



# Weibel Chronicles

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## Wildcat Wizard By Rina and Mansi

Question:

Dear Wizard, there is a new student in my class and she is foreign to the United States. Since she cannot speak the language very well, she has a hard time fitting in and making new friends. I want to help her, but how can I if there is a language barrier between us?

From,  
Lost Linguist

Answer:

Dear Lost Linguist, Don't let a language barrier prevent you from being friends and helping her make new friends. Try to introduce her to your friends, and teach her some simple games you and your best friends enjoy. She will start to feel like she fits in. Eventually, she will get better at English, and you will be able to communicate. If you have any friends who speak her language, introduce them to this foreign student. If you don't know anyone who speaks the same language, that's OK, just try to make her feel welcome. Also, try to learn her language a little, and so, both of you will learn a little bit of each other's language.

Good Luck!  
Weibel Wizard



Question:

Dear Weibel Wizard,  
Today, I was having a really horrible day. This morning, when I was getting ready for school, my hair was terribly tangled. Also, the shirt I wanted to wear got lost in my messy closet, so I had to change my plans. It nearly made me late, since I spent so long trying to fix my hair and trying to find my shirt. On the walk to school, I stepped in a puddle, and later I had a very bad math test, and soon I discovered I forgot my lunch at home. Then when I got home, I realized that I had forgotten to bring my Science textbook home. I got a terrible paper cut when I was flipping my binder open. It still hurts as I type this! :(

From,  
Horrible Hair Day

Answer:

Dear Horrible Hair Day,  
I am sorry to hear that, but don't worry, everyone goes through these problems. I suggest that you comb and tie your hair well before you go to bed. Be extremely careful when you approach a puddle. You should carefully walk around it, especially if you are not wearing rain boots. Also, make sure to study before tests! If you forget your things at school, ask a friend to lend you their books. I used to have this problem all the time. A good way to remember is to ask your friends and classmates what books you need, so you can double check. And I hope you put a Band-aid on your paper cut. In the future, try having a break day on the weekend, and spend some time getting yourself organized (pack your bag, clean your closet and prepare your outfits for school), and do things you love. This will make you happier, and the happier you are, the more focused you will be.

Hope that helped!  
Weibel Wizard



# NEW YEAR!!!!

By Neha

HAPPY NEW YEAR! New Year is a time many people around the world celebrate. They celebrate in many ways including parties, feasts, and dances. For example, on New Year's Eve, many people gather in Times Square. Right when the clock strikes midnight, everyone gets to watch a dazzling sight when they drop the New Year's ball into Times Square. In Jewish culture, they blow a ram's horn called a shofar on New Year's. Chinese New Year is also a very important time for some people. They dress in new clothes and have a parade led by a big dragon. 2016 is the year of the red fire monkey. This year, Chinese New Year is on February 8.

People also eat many different types of food that symbolize good luck and fortune in the coming year. For example, in places in southern United States, they eat black eyed peas and pork for good fortune. In the Netherlands, they make a food called olie bollen which symbolizes "coming full circle". In Spain, they have a tradition of eating twelve grapes at midnight. Lastly, in India and Pakistan, they eat rice for good prosperity. Those are many examples of how people celebrate the New Year.

## **Book Review On Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard**

**By Rina**

Mare Barrow is an ordinary Red. Her family is poor, and she tries to help support them by stealing goods from villagers. She works and serves the Silvers and daydreams about a better life for the Reds. The Reds are ordinary people with no special abilities, and the Silvers are the upper class, rich people, living lavish lives and enjoying their superpowers. But one day, a new opportunity lands in her lap, and she must take it, or be severely punished. Mare soon discovers she is different from the Reds and the Silvers, and more powerful than both as well. She is forced to pretend to be a Silver princess and learn to live life like a royal, while at the same time as fighting for the rights of the Reds. Can Mare Barrow, a young, former pickpocket, save the future generations of powerless Reds from difficult lives? Read Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard to find out!

By NATALIE

## The Game we won!

**2 points, 4 points, 6 points, 8 points, buzzzzzzzzzzzz! At that buzz they shot our ninth basket! All the wildcats were cheering. On this grey cloudy day the Weibel Girls Basketball Team won their first game against Hirsch Elementary. It all started when they were winning by two points. Once our coaches Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Bobka started cheering them on and encouraging them, they started shooting baskets with a swoosh through net. At halftime we were up by two points. Our team scored a lot of baskets after halftime. It was a very close game but in the end we won by two points! The game was really exciting, fun, and awesome!**



## Weibel Boys Basketball

By Zayaan

So far, the Weibel Boys Basketball Travelling Team has played a total of six crushing games. That is over half of the entire regular season already! Since the team has skills all over the board from shooting to ball handling, we are undefeated! Weibel is only one of two teams to accomplish that. The other basketball team is the Mission San Jose team, who we will be battling on Wednesday, February 10 at Mission ground. They are our hardest competition in front of the California School for the Deaf who we beat by about 8. The matches are fast-paced, thrilling, and definitely high scoring. In our opening game against Hirsch Elementary School, Weibel's skilled team put up a whopping 57 points! At this rate, Weibel is eyeing down an undefeated season!

# Super Bowl 50

By Samrit

On February 7, 2016, Super Bowl 50 came to Levi's Stadium. Coldplay, Beyoncé, and Bruno Mars performed for the halftime show. The tickets ranged from \$3,000 to \$150,000. For \$150,000 you could have gotten a luxurious suite with a really good view of the game. Each suite fits up to 20 people. Hope you had an experience of your lifetime watching the Carolina Panthers and Denver Broncos.



The winners of the AFC and NFC clash for the Super Bowl title. The Panthers and Broncos competed for the Vince Lombardi Trophy. The trophy was once known as the World Professional Football Championship Trophy. The trophy was later renamed after Vince Lombardi, a legendary NFL coach who died from cancer.

According to predictions Broncos had a 44% chance of winning. In the end, they proved their critics wrong and roasted the Panthers 24-10. As a Broncos fan, I had faith in the Broncos and knew they were going to prove the predictions wrong.

## Warriors vs Spurs

By Zayaan

On January 25, the astonishing Golden State Warriors played the San Antonio Spurs from Texas at Oracle Arena. Millions of fans had been anticipating this game for months. This unbelievable game was the first of four. Both teams shot off in the beginning of the season with amazing records. The Warriors had a twenty-three and zero start with the Spurs having only six losses up to the matchup. There was a huge turn of events, and the Warriors dominated the Spurs by a lot. After that, they played two more quality teams, the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Chicago Bulls, and had the same turn out. The final score for the Spurs game was 120-90, an unexpected end score. Stephen Curry, the Warrior's star and reigning MVP of the NBA, put up 37 points. Golden State were playing their top game those few days.

## Main Attractions in the U.S

by Timothy

There are many famous attractions in the U.S that attract millions of tourists every year. One of the most famous attractions is Disneyland. Disneyland is a Disney theme park dedicated to Walt Disney. At this fascinating theme park, there are many Disney rides and beautiful structures, such as a replica of the towers in the Disney movies or books. Best of all, you can take photos with your favorite Disney characters. At Disneyland there are many fun things you can do that don't include amusement park rides such as pin trading. Pin trading works by buying pins and trading the pins with the Disney workers for rarer pins or for pins that you like. That is why Disneyland is one of the most famous attractions in the U.S. About 6.77 million tourists visited Disneyland in 2014.

Another attraction on the list is not a man-made attraction. It is a national park located in Wyoming. This national park is home to many species of wildlife bighorn sheep, bison, elk, moose, mountain goats, grizzly bears, black bears, gray foxes, wolverine, lynx, many species of deer, etc. Beautiful wildlife and interesting animals bring tourists and explorers from all over the continent to come and camp here. There are many things to do at Yellowstone such as hiking, fishing, horseback riding, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, biking, and visiting the famous hot springs. Yellowstone hosts close to 4 MILLION PEOPLE EVERY YEAR! Isn't that amazing? You have to visit Yellowstone someday.

One of the other most popular national parks in U.S.A is a national park in California called Yosemite. Yosemite is home to 400 different species of vertebrates including fish, birds, amphibians, and mammals. Many endangered species live there such as the Sierra Nevada Red Fox and Wolverines. You can do many things at Yosemite such as hiking, biking, fishing, backpacking, bird-watching, rock climbing, and horseback riding. If you like wildlife, Yosemite is your number 1 choice.

All of these attractions are very popular and are very fun. Try and visit at least one of the places listed above!

## The Schulz Museum

by Laasya B.

A few days ago, I visited the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research center in Santa Rosa, California. It's rated five stars mostly because of its additional restaurant and ice rink just across the street. The museum is dedicated to the famous cartoonist Charles Schulz, the creator of Peanuts. There are comic strips in every direction you look. Inside is a movie theater, a comic gallery, and a room where you can preview Schulz's life as a comic artist. In the movie theater, you can watch hilarious cartoons come to life. Also, there is a room in which people of all ages can learn to draw, cartoon, and make comic strips. Near the museum is a snoopy themed ice skating rink and the Warm Puppy cafe which is well-known for its delicious hot chocolate. Overall, the Peanuts Museum is a great place for comic lovers. I would rate it one of the best museums I have ever been to. I hope you have fun there!

# Scratch Programming

by Kripa

Scratch is an interactive programming language that is good for people of ages 8 and older. For younger coders, there is a similar language by the same organization called Scratch Jr., with less complex code commands. Instead of having the programmer type out the commands on the console, Scratch has drag-and-drop coding, with the user clicking on and dragging the blocks of code to form the commands. It also has colorful, engaging sprites, which are the characters that are being programmed to carry out your commands. Scratch has 10 types of blocks, each serving a different purpose. The first, Motion, controls the way the sprite moves. The second, Looks, controls the overall appearance of the sprite. The third, Sound, allows for sounds to be played as part of the code. The fourth, Pen, lets the sprite leave behind a trail of a certain color that you can select. The fifth, Data, allows you to set and change your own variables. The sixth, Events, lets your sprite react differently when different things happen. The seventh, Control, lets your sprite react differently according to the user's input. The eighth, Sensing, allows the sprite to gather and use data about its environment. The ninth, Operators, lets the sprite do math, like addition, multiplication, and modulus. The tenth and final type, More Blocks, lets you create your own blocks with the ones provided and hook up robots so that they can be controlled with Scratch. These simple commands can be combined to create complex programs, that can resemble Candy Crush, Flappy Bird, or even Minecraft! Creating an account on the Scratch website is completely free, and once you join, you will be part of a virtual community featuring over 3 million avid programmers and over 6 million projects. In Scratch, the motto is "Imagine, Program, Share", and I believe that this is quite true a new project is added every minute. Scratch is a fun programming language and I hope that you have as much fun using it as I do!

## *Star Wars by Samrit*



Recently on December 18, 2015, Star Wars: The Force Awakens got released. So far the movie has made more than \$800 million in the United States. As a Star Wars fan, I was hyped to see the latest Star Wars movie. In the movie both the First Order and the Resistance are trying to obtain Luke Skywalker's location which is a continuation from the previous six movies. Star Wars is a chain of movies that first began in 1977 and are still playing in the theatre. The movie has scenes of sadness, excitement, and many more feelings. The movie is still playing so if you haven't watched it, then you should.

# The History of Ghirardelli

by Shreya



Hungry yet? From creamy dark chocolate to lovely caramel sweetness, Ghirardelli has something for everyone. However, how did this company become so famous???

Ghirardelli was founded by Domenico Ghirardelli. Having moved from Italy to South America and then to California, Mr. Ghirardelli participated in a few jobs, most of which included selling confectionary items.

He then became a chocolatier and opened his first store in San Francisco in 1850. This facility, sadly, burnt down on May 3, 1851. The company continuously moved to gain more space. In 1882, Mr. Ghirardelli passed down his business to his three sons. He later died on January 17, 1894. His chocolate company is still very successful and will continue to be for a long time.

## Idioms and Their Meanings By Amaelia

Sometimes we come across an idiom and we don't know what it means. This short list will tell you the top 5 most common idioms and their meanings.

1. Piece of cake - This idiom means that something is just easy or not too hard to complete.
2. Break a leg - This strange Idiom doesn't mean to actually break a leg. It actually means good luck to the other person.
3. When pigs fly - This basically means that something will never happen.
4. Don't judge a book by its cover - Don't prejudge a person on the outside. try to get to know them a bit.
5. Bite off more than you can chew - Don't try to do things you can't handle!

I hope you enjoyed my little rant about idioms! See you next time! >.<

## Some Unofficial National Days in January That You Probably Never Knew Existed... by Annabelle

All of a sudden, a friend asks you, “What National Days are in January?” The first ones that jumped to my mind before researching this topic were New Year’s Day and Martin Luther King’s Birthday. Well, now I will let you know, these are NOT the only National Days this month. In fact, the average number of National Days in January is 2.67! Here are some that sound pretty funny.

### **National Science Fiction Day- January 2**

National Science Fiction (a.k.a. Sci-Fi) Day is a National Day that is celebrated by science fiction fans. This holiday was chosen to be on this specific date because it is famous science fiction author Isaac Asimov’s birthday.

### **National Drinking Straw Day- January 3**

Yes, what you are seeing IS the name of a National Day--National Drinking Straw Day. Drinking straws have made many changes to the world and this day is here to honor them. Why this particular date? Well, on January 3, 1888 Marvin C. Stone received the patent for his invention of paper drinking straws. Later, he invented a machine that could put wax around these straws so the glue that he used wouldn’t dissolve into the drink.

### **National Whipped Cream Day- January 5**

National Whipped Cream Day celebrates the extra pizzazz that whipped cream brought to the dessert world. This holiday is celebrated on January 5th because of another person’s birthday--Aaron “Bunny” Lapin, the founder of whipped cream company Reddi-Wip.

### **National Step In A Puddle And Splash Your Friends Day- January 11**

There actually isn’t any real reason why this day is celebrated. Since it rains a lot and there are many puddles in the beginning of the year, National Step In A Puddle And Splash Your Friends Day is just for kids to have some mischievous fun. A splash once in a while is okay, right?

### **National Hugging Day- January 21**

National Hugging Day is celebrated annually to encourage more hugging with family and friends. Kevin Zaborney created this holiday in 1986 because he thought, “American society is embarrassed to show feelings in public,” and wanted to change that with this holiday. So, on January 21, remember to give your friends and family a few more hugs!

# The Great Relic of Time Part 2

## by Trisha

Let me start my story a little before I left off in “The Great Relic of Time” in the previous newsletter:

“Now, Zagrath, have you located the Great Relic?” Nanki asked.

“Well, um sir, I was... uh a bit busy... making the new potion,” Zagrath stuttered.

“Oh were you? I don’t think so! Well, go check now! I’ve been waiting for years to come to gain the power of the world, and you can’t even locate a rod using a spell? I’m very disappointed. Now go check!”

Zagrath went back to his potions room and concentrated. “I found the location,” he whispered to himself. There was a blinding white light, and everything went black.

Now continuing the story from there:



Zagrath woke up and found himself in a forest. Everywhere he looked he saw vegetation. It was lush and green, and the trees rose high above his head. Zagrath sat up to find ruins in front of him. Where was he? Suddenly a thought struck him. He was at the Time Temple, or what remained of it. He immediately got up and started sifting through the rubble, trying to find the Great Relic.

“Where is he? Where did my assistant wizard go?” Nanki roared.

“S-sir, we don’t know. He just disappeared in a great white light,” one of the servants replied.

“Your Majesty, if I may speak, I would like to comment that Zagrath might have transported himself to Time Temple to see if the rod still is there,” an unfamiliar voice said.

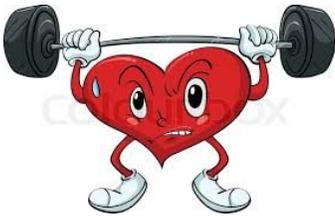
“Who are you? Who are you who speaks so confidently in front of me, the most powerful wizard ever?” Nanki shouted.

**To be continued...** in the next issue of the Chronicles!

# The Human Heart

by Eshaan

You all know that valentine's day is all about hearts, but do you know what the human heart is really for? The heart is a muscle that pumps the much needed blood throughout your body. Your heart has 4 main parts, the left ventricle, the right ventricle, the left atrium, and the right atrium.



**Strength:** Did you know that the human heart can pump blood 30 feet across a room. (please don't try this). Your heart is strong enough to lift 3,000 pounds.

**Speed:** For an average adult, their heart beats around 103,680 times in a day, 3,110,400 times in a month, and 37,843,200 times in a year. A woman's heart typically beats faster than a man's heart. A kid's heart beats the fastest. During your lifetime, your heart never stops beating. ( I hope so)



- laughing increases the blood flow to your heart for about 45 minutes ha ha.
- your heart can keep pumping even outside the body, as long as it gets the needed amount of oxygen.
- your heart weighs about 9 ounces.
- Your heart has to pump blood through 60,000 mile of blood vessels, long enough to go twice around the world.
- if you are distressed or very sad, then your body releases an enzyme called cortisol, which destroys your heart. This means that your heart



can actually break.



# Most Dangerous Species By: Timothy

## 10. Komodo Dragon:

Very much like Polar Bears, Komodo Dragons are not picky eaters. They will eat anything from birds to water buffalos to humans and they have even been known to dig up bodies from shallow graves. They are prodigious hunters and will wait stealthily until their prey approaches after which they will charge forward, rip out its throat, and retreat while it bleeds out. Once again, like Polar Bears, the only reason their human kill count is so low is probably due to limited interaction as well as the fact that they only really need to eat once a month.

## 9. Tse Tse Fly:

This large blood sucking fly is the primary carrier of African Sleeping Sickness and is therefore indirectly responsible for killing up to a quarter of a million people every year.

## 8. Leopard:

When most animals are wounded they run away and hide. Not leopards. When these dangerous creatures are wounded they become even more dangerous. Not only that, but they're strong. Anyone who has watched the Discovery Channel knows that they like to hide their prey out of reach. Translation: they drag dead antelopes up trees.

## 7. Carpet Viper:

Responsible for the majority of snake related deaths in the world, this viper uses a hemotoxin similar to that of the boomslang. Unfortunately most of the bites occur in areas that lack modern medical facilities so the victims slowly bleed to death over the course of several weeks.

## 6. Brazilian Wandering Spider:

Meet the most venomous spider in the world, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. What makes this critter so dangerous though is also how it got its name – a tendency to wander. They are often found hiding in houses and cars of densely populated areas, especially during daytime. Not a good combination.

## 5. Blue Ringed Octopus:

About the size of a golf ball, don't let its small stature fool you, it holds enough venom to kill 26 full grown adults and as you may have guessed, there is no antidote. Assuming that your friend ever gets bitten you had better know CPR because you can be sure that within minutes they will be completely paralyzed and unable to breathe. Mother nature, however, shows no mercy and they will maintain their consciousness for the next few hours until the venom is neutralized by their body. This is of course assuming that you, or someone at the hospital, continues artificial respiration.

## 4. Hippopotamus:

Although they are mostly herbivorous, they are also highly aggressive and are widely regarded as one of the most dangerous animals in Africa. They have been known to attack humans without provocation even to the point of destroying entire vehicles.

## 3. Saltwater Crocodile:

Sitting at the top of its food chain the Saltwater Crocodile has been known to eat everything from water buffalo to sharks. In order to kill its food it make use of a technique called the "death roll" where it relentlessly flips its prey over and over in the water until it drowns and then comes apart.

## 2. African Elephant:

The world's largest land animal, elephants can be fiercely aggressive and have been known to trample even a rhinoceros or two to death. They seemingly have the capacity to display bouts of rage and have even engaged in activities that have been interpreted as vindictive, razing entire villages in the process.

## 1. Mosquito:

Moving from one of the largest animals in the world we now come to one of the smallest. As small as it is though, it is also the deadliest. It has been estimated that mosquitoes transmit diseases to almost 700 million people annually resulting in 2 to 3 million deaths every year.

## Top 10 Songs of 2015 By Amaelia

Just saying, I really like listing things. Don't hate! These are the top 10 songs of 2015, and if you don't recognize it, try, 'surfing the web' for it.

### 1. **See You Again - Wiz Khalifa**

Some people have considered this year to be the worst year of music with See You Again as #1. I've never heard it, so I don't know what to expect. See You Again was only above average, apparently.

### 2. **Hello - Adele**

From experience, I have heard many people sing this song at school, (AHEM!) not saying names. I think it sounds creepy. Also, someone made a joke of the main line. (Again, not saying names.)

### 3. **Love Me Like You Do - Ellie Goulding**

I've heard this song, and it sounds kind of like Brave, am I right? Anyways, while you people have your own opinion, I'll have mine.

### 4. **Elastic Heart - Sia**

I have never heard this song before. Sorry Elastic Heart lovers. No opinion... But here are some comments :

"Sia is such a talented artist and so underrated. This song is so great."

"She's one of the few artists of today who actually know what music is."

### 5. **Gold - Imagine Dragons**

Again, a stranger to me. Sorry. here are some more comments on the website :

"Where does the gold go? , wow this is the most amazing song, it has the same booming effects on my heart as that radioactive, but I now feel it's even better than radioactive."

"Of what I've seen on this list, this song is definitely the best. It has a lot of power behind everything in it, with the booming effects and strong vocals. The drums and guitar are excellent, too."

### 6. **Uma Thurman - Fall Out Boy**

"K so Fall Out Boy is my favorite band, a term I use far from lightly. I wish their older music got a little more recognition, but Uma Thurman is catchy and musically brilliant. They've hooked us again, eh?!"

### 7. **Locked Away - R. City**

Someone says, "Awesome Song!" - A Classmate

Sorry again. I only know about 4 of the songs on this website. >.< Don't hurt me!

### 8. **Here - Alessia Cara**

Quote time!

"I think that Alessia Cara deserves to be in the top ten because she works really hard for her music to become what it is, which is outstanding lyrics and very unique choices of words. She is one of the couple of singers that make their words come from within, and not just from words smashed together to be hits. It is very rare to have talent like that. She is one of the best singers of 2015, and forever more. "

"Alyssa cara inspires me. She is my favorite singer ever! This song should definitely be number 1."

### 9. **Sugar - Maroon 5**

Luckily for you guys and gals, I actually know this one! I saw it playing during an ad, and it seemed creepy background music. Nothing is wrong with it though. I think it's great, even though animals is a bit odd. "Sugar is an ok song, but it's overplayed." - A Classmate.

### 10. **Wildest Dreams - Taylor Swift**

Last, but not least, Wildest Dreams comes in 10th place, (according to the website!) Taylor talks about her 'Dreams' for herself and her 'buddy'. Quote: "I didn't love this album as much as everyone else did. It's definitely not my favorite. (My favorites will always be Speak Now and Fearless.) But she had 3 songs on it that I absolutely loved. Style, Out Of The Woods, and Wildest Dreams. While the weakest of the 3, it's still an amazing song. Keep going Taylor Swift. If you can make more songs like this, you'll always have a fan in me."

So here are the top 10 songs for 2015!

# HARRY POTTER WORLD

## by Neha

Good news Harry Potter fans! On April 7, 2016, Harry Potter World is opening in Southern California. At Harry Potter world, you can enjoy many Harry Potter rides and attractions. Some rides and attractions you can enjoy at Harry Potter world are Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey, Flight of the Hippogriff, Frog Choir, Ollivanders, and Triwizard Spirit Rally. There are also many shops and restaurants with names you might remember from the Harry Potter series such as Three Broomsticks. Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey is a very fun ride. You might have to wait in a long line for it, but it is worth it. While you are in line, you go through the Hogwarts castle. You go through many Hogwarts rooms and see the talking and moving pictures. Then you get to board the ride and you're off. You feel like you are flying. You hear Ron, Harry, and Hermione's voices during the ride as they tell you what is happening. You also get to play quidditch and it actually feels like you are playing the real game. Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey is a very exciting ride. I haven't been on Flight of the Hippogriff, but I can tell you a little about it. Flight of the Hippogriff is a roller coaster. The background story is that Hagrid is teaching students how to fly a hippogriff. People board the ride in the canopy where they have Care of Magical Creatures. It is not as awesome as Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey in my opinion, but can also be lots of fun. Ollivanders is a store where you can buy replicas of wands from Harry Potter characters. Frog Choir is a few students from Hogwarts singing along with the loud croaks of their frogs. Last but not least is the Triwizard Spirit Rally. In the Goblet of Fire, there were three schools participating in the Triwizard tournament: Hogwarts, Durmstrang, and Beauxbatons. The Triwizard Spirit Rally is when students from Durmstrang show you martial arts moves with kicks and sticks while students from Beauxbatons show you rhythmic dancing and gymnastics. I am really excited for Harry Potter World to open and I hope to go there.

## Restaurants in Tokyo That You Need to Try Volume #1 by Annabelle W.

Please note that this article is from my own perspective. Your opinion shall be decided by yourself.



Konnichiwa! I can assume that a lot of you have heard of Japanese phrases like konnichiwa and kawaii. Well, if you ever visit the country Japan and its capital, Tokyo, please let me introduce you to some restaurants in Tokyo that you have to try when you go or you'll regret.

### Saryo Tsujiri-Tokyo Metro Station, Daimaru Department Store, 10th floor

Are you craving some tea and desserts on a rainy Sunday? If you visit the Tokyo Metro Station and go up to the tenth floor of the Daimaru Department Store, a dessert restaurant is waiting for you--Saryo Tsujiri. You might have to wait in line like I did, but if you're lucky, you could be seated right when you arrive. Upon entrance, you will find that it is decorated in a traditional Japanese manner that will make your taste buds ready for some authentic *wafu* (Japanese style) desserts.

When I visited Saryo Tsujiri during my last trip to Japan, I shared a limited edition Sakura and matcha parfait with my parents. Don't ask me if there was granola and jam in it. Starting from the bottom, there are five layers: matcha jelly, then vanilla flavored ice cream, some matcha ice cream, a scoop of Sakura ice cream, and finally matcha jelly and soft serve. I haven't had so much matcha at once in my life. You literally feel like you're dreaming. There is a very good balance in flavor and texture--the ice cream is rich in flavor, the jelly is not too sweet and melts in your mouth, and the Sakura is just awesome--you never feel like you've had enough. If I were a food critic and had to give this restaurant a review, I would give it 5 stars with no hesitation.

### Sushi Sei-Tsukiji Fish Market

I know that at least half of you like sushi, right? If you don't, though, it's okay. Just hang around, because this next



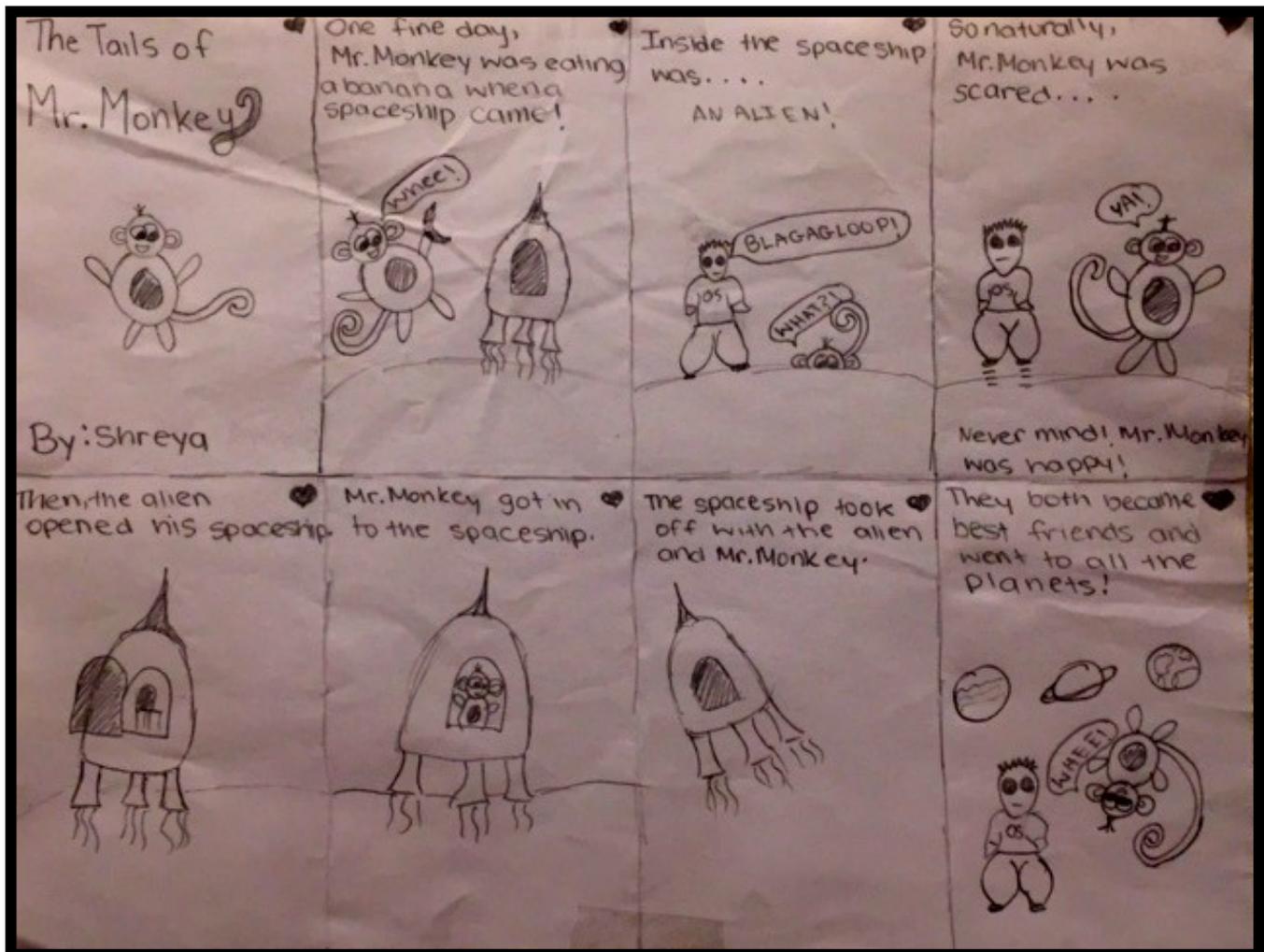
section is all about sushi. Or, at least, a sushi restaurant. In Tokyo, there's a pretty well-known fish market called Tsukiji Fish Market. It has many small stores that sell snacks like mochi or marinated dried anchovy (which tastes better than it sounds), fresh fish, and restaurants that are mainly sushi and ramen stores. Sushi Sei, a pretty well-known sushi restaurant in Japan, has its original location in the Tsukiji Fish Market. You will have to wait in line... that's just how it is. The store itself is small. There are some tables on one side and a bar where you can see how the chefs are making your fresh seafood.

I know that many people don't like to eat things raw... I don't strongly recommend it either, but having some once in awhile is okay. The sashimi platter, even though it's not very cheap, is really fresh and has great quality. In fact, as I mentioned, you can actually see how what you're eating is made. The fish is so fresh that it melts in your mouth. I can't describe it--everything's just way too good. I guess I'll still give this restaurant a 5-star rating, but the size of this store is a little small... at least the food is good! *A little sashimi-eating tip: When eating sashimi, put a small bit of wasabi on your sashimi, then dip it in soy sauce. Wasabi is used in Japanese food because it can kill parasites in the raw fish, not because they want you to eat horseradish mustard in your sushi.*

This is all I'll write for Volume #1. In the next issue of the Weibel Chronicles, wait for more recommended restaurants in Tokyo and some tourist attractions!

# Deadly Diseases by Eshaan

1. Ebola can give you many symptoms, including vomiting, fever, diarrhea, bleeding, and often, death. (Basically, Ebola can infect you into a puddle of liquid sushi). Sometimes, the victim can get paper-like skin, which cracks at even a touch.
2. Smallpox leaves you with disgusting tiny pus-filled blisters. Other symptoms include headaches, fever, and back pains. These blisters eventually burst, leaving behind millions of deep, pus filled scars.(ewww)
3. The pneumonic plague can give you headache, fever, cough, chest pain, and trouble breathing. This is the most lethal form of the 3 types of plague. When you cough, you infect the air around you, making this disease contagious. This is not the plague that killed millions in the 20th century.
4. Polio symptoms include:Fever, Sore throat, Headache, Vomiting, Fatigue, Back pain or stiffness, Neck pain or stiffness, Pain or stiffness in the arms or legs, Muscle weakness or tenderness, Meningitis. In the worst cases, your muscles around your body literally turn to jelly.
5. Tay Sachs disease is very rare fatal disease. Most children who have it die at age 5. They develop blindness, deafness, and are mentally disabled.



# The Scrumptious Apricot Oat Bars

By Trisha

Please note, if you are below 15 years old, please ask for an adult's help in making these delicious treats! Adapted from FoodNetwork.com

**Total Time:** 1 hr 47 min

**Makes:** about 24 bars

## Ingredients

### Filling:

- 1 (13-ounce) jar apricot jam or preserves (about 1 1/4 cups)
- 8 dried apricots, chopped into 1/4-inch pieces (about 1/3 cup)

### Crust:

- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 packed cup light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 3/4 cups old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup (4 ounces) coarsely chopped walnuts
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 egg, at room temperature, beaten
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract



## Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line the bottom and sides of the pan with parchment paper. Spray the parchment paper with vegetable oil cooking spray and set aside. **Filling:** In a small bowl, mix together the jam and the apricots. Set aside. **Crust:** In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, cinnamon, salt and baking soda. Stir in the oats and walnuts. Add the butter, egg and vanilla and stir until incorporated. **Baking:** Using a fork or clean fingers, lightly press half of the crust mixture onto the bottom of the prepared pan. Using a spatula, spread the filling over the crust leaving a 1/2-inch border around the edge of the pan. Cover the filling with the remaining crust mixture and gently press to flatten. Bake until light golden, about 30 to 35 minutes. Cool for 1 hour. The bars can be stored in an air-tight container for up to three days.

# A Best Friends Quiz By laasya

*How well do you know your best friend? take this fun quiz and you may learn interesting facts about your BFF that you have never learned before.*

Simply circle the answer you think your best friend or close friend would choose. After filling out the quiz, ask her/him to write the correct answer in the blanks below. Your score will determine how well you know your BFF! Good luck!!!!!!!

1. You and your BFF are going for pizza. You both order cheese, but with what topping does your friend use?
  - A. olives
  - B. pepperoni
  - C. veggies
  - D. nothing at all
2. Would your BFF rather be:
  - A. the prettiest in the world
  - B. the smartest in the world
  - C. the richest in the world
  - D. the strongest in the world
3. Your BFF is going to recess. On the way, he/she finds a \$100 dollar bill. What would she do?
  - A. leave it and walk away
  - B. grab it and buy something for yourself
  - C. donate it to charity
  - D. put it in the lost-and-found
4. Your BFF has a chance to visit any school prep that they want and could stay there there the whole day. What would they choose?
  - A. the computer lab, gaming 'till sundown
  - B. music class, singing for six hours
  - C. the science lab, conducting experiments all day
  - D. PE, playing a numerous variety of sports outdoor
5. Your best friend saw a bully harassing you at school. She or he would:
  - A. gang up against you too
  - B. start yelling at the bully
  - C. tell a teacher
  - D. walk away, leaving you hanging

Your answers: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Your friend's answers: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

## Results

0 out of 5 —Not many good signs of you and your best friend being together in the future.

1 out of 5—You need to know your best friend a little more. You should try again.

2 out of 5—40% isn't so bad, but I think that if you spend more time with your good friends, you can do better.

3 out of 5—Great! Keep up the good friendship!

4 out of 5—Awesome! You and your best friend must be very close!

# Valentine's Day Word Search

by Kripa

G I H C O O M S S K N F B Y T  
M U L K N F T G M B I E E D O  
G A R O C O L M B O M S R N N  
G U O E V M X T S I P Y S A E  
C W O Q R E N O N H E P W C M  
X Y J V O I Y E X V H E A R T  
L R L T Q L M O O O J T Z T E  
O X U A F O V D U K X N Z W G  
V O P O A V Y N A J I U J W R  
E N I T N E L A V T N I A S O  
A K L A V B O V J E E Z M D F  
B J S O N I I L E K H R I Y L  
J M L P H R N S S P D P C V C  
F R I E N D S H I P U P V E Z  
F V O T K S D J F C K X S J S

BE-MINE  
CANDY  
CUPID  
FORGET-ME-NOT  
FRIENDSHIP  
HEART  
HUG  
I-LOVE-YOU  
KISS  
LOVE  
LOVEBIRDS  
LOVEY-DOVEY  
SAINT-VALENTINE  
SECRET-ADMIRER  
SMOOCH  
XOXOXO

# Scavenger hunt by Mansi

To play the scavenger hunt, find each item, and state where you found it.

1. Find the paw prints of a Wildcat on the ground \_\_\_\_\_
2. Find the bird Singing pi \_\_\_\_\_
3. Find the Lorax sign \_\_\_\_\_
4. Find the Weibel waterfall \_\_\_\_\_
5. Find the Hibiscus bush \_\_\_\_\_
6. Find the only cork tree on school \_\_\_\_\_
7. Find the hanging origami \_\_\_\_\_
8. Find the stuffed animal sea turtle \_\_\_\_\_
9. Find the only staff bathroom \_\_\_\_\_
10. Find the yellow triangle on the ground \_\_\_\_\_

## Happy Findings!

If you finish the scavenger hunt, put it in the box in the library, and you might be picked (randomly) to get a prize.

### Answers to Word Search

+ I H C O O M S + K + + B Y T  
+ U L + + + + + + + I E + D O  
G + R O + O + + + + M S + N N  
+ + + E V + X + + I + Y S A E  
+ + + + R E + O N + E + + C M  
+ + + + + I Y E X V H E A R T  
L + + + + L M O O O + + + + E  
O + + + + O + D U + X + + + G  
V + + + + V Y + A + + + + + R  
E N I T N E L A V T N I A S O  
+ + + + V B + + + + E + + D F  
+ + + O + I + + + + + R I + +  
+ + L + + R + + + + + P C + +  
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