



PANTHER PRINTS

*There are dark shadows on the earth,
but its lights are stronger in the contrast...*

Charles Dickens

P. S. DUPONT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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DREAMS, HOPES INTERRUPTED...

Feb 14, 2018	17
Jan 23, 2018	2
Dec 7, 2017	2
Sep 13, 2017	1
Apr 10, 2017	2
Sep 28, 2016	1
Oct 24, 2014	4
Jun 10, 2014	1
Dec 13, 2013	1
Oct 21, 2013	1
Dec 14, 2012	27
Feb 27, 2012	3
Jan 5, 2011	1
Feb 5, 2010	1
Sep 23, 2009	1
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Aug 21, 2008	1
Jan 3, 2007	1
Oct 2, 2006	5
Sep 29, 2006	1
Sep 27, 2006	1
Nov 8, 2005	1
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Feb 3, 2004	1
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Dec 5, 2001	1
Mar 5, 2001	2
May 26, 2000	1
Feb 29, 2000	1
Nov 19, 1999	1
Apr 20, 1999	13
May 21, 1998	2
Apr 24, 1998	1

and many more ...

We Will Remember...

February 14th, 2018 must be and will be remembered as the start of a new beginning. We have held vigils and honored the lost. The students of today will shape the world of tomorrow. The humanity which is inherent in us and reinforced by the ideals that are instilled in us calls us to stand together during these trying times and raise our voices to keep our future safe. We must stand united and only then can we better evaluate our present and plan our future.

It is up to us to
and peace.
students of today
agents of to-

Rishima Mall, Grade 8



create calm
We, the stu-
are the change
morrow.

National Women's Day

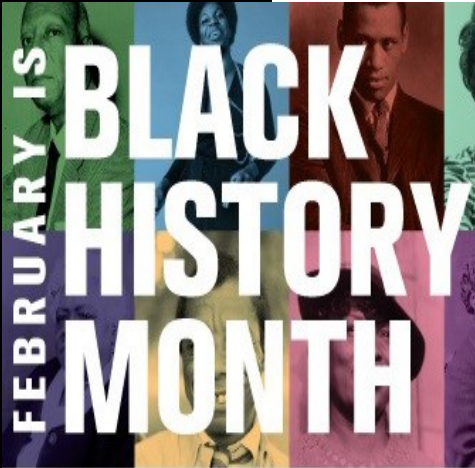
International Women's Day is held annually on March 8th. Its purpose is to celebrate women's achievements throughout history and across nations. Here are just a few notable women to celebrate;

- Sappho (570BCE) one of the first known female writers
- Cleopatra (69BCE) the last Ptolemaic ruler of Egypt
- Joan of Arc (1412) inspired the French revolt against the English and won
- Catherine the Great (1729) one of the greatest political leaders of 18th c.
- Susan B. Anthony (1820) American campaigner for women and workers rights
- Rosa Parks (1913) American Civil Rights Activist
- Mala Yousafzai (1997) Pakistani schoolgirl who campaigns for the right to education



Black History Month

Madison Dennis, Grade 6



*We are not
makers of
History. We are
made by History.*
~MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.

African Americans have worked so hard to improve their everyday lives. As early as the 16th century, African Americans were segregated and treated like property. They were either taken or sold into the hands of Americans and were brought over to the US to work in the fields. There were approximately 5 billion slaves in America in the 1750's.

After the Civil war, the US abolished slavery. However even after the 13th amendment was written, blacks were still treated unfairly and differently from whites. The Civil Rights Movement would not begin until over two hundred years later, which meant two more years of unfair treatment of blacks. Many events occurred during the Civil rights era, but an event that is most common is the Montgomery bus boycott. The Montgomery bus boycott started December 1st, 1955 and ended December 20, 1956. It was a peaceful protest, protesting the unfair segregation laws placed on the public buses of Montgomery Alabama. 53 years later the United States has an African American president, Barack Obama. African Americans have come a long way from the 16th century Africa.

Year of the Dog

According to the Chinese zodiac 2018 is the Year of the Earth Dog. This Year of the Dog commenced on February 16, 2018 the Chinese New Year and will continue till the Lunar New Year's Eve on February 4, 2019. The Dog is the eleventh in the twelve-year cycle of the Chinese Zodiac sign. Previous years of the Dog include

1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, and 2018.

The Dog is also regarded as an auspicious animal due to their loyalty and understanding of the human spirit.



The Story Behind Fortnite Augustus Clarke & Jack Hedge, 6th



Fortnite is a new game created by Epic Games that was released in 2017. It came out July 25, 2017. At that point most people did not

know the game existed. There were multiple versions of the game such as Player vs Enemy and Save the World (PvE). The basic game was free. Some youtubers played the game but it was not very popular at the time, until a different game mode, Battle Royale was introduced. That's when the popularity ratings for the

game shot up. The game became an overnight sensation. Within 2 weeks of the release, there were 10 million people playing Battle Royale. One can also play with other players on Fortnite and the game is updated every few months. We enjoy playing this game very much due the strategy and tools involved. Definitely check it out!

\$1000 Fine and Jail time...Last Straw?

California lawmaker wants to prohibit restaurants from providing plastic straws unless requested



By Rishima Mall, 8th

500 million plastic beverage straws are used every day in the United States and then immediately discarded, adding to the flow of trash to landfills and litter polluting lakes and beaches.

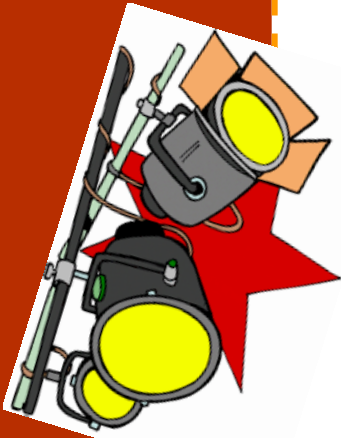
Pyeongchang...not P.F.Chang!

Contrary to an ABC TV broadcast, while you may still go to PF Chang's for scrumptious Chinese food, they still are not hosting the 2018 Winter Olympics.

An error in the news graphic had many folks rushing to PF Chang restaurant to watch the latest ski action!! LOL!!



Theatre and Drama Piper Combs, Grade 6



Drama enthusiasts and theatre lovers at PSD have much to be excited about. Recently, there have been two performance clubs floating around these days: Shakespeare Club, and Drama Club. Drama Club is an extra-curricular activity that develops theatrical skills as well as teamwork. The P.S. DuPont Drama Club is well known for the fantastical and entertaining

musicals they perform each year at PSD. P.S. DuPont Drama Club will be performing Aladdin the Musical as their show for 2018. Similarly, the Shakespeare Club is also a theatre club, that is focused on Shakespearean literature. In this club, students will work together to perform short scenes from some of Shakespeare's greatest plays. These scenes are small but hilarious, and are meant to give the

audience a general idea of the show. Near the end of the school year, in February, these students will go off to Shakespeare Festival to perform their renditions of Shakespeare. As always, the Drama Club and Shakespeare Club here at PSD are promised to deliver an unforgettable performance for the audience.

Movie Review Star Wars is an American epic space adventure movie series that chronicles the lives of various characters that lived "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away".

By Rishima Mall, 8th



This iconic film series has evolved into a worldwide sensation ever since its debut in 1977.

The Last Jedi, Episode VIII has lived up to the Star Wars' legacy while at the same time it offered a reinvention of The Star Wars' universe. The Last Jedi introduces the famed Jedi Luke Skywalker who is now depressed following his failure to train his nephew Kylo Ren in the Jedi way and refuses to aid The Resistance. However, the rebel Rey Kenobi's strong desire to master the Force compels Luke Skywalker to once again embrace his role as that of a mentor. On the other side of the Galaxy, Leia and the last remnants of the Resistance must withstand the relentless assault of the First Order as they battle for the galaxy.

The themes of hope and redemption are central to the plotline where enemies are drawn together and loyalties are fleeting. The movie's engaging plot was perfectly complemented by visual animations that were captivating to the eye.



**STAR
THE LAST JEDI
WARS**

WHICH PHONE IS BETTER?

Apple or Samsung?

Charles Hearn, Grade 6

Both of these brands are top selling points for cellular phones. However, many people argue over which phone is better. This article will be discussing what 15 different people think is the best phone.

Apple

Rajahn Miller
 Talik Brokenbaugh
 Tygee Roland-Hall
 Ifeoluwa Senuoke
 Joey Hackett
 Ben Harkin
 Jacob Solomon
 Taylor Mason
 Chris Princilus
 Nigel Osei-Asare
 Ethan Edinburg-Ribeiro

Samsung

Paola Segura
 Phinneas Champney
 Eleanor Malgiero
 Evelyn Palmer



Apple Interview

Joey Hackett

I wanted an Apple phone, but my dad got me a Samsung. I would rather have an Apple Phone because of it's better Camera and has a faster Network. This is why I would Rather have Apple over Samsung

Samsung interview

Phinneas Champney

Samsung is better than Apple because the Samsung phones have more features including a built-in pen and stylus, along with faster charging. Samsung purely outclasses apple in many ways.

NEED ADVICE?

THE DOCTOR
IS IN

Anna Wagner
Grade 6

Advice Column

Tackling stress

Too much homework?

Just have a fight with your friends?

Parents driving you absolutely nuts?

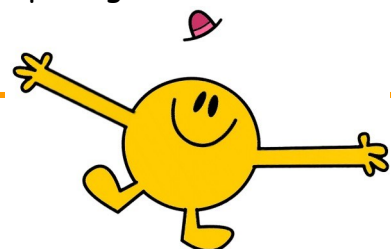
By trying some of the tips below, you can successfully deal with your daily stress!

Breathe - Yes, we've been doing it all our lives. But, just stopping and taking a big breath and blowing it out once in a while can really help you. It gives your brain a two second, peaceful and much needed break.

Read a Book - Reading can easily put you in to a different mind-set. Even better, if you read a first-person book, you are put in someone else's shoes, giving you time to cool off.

Listen to Music - Music can do amazing things. It can calm our bodies and mentally heal us. It gives a chance to drift off a little bit, falling into another world...

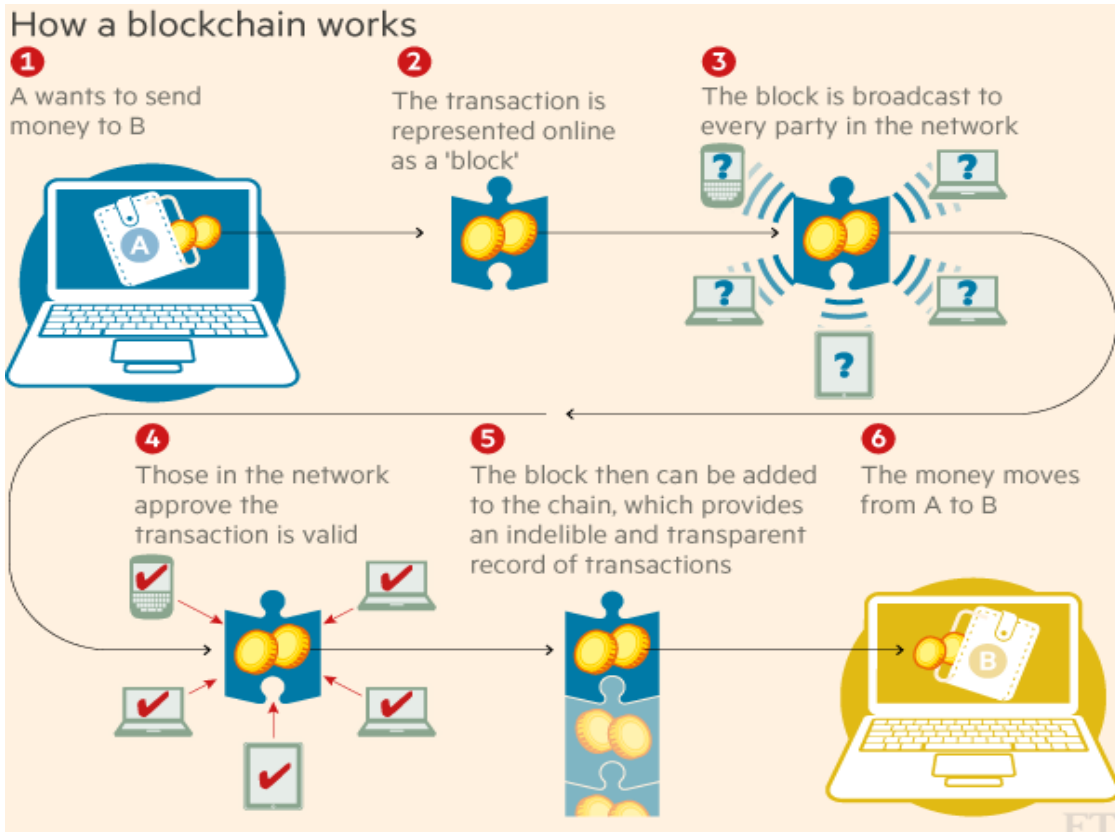
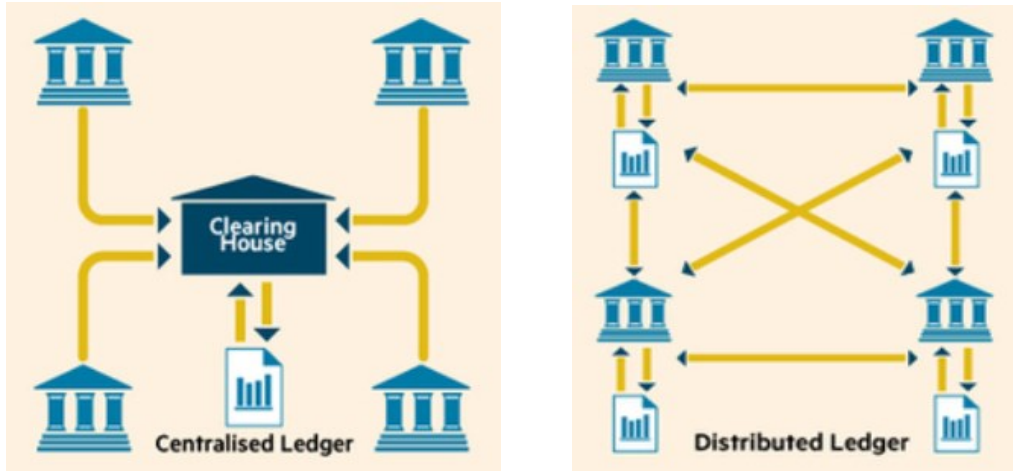
Sleep - Lack of sleep can really build up stress. Try going to bed early one night. Maybe try again a couple nights later. See what I mean?



Blockchain/Bitcoin/Cryptocurrency ? ! ! Rishima Mall, Grade 8

The underlying technology behind **Bitcoin** and other similar Cryptocurrencies is called **Blockchain**. Blockchain presents opportunities that would disrupt and change the existing construct of many industries.

As an example, the below graphic compares the **current financial system** with the construct used by Financial systems that leverage Bitcoin. The **blockchain system** removes dependence on a centralized entity/Bank and instead distributes that authority across all the participants in the system.



So...You Know Your Math



The case of the missing Dollar \$

Three friends go to a restaurant.
The check comes to \$15; each pays \$5.

The owner tells the cashier to return \$5 to the friends as an incentive for them to come back.

The cashier loses \$2 on the way, but hands over \$3 to the friends who keep \$1 each.

So, each friend ends up paying $(\$5 - \$1) = \$4$

Therefore, together they paid $(\$4 \times 3) = \12

Cashier lost \$2

So... $\$12 + \$2 = \$14$

What happened to the 15th Dollar?

Comic Corner

By Kira Meakin, 6th

Ice breakers...

In winter, a lake's ice cover doubles every day.

If it takes 11 days for half of the lake to be covered in ice.

How many days does it take for the lake to be completely covered with ice?

Stages
of
Grief:
School

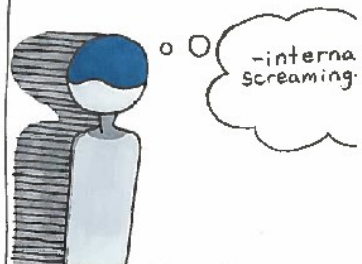
Tuesday: Anger



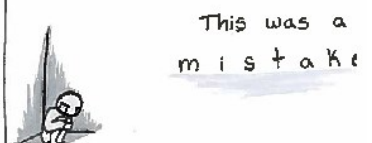
Thursday: bargaining



Monday: Denial



Wednesday: Sadness



Friday: Acceptance

