaborated with a teacher who worked in Mrs. Majors' class room as a student teacher, Ms. Lee.

When I asked Ms. Lee, "How did Ms. Majors inspire you to be a better teacher?", Ms. Lee smiled and said, "She basically took me under her wing and taught me the right way to do everything you could possibly think of. Just being in the positive environment that was her classroom and seeing the way she impacted her students, made me want to be the best teacher I can be. Even 2 years later, she has become one of my most valued mentors and friends."

After speaking with Ms. Lee, it became clear Mrs. Majors is not just an amazing teacher, but an amazing person who impacts not only students, but everyone she encounters.

All these reasons, and many more, are just a few examples of why Mrs. Majors deserves this distinguished award. She is definitely a unique teacher and person, and getting the Golden Apple just shows how incredibly lucky we are to have her here!

You may be wondering how I can tell you all these wonderful things about her teaching, well it's because I was her student last year. I also think it's important to tell you that, even though Mrs. Majors is the Senior Editor of the Panther's Eye and all articles must go through her before being published, she knew nothing and preferred that this article not even be written about her.

It's just one more detail that tells you how humble she is. She'd rather let others shine before herself, even though she's a bright star!! We love you Mrs. Majors!!!



Mrs. Majors (right), along with Ms. Lee, holds her Golden Apple





Student Council Ensures Pine Hill Students Have a Voice by Christian Ramsay

Student council is a really important part of the student body. Along with the Panther's Eye, they are the voice of the students. Student council is responsible for events that boost student morale and encourage students to take part in school activities.

The student made organization takes into account what students' needs and wants are and works hard to make these ideals come true.

Ms. Lee put it best when she said: "I think that student council is important because the most powerful voices and perspectives in middle school come from students. Lots of students feel that the things going around them are out of their control."

Student council helps to give control to the students in our school and gives them a say in what goes on in the school. If you think about it hard enough, the Student Council is almost like a Democracy.

In the Student Council, the students can voice their opinions freely. In democracies people are able to have a say and do not have to worry about consequences for doing so. The student council protects the student's rights to choose and have an opinion.

Student council members Xsavion, Valerie, Ja'Cory, and Isabelle explained that being part of the student council also helps them, "To be leaders, to have motivation, and gives them an opportunity to be part of a team."

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These skills are important because they will help our students lead by example and accomplish many more goals. Student council allows students the opportunity to develop these skills that will help them in the future.

The Panther's Eye knows the importance of this awesome group, but many of you might be wondering what does it take to be a student council member?

A good candidate would need to be a leader, responsible, trustworthy, a good listener, open minded, and a serious team player that actually cares about the school and the students.

Pine Hill Middle appreciates the student council and everyone involved because they help boost morale, plan activities that bring the school together, help educate students on things that are going on in the community, encourages students to come up with original ideas, and most of all protects the student body's voices. On behalf of the entire school The Panther's Eye would like to thank you! Keep up the good work The Eye sees your hard work!



2018-2019 Student Council

The Student Council is also responsible for many of the fun activities we have around school. Come check out the Winter Dance on December 14. Tickets are sold in the student council corner in Paw Central in the morning. Tickets are \$4 for one or \$6 for two. Come join the fun!



Learning: Is it a Right or a Privilege?

By Samia Evans

Imagine, you're walking in class eager to learn so you quickly sit down. As you're sitting down, being your eager and happy self. You hear a ginormous boom, desks moving, and a lot of screaming. So you turn to see what it is, and quickly come to the realization that two of your classmates are fighting.

Your teacher stepped out of the room for a moment so what do you do? Do you go get an adult? Or do you just let it play out? Before you even get a chance to think, your teacher walks in and the fight is broken up.

The two disobedient classmates who were fighting get sent to the office, but your teacher has spent the whole class time trying to get an idea of what happened while filling out paperwork. Therefore, these students have taken away a huge chunk of time from your education.

An education is the process of receiving or giving systematic instruction, especially at a school or a college. Is this enlightening experience a privilege or a right?

Yes, everyone in our country has the right and the opportunity to receive an education. However, once this opportunity or privilege is abused to a high extent many argue it should be taken away.

A system should be created to penalize repeated offenders. It could be called the Three Strikes and You're Out rule.

In this system, students would be given three chance. Once those three chances are up, then their privilege of an education in a public school would be taken away.

If this system was enforced in the U.S then our students would take education more seriously because of the severe consequences involved.

You may be thinking "why is it right to take someone's right to go to a public school?"

The larger question should be does anyone have the right to make it difficult for others to get an education? Should any student be allowed to abuse and take for granted their right to an education?

Is it right for some students to abuse the teachers, students, and school simply because everyone has a right to receive an opportunity to an education?

Under these circumstances it would seem that the answer to all these questions is no and that everyone should not necessarily have a right to an education if they abuse this right.

For example, if you are always on point, but another student is always being disobedient constantly then they are abusing their privilege and it should be taken away.

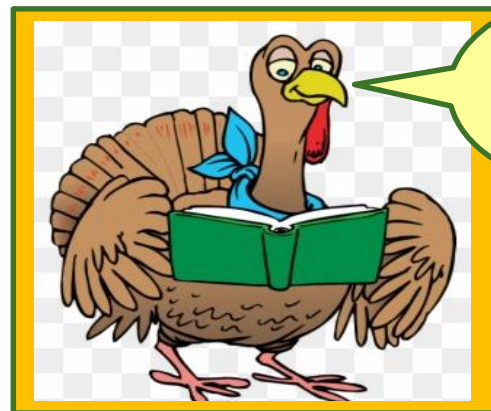
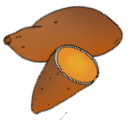
It isn't truly fair to have all these on point students who value this privilege of an education to be put off track and distracted by ignorance constantly.

Using the Three Strikes and You're Out system would also change the perspectives of other countries about American schools.

An exchange student from China last year said, "it's like a zoo in American schools."

To change his and others perspectives of our school systems, something drastic like this is needed. A system like this would create more orderly and proper students.

This would translate to less fights and profanity being spoken. As a result, American run schools would be viewed better, students will excel more, and have bigger and better opportunities than they have now.



Be Thankful for
Your Education in
this Season of
Thanks!



Pine Hill Students Discover the Need to Conserve the Imperial Theater While on Field Trip

By Khloe Doyle

The imperial theater is over a hundred years old! This theater has had a big impact on our community. Many schools go on fieldtrips to his historic place to see the amazing plays that are performed here including ours.

Recently, Pine Hill Middle students went to the Imperial to see a performance of different works of literature including the Necklace, Tell Tale Heart, The Raven, and The Legend of Sleepy Hallow.

This was really great because many of the performances were actually literature that students read in the seventh grade.

One student who attended the field trip said, "It was like seeing the reading come to life."

With the theater being such an important landmark, it made many students who attended the field trip wonder about its history.

On the opening day of the Imperial on February 18, 1918 the Augusta Chronicle attended the opening and reported in the paper that the Imperial was first an opera house.

There came a time when the popularity of opera plays went down and to survive the owner had to make it a cinema and performing theater.

"It would be a shame if future generations could not enjoy this amazing part of Augusta's culture and history."

Many people came to see famous icons like Charlie Chaplin, Sharon Jones, & the Dap Kings. It was a good business move because the theater was very successful in its early days and continues to be even now years later.

Today, the Imperial is still important to the culture of Augusta. It is home to The Augusta Players and hosts important shows like the Morris Museum of Art's Budweiser True Music Southern Soul & Song series, Dance Augusta, and the Poison Peach Film Festival. Of course, it is also a place for students to learn more by seeing plays and performances related to what they learn in school.

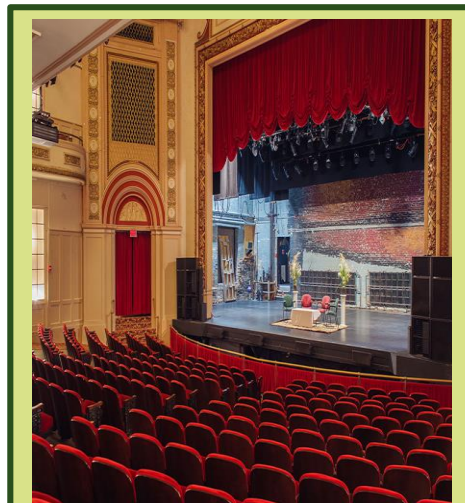
With all this in mind, many memories and good times have been made at the imperial theater for both the young and the old.

Going to the Imperial Theater is something many look forward to. Yet, since the building is so old there are numerous cracks in the paint and the carpeting is coming off in some places.

As a community we have to make sure we do all we can to preserve this historic place. It would be a shame if future generations could not enjoy this amazing part of Augusta's culture and history.



The Imperial Theater in Earlier Days. In the above picture the theater was showing Disney's Snow White



Performance at the Imperial Theater



Trending Now Report: This or That



Is Fortnite fading? The word around school is that it maybe it's on its way out. However, in our last issue we asked readers to take a survey to vote which downloadable PC game is the most popular. The choices were League of Legends, Fortnite, and Hearthstone. These games were chosen because they have the most downloads on the internet and have the most fanfare. Over a hundred students responded and the overwhelming majority, 80%, said that Fortnite reigns supreme.

The Panther's Eye can only assume Fortnite will be around for a while longer and still seems to hold on to its title of most popular downloadable game in our sc



Trending Christmas Gifts for 2018



1. **The New Polaroid One Step 2 Instant Camera in assorted colors:** It helps you see what you're shooting so much easier than those older instant cameras with the tiny small window you have to try and look through. This one also has a self-timer, has a super high quality lens, and a 60 day battery life!

2. **The Unstable Unicorns Game:** This is one of the newest (and best-selling) games so far in 2018. The goal is to build your own unicorn army (mainly by betraying your friends). Be the first to build the army of 7 unicorns and win this strategic card game! So much fun!

3. **Harry Potter Wand Coding Kit:** It is currently on everyone's most popular gift lists online. Yes, this is the *magic* Harry Potter wand everyone has been waiting for. This wand is able to do things like make pumpkins grow, make feathers fly, multiply your magical goblets, make fire flow, create spells and so much more!

4. **Super Smash Brothers Ultimate video game:** This highly anticipated game will be flying off the shelves everywhere and heavily bought online as it is trending right now.

5. **The Tile Style Keys & Phone Finder:** Always losing your phone or keys? Say goodbye to the days of losing stuff with this handy gadget. It will let you know where your stuff is with a press of a button!

In the Movies

Check these amazing block busters out currently trending this holiday season!

1. **Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald**
2. **Dr. Seuss' The Grinch (2018)**
3. **The Nutcracker and the Four Realms**
4. **Ralph Breaks the Internet**

In Music

The top 5 Itunes hits trending:

1. Without Me by Halsey
2. Shallow by *Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper*
3. You Say by *Lauren Daigle*
4. Thank U, Next by *Ariana Grande*
5. Trip, *Ella Mai*
6. SICKO MODE by *Travis Scott*

Ariana Grande's reflective Thank U, Next tops charts





Pine Hill Middle Sports



PHMS Football Team Makes it to the Playoffs!

By Jayda Hawkins and Samia Evans

Tuesday nights were football game days. The adrenaline was excruciating. The team would be getting pumped up. The pressure was on. It was time to represent.

The cheerleaders could be heard chanting, "Their coming out and its time to show out!" The crowd would go bonkers.

Think about how much anxiety these football players endured. How did they cope with this level of anxiety?

As you know Pine Hill is high achieving in academics and sports. But unfortunately, the football team has not yet grasped a football championship.

This fact gave our football players the drive to make it to the playoffs this year something that has not been done for a long time.

Part of the boy's success can be found in the guidance and expertise of their coaches.

"It takes a lot of hard work and team work to have made it this far."



The PHMS 2018 Football Team

Coach Dukes shared that his love for football has always been there and that "coaching has been a passion". Coach Dukes believes that for a player to be successful they need to be: "a fast learner, have perseverance, and great work ethic."

The Panther's Eye spoke to some of the players and found out that our boys agree with Coach Dukes philosophy.

"It takes a lot of hard work and team work to have made it this far," they shared.

Even though our boys did not win the championship, there was still a great victory as far as we are concerned at the Panther's Eye.

It has been a long time since we made it to the playoffs and the whole school was super proud of our boys! Keep up the good work boys! We know you will get that championship next year!

Lady Panthers Softball Team Win Back the Championship!

By Kaylana Krauss



After Last year's upsetting defeat, the Pine Hill Lady Panthers came back strong this year! Last year the Lady Panthers softball team worked so hard to get to the championship but just missed it and went home disappointed.

This year's season was also challenging but our girls were still able to bring back home the trophy where it belongs.

The girls had to change their strategy this year to win back the championship. They were practicing everyday even on Saturdays!

The veteran softball players taught the new players in sixth grade so they could learn how to play and the team could win the victory. They made sure the new players gave it their best and that there was no slacking off.

Also, important to the Lady Panthers was their new coaches. Coach Doug and officer Phillips joined the team and helped the girls improve with lots of new techniques that gave them an advantage.

Coach Young as the main coach, also helped to get the girls ready for the victory. Without coach Young the girls feel like they would not have been able to win.

Lady Panthers veterans Ivana and Jada also gave credit to team work for the win. "The team is everything. We are like a family. Everybody worked hard. If they did not we made sure that we helped them work harder. That made the biggest difference."

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The Panther's Eye is so happy that our girls softball team won the championship back for us. We hope that they continue their winning streak next year. So the next time you go by paw central, check out the big gold girls softball trophy. Go Lady Panthers!



The PHMS 2018 Softball Team With Their Trophy



Dear Abby Advice Column

Note: Some details and names have been omitted or changed in order to protect the identity of the students writing in. The heart of the problem remains the same so the person can get an answer to their problem.

The Problem:

Dear Abby,

How do you mend a broken heart? My heart has been broken and I feel that I can't go on. The person was my everything! What should I do?

like being caught in the center of a traffic circle.

By going through the intense pain, I eventually surfaced as a stronger person ready to tackle problems head on. Detach and revel in your independence again.

the emptiness, and I can do it... creatively, and with the help of my higher power.

Once our hearts are bruised and burned from a relationship that ended, we have two options: we can close off pieces of our heart so that one day no one will be able to get inside. Or we can love again. Deeply, just as intensely as we did before. Remember love wins and will find it's way back to you again!!

Abby's Answer:

Go through it, not around it. I realize the most difficult task for a person with a broken heart is to stand still and feel the crack. But that is exactly what you must do. Because no shortcut is without its share of obstructions.

Attempting to fill the void yourself, without rushing to a new relationship or trying desperately to win your lover back, is essentially what detaching is all about. One of the most liberating thoughts I repeat to myself when I'm immersed in grief and sadness is this: I don't need anyone or anything to make me happy.

The Problem:

Dear Abby,

Here's a simple fact: You have to grieve in order to move on. "Go through it. Not around it." Because if I went around some of the issues that were tearing me apart inside, then I would bump into them somewhere down the line, just

When I'm experiencing the intense pangs of grief, it is so difficult to trust that I can be whole without that person in my life. But I have learned over and over again that I can. I really can. It is my job to fill

I am so angry with my friend's mom's boyfriend. Every time I go over her house he makes me feel super weird. The boyfriend is super creepy, and makes me feel uncomfortable. He is always looking at us and making comments, he touches



us on the shoulder and stuff. He also acts like he is our age! I have let my friend know that I don't like it and I don't feel comfortable. It has gotten to the point that I just don't know if I want to go over her house anymore because no one seems to notice just how inappropriate he is. Her mom is like in denial or something. What should I do?

Abby's Answer:

First, I appreciate how you are bringing this important topic to me. It is definitely something that needs to be discussed.

If you have not yet notified him and others that you don't like the type of attention he is giving you, you need to do so but never be alone with him. If you don't feel safe around him it is probably for good reason.



Let your parents know how you feel and what is happening. You should not be made to feel uncomfortable by anyone, let alone an adult.

I am also concerned for your friend. It makes me wonder if she might be in a dangerous situation at her home. You would do well to ask her if everything is ok at home with her mother's boyfriend there.

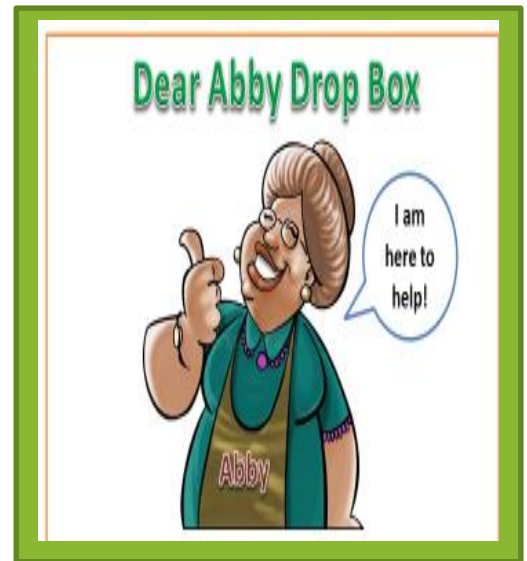
If she confides that something inappropriate is going on you need to report it right away to help save her from pain and abuse.

Please don't make your friend feel some type of way because she obviously enjoys you being at her house. However, no adult should ever have their hands on you.

You might want to consider inviting your friend to your house instead. If you continue to feel uncomfortable.

Hope this helps. Remember friendships are everlasting!

Do you have a problem or a situation that you could use some good advice on? Then consider taking your problem to The Panther's Eye Dear Abby! Abby is wise and kind and wants to help you! Write today and get an answer in the next issue of The Panther's Eye!



Math Challenge!

Three iced drinks = 30

One iced drink + two burgers = 20

One burger + two bags of fries = 9

One burger + one bag of fries x one iced drink = ?

Be the first to figure this Math Challenge out and you will be crowned the new Math Whiz and be featured in the next Panther's Eye!

Reigning PHMS Math Whiz



Will you be the next Math Whiz?

7th Grader Hunter Carroll was the first to turn in the right answer and is the current reigning PHMS Math Whiz



Panther Fun!

Thanksgiving Trivia

1. The first department store to hold a Thanksgiving parade was?
2. What is the name of the famous rock credited to where the pilgrims first landed?

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Answers to Trivia

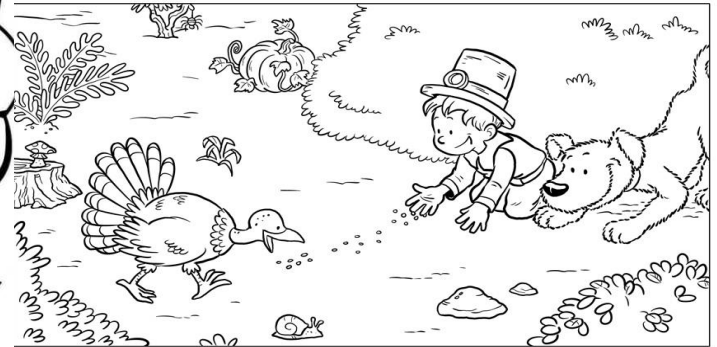
1. Macy's
2. Plymouth Rock

NOVEMBER FUNNIES

Can You Spot All 10 Differences? 👁️👁️

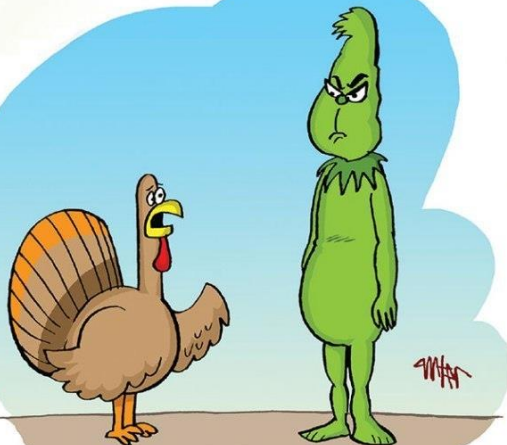
Thanksgiving Spot the Difference!

Can you find 10 differences between the two pictures?

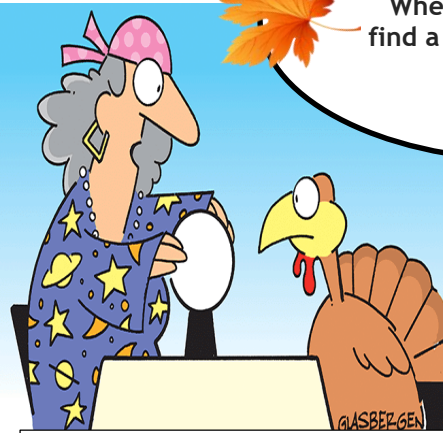


Thanksgiving Fun Facts

- Observed by: USA, Canada
- Month Celebrated: November in the USA, October in Canada
- Founded: First "official" Thanksgiving was in 1621
- First Place Held in: Plymouth, Massachusetts
- About 51 million turkeys are eaten on Thanksgiving



"We would like to hire you to steal Thanksgiving."



The good news is you will soon be surrounded by a group of very happy people!

Great, you burned our last chicken! Our main course. Where are we going to find a replacement at this late hour!?



The First Thanksgiving

Meet The Panther's Eye News Staff



Senior Editor
Mrs. Majors



Assistant Editor
Ms. Lee



Senior Writer/Reporter
Mary Morris



Senior Writer/Reporter
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Tech Support
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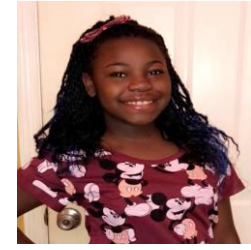
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