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Quarantine Week 21

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT STARTING SCHOOL ONLINE THIS YEAR?

Submitted by News on the Hill Contributors

ELSA

I like that I get to spend extra time with my family but I really wanted to be in a classroom with my friends this year.

AINE

It's okay because I get to be home and I get free snacks all the time but yet again I don't get to see all my friends and my teacher all the time. So I wish I was back in a classroom.

EDIE

I'm looking forward to seeing my classmates more than I did in spring because there will be more live, zoom-type classes. I'm not excited about having to start waking up earlier though.

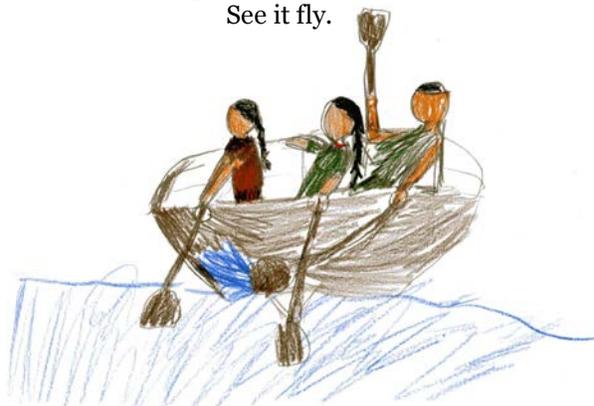
PAIGE

It's good being able to spend more time at the lake. But it's bad not seeing friends and not being able to ask teachers questions.

SUNSET LAKE

Submitted by Eliza Hiltner

Glimmer upon the lake.
 Shimmer upon the lake.
 Sunset through the eyes of good.
 Boats go through the lakes of blue.
 Make the winters ice go away.
 Sit upon the wind of water.
 Bump the water and the fun goes on!
 Splash the water!
 See it fly.



ELIZA

I'm starting home school and I am happy about it.

EMERSON

I'm super not excited about online school. But the benefit is at least I will see my class on Zoom.

JEWEL

I feel good about starting school online because I get to spend more time with my family. And it will keep me safe.

LOCUST BEACH

Submitted by Elsa Watson



Cool and warm.
 High and low.
 Sandy and muddy.
 How far can I go?

The heat rides the waves
 At the water's edge.
 The water numbs my feet
 On the sandy, fuzzy carpet.
 The floating boogie board
 Is my flying machine.

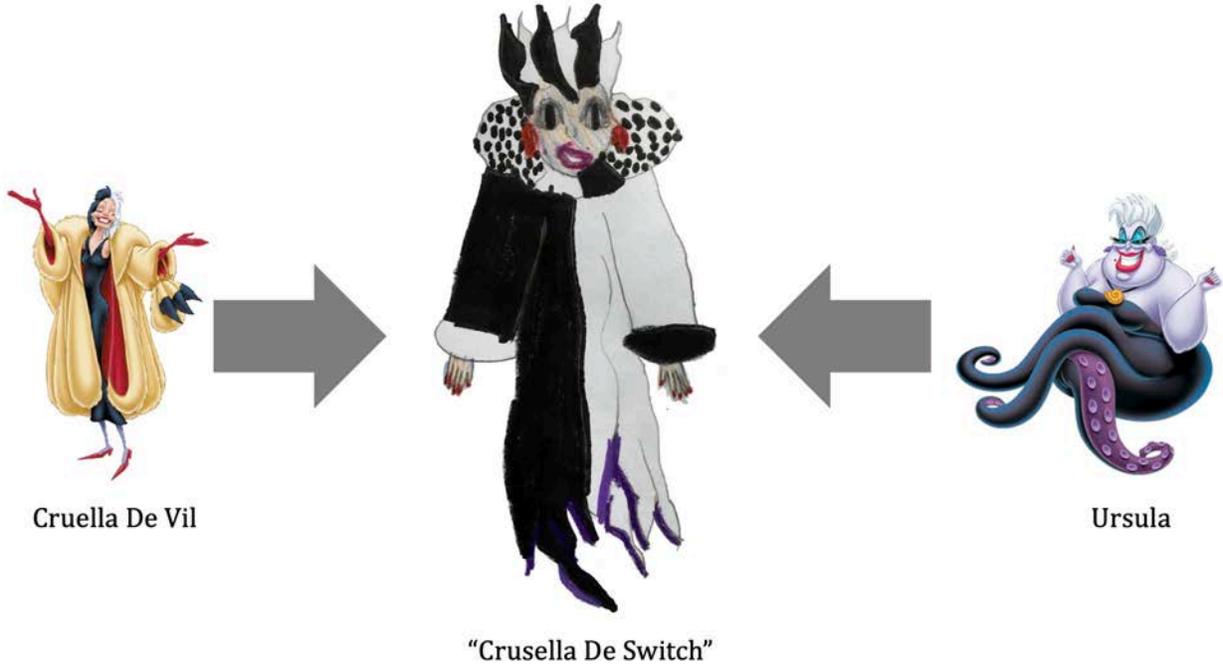
I fly through the waves.
 How far will I go?
 Will I ever come back?
 Only the waves know.

MASH UP MADNESS

Submitted by Edie Culver

Crusella De Switch is a mash up of the Little Mermaid character Ursula and the 101 Dalmatians character Cruella De Vil

Her favorite color is gray, her favorite food is shrimp, and her favorite animal is a dogfish. She works at the pet store stealing the fish and putting them in tanks near her bathtub.



Now accepting suggestions for next week's mash up character!
Please send ideas to Edie directly at culveedioo@bellingshamschools.org

MURDER MYSTERY

Submitted by Jewel Bryngelson

It was a dark and stormy night in the cascades of western Washington. Ms. Montana had invited many people from her schooldays to her estate.

Ms. Montana's guests arrived one by one. The first to arrive was Colonel Logan. Colonel Logan was a retired U.S. colonel who loves painting mountain landscapes and fine art.

Shortly after, Ms. Montana's butler arrived from the train station with Ms. Rachel and Ms. Katherine. Ms. Rachel was an international roller derby queen with an elusive past. Ms. Katherine was a French interpreter by day and singer by night.

Lil' Matt arrived next on his helicopter. Lil' Matt was a world-famous rapper, the most famous white rapper since Eminem, and only slows down his jet setting life to watch his beloved Seahawks. Given how tall Lil' Matt is, especially with his signature tower green and blue spiked hair, calling him Lil' anything was silly, but you know how crazy artist names can be.

Mr. Tim arrived with his team of enormous huskies pulling a training cart. Mr. Tim owned a porcine empire. Mr. Tim left odiferous job of running his porcine empire to his many children while he focused on his passion of training huskies for the Iditarod.

Dr. Debbie was the last to arrive in her sleek, black sedan. Dr. Debbie was the seeming quiet owner of an animal shelter teeming with cats and dogs, but she enjoyed a secret nightlife of rocking out to punk rock bands.

After all the guests had gathered in the lounge, they heard a strange bell and ran to the staircase where they found the host Ms. Montana. The second they found her, the lights went out and all they heard was a clunk, followed by a scream, and then, a gunshot. Chaos ensued with everyone running, yelling, or screaming in the dark. When the light flickered on again there was only one trace of Ms. Montana. A droplet of blood remained where she had been standing, and with that, Ms. Montana was presumed dead. They split up to find clues to who the culprit was.

MURDER MYSTERY continued

Submitted by Jewel Bryngelson

Who Dunit?

Soon after the guests split up to look for clues, all kinds of strange things started happenings with all the secret passages in the mansion. They gathered in the dining room and all reported what they had seen. Everyone seemed to be hiding something.

Lil' Matt said he found Ms. Rachel playing piano in the ballroom with a candlestick atop it. Ms. Rachel told him she had just seen Dr. Debbie in the billiard room where she also saw a wrench.

Then they all heard another scream, and everyone ran into the hall and saw Colonel Logan. Little did they know there was a candlestick hidden behind one of the statues. Colonel Logan said he screamed when he saw Dr. Debbie go into the study. He followed her and oddly enough saw a wrench below a bookcase.

Other guests said they saw Lil' Matt duck into the dining room supposedly with a wrench in his hand. Next, Dr. Debbie said she walked into the Conservatory and found Mr. Tim apparently hiding a revolver.

Ms. Katherine said she used the secret passage from the lounge into the Conservatory and found Dr. Debbie and Mr. Tim together with an enormous candlestick. Ms. Katherine shared her thoughts that the culprit must be Dr. Debbie.

The other guests said they saw Ms. Rachel sneak into the library clutching a lead pipe. Could she be the culprit?

Then, Ms. Katherine said she used the secret passage again from the kitchen into the study and saw Mr. Tim reading by candlelight from an enormous candlestick fit to be a weapon.

Lil' Matt had snuck through the secret passage from the dining room to the study and saw Colonel Logan with the candlestick. Then, Colonel Logan and Lil' Matt found Dr. Debbie in the dining room also with a lead pipe.

Ms. Katherine peeked into the kitchen and saw Mr. Tim stabbing into a cut of meat with a knife so sharp it looked to be a dagger.

When Dr. Debbie said she discovered Mr. Matthew was missing, she followed him through the secret passage from the dining room to the study and saw him with Colonel Logan. Colonel Logan and Mr. Matthew thought Dr. Debbie had committed the crime with the revolver in the study.

On the other side of the mansion, Mr. Tim walked into the ballroom to see Ms. Katherine with the revolver.

Ms. Rachel heard the commotion in the study and came in to see Colonel Logan, Lil' Matt, and Dr. Debbie in a heated argument over a wrench. She wondered if the culprit was Colonel Logan.

Colonel Logan could hear loud noises coming across the mansion that sounded like Lil' Matt and Ms. Katherine and the murmuring, soothing voice of Dr. Debbie. Colonel Logan found all of them in the kitchen arguing about the revolver.

Lil' Matt saw Dr. Debbie in the dining room cutting her steak with a dagger.

Dr. Debbie strolled into the lounge and suggested that Mr. Tim may have had something to do with it with the rope from his pig farm.

Mr. Tim reported that he had just heard the click of a revolver safety being released and had seen Ms. Rachel hurrying through the grand entry hall.

Suddenly there was another bang that sounded as if it might be the shot of a revolver and everyone ran to find Colonel Logan in the dining room, but no revolver to be seen.

Ms. Rachel saw Lil' Matt in the grand entry hall and saw a wrench left behind underneath one of the statues.

Lil' Matt went into the library and thought he saw Mr. Tim in the library with the lead pipe.

Finally, everyone ran to the billiard room and accused Dr. Debbie of committing the crime with the revolver. Dr. Debbie said, "That's ridiculous! I'd never harm a hair on the head of any living thing! Also, you can't be accused of murder with no body!"

Then where is our host, Ms. Montana? Stay tuned next week to find out what happened. . . .

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Submitted by Paige Flory

Friday, August 7, 2020 was just a regular day for many people. But for me it was something special. I had gotten my paddleboard out of the boat shed and put it into the water. I paddled right to the end of our dock and was planning on going to the right. But then I heard a splash coming from the left so I looked that way. There, right on our neighbor's dock, was a huge eagle. It had just brought something up from the water. Its foot looked like it was caught in a piece of trash. I went closer and realized it was a fish! (Another clue was the smell. It was disgusting!) The eagle tore right into the fish's head and looked at me. Then he went back to eating. I paddled closer and closer still. I was about eight feet away from this majestic creature. Suddenly, he took off; fish flopping in his talon. This was a moment I will never forget.

MAGIC TRICK

Submitted by Emerson Hiltner

Picking up a bottle with a straw.

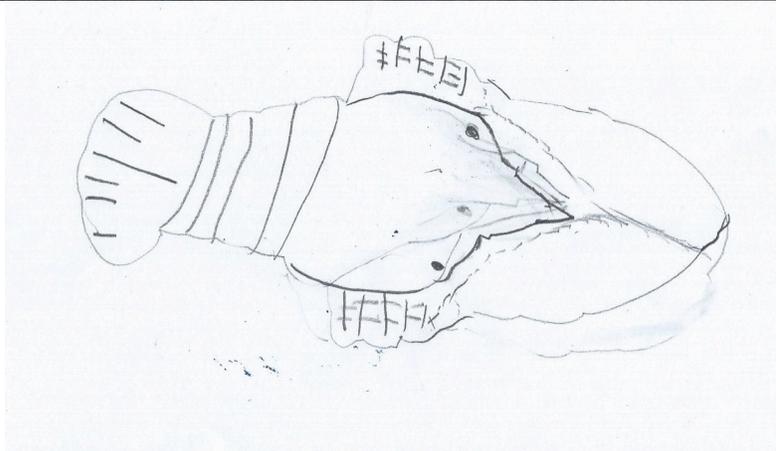
Walk into a room with a bottle in one hand and a flimsy drinking straw in the other, and say to your family that you can pick the bottle off the table with the straw, and without touching it. They will all think it is impossible, especially after they have tried. You can show them how to do it.

This is how you do it: Carefully bend back one third of the straw, insert the bend of the straw into the bottle, until the end springs into the shoulder of the bottle, then gently lift- up comes the bottle!

Practice this trick before preforming in front of an audience.

LOCUST BEACH

Submitted by Aine Watson



QUOTE OF THE WEEK (Use the key below to decipher the coded message.)

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DOLL DRAMA

Submitted by Elsa Watson and Edie Culver

