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IS COBRA KAI BETTER WHEN YOU WATCH THE KARATE KID MOVIES?

A Joseph Cipriani Argument

Cobra Kai is a Netflix series created by Jon Hurwitz, Josh Heald, and Hayden Schlossberg. It has 5 seasons and it stars Ralph Macchio, William Zabka, Martin Kove, Thomas Ian Griffith, Xolo Mariduena, Mary Mouser, and so many more! The show is based on the 1984 hit, "The Karate Kid." The film had several sequels, a reboot, and endless pop-culture references over the last decade. It takes place 34 years after the original. Some people might watch Cobra Kai in different ways, like they might watch it before they watch the films or they might watch it without watching the films at all. I would argue that before you watch Cobra Kai, you should watch the films first, and that's what I'm talking about today.

To begin with, in "The Karate Kid," Johnny Lawrence (William Zabka) is Daniel Larusso's (Ralph Macchio) rival and he knows karate, so Daniel meets Mr. Miyagi (Pat Morita) who becomes his master. Johnny is the lead student at the Cobra Kai dojo run by John Kreese (Martin Kove). 34 years later, Johnny is all resentful and poor after losing to Daniel in the tournament. But, now when he sees Daniel, they're becoming friends. You can see that all these years later, Jonny has changed even when you're watching it, you're like, "Okay I know who that is" because you know who Johnny was.

In "Karate Kid II," Chozen (Yuji Okomoto) acted dishonorably towards Daniel, Mr. Miyagi, and his father. But, in Cobra Kai, we see that he's changed a lot since then and he even becomes allies with Daniel.

OUR DEBATE EXPERIENCES

BY: IMAYA JAYAWARDENE AND OLIVIA FRAZIER

Hi, I'm Imaya Jayawardene (7th grader), and debate is probably the best thing that has ever happened to me. Did you know that IS75 is the only middle school on Staten Island to have a debate travel team? We travel on Saturday's to schools in Queens, Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan (basically all over New York) to debate dozens of other middle schools, and have a great time with friends! I've had the opportunity to publicly speak my heart out, and get awards, plus it looks great on a high school or college application form!

Olivia Frazier: In my opinion debate is a once in a lifetime experience. It's fascinating to gain knowledge on a topic and to apply this knowledge in your real life. Although you may not always win an award, it's truly exhilarating when you do. You gain experience in public speaking and confidence! I remember at the beginning of debate I was petrified and my voice would tremble when I talk. I also spoke very low and I was very fast but overtime I improved on these skills and now have gained access to some great skills such as public speaking and becoming more confident when rebutting someone's point!

Let's see what our fellow debaters and debate coaches have to say about their debating lives!

Debate Coach Ms. Feigel, 6th grade S.S. teacher:

What's your favorite thing about being a debate coach:

I'd say that learning about debate and being able to teach everybody and then learning more so that as everyone gets better they're prepared and they can get better.

How do you feel when your students get awards in debate:

So glad & extremely proud

What do you love about coaching debaters:

I love to see my students grow and enjoy themselves and have fun. It's great seeing them exercise their minds.

Debate Coach Ms. Itkin, 6th grade English teacher: Olivia

How do you feel when your students get awards in debate:

I get extremely excited because the whole team cheers them on and we see the excitement in everyone's face because everyone knows they really tried hard whether they won an award or not. They earned it.

In "Karate Kid III," Terry Silver (Thomas Ian Griffith) helps Kreese get revenge on Daniel and Mr. Miyagi. But in Cobra Kai, he is worse because his plan is to betray Kreese and take over the whole valley. Mike Barnes (Sean Kanan) was Terry's helper in "Karate Kid III." He acted very immature and intense toward Daniel and Miyagi. But in Cobra Kai, he apologizes to Daniel and becomes friends with him.

In conclusion, by watching the Karate Kid films first, you get to see how these characters changed in the Cobra Kai series. I highly recommend you watch the films before you watch Cobra Kai because you know who these characters were and how they changed.



Review Is What I Say
We review games here... that's

How do you feel when your students lose debates:

I'm still proud of them because they put in so much work and at the end of the day they're still winners. They put in the time and dedication to his speeches. You don't need to walk away with an award to be a winner.

Intermediate JV Anneliese Vermaat, 7th grader: Olivia

What do you love about debate?

I really just love having the support of a team and the teachers. It's really great having people hear who i know support me for who I am other than the people at home

Has debating impacted your life or helped you learn?

Debate helps me because I gain researching skills and I learn new topics. It really helps me in school. I would have never known about high speed railways or whether or not tik tok should be banned from all devices. I also get two sides of the debate. What are two sides of this? It makes us really good at negotiating

Novice JV Lauren Brass, 7th grader Olivia:

- What's your favorite thing about debate: I like debating the topics, writing the speeches, publicly speaking, and especially winning awards.
- Who was your biggest debate supporter: Olivia has helped me write speeches.
- How do you feel when you win awards: I feel very proud, confident and motivated after winning awards because I usually don't win any because debating is not my best hobby/skill.
- Has debating impacted your life or helped you learn? It has helped me speak/debate against other people with real life situations/arguments.

Novice JV Beatrice Palmieri, 7th grader: Imaya

Who has been your biggest debate supporter:

Probably Anneliese or Ms. Feigel because she gives us good points in the debate and helps us gain experience.

What do you love about debate:

I like seeing different sorts of opinions on topics and the experience!

Do you feel like you have grown as a debater: Yes! I have grown stronger at viewing two sides of an argument and public speaking

WHY IS SOCIAL MEDIA SUCH A BIG PART OF OUR LIVES?

By: Christina Timoshkov

Social Media is a big part of our lives. But why? Do people use Social Media for work or just use it for fun? Social Media is used by many people and for many different reasons!

Many people use Social Media to communicate with others. People can communicate with one another via Instagram Direct Messages, Twitter, Snapchat, and Email! These messages can include sponsorships, if you're an influencer, or even messages from your friends. Messaging is one of the most important aspects of Social Media because that is why it

Hello! It's me, David, from Review is What I Say. If you don't already know, this section is named after my YouTube channel, which ironically doesn't have any reviews on it. [Click here](#). No intro this time. Today, we cover a massively popular mobile game that hasn't exactly gone away, but doesn't have the same presence as it once did:

Subway Surfers

Be honest. You know you've played this game at least once. This game is one of the most accessible games out there, being on app stores and arcades alike, and the controls are about as easy to grasp as can be. Nobody in this day and age enjoys anything remotely complicated anyway. The controls are obscenely simple, as you swipe left or right to move which row of 3 train tracks you want to be on, you swipe up to jump, and you swipe down to duck. You have to avoid obstacles, like trains, train stops, and other things. You can also notably jump on some trains, thus the name of the game, and you can go through train tunnels. There are also a ton of coins to collect, and the occasional letter to spell out a word that gives you some prize. Why are you running anyway? It depends on the season or update, but usually your character commits some felony, like breaking a window with a soccer ball, or doing graffiti, and a policeman chases you. He must have really good stamina because he chases you for as long as you're running,

was created.

Social media is used for enjoyment by countless people. People engage in this activity to unwind after a long day or simply to entertain themselves when they have free time. The two most often used apps for this are YouTube and Twitch.

Last but not least, social media is addictive. I am aware that a lot of people are so dependent on social media that quitting it feels practically impossible. According to Google, the average daily screen usage for children aged 8 to 12 is 5 hours, 33 minutes, and for those aged 13 to 18 it is 7 hours, 22 minutes. Most of this time being on Social Media apps. This could affect the kids mental health in many ways. One possibility is that the child may not spend enough time focusing on school. They could forget their projects, quizzes, and assignments if they spend so much time on their phones. The child may also not desire to interact with others. They might not want to leave the house, participate in extracurricular activities, or even travel!

Social media may undoubtedly have ups and downs, as you can see. It is not always reliable. Your mental health and social media should be balanced as much as possible.

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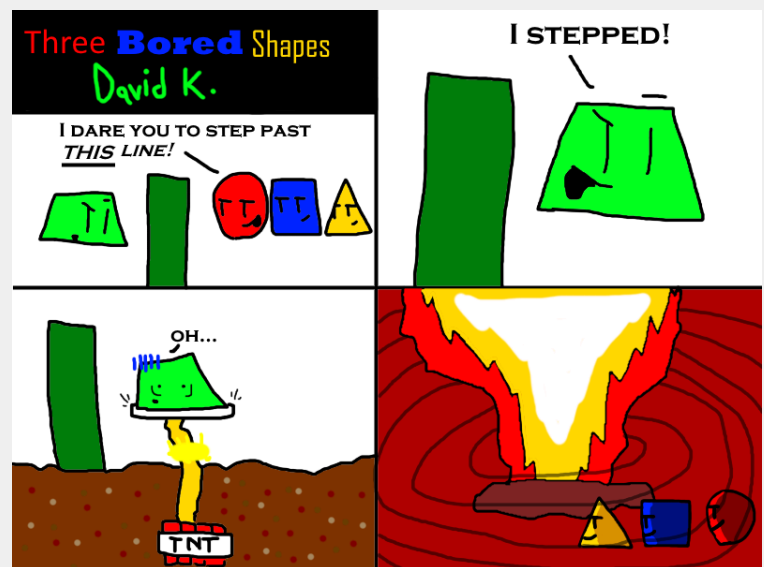
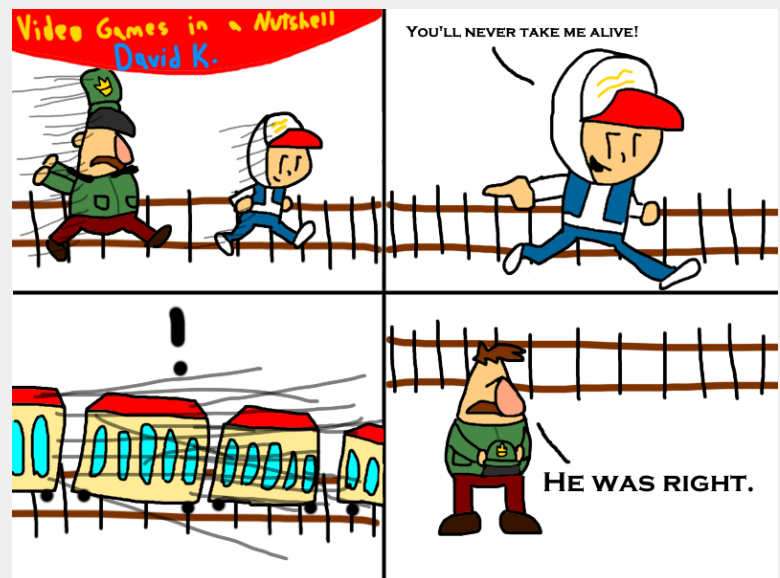
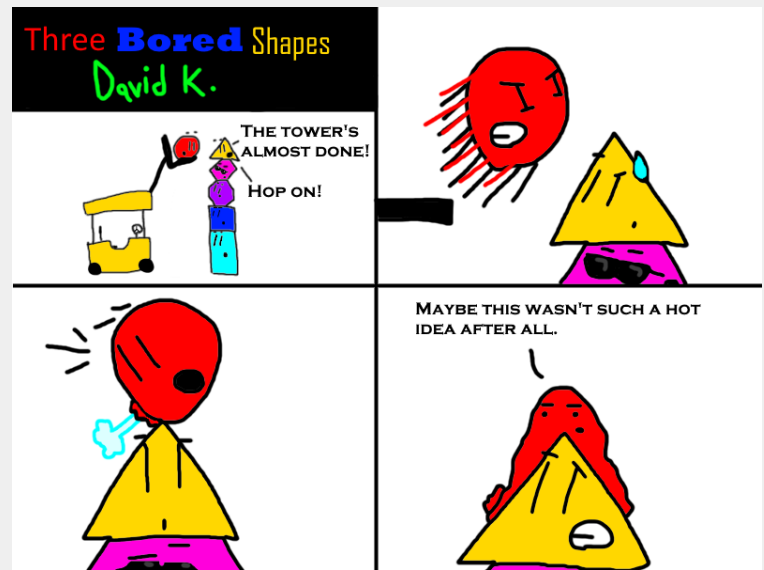
BY: QUINN GAO AND KARTER CHENG



which lasts until you run into an obstacle. While simple, the game can become really stressful once you've gone on for long enough. There are also certain powerups, like a jetpack letting you collect a ton of coins obstacle free for a bit, or a magnet letting you collect all coins in an area instead of having to choose what path you need to go down. This game was released in 2012. 6 years later, it reached 1 billion total downloads across all platforms, a feat never achieved by any other game before. That amount doubled in just 3 months. The game was on top of the world. Recently, the game hasn't been nearly as popular as it used to be, but it de a short resurgence in popularity in 2021 and 2022 due to its use as background footage in many r/AskReddit and Family Guy clip TikToks and YouTube shorts, however, even then, it has died out a bit. The game is still fairly popular, but not as much as in 2018. Do I recommend it? Yes. It is actually a really fun game, and while it might get a bit boring after a while, the game is still worth a try for sure. It's free after all. Don't people like free things?

KOOL KOOL COMICS

BY: DAVID KAHT



BRIDGET'S BREAD REVIEW

BY: BRIDGET ANDERSEN

There are many different types of bread and foods we may think are bread but are not . Bread was invented in 8000 BC a long time ago. In the middle east specifically in egypt. There are a lot of foods

that we think are bread but are actually pastries. An example of a pastry people think is bread is a croissant. Bread has been exciting for many years now. The reason bread is so fluffy and big is because a yeast causes bread to rise because yeast begins feeding on sugars in flour, and releases the carbon dioxide that makes the bread rise. In 2021 there was a trending thing on tiktok called cloud bread a lot of people wanted to make it.



THE WORST EXCUSE FOR NOT DOING HOMEWORK

BY: NICOLE KOLYUZHKO AND
VASSILISSA LANGMAN

Have you ever wondered what would be some horrible excuses for not doing your homework? Well, we have interviewed several people and this is what we have collected:

-Anna Nebelyuk-

I went up to my best friend, Anna, and I started to randomly ask her, “Anna, what was your worst excuse for not doing your homework?” My best friend looked at me and said, “That I didn’t have a book, so I couldn’t do it.”

-Carter Cheng

“What was your worst excuse for not doing your homework?” I asked. He answered “I’m sorry, Ms.Steinhaus..I couldn’t do my homework- my parents ate it.”

-Fernando Hernandez

SEA POLLUTION NEEDS TO GO

BY: MADISON CIRELLI

Sea Pollution is something that people know of, but sometimes don’t try to help. If you're someone who doesn’t know what sea pollution is then I'll tell you! Sea pollution is adding materials or substances that make the ocean dirty. People usually put plastics and other solid trash. This threatens the sea life and regular animals like seagulls.

The animals and sea life get affected by this for many reasons. For example, the seagulls see a plastic can ring (this holds sodas and other beverages) . Once they see this they investigate and get their head stuck in the circle which cuts their circulation off. When turtles see a plastic bag in the ocean they think that it is a jellyfish because of the transparent look which makes them eat the plastic and suffocate. Turtles also swim around and get plastic straws stuck in their nose which also makes them suffocate.

Well since animals are affected how can people help? There are many ways to help! Try to not use a lot of plastic items, recycle, participate in beach clean ups, donate to organizations that help this problem, tell others to try and help this issue, make posts on social media so people can see that you're helping and want to do it too, and more ways!

Some things to buy that can help sea pollution are metal straws or rubber reusable straws instead of plastic ones you throw out after one use, you can symbolically buy a marine animal this is very cool you can donate money (a package goes to \$35-\$75) and get a stuffed animal because of the donation you made to save the animal ([Website to learn more!](#)) Another site to do this on is called Reef. This website is exactly like the one before ([The second website!](#)) Another cool thing to do is adopt a coral. This is the same idea as the other websites, but you don’t get a stuffed animal, but unlike the websites you can see the coral you bought! You would receive updates so you can witness their coral adoptee become a thriving coral in the wild ([Coral Website!](#)), something cheaper are little pins. A place you could get them is Fin Pin! Fin Pin offers a orca pin (this pin comes in black or pink and 20% of the proceeds benefit The Hydrophone Project by Orca Conservancy., a sea turtle pin (and consequently 20% of the proceeds support the In Water Research Group’s coastal habitat protection efforts), a sawfish pin or a hammerhead pin (you’ll help fund the conservation activities of Sharktopia), and other pins on the website ([Fin Pin website!](#)), and lastly a 4ocean bracelet where you pick a cause you want to donate to and get a bracelet. They are \$20, but it's a great cause ([4ocean Bracelet](#)) All in all, I hope you know why



you should help try to get rid of sea pollution! Bye Paulo Panthers 🐾

I asked Fernando "What is the worst and funniest excuse you have for not doing your homework?" He answered, "Well, I Left my homework at home, and that was today at science." He answered.

-Isabella Fratta

I asked her "Isabella, what is the worst excuse you ever said for not doing your homework." Well, she thought deeply about it and said "Well I don't have many but this is one of them: My sister ate it."

-Vincent "Mickey" Mancini

"What was your worst excuse for not doing your homework?" I asked Vincent. Vincent responded, "Uh, my sister had such a bad tantrum, I couldn't concentrate." We all knew it was a lie.

-Mr. Ferraro

"What was your students' worst excuse for not doing their homework?" We asked because apparently he never missed a homework assignment. He answered, "Well, it was uhh-I didn't know we had any homework."

-Ms. Henrich

I asked Ms. Henrich, "What was your worst excuse for you not doing your homework?" Ms. Henrich started, "Oh, let me think. I told my teacher that I left it at home on the kitchen table."

SONNY'S TV

REVIEW!



By: Sonny Palombo

Amphibia (2019-2022)

VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

BY: VINCENT MANCINI AND CHRISTOPHER PAPANDREA

1. **Echo Vr:** This Is a great game, especially because it is free on VR! The only thing is there is a game that goes with it called Echo Combat, Which is fun, but cant play on Meta.

4/5

2. **Kirby and the Forgotten Land:** This game is known for its unique power ups and character designs. It also comes with an AWESOME PLOT TWIST. The whole point of the game is to save all of the Waddle-Dees from all of the bosses. There are two ways to gain Waddle-Dees, you can: Kill bosses, and Play levels that contain Waddle-Dees. This game is very similar to Super Mario Oddessey, but I'll tell you about that next time.

5/5

3. **Rec Room:** Rec room is a game where you get to play games, show off your skills, talk with friends, and more! You Can play Lazer Tag, Paintball, Golden Trophy, and more! I was speechless when I started Rec Room. It was SO GOOD.

5/5

4. **Super Mario Maker 2:** I think it's great that Nintendo thought about a game where you can make Super Mario Levels. And the thought of being able to play the game's levels, your levels, AND playing your friend's levels, I don't know about you, but that is AMAZING.

4.5/5

5. **The Climb 2:** The Climb 2 is probably the best game ever. Although it is \$25, It is SO worth it. It's a game where you climb REALLY TALL buildings and try to get to the end. There are lots of places to pass, on easy, medium, and HARD mode. I play on hard, because I am very skilled at the game. It is really good.

5/5





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Amphibia is an adventure-comedy the show follows, Anne Boonchuy, (She/Her) Sprig, (He/Him) Hop-Pop, (He/Him) & Polly. (She/Her) According to IMDb the show is about, “Ordinary Anne Boonchuy, 13, finds a music box that sends her to Amphibia, a world full of frogs, toads, and giant insects. With help from Sprig, she must adjust to life in Amphibia and discover the first true friendship in her life.”

The show features characters with many different backgrounds & identities, with Anne, the main character being Thai-American, her friend, Marcy being Taiwanese-American, Anne’s other friend, Sasha being of German/Slavic heritage & is Bisexual, Two side characters, Ally & Jess are a WLW couple, with Ally being Pansexual, & Jess Being Bisexual, & Two other supporting characters, Lady Olivia & General Yunnan, Scourge of the Sand Wars, Defeater of Ragnar the Wretched, and the youngest newt to ever achieve the rank of General in the great Newtopian army, Are a WLW couple.

I give the show a 4/5 since it includes some excellently written characters from a diverse range of backgrounds, however season 1 was a little dull whereas seasons 2 & 3 have been more plot-driven.

COMICS

BY: VINCENT “MICKEY MOUSE” MANCINI



LET’S LEARN MORE ABOUT MS. DRISCOLL

BY: AMANDA MONAGHAN

- 1 **How many years have you been working in this school for?** She has been working at I.S.75 for about two years.
- 2 **Do you have any pets?** I have a 6 month old puppy named Oliver. I love him because he is so sweet and cuddly!
- 3 **What is your favorite topic to be learning in your classes?** I have many favorite topics in my class. One of my favorites are the moon phases. I like this topic because it makes me so happy when my students come into class and tell me they were able to identify what phase of the moon they saw in the sky the night before.
- 4 **Why do you do student of the month in your classes?** I do student of the month because my students work very hard in class and I believe they deserve recognition for their hard work.

The writing on the show is still fantastic. Anyway, that's all I have to say for now, folks. I'm [Sonny Palombo](#), and I'll see you later!

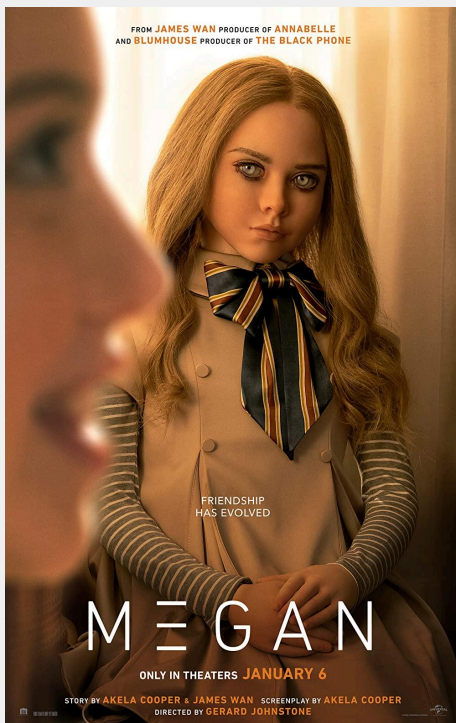
M3GAN (2023)

BY: JOSEPH TENAGLIA

M3GAN is a 2023 American horror sci-fi film made by Jason Blum and James Wan about a killer doll that becomes too overprotective.

Plot: Cady (Violet McGraw) is depressed living with her Aunt Gemma (Allison Williams) because she recently lost her parents in a car accident. So she decides to make this toy to make her feel better, named M3GAN. She starts understanding her. One day, she becomes too overprotective. She goes on a killer rampage. She's more than a toy, she's family.

Rating: This movie is rated PG-13 for violent content and terror, some strong language and a suggestive reference. This movie has some jumpscars, so be aware!



5 **What is your favorite dessert?** It is difficult for me to pick just one favorite dessert but if I had to choose, my favorite would probably be brownies.

6 **When is your birthday?** My birthday is March 25th.

7 **Is it hard to make lessons for your classes?** Making lessons for my classes can sometimes be challenging but luckily I have Mrs. Ferrera to help me!

8 **Is some of the work hard for your students to figure out in class?** Some of the work is hard for my students to understand but when students get confused I do my best to help them

9 **What year were you born?** I was born in 1996

10 **Why did you decide to be a science teacher?** I decided to become a science teacher because I love teaching children and I think the world of science is fun and fascinating!

11 **Do you like being a science teacher?** Yes, I love being a science teacher.

12 **What are your career goals?** My career goals are to get my masters degree in education and continue to teach.

13 **Why do you think you would enjoy being a science teacher?** I think I enjoy being a science teacher because I get to teach my students about the world around them.

14 **Is your job easy or hard?** My job definitely has its challenges but my students make it worthwhile.

15 **How are our grades on our report card?** Most of my students did very well on their report cards and I am proud of them all!

16 **What food allergies do you have?** Luckily I do not have any food allergies.

17 **Do you miss your old students that you taught from a very long time ago?** Since I have only been teaching for two years, I do not have old students from a very long time ago. However, I do miss my students from the past couple of years but I am happy for them and glad that they got to move on to high school.

18 **Were you nervous for the first day of school?** I was so nervous on my first day of school! I had the same thoughts as most students: Am I going to do well? Will my students be nice? Will I make any friends?

19 **Are you happy that you are teaching in is75?** Yes, I am happy I'm teaching at I.S.75. It is a great environment with amazing teachers and students.

20 **How does it feel to teach in is75?** It feels very good to teach at I.S.75.

IS75's Upcoming Events

BY: VINCENT "MICKEY MOUSE" MANCINI

Heal-A-Heart Dance

The Heal-A-Heart Dance is a dance at the school gym. The cost of going to the dance is \$10 for non-Star Members, and \$5 for Star Members. But you might be thinking... "First of all, why does it cost money? And second of all, why is it called the "Heal-A-Heart Dance?" Well, It's called the Heal-A-Heart Dance because every dollar that goes to the school for the dance is donated to people who need certain surgeries and transplants for their hearts. So if you're going to the Heal-A-Heart dance, you're not just having a great time, but you're also saving lives. In the IS75 website, click the Heal-A-Heart link on the left hand side of your screen for further information.

International Night

International Night is on February 16th, 2023 6:00-7:30 PM. It is a night where you can show your Culture and your Heritage. You can showcase food, art, architecture, history, famous landmarks, and music.



21 **Is it fun to teach science to you?** Yes, I think teaching science is fun. It is especially fun when my students are interested in the topic and ask questions. Sometimes my students even teach me new things!

22 **Do you feel comfortable teaching small classes?** I do feel comfortable teaching a small class. I like that I get to know each of my students individually in a smaller class.

23 **Which one is harder to teach in a small or a big class?** I think teaching a small class and teaching a big class both have their challenges and advantages. Personally, I like teaching a smaller class better.

24 **When do you have pizza parties during lunch?** Mrs. Ferrera and I occasionally give pizza parties during lunch. We do this at the end of the marking period for the class with the highest average and the students of the month.

25 **Why do only student of the monther's go to the pizza party with the chosen class?** Students who have earned student of the month awards get to go to the pizza party with the chosen class because it is a reward for their good behavior and hard work over the month

26 **What's your favorite food?** My favorite food is pizza.

27 **How many friends do you have?** I have many friends but I have three close best friends.

28 **What do you do for your birthday?** For my birthday I usually like to go out to dinner with my family.

29 **What store do you like to get clothes from in the mall?** I like to get clothes from Zara in the mall.