

COLTS NEWSLETTER

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Bored Bored Bored

By Abigail Conroy

So, lemme guess. You're bored? Yeah, I get it, I am too. Luckily, I have put together a short article which will be updated each month. Each update, there will be two new suggestions on things to do when you're bored.

Number 5

Learn Something New

Learning can be fun as long as it's something you're interested in learning about! So, pick up a book or your phone and research a topic you are excited about. The new information you gain may surprise you.

Number 6

Play a Card or Board Game

While Card and Board games can seem a little, dare I say, "old fashioned", they can still be a fun alternative to video games! Some fun games you could play are Go Fish, Chess, Checkers, Sorry!, Uno, Trivial Pursuit, and Solitaire!

Holidays and Important Dates

4/2/21 - National Peanut Butter and Jelly day.

4/4/21 - Easter 🐰 🐣

4/22/21 - Ulysses S. Grant's Birthday

4/22 - Earth Day 🌍

4/22-4/23 - Hat Day Fundraiser

4/26-4/30 - April Vacation

Spring Sports Update

Abigail Conroy

Baseball, Softball and Track & Field tryouts begin on Monday, March 29th afterschool for any athlete that wants to participate. If they are interested they should reach out to the coaches –

Baseball – Kyle Precourt (kprecourt@sau81.org)

Softball – Becky Radziewicz (bradziewicz8@gmail.com)

Track and Field – Rebecca Leary (rleary@sau81.org)

Track and Field – Neil Schmidt (nschmidt@sau81.org)

The baseball and softball schedule is –

Thursday, April 15 vs. Windham - 3:30 start

Monday, April 19 @ Mt View (Goffstown) - 4:00 start

Wednesday, April 21 vs. Ross A. Lurgio (Bedford) - 4:00 start

Monday, May 3 @ Londonderry - 4:00 start

Wednesday, May 5 vs. Merrimack - 3:45 start

Thursday, May 6 @ Woodbury (Salem) - 4:00 start

Tuesday, May 11 @ Elm Street - 4:00 start

Thursday, May 13 @ Merrimack - 3:45 start

Thursday, May 20 vs. Elm Street - 4:00 start

Monday, May 24 vs. Timberlane - 4:00 start

The track & field schedule is still being finalized at the moment.

Respect, Responsibility, Hard Work



WHAT'S UP AT HMS?



Homemade Caramel Corn

By: Leah Sturk

Ingredients:

10 Cups of Popped Popcorn
Salt

1 Cup Butter (Sweet Cream, Salted)

1 Cup Light Brown Sugar

2 tsp. Vanilla

1/2 tsp. Baking Soda

1. Make popcorn.
2. Salt popcorn and set aside.
3. Melt 1 cup of butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat.
4. Add 1 cup of brown sugar and stir until thoroughly mixed.
5. Stirring continuously, bring the butter and sugar mixture up to a boil on medium heat.
6. When it reaches a boil allow it to cook for 5 minutes without stirring on medium heat.
7. Add the 2 tsp. of vanilla at the 4 minute mark and stir to mix.
8. Continue to boil for one addition minute and then add the 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda.
9. Drizzle the caramel mixture over the popcorn. Use a spoon to gently fold the popcorn with the mixture until the kernels are all covered.
10. Pour the popcorn out onto a cookie sheet covered with aluminum foil or a silpat liner.
11. Let the popcorn cool.

April is... National Poetry Month! By Abigail Conroy

As April is National Poetry Month, I have created a collection of some of my favorite poems!

**"Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light."**

-Dylan Thomas

**"SEVEN HALF-BLOODS SHALL ANSWER THE CALL
TO STORM OR FIRE, THE WORLD MUST FALL
AN OATH TO KEEP WITH A FINAL BREATH
AND FOES BEAR ARMS TO THE DOORS OF DEATH"**

-HEROES OF OLYMPUS, RICK RIORDAN

**"THERE ONCE WAS A GOD NAMED APOLLO
WHO PLUNGED IN A CAVE BLUE AND
HOLLOW
UPON A THREE-SEATER
THE BRONZE FIRE-EATER
WAS FORCED DEATH AND MADNESS TO
SWALLOW"**

-TRIALS OF APOLLO, RICK RIORDAN

**"I am alone in the world, and yet not alone
enough to make each hour holy. I am lowly in this
world, and yet not lowly enough for me to be just a
thing to you, dark and shrewd. I want my will and I
want to go with my will as it moves towards action.
And I want, in those silent, somehow faltering
times, to be with someone who knows, or else
alone. I want to reflect everything about you, and I
never want to be too blind or too ancient to keep
your profound wavering image with me. I want to
unfold. I don't want to be folded anywhere, because
there, where I'm folded, I am a lie."**

— Maggie Stiefvater, Shiver

<https://www.twosisterscrafting.com/easy-homemade-caramel-corn/>

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Short Story of the Month

Written & Submitted by Olivia Hawkins

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“Introducing the VR 97! The brand-new Virtual reality set. It includes the stuff you already have. The headset and the controllers. This new addition comes with a tube that has 4D controls. Your player gets splashed? You get splashed too! We’ve made extra precautions...” Ava watched the TV on her VR 95 headset. Soon, when the VR 97 would release, any VRs past version 95 would become outdated. Ava didn’t have quite enough money to get the VR 97 when it released. She went to a job everyday, getting money to raise herself.

In this city, families were required to have one mother, one father, and two children. A male and Female. Any other children who were born, were taken out of the city. Overpopulation was something that the government worried about here. Ava’s family died in an attack by outsiders. She had to raise herself. She went to school, and worked a job. After school everyday, Ava spent one hour home to do homework. She’d tried to fit as much homework as she could into one short hour before work. She would then head to work. Most work was done on the VR, like school was, but Ava’s work wasn’t. She worked at Bing’s Burgers, a fast food chain. Restaurants were the only non-VR work. Ava took off her headset, and grabbed her bag. She headed out of the apartment and down the street to the subway.

“Hi,” Ava said. In a box, there was a hologram. Most likely, a person who was on a VR.

“Hello there! Where are you headed to?” The hologram waved to her.

“Food Corner,”

“\$5.80,” Ava opened her bag and pulled out six dollars. She grabbed her ticket and headed to wait near the tracks. The subway came, picked her up and left. A few minutes later, she arrived at Bing’s Burgers.

“Ava. You’re wanted in the back” Ava made her way to the back, where the office of the manager was. Like almost everyone, he was at home working with a VR.

“Ava, have a seat,”

“Did I do something Sean?”

“No, nothing at all.” Ava sighed in relief.

“So what am I here for?”

“Ava, you’re only 16, and you’re caring for yourself. You work hard everyday.” Sean turned around and pointed at a large box, labels torn off. “We want to award you this.” Ava opened the box and smiled. “The VR 97. You’ve worked the hardest out of anyone.”

“Thank you,” More workers came in with a dollie, to hoist it out.

“And, you also get to stay home for a week. Catch up on that school work. Think of it as going to school to get paid,” Sean winked.

“You’re paying me?!” Ava was shook. Ava and three of her co-workers took a van to Ava’s place. When they finished unloading it, Greta told Ava that it was her idea. Ava thanked Greta and went inside to finally have a break, and play with her new VR 97, after 2 years of non-stop work.

Stay tuned for next month’s story!



JUST FOR FUN!



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“With great power...comes the great need to take a nap. Wake me up later.” -Nico di Angelo (Percy Jackson and the Last Olympian).

MEME OF THE MONTH



INTERESTING FACT OF THE MONTH



Nat Geo "Weird but True"

HELPFUL TIP OF THE MONTH

Having a tough time finding things to do right now? Join a club or a sport to get to know people and have fun!

RECOMMENDATION(S) OF THE MONTH

Minecraft is a wonderful video game because it has a little bit of everything for everyone.

You can play in a survival mode and fight against monsters, or play Creative mode to build just about anything you can think of. The best part is, you can play with friends!

-Duck, Grade 7

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Want to submit something to the Newsletter?
Have a suggestion on how to make it better?
Please Email the advisors or drop papers in the box on the stage for consideration!

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