



The Warhawk Times

Madison Jr. High

Trimester 2 /2022 Edition

Alfajores Recipe:

by: Noellee Cornforth



Equipment needed:

Measuring cups
 Measuring spoons
 Rubber scraper
 Big mixing bowl
 Cookie cutters
 Rolling pin
 Baking trays
 Cookie Sheets
 or parchment paper
 Knife

Ingredients needed:

2 sticks of butter
 ¼ teaspoon of salt
 1 cup cornstarch
 1 cup flour
 3 tablespoons
 of powdered sugar
 1 room temperature egg
 Carmel

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Let egg sit out five minutes to get room temperature
3. Put in butter, flour, cornstarch, sugar, and salt
4. Mix by hand with rubber scraper
5. Put egg in and then mix until egg is fully mixed
6. Put 2 teaspoons of flour on surface and mix with your

The 8th Grade Basketball Games

Article and interviews by: Barbara Wang and Emily He



Photographs by: Lucy Williams and Logan Van Wetering

Recently, there were two 8th grade basketball games: Hill vs. Madison and Kennedy vs. Madison. Both games were sensational and the basketball players worked extremely hard, along with the coaches guiding them throughout the game. On the sidelines were cheerleaders, doing eye-catching formations to cheer on the basketball players. We enjoyed both games and decided to interview the basketball players, cheerleaders, and coaches.

On November 15, there was the Hill vs. Madison basketball game. During the game, the 8th-grade basketball players were focused and put in all their effort. Later on in the halftime, the cheerleaders gave a stunning performance, doing their cheers to the song, "Shake it Off." After that, the basketball players were back on the court and continued the game. In the end, Madison won and defeated Hill. After the game, we interviewed a basketball player, Matt Sands.

What position do you play?

"I play small forward"

How do you think you did today?

"I think I did wonderful."

At another game, Kennedy vs Madison, which was on 11/17/21. Although they lost, the basketball players worked very hard and persisted throughout

Book Reviews

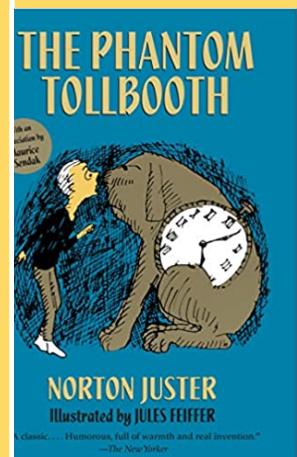
"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book"-J.K. Rowling

By: Elise Dubovsky + Abigail Popaly

After reading all of these book reviews, I'm sure you'll bolt like lightning to the nearest library to see if the books are as extraordinary as we say they are.

There's no time to waste, so let's get started!

Hello there! Elise here. Today we will be reviewing one of my all-time favorite books:



The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster, first published in 1961. That may seem like a long time, but it is, let's see, only 60 years ago! But don't worry, it is still a very enjoyable book.

The Phantom Tollbooth is about a very bored boy named Milo. But suddenly, a mysterious tollbooth sent from an unknown person appears in his room. He goes through in his little automobile into the

hands until all powder is mixed in

7. If dough sticks to your hands add a tablespoon or two of cornstarch
8. Lay dough on floured surface and add flour to your rolling pin and top of dough
9. Roll until dough is half the width of your pinkie
10. Cut with your cookie cutter and put on your cookie tray until cannot cut any more whole cookies
11. Make a ball with your leftover dough and roll it to pinkie width
12. Cut out and keep repeating the process until you have no more dough
13. Bake for 15 minutes on top rack and switch trays after 7 or 8 minutes then take out of oven, let cool on tray for a couple minutes
14. Once cooled, put carmel gently on one of the cookies and then put another cookie on top of the carmel
15. Enjoy!

Restaurant Review

Mission BBQ

By: Summer Norris

Mission BBQ is a small restaurant off of 59 and North of Ogden. The restaurant sells pulled pork, brisket, chopped

the game. The cheerleaders continued to cheer them on and did another performance during halftime. Afterward, we decided to interview another basketball player, Ryan Ruscitti.



What position do you play?

“I play the small forward position.”

How do you prepare for a game?

“I soak it all in and get ready for the game.”

What is your greatest strength?

“I’m great at posting up and driving in layups.”

What motivated you to join the basketball team?

“Basketball is fun, and my dad used to be on the basketball team when he was in middle school.”

We were very impressed with how well the basketball players played and decided to interview the two coaches, Mr. V and Mr. Scherrman as well, so we could learn more about how coaches help train the basketball players.

How do you think your team did today?

Mr. V: “The boys played very well today.”

Mr. Scherrman: “I think that they played extremely hard.”

What are the strategies you use to lead your team to success as a coach?

Mr. V: “Be positive, work hard, and have a short memory, so when we lose, we can forget about it.”

We thought the cheerleaders did an incredible job with their cheers during the game. Especially their performance during the halftime where they each had their cheers that they performed. We were curious as to how they organized their cheers, and what kinds of cheers they were. So we decided to interview the cheerleaders as well.

What are the cheers you do during basketball games?

“There are 12 cheers that we know and we assign to each other.”

What do you think are some important qualities

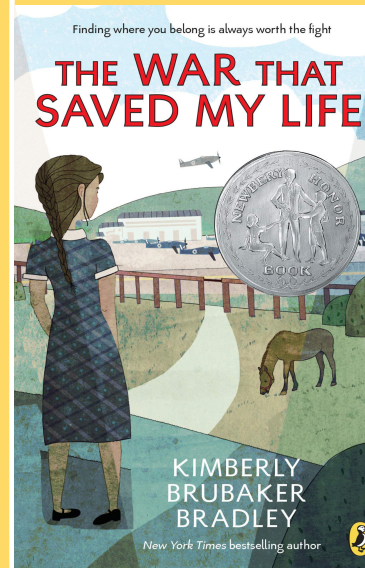
strange land of Expectations. He then travels some more into Dictionopolis and finds out from King Azaz that the princesses Rhyme and Reason are missing! Milo then goes on a quest with his friends Tock and Humbug through many more lands such as Digitopolis, the Forest of Sight, and the island of Conclusions. Will Milo ever rescue Rhyme and Reason and return alive? This is up to you to find out!

This may sound cheesy, but it isn’t! You will be hooked into the strange world of the Lands Beyond and all the adventures the trio has! I hope you enjoy(ed) this book because I sure did!

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Hello, my name is Abby. Today we are going to discuss “The War That Saved My Life” by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley.



This novel is not only the front runner on my favorites list, but believe it or not, it’s also a best seller. It’s a fascinating book of triumph over adversity, set during World War II. You might be wondering, World War, isn’t that historical fiction. Yes, yes it is. You,

brisket, turkey, and pulled chicken sandwiches. There are many different kinds of meats including ribs, chicken, and even fish. This restaurant sells sides of mac and cheese, fries, coleslaw, baked beans, green beans and potato salad. On their menu, there is an option to get the meat sampler, where you can try all the meats that Mission BBQ sells. Mission BBQ has 4.2 stars. All the meat sandwiches were very tasty and they were perfectly proportioned and had enough juice. The Meals were all cheap enough that a five person meal only cost 15 bucks. The bread they used **wasn't** dry like most places. The restaurant has many bottles of different barbecue sauces on top of the table for usage. The restaurant was overall great and I would definitely go there again.

cheerleaders should have?



“Good sportsmanship, having empathy and understanding each other. You have to put yourself in another person’s shoes, be flexible, and you need confidence and courage...”

What is your favorite cheer?

“Probably formation, since that was one thing we made up...”

The basketball games were amazing and we enjoyed them. Overall, we were able to learn a lot of information about basketball, coaches, and cheerleaders through the interviews.

Original Artwork

By: Emily He



like some people, might have already decided that historical fiction isn't for you. Well, *cough, cough,* fantasy lovers think again, because this book is everything you could desire in... well... a book. I know that historical fiction may not be your cup of tea, but after reading this, I guarantee you'll never question it again.

Ada, who is ten, has never left her one-room apartment. Ada's mother is too embarrassed about Ada's twisted foot which she was born with, to let her out. Ada doesn't waste any time, so when her younger brother Jamie is taken out of London to escape the war, she sneaks out to join him.

This starts a new journey for Ada and Susan Smith, the lady compelled to take in the two children. As Ada learns to ride a pony, read, and keep an eye out for German spies, she grows to trust Susan — and Susan grows to love Ada and Jamie. But in the end, will their bond be strong enough to keep them together during the war? Will Ada and her brother be dragged back into their mother's violent clutches?

Some books you just can't put down and “The War That Saved My Life” is one of them. I was up all night, following Ada through all her adventures. This book is something you can't even describe. All you have to do is read “The War That Saved My Life” and I promise that you'll fall in love with it, just as much as I did.

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Shrek Musical

By Abby Najera and Vera Kalathiveetil

On Thursday, November 11, 2021, sixth and seventh grade students started to file into the cafeteria to enjoy their fellow classmates' production of Shrek the Musical. There were black curtains all around. The set movers, all dressed in black, were quick to move the sets like houses and barns in mini intermissions throughout the production through these curtains while the cast and other members of the crew were behind them, getting their costumes, makeup, and props ready. During a particular song, "I Know it's Today," where the audience could see young Fiona growing up throughout her time in the tower, seventh grade student director Leila Ishikawa could be seen playing the role of Young Fiona. This role was to be played originally by seventh grader Ally Wolf, but conflicts happened. So, Ally stepped into playing the role of Shrek when their original Shrek couldn't come to the performance. We spoke to some students involved in the musical and asked them a few questions.

Jordan Lohse is a sixth grader who played the roles of a guard and Belle the Disney Princess

Q: What was your favorite part of participating in the musical?

A: My favorite part of participating in the musical was that you just build such a community with everyone there. You become a cast family and then afterwards it's sad once the show is over.

Q: What made you want to join the musical?

A: What made me want to join the musical was experiencing something that I've never been in before until Shrek, and I just jumped at the idea, and this new chance to try something new.

Q: What was your reaction when you found out that Shrek was the musical?

A: My thoughts when the musical Shrek was announced were honestly pumped. I was so excited that there was going to be a musical, and I really didn't care what musical it was because I just wanted the chance to do a musical.

Q: Would you want to participate in the musical again in the future?

A: I might want to do the musical next year depending on what it is, but this year I was excited to go for a risk of doing the musical, despite staying after school.

Q: What is something that you feel that you or everyone else could have done better on?

A: I think everyone has improved on singing, dancing, basically their priorities. Everyone was really good, but maybe if we had more experience we could've learned how to do it more enthusiastically.

Halle Taylor is a seventh grader who played the role of Donkey.

Q: What was your favorite part of participating in the musical?

A: My favorite part of participating in the musical is probably meeting many amazing people

Mr. Guy & Mr. Person's Crazy Adventures

by: Anthony Lieggi & Lukas Baltrokonis



Pumpkin Cake

Recipe by: Hiba Hasan

Ingredients:

Cake:

- *1 pie pumpkin
- 3 tablespoons of pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tablespoon of baking powder
- 2 tablespoons of cinnamon
- 4 cups of flour
- ½ a tsp of baking soda
- ½ a cup of olive oil
- ¼ cup of brown sugar
- 3 tbsp of milk
- 1 ½ cups of granulated sugar
- ½ cup of butter

Frosting:

- 24 oz. of cream cheese
- 2 sticks of unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons of heavy cream
- ½ cup of powdered sugar

*1 pie pumpkin - Optional but adds a better flavor than if substituted with canned pumpkin.

Other Information:

- Yield: 8 layers
(15 servings)
- Time: 1 hours 45 mins
- Prep Time: 1 hour
- Cook Time: 45 mins

and creating strong bonds with not only my friends but the directors.

Q: What made you want to join the musical?

A: The reason why I joined the musical is because I've always had a passion for theatre, and I thought it would be a great experience to work with my peers while doing what I love.

Q: What was your reaction when you found out that Shrek was the musical?

A: When I heard the announcement that it was Shrek, I was so excited! Shrek is one of my favorite musicals and I had just been in another production of Shrek the previous summer.

A: You'll definitely see me in the musical next year! The musical was an amazing experience!

Q: What is something that you feel that you or everyone else could have done better on?

A: Our cast has been through many ups and downs, like losing our lead Shrek, but we've managed to work hard and get through it. Kudos to Mr. Colbert, and Mrs. Ceresa. But we could've paid more attention to character building instead of focusing on all the problems and worries.

Grace Siuda is an 8th grader who played Princess Fiona.

Q: What was your favorite part of participating in the musical?

A: My favorite part of participating in the musical was all of the new friends I made and the opportunity I was given to be the best Fiona that I could be. I loved working with the directors, Mr. Colbert and Mrs. Ceresa, and I looked forward to practicing every single day.

I've been into musical theater for my whole life and I was thrilled that the school was giving students the opportunity to do what they love. I did the school musical all three years of junior high, but in 6th grade we were unable to perform due to Covid restrictions and seventh grade was an online play. This was my first real experience in a school production and I'm so glad I did it.

Q: What was your reaction when you found out that Shrek was the musical?

A: I was first confused as to why the musical chosen was Shrek, because I had only known it as the funny few movies about an ogre. Although the decision was confusing to me, I decided to do it anyway, as it was the first, and last time I would ever have the opportunity to perform at Madison. My reaction quickly changed after realizing what the musical was about, and I was very excited to start practicing.

Q: Would you want to participate in the musical again in the future?

A: I will be performing in musicals in the future at Naperville Central, and I am very excited to do so. As I had said before, musicals have always been a big part of my life, and I would like to continue that as I get older.

Q: What is something that you feel that you or everyone else could have done better on?

A: I think that everyone who participated in the musical did an amazing job. There are very few things that I can critique about the performances,

Instructions:

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 250 degrees Fahrenheit. Butter 8, ¼ inch baking pans and line with parchment paper.

Preparation for the Pumpkin:

Take your pumpkin, wash it, and carve out the top. Next, scoop out the guts and seeds. Cut the hollowed out pumpkin into 3 inch wedges. Butter a 18x9 inch baking sheet and place your pumpkin wedges (with the skin on) onto your sheet. Bake in the oven for 15 minutes.

Make the Batter:

Once the pumpkin has come out of the oven, let it cool for 10 minutes before peeling off the skin. Take the wedges and place them in a *food processor with olive oil, brown sugar, milk, softened butter, and granulated sugar. Pulse for 4 minutes. Once the mixture is a purée, place it in a glass bowl. Add in flour, baking powder, pumpkin pie spice, and baking soda.

Bake:

Place the batter evenly throughout the pans and place in the oven at 250 degrees for 20 minutes with four pans in the oven at a time (If your oven has one shelf then you can bake them in two pan intervals). Once all of the cakes are done baking and cooling for 10 minutes each, place parchment paper on a plate and stack all the layers up with parchment paper in between each one.

Make the frosting:

In a *large bowl or the bowl of a stand mixer, cream together cream cheese and butter until mixed evenly. Next, add in powdered sugar in two parts before adding in the heavy cream (unwhipped).

Frost the Cake:

Feel the cakes to make sure they cooled down. Take a piping bag with a piping tip filled with your cream cheese frosting. Pipe rough circles in between each cake layer before flattening the icing with an offset spatula. Once all the cakes are evenly stacked, ice the sides *roughly and top with another coat of frosting using the same technique as the filling. Afterwards, you can decorate your cake with anything from sprinkles, fondant, or other *edible decorations. Enjoy!

*Instead of a food processor, you could use a blender although the processor will give a better purée

*If using a glass bowl, you can whip the frosting with a hand mixer although the stand mixer does a better job!

*This rough ice is called the crumb coat because it locks in the cake crumbs for a neater finished product!

*Silicone molds can be filled with melted chocolate chips for fancy-looking decorations

since everyone worked so hard and showed what they can do. Although the cast and crew did such an amazing job, I believe there is always something that we could do a little better at, and I think that is focusing more on what we think, rather than what others think. This might seem cliché, but everyone was stressed and embarrassed about what their classmates and parents thought about them, but what about what they thought of themselves? Did they do the best job that they could do? If the answer to that is yes, then no one should care about what others think. The last thing I want to say is a thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the show. Shrek was an amazing opportunity and experience and I had such a fun time working with everyone to put on the best production we could perform.

We also interviewed two audience members to see what they thought about the musical from a different perspective.

Natalie Russo, a sixth grade audience member

Q: What did you like best about the musical?

A: I liked the part where they charged into the aisle.

Q: Would you consider participating in the musical in the future?

A: Probably not. I don't have patience, so based on what my friends [who are in the musical] said, no, but it was fun to watch.

Q: Who was your favorite character?

A: Donkey and Humpty Dumpty.

Q: Is there anything you think the musical could have improved on?

A: I don't know, I think it was really good.

Roxi Foley, a sixth grade audience member

Q: What do you think the moral of the play was?

A: Don't judge a book by its cover, and get your priorities straight.

Q: Who was your favorite character?

A: Donkey.

Q: Is there anything you think the musical could have improved on?

A: Casting could have been better. Better parts could have fit their personalities.

As you can see, many people are enthusiastic about how the musical went, both from a cast point of view and from an audience point of view. We look forward to seeing another Madison musical next year.

Riddles

By: Logan Van Wetering

What can you catch, but not throw?

Answer: A cold

Slice Factory

By: Raniya Khan

Slice Factory is located at 227 S Weber Rd, Bolingbrook, IL, it also has many other locations in the Chicagoland area, as found on their website. It may not be a well known place but it is definitely worth checking out. It's new to the area and was only opened 6 months ago. The menu has a very big variety and so much to choose from. There is a section for..Starters, Burgers, Different sandwiches, and a ton of different dinners, not just pizza. Some menu items are, Burgers, fries, pizza, onion rings, mozzarella sticks and even more. My personal favorite is the mozzarella sticks.

The restaurant has a drive through which is much busier than the inside counter. It was very clean and had good maintenance, the decorations were nice as well, they had nice decor everywhere in the signature colors of grey, black and yellow. Also, they had different quotes and sayings to represent the restaurant on the walls.

There were only 4 or 5 people working the whole restaurant and they seemed very busy. The staff was nice but had different levels of knowledge. Some are new with less experience while others are more familiar with the menu and items to order. The two staff we ordered from were both very kind and got us our food without a fight. The service was good but it did take a little longer than other fast food restaurants, like 10 minutes, for us to actually receive the food, but that just could've been our large order.

The menu was quite large, with many different options, it was hard to decide what to get and we kept on changing our order just because of how much food we wanted to try. The staff was patient with us and gave us suggestions. The main attraction to Slice Factory is the pizza, the whole pizza is 28 inches across! Just one slice is 14 inches and can feed two people. We ordered a variety of items including the appetizer sampler which included mozzarella sticks, onion rings, fried ravioli and wings with three kinds of dipping sauces. We also got cheese pizza, and chicken tenders tossed in garlic parmesan. Finally, we got a couple of their most popular desserts which are the nutella bites and a cream cheese icing filled red velvet doughnut.

The food comes in a decent portion for the price. For example, the appetizer sampler platter and the seven piece chicken tenders could easily be shared by 4 to 6 people. You definitely get what you pay for! The food we tried was pretty average and they gave more fries than they did anything else in the sampler platter. The best items in our order were the chicken tenders and the desserts. The pizza was good but a bit chewier than I prefer.

I tried Slice Factory with my cousin Maya Khan and my mom. Maya says, "The restaurant has its perks, but it needs a little work on the food and the service." and my mom says"It's fun

What is red and smells like blue paint?

Answer: Red paint

What runs, but never walks. Murmurs, but never talks. Has a bed, but never sleeps. And has a mouth, but never eats?

Answer: A river

I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?

Answer: A map

Spelled forwards I'm what you do every day, spelled backward I'm something you hate. What am I?

Answer: Live

food for the family but there is very little selection for people looking for healthy food." I would recommend the Slice Factory for a gathering of friends and family. The menu is big enough so that everyone can find something they like to eat. Food from the Slice Factory will add fun and flavor to any occasion. Google gives it a 3.8 out of 5 and I agree!

N.C.H.S Threats

By: Sabrina Orihuela 6th Grade

On October 18th, 2021, Naperville Central high school, home of the Redhawks, had to undergo a soft lockdown because of mysterious messages and emails to the faculty. The messages from our perpetrator(s) stated that the shooting would take place at the Naperville Central Highschool at 12 pm sharp. Many students did not favour the idea of staying at the school because of the possibility of not being safe anymore. A student from Naperville Central claimed that, "The lines to go out of the building were packed, and at the time I had no clue what was happening." As many students rushed out of the building before it struck 12 pm, there was no shooting at all. Some parents thought that it might've been a fellow peer who didn't have time to do a project, or someone trying to have fun in their own way, none of those accusations were actually true. Surprisingly, there was only one fellow producing the threats who came not from the school but all the way from New York. They got arrested and faced Juvenile Detention. Their identity is still yet to be revealed but there is still the puzzling question remaining, why have there been many more threats than a usual school year? Hopefully, things go back to being peaceful.

