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Woodland Middle School

Winter Edition

Death Defying Continued

By: Alli Voyles

It is the day before Halloween, and nothing has happened. Michael, our friends, and I have hung out many times since then. The one thing that scares us the most is that there is a 90% chance of thunderstorms tomorrow. Michael and I have planned out many ideas on what to do for various situations. One major one is for if we get trapped in a storm, another if we get stuck in a forest, another if we get kidnapped, then lastly one if one of us gets hurt or even killed, but we didn't go into much detail. Tonight is the 30th of October, a normal night, I hope. My friend, Cat, is the only other person we told about the corpse, curse, thing. At first she didn't believe us, but then we took her to the dumpster and since then, she has been so overprotective. We have been trying to finish our homework for the past three hours, but every five to ten minutes she asks me if anything has happened and I keep telling her that I think she would be able to tell if something had happened. "OK, are you sure nothing has happened yet?" she repeated for the eightieth time. "OMG, you are getting on my nerves, Cat! For the last time, NO!" I yell at her and hope that she will finally stop asking that, but everytime I think that she will, she never does. "Come on, we need to get this done or Ms. Chess will give me an 'F', and I already have a 'C' in math. So, what question are we on?" I say quickly, mostly trying to change the subject. "23, but we can stop if you don't feel like it because...something happened," she tries. I give her the death stare and bark, "If you do not shut up I'll take your sweater and throw it in the mud." "But I just got this sweater!" she whines. "Exactly," I stare at her again, and she notices the worry in my eye. "Hey, I'm sorry. I am



worried too, but the only way we can get through this is together," she says comfortingly, and I start to feel safe again. "I'm sorry I snapped. This is just a lot to take on and I don't want to mess anything up tomorrow." "I know, now let's get back to this and try to get our minds off this curse thing," she continues. "Okay, question 23; if there are 65 meters in a road how many..." Michael runs

into my room cutting her off. "Turn on the news, Channel 4!" he yells like he is being chased by the undead. We turn it on and they are talking about something no one would ever want to hear before a night like tomorrow. A major thunderstorm, they say, might cause critical damage. No one says anything. We only stare at each other.

To Be Continued...

Jokes

By: Zack Schacht

Where does the snowman go to dance?... A snowball!

What does Jack Frost like best about school?... Snow and tell!

Knock knock?...Who's there?...Boo... Boo Who?... Don't cry!

What does the Easter Bunny say on New Year's Day?... Hopy New Year!

What is the snowman's breakfast?... Frosted flakes!

What happened when the snowgirl had a fight with the snowboy?... She gave him the cold shoulder!

Where do seals go to see movies?... The dive-in!

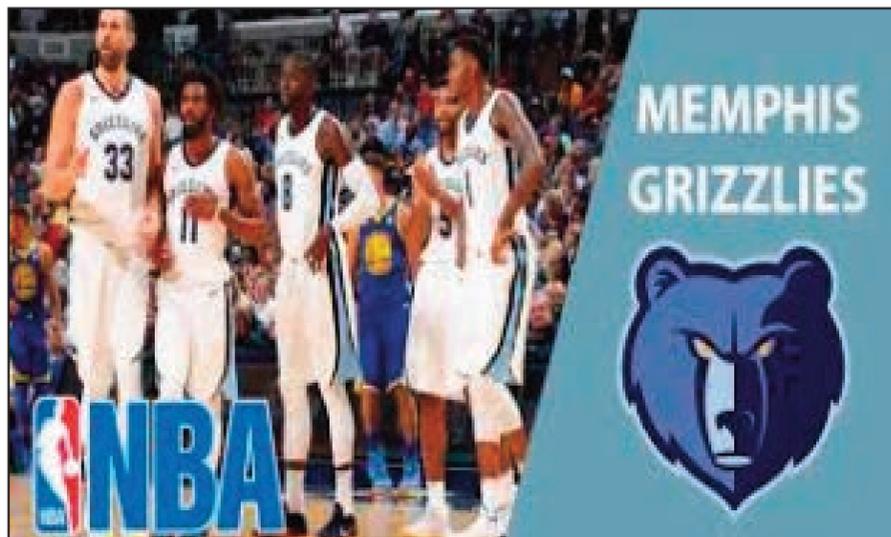
What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?... Frostbite

The Grizzlies Edition Presents...

By: Kaushik Sathiyandrkumar

The Grizzlies are 18-16 as of December 31, 2018. Marc Gasol (as of December 31) is second in the NBA with 12 rebounds. The #4 pick in the 2018 NBA draft, Jaren Jackson Jr., is having an amazing season. He has averaged 25.1 minutes each game. He averages 12.9 points a game, a FG percent of 51.0, and he hits 3-pointers at rare times only with a percentage of 33.3. He averages 4.6 rebounds per game and 1.2 assists each game. He averages almost a steal a game (exactly 0.9 steals a game). The Grizzlies as a team are third in the NBA in steals with 11 steals altogether. They are a dark horse team to sneak into the playoffs and make some noise. Chandler Parsons is free as day to day with a knee problem. He states that he is healthy but the Grizzlies say no and won't let him play. Big games from Jaren Jackson Jr., Chandler Parsons (once he is healthy), and Marc Gasol

could lead the way to a playoff seed in the Western Conference. The Western Conference is a tough conference. It gets even tougher when it gets closer to playoff time. The top two teams, I'm sure, will be the Golden State Warriors and Houston Rockets. The Thunder will be good in crunch time boasting Russell Westbrook and Paul George. The Grizzlies often fall behind in the 4th quarter which leads to them losing the game. The Grizzlies are 35-59 against the Rockets and are 41-46 against the Warriors. The Grizzlies are not going to be a top team in the Western Conference in the playoff race. We can't say that the Grizzlies would make the playoffs, as the west is being very tough. Marc Gasol is having a monster season. He is averaging 15.2 points per game. Mike Conley is the leading scorer, averaging about 20.1 points per game. He also leads the Grizzlies in steals per game with 1.3 a game and 6.2 assists per game. Yuta Watanabe has a 100% free throw percentage. Jamychal Green has the best 3 point percentage.



Jaren Jackson Jr., the rookie out of Michigan, leads the Grizzlies in blocks with 1.5 per game. Justin Holliday leads the Grizzlies in steals with 1.6 steals per game. The Grizzlies have a habit of winning games and then losing a few games; this habit can affect the playoff race making the Grizzlies closer to a 500 record, which can make them miss the playoffs. Recently they have been losing

games big. They will likely have a top five pick and are on track to get Zion Williamson, a superstar from Duke. Hopefully, the Grizzlies can fix that habit and make the playoffs!

Snowflakes

By: Vinotha Sivakumar and Dharshini Saravanan

As frigid air slaps my face, glittering flakes dance to the bare ground.

Inaudible when they land, they create absolutely no sound.

Bright and delicate, soon

forming a humongous mound!

Intricate flakes melting in my hands without even a punch or pound.

After the numbing night, a blazing morning has them nowhere to be found.

Ask Waldo

By: Waldo

Waldo, should I send a Valentine to my crush? -J.M.

J.M., do it. Be brave. -Waldo

Waldo encourages you to sub-

scribe to Pewdiepie!!!

Remember, if you want to ask Waldo a question or want advice, turn in your question to Mrs. Plate. (room 206.)

This Titan's Edition presents... Season Ends Titans Go 9-7 Season Ends With Colts Loss

By: Christian Torres and Kaushik Sathiyandrakumar

Week 1: The Titan's chances have been pretty slim after the loss to the Texans, but we certainly cannot count them out just yet, as their chances are becoming progressively larger. ESPECIALLY after what has occurred against the Jags when the unstoppable Derrick Henry of the mighty Alabama Crimson Tide gets a 99 yard run, which ties and breaks two separate records. His performance Thursday night definitely wiped out any hope of Jacksonville making it to the playoffs this year. We are growing and improving in many ways. We have 3 more games before the regular season ends. Speaking of which, Sunday, December 16, we play the NY Giants, who have a worse record than us and who we should defeat. However, it may come down to the last game of the season. Although our situation is falling in place, it very well could come down to that. Will the season end with a loss, and Indie goes 11-0 against us, or will we finally triumph over Andrew Luck and his stampede of stallions? I (Christian) believe we will finally make the long overdue victory! We will find out if my predictions are right before we realize it! Titan Up!

Week 2: Another game has finally passed by us. With another W to break our pattern of two L's two W's over and over. The NY Giants led by Eli Manning had a complete breakdown. The Titans have shut down Saquon Barkley and the Offense of Pat Shurmur team. The Titans held onto a progressing 17-point lead at the mighty fortress of MetLife Stadium and were able to keep that score. "Home (NY): 0 Away (TN): 17 (FINAL)" is what the scoreboard read at the end of the battle. The Titans achieved their first shutout since 2000, which was 18 years ago! Derrick Henry had another breakout game, and he got the team their 2 touchdowns while Ryan Succop kicked the final FG to seal the deal. Derrick Henry keeps on doing his thing as he performs quite a show. Henry broke the record Chris Johnson (AKA CJ2K) set for franchise rushing yards. He also tied the record for longest rushing TD in NFL history with Tony Dorsett. Not only that, but the defence has really gone to work, put things together, and gotten things done. They shut down Eli Manning, getting the INTERCEPTION by Kevin Byard, and the FUMBLE RECOVERY by Jurrell Casey. What's next? Playoffs?? Playoff Win??? SUPERBOWL??? SUPERBOWL WIN???? We'll find out soon enough! Redskins, Colts, and hopefully Playoffs, here we come!!! Titan Up!

Week 3: Wow. Just wow. Speech was thrown out the window at the end of that game. The Titans have pulled off yet ANOTHER awesome game. They have won against the Redskins, and face the Colts on Sunday, December 30, 2018, New Year's Eve Eve. Derrick had a great game, going for 84 yards on 21 carries. (averaging 4 yards a carry) and 1 TD. Marcus Mariota had another stinger in the same elbow (See the Injury Report for more information). Lo and Behold, Blaine Gabbert! He stepped in and got the job done. He connected with MyCole Pruitt for a TD. Blaine Gabbert did a wonderful job this game. Another INTERCEPTION was made by Kevin Byard (His 4th). Not only that, but what better way to end a game than with a Touchdown? I know! A PICK-SIX! Malcolm Butler on the last play of the game Intercepted the pass from Josh Johnson and ran it back into the Endzone for the boys! Not to mention Taylor Lewan and Josh Norman getting into it at the end of the

game, where Norman throws his helmet at Lewan (It misses) while Lewan playfully taunts him. Lewan, who thought Norman was trying to injure Henry, said about the incident, "...There's enough injuries as it is," said Lewan. "We don't need people trying to hurt each other." He also hurled this at Norman, "It's not our fault you're not relevant anymore." The Titans truly stepped it up and pulled out a victory! Let's see what they can accomplish against the Colts! Titan Up! Week 4: The Titans going into the game were heavy underdogs and they kept their name through the first half, but at some points of the game the Titans showed they were still in this game. They had also lost starting DT Jurrell Casey and starting QB Marcus Mariota was also not starting, back up Blaine

Gabbert had to start instead. This itself gave the Colts a advantage since he definitely didn't have an ideal game. He threw 18/29 passes for 165 yards with a touchdown pass to Luke Stocker and two pesky interceptions that were made from Darius Leonard and Kenny Moore II. Derrick Henry tried to change the game with his legs but only got 93 yards on 16 attempts with no game-changing runs and no touchdowns. Injuries affected the game though, Jurrell Casey who made another Pro Bowl was put on IR beforehand. Since that happened, the Titans could not stop the run since Casey was the most dominant man on the defensive line. The Titans defense stopping the run looked horrible letting Marlon Mack run for 119 yards on 25 carries with an average of 4.8 yards and he also

ran for a touchdown as well. The Titans pass defense also did mediocre, and not as bad as the run defense. The Titans defense had a moment of truth right before the first half ended and came out of the locker room and they were superb from there. The loss, I (Kaushik) believe that the loss was because of Blaine Gabbert's performance. If only Marcus Mariota played. We could have challenged the Colts. And I (Christian) believe the loss was because of us have so many players ruled out. If we could have stuck together we could have done this. Let's look forward to next season, Titan Up! Pro Bowl Tennessee Titans: Three Tennessee Titans made the 2019 Pro Bowl as starters. Jurrell Casey, Brett Kern, and Taylor Lewan made the Pro Bowl as starters. Jurrell Casey has been ruled out for the season with an MCL sprain. Four Titans have been chosen for being alternates this list includes: safety Kevin Byard, quarterback Marcus Mariota, running back Derrick Henry, and linebacker Wesley Woodyard. What the Titans need to address in the Off-season: The most important thing that the Titans need to address in the off-season is to keep Marcus Mariota healthy. One big free agent that the Titans could use to make the Titans defense, one of the best in the National Football League is a better linebacker core. I know they just drafted Rashawn Evans and Harold Landry in the first and second round in the 2018 NFL Draft. They are young and will take time to progress and make sure everyone knows that they are playmakers on the defense. The big free agent is CJ Mosley. This off-season, he will be looking for a contract after his rookie deal with the Ravens ends. Jurrell Casey is the only main piece of the Defensive line that manages to rack up sacks every season. DE Demarcus Lawrence whose contract is supposed to expire this off-season which, if the Titans can sign him is a huge addition to the Defensive line making our secondary who consists of Kevin Byard, Kenny Vaccaro, Malcolm Butler, and Logan Ryan even better. Footballs that are thrown without preparation are easily to be caught by our defense. If the Titans can add either Demarcus Lawrence or CJ Mosley on the defense, the defense is certainly a top at least 5 or maybe even a top 3 ranked defense in the NFL. The offense is already a good offense just keep Mariota healthy and sign a good backup quarterback perhaps, either Ryan Fitzpatrick or Teddy Bridgewater. That will make the Titans offense excellent and make the Titans a serious unstoppable team that will seriously contend for the top two or three seeds. Do this Titans! 2019 NFL Draft: If the Titans don't sign all the needs in free agents, they still have their 2019 NFL Draft picks. They have picks in every round except the sixth round. Their first round pick serviceable draft prospects are CB Deandre Baker from Georgia, Clelin Ferrell from Clemson, Byron Murphy from Washington, Kelvin Harmon from NC State, Montez Sweat from Mississippi State, Jeffery Simmons from Mississippi State, and Chris Lindstrom from Boston College and maybe even come back in the second round to get one of these prospects. Farewell: Alas, the Titans season is over, but we can get better, stronger, faster, and smarter by building on what we have and adding some big free agents and draft some big prospects that can seriously play some football and make a deep playoff run and get another winning record. Perhaps they can even make the AFC Championship with Delanie Walker coming back. Titan Up for next year!!



Performance of the Year :Derrick Henry had a historical night in the second Jags game rushing for 238 yards on 17 attempts and 4 massive touchdown runs.

Jokes

By: Azariah Cherukara

1. Why did the student eat his homework? Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!

2. When you look for something, why is it always in the last place you look? Because when you find it, you stop looking.

3. Why does a seagull fly over the sea? Because if it flew over the bay, it would be a baygull.

4. What building in New York has the most stories? The

public library!

5. What's worse than finding a worm in your apple? Finding half a worm.

6. What was the first animal in space? The cow that jumped over the moon.

7. Why couldn't the pony sing a lullaby? She was a little hoarse.

8. What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta.

9. What dinosaur had the best vocabulary? The the-saurus.

10. How do you throw a party in space? You planet.

Hurts Transfers to Oklahoma sending shock through College Football landscape

By:Kaushik Sathiyandrakumar

Alabama Quarterback Jalen Hurts has announced that he will be attending Oklahoma to play his senior season. After leading Alabama to a comeback victory against Georgia in the SEC Championship game Hurts said that his story was not finished yet. By doing this he says that he will make sure that his story is completed. This gives Oklahoma a chance to have back to back Heisman Trophy winners in Baker Mayfield, then Kyler Murray and now Jalen Hurts. This also gives a chance of Hurts a chance against Alabama and against Tagovailoa, who led Alabama to a National Championship win last year down 13 points after replacing Hurts as the starter. They scored every point in the Na-

tional Championship Game. Nick Saban tapped Tagovailoa over Jalen Hurts for the 2018-19 College Football Season. This also gives Hurts a chance to win the Heisman against Tagovailoa and Clemson Quarterback Trevor Lawrence. This also proves that Coach Lincoln Riley does not rebuild his teams, he just reloads with good quarterbacks. Oklahoma's offense will have to change their skillset to Hurts's leadership to let him run the ball, one of the things he does best as a quarterback. This also puts Oklahoma in the conversation of the National Championship and they will definitely are a contender. The Sooners were in the market for a new quarterback since they just lost Kyler Murray to the MLB or the NFL and Austin Kendall has just committed to West Virginia, who just lost QB Will Grier to the draft. He will not play this

Fortnite Season 7

By: Jake Lapinsky

Fortnite Season 7 has arrived with many updates that we will write about such as planes, ziplines, and a solid third of the map covered in snow.

Airplanes: With some new locations and old mountains with air bases on them, players can now fly in the air, flip, and shoot at other people in the pilot seat. The plane can hold up to 5 people at once. These planes will be able to fly around scoping out fights and

Ziplines: Ziplines... ZIPLINES..... The glitchiest part about Season 7. Needless to say they are glitch causing people to move in the wrong direction, making people fall to their deaths, and making unnecessary noises in your headphones. The only benefit of them is faster travel but it is such a huge risk as you can get spotted easily.

January 28th, 2019 In January an orb above a location named Polar Peak exploded and unleashed an ice storm releasing a wave of ice monsters/zombies and a snowstorm covering the whole map in snow. Some guns have been vaulted including the six shooter and quad launcher. The dual pistols have recently returned from the vault.

Zombies continue to be annoying trying to kill you, giving away your location and

breaking your buildings.

A new item, the "Sneaky Snowman" has been brought into the game. You can throw them, use them to hide, use them as shields and to not take fall damage. These snowmen also spawn randomly across the map so you can actually blend in with them and not stand out.

We look forward to Fortnite Season 8 starting soon!



coming year because he will sit out and that only gives one year on eligibility in 2020. Kendall was able to talk to new West Virginia Coach Neal Brown who actually recruited him out of High school. Hurts has a 26-2 record as a starter, but Nick Saban started Tagovailoa against every game this year, when Alabama is winning big Hurts gets to play or just when Tagovailoa is injured or just having a bad game. Spencer Rattler the number one high school quarterback signed with Oklahoma in the early signing period.

Rattler's father told ESPN's Tom VanHaaren that the family "knew" of the Hurts transfer possibility and that it would have no impact on his son's decision to attend Oklahoma. "Not at all," Michael Rattler said. "Jalen is a great young man, and Spence is looking forward to competing and learning from him. As a graduate student, he will be immediately eligible, and he will likely be the third consecutive transfer to win the Heisman Trophy. Let's see how Jalen Hurts will do at Oklahoma!"



Tom Brady announces, “No Way I am retiring after the Super Bowl.”

By: Kaushik Sathiyandrakumar

Tom Brady is 41 years old, and playing in another Super Bowl. Before you even think about asking the question, he's here to shut you down. Is there any chance you'll retire after Super Bowl LIII, Tom?"Zero," Brady told ESPN's Jeff Darlington in an interview that aired Sunday. We all know what this man did to exit Patrick Mahomes II and the Chiefs from this playoffs. Do you think this man will retire after Super Bowl 53. If you think so drop the thought. Tom Brady a record holder of Regular season wins by a starting quarterback (207), Most passing yards, regular season and playoffs (81,431), Most passing touchdowns, postseason included: 590, Most touchdowns thrown to different receivers (71), Division titles (16), Playoff games started (39), Playoff wins (29), Playoff touchdown passes (73), and Playoff passing yards (10,917). He has also led his team to 9 super bowl appearances, 5 of those wins, of those 5 wins, in 4 he was named Super Bowl MVP. In those nine appearances he has 18 touchdown passes, and 2,576 yards. He is also in the conversation of the greatest of all time (G.O.A.T) has said that he will not be retiring after Super Bowl 53. He will return for the 2019 NFL Season as the Patriots starting QB. Brady has addressed his age and continued desire to play for years, riding the topic's publicity to a Facebook documentary series. Once Brady approached 40, this became an unrelenting topic. We'll ask this question every year until he does in fact retire. The difference here, though, is Brady is still playing near an All-Pro level at his advanced age that Brett Favre, who is another great Quarterback and also in the conversation of the greatest of all time (G.O.A.T) did not do and is healthy at the moment. Sure, he blatantly misses an occasional throw, and he didn't air it out to lead the Patriots to Super Bowl LIII. But he's two years removed from leading the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history, when he and the Patriots orchestrated a 34-28 win over the Falcons coming back from a 28-3 deficit while the defence did not allow another point all the way until the Patriots had won the game in overtime and Tom Brady had won MVP. Tom Brady will be playing in his third straight title game. Brady posted similarly excellent numbers in 2018: 375 for 570, 4,355 yards, 29 touchdowns, 11 interceptions and a 97.7 passer rating. There are few signs of a significant decline, and New England doesn't have an heir apparent in place. There's no reason to hurry Brady into the sunset. Brady turns 42 in August. If he wins another ring (which would be his sixth) next week, that will only further cement his legacy as the best to ever play quarterback. He is the ageless wonder and will continue to be -- until he retires. When will that happen? No one knows -- but it definitely won't be Feb. 4th, 2019. The day Tom Brady retires will be a fabulous one for the world.

Clemson and Alabama. The final battle.

By: Luke Dietrick

On January Seventh, Clemson gaining the upper hand with every kick. Twenty-Nineteen, Clemson and Alabama faced off yet again. It seemed every time Alabama scored, Clemson responded in kind. Unfortunately for Alabama, their kicker had an awful game, Clemson scoring more and more. Touchdown after touchdown fell into place. The final score was 44-16, leaving Clemson the champions.

Why Video Games are Good

By: Jake Lapinsky

Video Games are good because they allow kids and adults to calm down and enjoy themselves for a brief amount of time. They also allow people to make funny videos on platforms like YouTube and make money doing that. Parents may be saying that they are bad for your eyes and that it turns your brain to mush. But at the same time most kids are in school for 1/3 of the day anyway. If people are sick they may not want to play anyway. Many people don't play video games all day. There are also apps to limit screen time anyway. So many people don't spend too much time on video games. Games like fortnite allow people to play with their friends that are in different places and chat with them as well. So obviously there are many more pros than cons of playing video games than not playing games. So next time someone asks you if you should play video games, say yes.

Sixth Grade Teacher of the Month

By: Kalia Liuchan and Erika Robertson

Congrats to Ms. McCullough for winning the January Sixth Grade Teacher of the Month! She definitely deserves this for being so kind and enthusiastic towards students. Everyday students come to class excited to learn new things. She has great teaching methods and always smiles at everyone who walks into her classroom. She will greet you with a kind tone and will teach you impeccably well. She always gives you notice for a test, so you have time to study. She also makes sure she is giving you the best information possible. She is an inspiration to many. Congratulations, again, to Ms. McCullough for winning the Sixth Grade Teacher of the Month!

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Valentine's Day Word Search

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

- Gift
- Hugs
- Love
- Arrow
- Candy
- Cupid
- Heart
- Sweet
- Kisses
- Flowers
- Chocolate
- Valentine

