

The Tiger's Roar

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Dates to Remember:

- December 14 Geography Bee, 9am PAC
- December 26-Jan 2 Holiday Vacation

TRMS Hosts Annual Senior Tea

The senior tea is a way to have middle school students talk to the older people in the community. All the teachers that I talked to said that this is a great way for the Timberlane students to see a different part of the community. They agreed to the fact that giving back to the community is huge. Just think of the food drive we just did. The seventh grade Dragon's team alone collected over 300 cans of food that was being donated. This is the basis of why Timberlane middle school does this.

A huge sponsor of this is the PTSA— all the teachers are very grateful to have them. "They do so much," one of the teachers commented. The PTSA fund raises so that they can put on this great event. The PTSA coordinates activities and programs. They also donate flowers. Thank you PTSA.

During the senior tea, students clean up, set up, and serve tea. They also serve as hosts and hostesses.



During the course of the senior tea, about 150 people show up, including students and seniors. Plus the band plays and chorus sings.

This event has happened every year for the last twenty- three years. That's a long time! It always falls on the first Saturday of December. One of the teachers I talked to said she feels that it is an honor to take part in this wonderful event.

When I was there, I watched as all the senior citizens singing Christmas songs, everyone seemed really happy and having

fun. And when it was time to clean up every one helped. It was not easy— all the chairs had to be stacked and all the tables taken down and all the lunch tables put up. And the floors swept and cleaned. But in the end everyone had fun and nothing went wrong.

Thank you to the hosts and hostesses; they did great. They worked really hard and got the job done really well. And thank you to all the teachers for organizing everything and making sure everything went smoothly.

By: Caleb Chretien

C'eezers' Scarecrows

The C'eezers teachers and students had a very fun day on Nov. 9th making the scarecrows. The teams for the scarecrows were split up by homeroom, and there were 2-5 people on a team. Everyone did a fantastic job on their own scarecrows. The teams had to come up with their own ideas for their scarecrows, from a blood-sucking vam-



Winning scarecrow created by Austin Wells, Isabella Varney, Celia Prescott and Ava Russell

pire to Grumpy from Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. Students brought in their own supplies to build it. Each team was supplied with a large wooden stake to build their scarecrow off of. The team voted for the scarecrow or scarecrows they liked best. The winning team, who built Woody from Toy Story, was Austin Wells, Isa-

bella Varney, Ava Russell and Celia Prescott. The 2nd place scarecrow was dressed as two football players and 3rd place was dressed as a hockey player from the Bruins holding the Stanley Cup! The scarecrows were put up around the school for people to see and for the C'eezers to show off their talent, but they were taken down so people could collect back the things they brought in to build their scarecrow.

By: Austin Wells

Chocolate Crinkle Recipe

I make these chewy, chocolate cookies every year around the holidays. They are my husband's favorite.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 c. vegetable oil
- 2 c. flour
- 4 sq. unsweetened chocolate, melted & cooled
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 c. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 2 tsp. vanilla

- 1/2 c. powdered sugar
- 4 eggs

In a large bowl of the electric mixer, cream together the oil, melted chocolate and sugar. Beat in the eggs one at a time. Mix flour, baking powder, and salt together. Stir in dry mixture on lowest speed. Cover bowl and chill for at least 4 hrs. or overnight. Heat oven to 350. Line



cookie sheets with parchment paper or lightly grease. Roll dough into 1 inch balls and roll in powdered sugar to coat.

Place on parchment paper about 2 inches apart. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until cookies look almost dry on the top. I sometimes press a candy cane kiss in the center of the cookie.

By: Mrs. Walsh

TRMS donates to Webster House

Mrs. Hogan, one of our amazing teachers and her advisory did a something great for kids in need by raising money with a yard sale in the café. They donated their earnings of \$262 to the Webster House in Manchester, NH which provides for teens who have nothing. With the money, they were

able to provide bedding for 7 teens in need. They did great work for the community and we should praise them for their contribution in helping kids less fortunate than us.

By: Austin Jalbert



Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Right Choices

Basketball

At the time this article was written, basketball tryouts were going on so the newspaper club thought it would be a good idea to interview one of the head coaches, Mr. Mencis, the sixth grade math teacher. The other head coach is Mr. Ward, the math teacher for the sixth graders. There are two teams with thirteen kids per team. The practice days are every day. Mr. Mencis said the best part of being a coach is teaching the kids about playing sports they both love. What made him

want to be a coach is teaching kids to work as a team. At practice they work on skills, working with the player's weak hand, and teamwork. Some important skills they work on are passing, shooting, communicating and— just to throw in a joke from Mr. Mencis, slam-



dunking. He says he was very lucky to have eighty eight kids try out and that everybody was respectful and supportive of each other.

By: Aleigha Raymond

Ski Club

Ski club. Have you ever heard of it? Of course you have; it's going on right now! The dates, of the club are 2/17, 2/24, 3/09, 3/16, 3/23, during the school year, at Pats Peak in Henniker, NH. The most amount of people who sign up is 153. It costs between \$230 and \$450, but the cost can vary depending on if you need equipment, meal card, or lessons. The bus costs \$80.00 total. The kind of equipment you need if you snowboard is: snowboard boots and snowboard. If you

ski, you need: skis, ski poles, and ski boots. For either one you need: gloves, helmet, jacket, snow pants, warm socks, and goggles are optional. When you go, you board the bus at three o'clock, you arrive at 4:15, you ski/snowboard until 7:30, leave Pats Peak at eight, and back to the school at 9:15. That's a lot of time in the SNOW!

By: Erin Killen and Sophia Calandriello

Starting Soon!

Ask Alice

Q. My best friend now hates me. What do I do now?

-Sugar Rush

A. Dear Sugar Rush,

Your best friend hates you. Well, maybe



Bring your questions to the box in the front office!

she doesn't hate you. Maybe she's a little bit mad and she said something she didn't mean. Most of the time people say things they don't mean, and then they regret it. She'll probably apologize in next few days. If she doesn't,

find a new friend that you know you can be mad at and still be friends with. Overall friends fight and most of the time it turns out okay. So be on the lookout for new friends or for your friend if you think she will apologize.

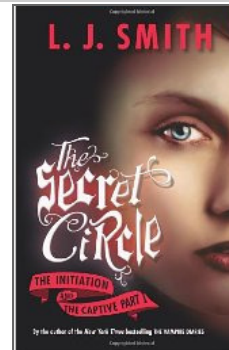
-Alice

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Book Review—*The Secret Circle* by L.J. Smith

In the beginning, Cassie Blake was only supposed to be on vacation in New England from her house in California. Then her mom tells her that her grandmother's leg isn't getting any better. So she moves to an island in a small town, New Salem. For the first week of school, Cassie only made

enemies, not friends. When she finally makes a friend, Diana. Diana and her group of friends always seems off to Cassie, talking about weird things, not including her in any of it. And when a girl who Diana's friends begin to include is killed, Cassie is horrified. Then comes something that will



change her forever, something the dead girl was supposed to be included on, on her birthday, the day she died.

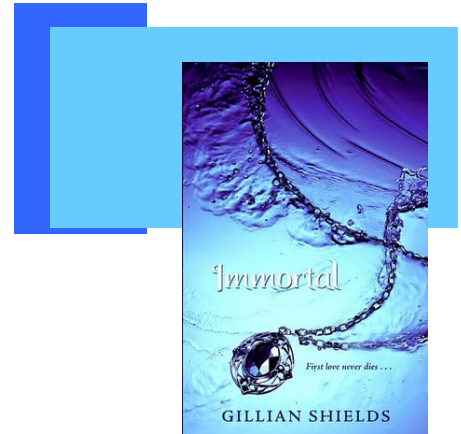
By: Sophia Calandriello

Book Review—*Immortal* by Gillian Shields

Evie Johnson has to go to Wyldcliffe Abbey School for Young Ladies. It's not like she wanted to go, she was forced to when her grandmother, Frankie, became ill. When she arrives the sign says, "Wyldcliffe be cool or you die." The Head Mistress, Mrs. Hartle, is very disapproving of Evie being accepted into the school. The reason Evie was accepted was because a girl died, and her place became free. The dead girl's cousin, Celeste, is very mean to Evie. Everything is going horrible...then Evie meets Sebastian. Sebastian saves Evie from the despair of Wyldcliffe. Then

Evie starts to see a shadowy vision of a girl who looks like her, red curls, with sea gray eyes.

By: Erin Killen



Book Review—*The Maze Runner* by James Dashner

The Maze Runner by James Dashner is a great novel. I sped through the last hundred pages because I was dying to know how it ended. The ending was surprising, carrying on to the second book in the trilogy.

I highly recommend this book. This is a very visual book; the images that show in your head of the Maze, the Glade, and the Homestead are well-drawn. The Grievors are disgusting and horrifying.

In The Maze Runner, Thomas wakes up on an elevator. He knows that his

name is Thomas, but that's it – his memory had been wiped. The elevator opens to a place that its inhabitants call The Glade. The Glade is in the middle of a huge maze made of stone walls that move every night. Thomas has no memory of his life outside of the maze, but it feels familiar to him. He also knows that he would want to be a runner, one of the Glader boys trusted with mapping out the maze while the doors are open to the glade, and before the Grievors come out.

Dashner had made a different vision of the future, a world that is as terrifying

as it is fascinating. The world is full of intriguing characters: Thomas, the hero who can't follow the rules when it means leaving someone to die; Alby, the leader of the Gladers, who is more scared of going back to the real world than staying in the Glade; Chuck, who just wants to return home to a loving family; and Newt, the boy who believes that Thomas might be the answer to escaping.

Rating : 5 of 5 stars

By: Molly Weston

Writer of the Month—Emily Buco

The following is a poem from Emily Buco, a sixth grade student on the Diamonds team.

I looked up in the sky and there was a thick fog with a yellowish tint. It began to fall and ever so slowly it reached me. I could only see two feet in front of me and the rest turned into oblivion. The fog smeared on cars and made it so you couldn't see into the car like it was hiding something. Raindrops



were coming down rapidly and there was booming in the distance. Yellow flashes of bright light filled the sky. Black clouds seeped through the soft blue. Small branches and

twigs were flying everywhere, it was as if the wind was angry and it was

taking its rage out on us. I first thought it was a thunder storm but it turned out to be something different.... Way different.

Great job Emily! Keep it up!

An Interview with Mr. Lombard

Mr. Lombard is teacher on the 8A Navigators. His students describe him as loud, funny, and nice. He has been teaching for twelve years. I asked him if he loved his job and he said, "OF COURSE!!" I am one of his students and I asked him if he told any really bad jokes his response was, "All the time." I also asked him if he got in any arguments with his students for future references... his response was, "Hardly ever." My last question had

for Mr. Lombard was "What do you think of your students this year?" and his response, "I think they're great!"

By: Tiana Stefanelli

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An Interview with Mrs. Cantelli

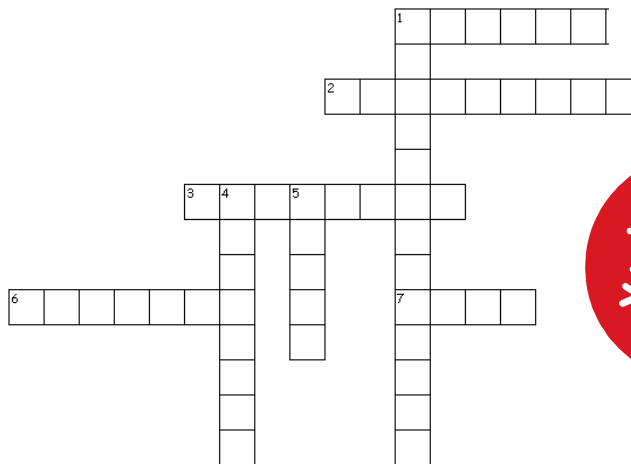
We interviewed the amazing Mrs. Cantelli (she is the LA teacher on the 7 C'eeekers); she has been teaching for 11 years! Projects she is looking forward to are: reading *The Outsiders*, doing an Alphabet Autobiography and researching Edgar Allan Poe. She will be teaching vocabulary, many different novels and detailed writing. In her

free time, she likes to spend time with her family, her puppies and loves to travel! Something surprising about Mrs. Cantelli is as a child her favorite subject was social studies. When we asked why she liked LA she responded "I love to read and I love literature!." She has never dreamt of

being an author, (she prefers to read). If she wasn't a teacher she would like to work in a museum! Also, Mrs. Cantelli doesn't have a favorite book genre, she likes everything. In conclusion Ms. Cantelli is a really fun teacher!

By: Isabella Varney

December Words



Across

1. songs you sing around the holiday
2. holiday
3. things you open on Christmas morning
6. a man you make out of snow
7. white and fluffy

Down

1. your presents are under this
4. they pull Santa's sleigh
5. comes in your house through your chimney

By: Sophia Calandriello and Erin Killen

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| Decoration | Reindeer | Star |
| Eggnog | Santa | Garland |
| Fireplace | Sleigh | |

By: Wesley Clapp



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Coats will be donated to those in need. Bring them to the box in the TRMS cafeteria.

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