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INTRODUCING: B.O.B.!

BY IZZY V. & XAILEY C.

Hello Springhurst! We have some awesome news for you! We got to interview B.O.B., Springhurst's school mascot. We learned all about his friends, family, and more. The first question we asked him was, "Do you have any family members?" He answered, "Yes," and said that Springhurst was his family. We also asked B.O.B what his last name was, and he said it's "Always". (Be Our Best *Always*. Get it?) B.O.B didn't go to Springhurst, but he's here now, and we are glad to have him. We asked B.O.B. who his friends were, and he answered Dr. Drake, Mr. Cavallo (whom B.O.B misses very much) the PBIS committee, and a new friend, Ms. Grabelsky. She is Springhurst's new assistant principal. Another friend of B.O.B.'s is a little yellow bird named Woodstock. B.O.B's favorite food is fish, cracked corn, peanuts, and raisins. Did you know that? Also, did you know that B.O.B's favorite drink is water? We asked B.O.B who his favorite person was and why. He didn't have one favorite person, but he has a type of favorite person. Bob likes people who are kind, respectful,



generous, those who have a positive mindset, and those who try hard. In conclusion, B.O.B is awesome, and we were so grateful for the chance to sit down and ask him some questions.



PBIS "BE OUR BEST" MUSIC VIDEO!

BY ELLIE J., LILLY D., & VICTORIA C.

The PBIS committee wants to encourage everyone at Springhurst to be as kind as they can be. So why not spread the word with a music video? Coming soon, you will see a music video that shows what PBIS is, highlights classes that have been demonstrating good behavior, and teaches kids what to do for PBIS. We interviewed Senorita Coulehan, Mr. Wardlaw, Ms. Del Pilar, and Ms. Moccia as they are a big part of the music video. We are so excited to share what we have learned about the first ever Springhurst music video!! First of all, we would like to give a huge shout out to our retired assistant principal, Mr. Cavallo, who was the person who started it all. Ms. DelPilar would also like to give a shout out to the PTSA for buying the B.O.B. mascot costume which you might have



seen (but who knows who's behind the mask?!) and another huge shout out to Ms. Campbell who wrote the song for the video. So all I have to say is, you couldn't audition to be in this video because the PBIS committee chose classes based on great behavior. And, one of the roles in the video was a prize from fall SPRING Bingo Night. The music video is being recorded by our talented videographer, Mr. Ridley! There have been twenty staff members working on this video and our amazing student government. Unfortunately, because the weather has been WILD with it being rainy, then snowy, then REALLY hot, the filming is not done yet. But they are currently filming and, as you know, we have a new vice principal, Ms. Grabelsky, who might make an appearance in the video too. That's all we can say for now. I bet you can't wait to watch!

THE "BE OUR BEST" SONG

BY LUKA W. & GIANNA F.

We interviewed Ms. Campbell, the lyric writer for the PBIS "Be Our Best" theme song. "Be Our Best" - also known as B.O.B - is our school motto and the song will be part of a music video that staff and teachers at Springhurst are making (see above). If you want to know more about how Ms. Campbell contributed to it, then you're reading the right article!

Q. How did you pick the song to change to the B.O.B. song?

A. Mrs. Misrok asked me if I would consider writing the song about PBS and being our best. I didn't know if I wanted to do it at first, but then one day I was walking by the Hudson River, and I thought of *Beauty and The Beast* and of the "Be Our Guest" song. I changed it in my head to "Be Our Best". I started thinking about a couple of lines. When walking back to my car, I texted Mrs. Misrok and said, "Hey! I have an idea!"

Q. How did you pick the lyrics?

A. I sat down with a list of the Springhurst expectations for places like the bus, hallways, cafeteria, and I decided to make each verse a

different part of the building. I made a verse for the hallway, bus, bathroom. I managed to get each one in because it's a very long song.

Q. What was the hardest part of creating the song?

A. The hardest part of creating the song was creating the right rhymes.

Q. At first, was it meant to be funny, or to teach a lesson or both?

A. It was both. I wanted it to be funny, witty, a little cringey...I knew it was going to be cringey. But it's good cringey.

Q. Why were you picked to write the song?

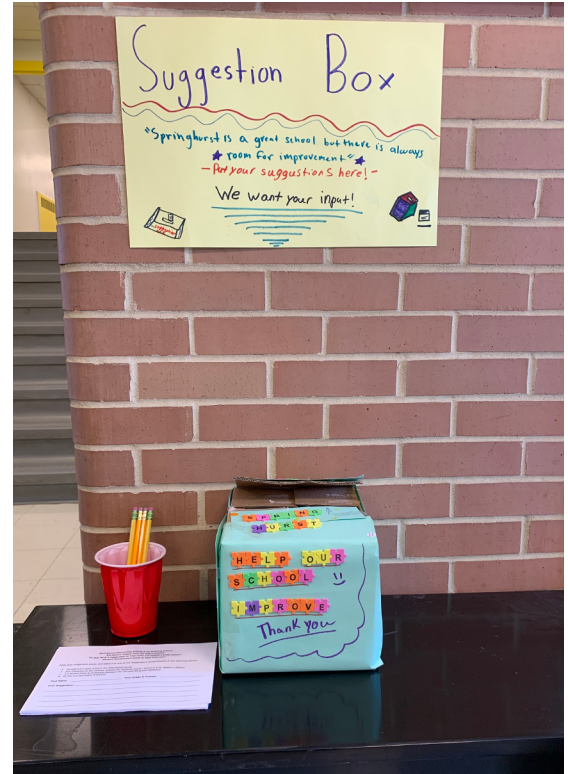
A. I have done a lot of song parodies and have taught an Enrichment Cluster on writing them. Also, I'm a musician.

We hope you've enjoyed learning more about how Ms. Campbell wrote the B.O.B song lyrics! We're so lucky to have someone like her to express how our school should look and act in a song. It's funny and so true! And we look forward to the music video debut this spring!

SUPER SUGGESTION BOXES!

BY SIENNA H., IZZY V., & EMMA B.

Have you seen the suggestion boxes around the school? Well, if you haven't, they are boxes that you can put suggestions in for the Student Government to (maybe) do! When the boxes are filled with suggestions, the Student Government will look at all of them, and choose which ones to consider. There are four suggestion boxes around the whole school! One at the main entrance, one in the third grade hallway near where the pickups go at the end of the day, one at the courtyard exit closest to the gym, and one at the bus exit. There are pencils to write with next to the boxes. You write down your name, and under it your idea for the school! Everyone in the Student Government worked together to come up with this awesome idea! We all know these suggestion boxes are going to be great for this amazing school.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

BY EASTON D.

When most people think of St. Patrick's Day, they tend to think about shamrocks, leprechauns and the color green. But there is much more to St. Patrick's Day than just the fourth color of the rainbow.

In the 1700s, a rumor spread that on St. Patrick's day, leprechauns would run about, using their small fingers to pinch anyone they saw. But here's the thing: you could protect yourself from the leprechauns' pinches by wearing green. For some reason, you would become completely invisible to the leprechauns, and, evidently, they would not pinch you. No one knows why the leprechauns pinch you; people just assume they find it fun. It's a very strange myth, but you know what's even stranger? It has to do with the color we often associate with St. Patrick's Day.



The real St. Patrick's day color was, shockingly, supposed to be blue. Reason being, blue was the color that Henry VIII chose when he first became King of Ireland. St. Patrick transitioned to the color green because of the green on shamrocks. Incidentally, each leaf represents something different: faith, hope and love. The fourth leaf means luck.

There is also a tale that St. Patrick removed all of the snakes from Ireland with only his mind and his hands. Legend has it that St. Patrick was experiencing a forty day long fast on a large hill when a gigantic band of snakes started to chase and attack him. Saint Patrick turned the tables and started chasing the snakes—right into the ocean, killing them all.

Maybe next time you celebrate St. Patrick's day, think twice before taking out your regular green shirt. I'm sure the leprechauns would appreciate the change in color!

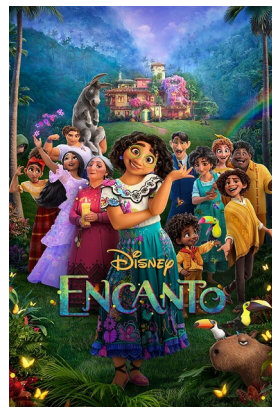
MOVIE REVIEWS

BY NOA Z. & LUCY L.

Back to the Outback is an amazing family movie about a snake, a scorpion, a spider and a thorny devil who escape from a zoo in Australia. When they were going through Pretty Boy's (the koala) habitat area he was being a real big jerk and ringing his bell so the scorpion stung him and he went unconscious. They had no choice but to bring him with them. But when they were on a raft in the middle of the ocean a shark comes along but doesn't eat them! Actually the shark includes them into the U.S.S. (Ugly Secret Society) with a password (I'm ugly. You're ugly. We're ugly. Ugly is the new beautiful). So long story short, they got hunted down by Chaz Hunt who pretended to be a hero but really was just a faker who wanted people to like him. Eventually Chaz Hunt did capture them for about two seconds when they escaped and Pretty Boy finally learned the meaning of family. They got a fire truck and rode on it but it went over a cliff and only the ladder was left behind dangling over the cliff with the snake, the spider, the scorpion, the thorny devil, the koala Pretty Boy, Chaz Hunt, and Chaz Hunt's son on it. Chaz Hunt's son was about to fall off when the snake saved them all, and it all became a happily ever after.

I know that in the last article we told you about *Home Alone* but you might not have watched the new *Home Alone* which is an amazing family movie that really speaks to kids because it is about a kid (Max) who gets left behind while his family goes on a trip. While he is home alone, these two people who think that the kid stole something from them break into the kids house to try to steal it back, but the kid is one step ahead of them. The kid sets up booby-traps so that the two people trying to break into the house will get hit by everything that has been planned. After the two people are covered in all sorts of stuff they realize that the boy didn't actually take anything. So after that they all felt a little dumb. But everything was resolved and they all ended up being happy in the end.

Our next amazing movie is called *Encanto*! *Encanto* is a Colombian musical by famous American actor and songwriter, Lin-Manuel



Miranda who stars in the Broadway musical *Hamilton* and the movies *Vivo*, *In the Heights*, and *Moana*. This movie is about a magical family living in a town of paradise in a beautiful casita (house) that can magically move and speak without actually talking. The whole family of the Madrigals have magical gifts and powers such as controlling the weather and super strength except the main character, Mirabel, who did not receive her magic gift. She tries to convince herself that she is still part of her family even without her gift but can't. She finds out that the magic that is gifting her family is dying and has to figure out how to stop the casita and the magic from dying away. This leads Mirabel on a crazy adventure solving the problems of the dying magic all through songs and verse in this fantastic and energetic movie. This movie is filled to the brim with lovable, funny characters that will make you watch this movie over and over again! Check this movie out soon! I promise you will fall in love with it!

The last but not least movie we have in store for you is called, drum roll please... *Clifford the Big, Red Dog!* This heartwarming movie is about a girl named Emily Elizabeth who lives in an apartment with her mom in NYC. Her mom Maggie leaves her with her irresponsible and homeless Uncle Casey while Maggie (Emily's Mom) goes on a business trip. Elizabeth stumbles upon a man named Mr. Bridwell who owns an animal rescue tent filled with magical and exotic pets. Elizabeth falls in love with a little red puppy and calls him Clifford. Mr. Bridwell tells Elizabeth that he will grow depending on how much love he gets. Uncle Casey refuses to let her take him because they don't allow dogs in Elizabeth's apartment so they head home. Little do they know Clifford has somehow snuck into Emily's backpack hoping to not be found. Emily finds Clifford has snuck out of the bag and has grown to a giant size in her small room. She tries to hide him but Uncle Casey finds out. Word of this ten foot dog spread to social media and an owner of a biotechnology company wants to take away Clifford to use him to solve world hunger and so the owner can get rich. This movie leads to fantastic, fun filled characters that you will love and the best part is... you can watch it now!

THE NEW LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER

BY ABEL B., LUKA W., & EASTON D.

The new media center is totally amazing! Personally, as a kid, I love books and technology which makes this a totally amazing experience for everybody. There are dry erase tables, and comfy chairs. There are even computers that show you where the books you're looking for are in this giant amazing place with more than 13,000 books altogether. The library is double its size and the technology room is well-lit. The entire media center has a new look and looks much better than it previously did.

Everybody loves the new poofs to sit on, too.

There's also a sliding glass

door that separates the technology room from the library. Even if you don't love books, you will love tech. The media center is an amazing place to play games, read, check out books and do fun activities. It takes up a large amount of space, too, and it overlooks the



courtyard. The desks are adjustable, so you can change the height, and the chairs are hard but strangely comfortable and are a nice spot to do things during the library class. The books are alphabetized. Nothing can stop this excellent new library and technology room from becoming an even better place! There is also new screen displays and a book drop (A slot to put books in) that are coming. There are literally thirteen thousand books in this amazing library. To keep their books they use

Dewey Decimal System and alphabetical order. You can only borrow two books at a time. This amazing library renovation started in June 2021 and now is



epic. The favorite books are Bookmarks, Babysitters Club, and Dog Man. The teachers are awesome too! Thank you to Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Thryre, and Ms. Bauer. I don't know about you, but I love this so much more than the carts that used to come to the classrooms.

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB

BY ELLIE J. & LUCY L.

Hello, today I am going to tell you a bit about the Social Justice Club. For this article we interviewed Ms. Yang-Kaczmarek. We asked her some questions and this is the information that we got. The first thing you need to know is what they do. In the club they basically learn about social justice and how to speak up about social justice issues. Currently there are seventeen kids in the Social Justice Club. They mostly talk about race and LGBTQIA+. Their goal in the social justice club is to have fun and to understand what social justice is all about. Now you know about the Social Justice Club and what they do. Thanks for reading!



OPINION: WORK ON PAPER

BY ELLIE J.

We work a lot on the Chromebook in 5th grade. We don't do as much work on paper. Should we start to do more work on paper? I think so.

Doing more work on paper will help our handwriting. Handwriting is an important part of doing work. The reason why we don't do work on the Chromebook sometimes is because it is better for our handwriting. It is also better for our young, developing brains. Just staring at a screen all day is bad for our brains because we don't get human interaction.

Thank you for listening to my opinion.



OPINION: MONKEY BARS

BY ABEL B.

Do you love the upper playground monkey bars? Well, guess what!? Kids are no longer allowed on the top of the tall monkey bars! The kids that love to climb on top of them are constantly told to get down. But they may love climbing. The annoying thing is that kids want to have more challenges on the play equipment at recess. They need the top of the monkey bars back!



OPINION: FIDGETS

BY ABEL B.

Do you know what kids are really into at school? Fidgets. All day, kids are being told to put away their toys. But the fidgets actually improve attention. Kids are more attentive and cooperative when they have their toys in class. Yes, some fidgets are distracting, but most are very awesome. At least the ones that are not loud and distracting. The school should also bring back fidget spinners. They do just as little harm as all the other fidgets and are silent. Even though they are taking over they are extremely fun.



OPINION: SCHOOL BATHROOMS

BY LUCY L, GIANNA F, & IZZY V.

Hi, I'm going to talk to you about school bathrooms. First of all, the bathrooms in our school smell really, really, bad. The fifth grade bathrooms are often dirty, smelly, and did I mention gross? We are all lucky to have school bathrooms, but really...they're not the most pleasant ones. And the ones in the third grade hallway by the gym? They're much bigger than the fifth grade ones, yes, but they can get a little smelly, too. I think all kids deserve a pleasant bathroom. BUT, like I said before, we should all be happy and grateful that we have them.

Also, I'm not sure if you have noticed, but there are a lot of differences between bathrooms in the school. The girls' fifth grade bathroom for a while had a bucket under the sink because it was leaking. But when you go into the girls' gym bathroom it doesn't seem to have any plumbing issues. Do you know how big the gym bathrooms are? Why are the fifth grade



bathrooms so small? And there are only two stalls, so if there are already two people in there then you have to wait. At the beginning of the school year, I didn't feel comfortable using the fifth grade bathroom, but over the past months I have adapted to them and am more comfortable using them now.

Another thing about school bathrooms is that they contain a lot of germs. Dirt too. Recently, I walked into the 5th grade bathroom and found a soaking wet roll of toilet paper. It was disgusting. People can get sick because of dirt and germs. Kids have big bathrooms from K-4 but in 5th grade we have the smallest bathrooms in the school. It seems like every time a person goes into the school bathroom they see something that is disgusting.

I think it just takes a little effort to realize that we are lucky to have bathrooms because imagine if we didn't have bathrooms. That's not a school I would want to be in. Still, I wish they were cleaner and bigger.

OPINION: WORDLY WISE

BY NOA Z.

Definition of Wordly Wise: In third, fourth, and fifth grade you do something called Wordly Wise. This is a book you use in vocabulary. Vocabulary means the study of words in a certain language. You learn new words every other week and at the end of the second week, you have a test. Throughout the weeks, you do homework that quizzes and teaches you all the words. You also have to read a passage and answer long questions. Some people like it, some people don't.

Yes!: Wordly Wise is awesome! We learn new words every two weeks and it increases our vocabulary. You get to have different types of questions on your homework and the sentences are super fun when you have to figure out which word goes where. It makes you think about the questions and

it can be an opinion sometimes on the multiple choice, not just wrong or right answers. Teachers make it fun with flashcards and walls of words in alphabetical order. Overall, I love Wordly Wise and it is very fun to do!

No!: Wordly Wise is so annoying! I have to study everyday and my parents say if I don't study I don't get any dessert after dinner which is not fun for anyone! The homework is hard! You have to think hard about every question on the homework and anything that is homework is boring, except for reading a book. You need to look back in the passage for the sentences and sometimes even guess the questions because they are not provided in the text. Wordly Wise is hard and confusing.

DOG CARE WITH DIGGY AND MOLLY!

BY ELENA C. & EMMA B.

Meet Diggy and Molly! Are you getting a new dog? Learn how to take care of your new dog & meet ours!

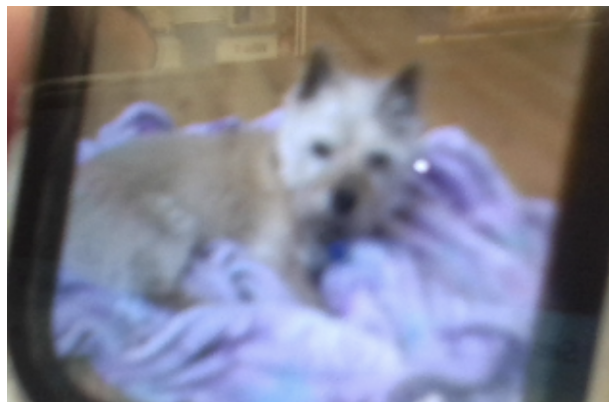
Diggy - Elena's Dog

Diggy is a pretty small dog but she can have the same amount of energy as any other dog, even if it is ten times her size! All you will need is some pet care tips to keep a dog like her -- healthy and happy (which you'll find down below, after Molly's spotlight)! Even though all the dogs on my street are big, my dog Diggy is the most energetic dog I know -- and that's saying something!



Molly - Emma's Dog

Molly is an old dog, but that does not mean she can not have loads of walks and plenty of play time! Make sure, you give your dog plenty of exercise. Molly was my grandma's dog, and before she was not getting too much food and that's not good for a dog's health, neither is too much food. Give your dog at least two cups a day. Keep a good eye on your dog's health!



6 Healthy Tips:

- 1. On hot days, give shade*
- 2. Give plenty of exercise and walks*
- 3. Refill water every day*
- 4. Make sure they have enough food*
- 5. Give a lot of attention*
- 6. Buy dog toys every few months to keep them busy; you don't want a dog chewed house!*

Things You Might Need

- *Cozy pet bed*
- *Crate*
- *Towels and blankets*
- *Loads of cuddles*
- *A leash*
- *Bully Stick*
- *Bones*
- *Very Annoying Squeaky toys*
- *Small Tug-O-War Rope*
- *Lots of Balls*
- *Yard with Sticks*
- *Ball Thrower*
- *Neighbors with dogs*
- *Dogs (or People) To Play With*
- *Small Portable Carrier for Trips*
- *Rolling Crates*
- *A Very Big Play Area*
- *Some Food*
- *Water*



CLASS PETS

BY SIENNA H, EMMA B., & XAILEY C.

Hello! This is the newspaper club, talking to YOU. We have interviewed Mrs. Zarro, a kindergarten teacher, (and Herman, her class pet), and we have learned some interesting facts about him AND Mrs. Zarro's other class pets she has had in the past.

She has only had Herman since November, 2021! Herman is only two years old. She named Herman, because he is a Herman-Tortoise. He was a gift from the custodians because Ms. Zarro



loves turtles and Myrtle passed away in 2021. He was Ms. Zarro's old class pet. Herman is currently two years old and Ms. Zarro's fifteenth class pet. She is not letting students take Herman home yet because she wants him to get accustomed to his new environment. Ms. Zarro uses Herman to teach her kids non fiction reading, writing, poetry, and pictures. Herman walks around in the classroom sometimes while Ms. Zarro is teaching, or he is in his cage. As you can see, Herman is a new edition to Springhurt, and we all think he is going to have lots of fun here!

GOLDIE!!!

BY SIENNA H. & EMMA B.

Goldie, If you didn't already know, is an adorable dog, who got lost for eleven days in the cold winter. She actually ran away in the freezing weather! Her dog walker slipped on ice, which caused Goldie to escape from her. She'd been raised before her family got her in an illegal dog breeding house, which made her afraid of people, so when they called Goldie's name, she just ran away. Later, after eleven days in the cold blizzard, her leash got caught on an air conditioning unit. The dog in the house next door was barking so loudly, the owners went outside



only to see Goldie and her leash stuck! Many people in the town were helping and looking for Goldie night and day. So many people opened their garages and put warm blankets in it at night so Goldie could sleep there. Goldie's owners were so thankful to the community. They'd actually only gotten Goldie a week before she was lost... or ran away. She is now happy and healthy at home, but when she first arrived, she was SO skinny, and she had to stay at the vet for a while, but now she is at home with her new, AMAZING family, Adam and Miriam B., and their two kids.

QUIZ TIME!

BY LUKA W. & ABEL B.

Think you're a genius? Then you will see! This quiz has the easiest questions (mostly) at the beginning and then gets harder. Don't worry about getting a few wrong. (The secret is everybody does). Enjoy!

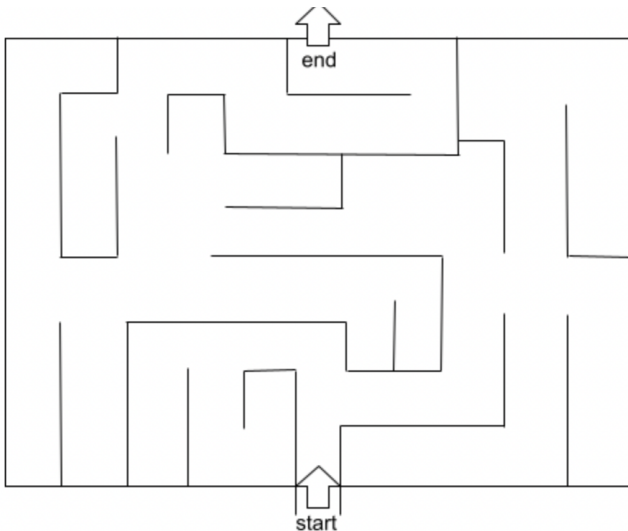
1. 1 plus 1
2. 25 times four
3. three times three
4. 5 divided by 1
5. Biggest country in the world
6. Smallest country in the world
7. Definition of "absurd"
8. 100 times 5
9. First president of the U.S.A.
10. Largest spider ever
11. Fear of spiders
12. Longest word in the world
13. Fastest animal in the world
14. Tallest building in the U.S.
15. Fastest car in the world
16. Definition of "uncanny"
17. Most poisonous spider in the world
18. Meaning of word "monstrosity"
19. Third largest island in the world

QUIZ TIME

1. 2; 2. 100; 3. 9; 4. 5; 5. Russia; 6. Vatican City; 7. Crazy; 8. 500; 9. George Washington; 10. Goliath; Bird-Eater; 11. Arachnophobia; 12. Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis; 13. Cheetah; 14. Willis Tower; 15. ThrustSSC; 16. Strange or mysterious; 17. Brazilian Wandering Spider; 18. Excessively bad or shocking; 19. Borneo

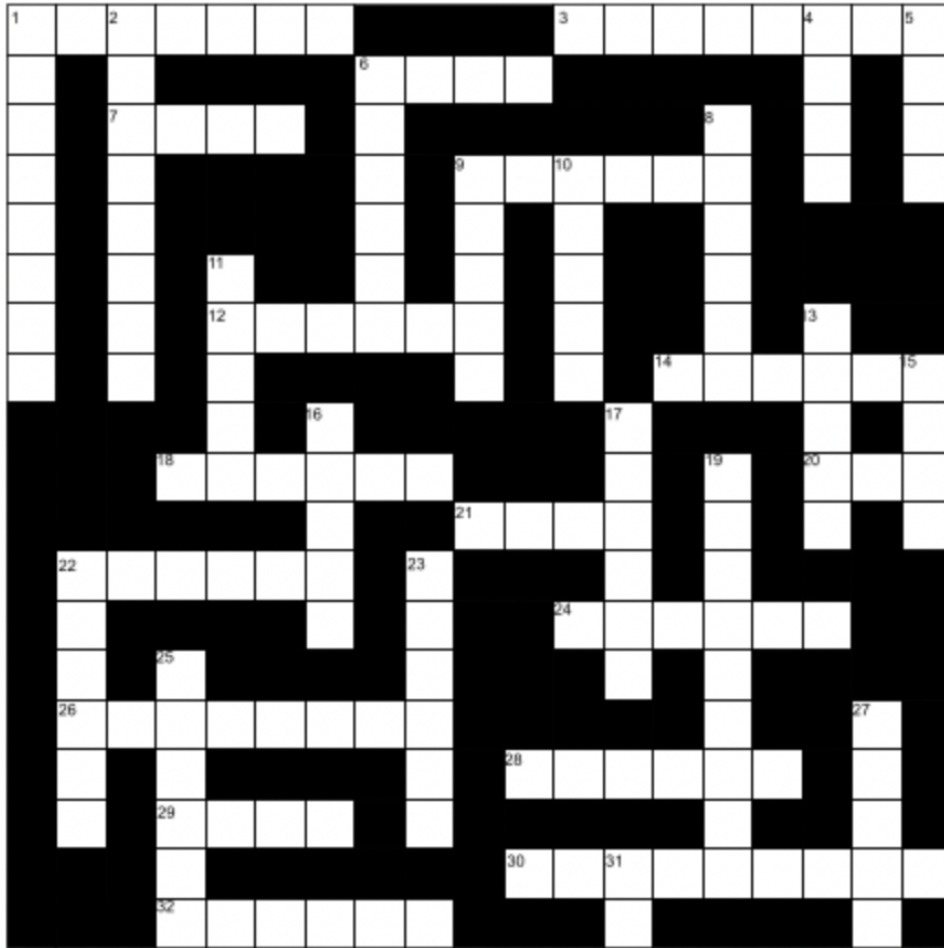
MAZE

BY EASTON D.



CROSSWORD

BY EASTON D.



Across

1. Type of bird with a very large beak
3. Stackable potato chip product
6. Horse's foot
7. Word that defines you
9. Fool's gold
14. _____ a bird (two words)
18. Smooth black disk for playing music
20. Muslim holiday
21. Listen
22. Material typically used for third place medals and trophies
24. Brand that makes tiny breath mints (two words)
26. Eight legged creature
28. Opposite of coolness
29. The Beehive State
30. Salty meat slices typically used as a topping on pizza
32. Sheep meat

Down

1. Word for table tennis (2 words)
2. Someone that can speak foreign languages
4. Treasure
5. Word for couch
6. Substance lighter than air
8. Gentle breeze
9. Dried plum
10. Wash off
11. Tech company named after a fruit
14. _____ a bird (two words)
15. Sweet, carbonated drink
16. Chapter book
17. Main character from "The Muppet Show"
19. Classic game with X's, O's and a three by three board
23. Rod of wax with wick on top
25. An electric device built to suck up grime and dirt