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Illuminating News by East-West Students



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Breaking Stereotypes

By Ming Lin, Grade 12

Summer vacation, 2010. A teenage boy is stopped in front of a security check desk of LaGuardia Airport with a baffled, and embarrassed expression. The teenage boy lugs a huge backpack and a duffle bag. He holds his Chinese Visa in his hand. It seems like he has arrived in the United States for the first time, from China.

My name is Ming Lin. I'm a senior at East-West. Five years ago, at LaGuardia Airport, I was stopped by a security guard because I was accused of carrying raw food from China into the United States. The U.S. Customs and Border protection stopped me, dragged me out of the line, and sifted through all my belongings.

"Young man, we suspect that you are carrying some food that shouldn't be brought over the U.S. border."

"Like what?"

"Do you have any meat, fish, pork, beef, plants, or insects on your person right now?"

"Why am I the only one being dragged out? Don't we all have the same chance of carrying these things over the border?"

"We're just doing our job here."

Of course, they didn't find anything that's worth penalizing me for. They did however, find some dry squid and rice balls I made for keeping myself full during this ridiculously long trip.

"What are those?"

"Something dead and edible. Wanna' try some?"

"Thank you for cooperating. Welcome to the United States."

Though I didn't want to cooperate, it felt like a good idea to respect the requests and questions of the Customs Officer.

As the day went on, and my travels continued, I could not help but ask myself, *why was I the only one being stopped and asked questions?*

A woman on her way to Missouri stopped me as I made my way to my connecting flight. "You know, that wasn't directed at you. No offense, but your race has been known as the anathema to the Customs for sneaking in those illegal items."

I didn't know what "anathema" meant...but I could sense it was not good.

One may argue that it was completely reasonable for the security to check my belongings. Though I understand Customs' concerns, I appreciate them checking through all the belongings of all the passengers instead of just the suspicious looking suitcases of Asians.

Though I no longer live in Missouri, the stereotypes about Asians still exist here in New York. I will admit there is truth to every stereotype but that does not warrant the judgments passed on me the day I got stopped. For the future I have told myself, to first ensure that I have shown others, even security guards, the respect they deserve. Once I have done that my conscience is clear. If we are ever going to see past the stereotypes we have for one another, we must start from a place of respect for our enemy or accuser.



Can You Paint With All the Colors Of East-West?

By Tiffany Jiang, Grade 6

Kissena Park- On October 1, the East-West School community participated in the second annual Color Wars Competition. Color Wars brings the East-West community joy and encouragement. Many were thrilled and excited to be part of this event.

Kayla Fermin of the tenth grade explains that Color Wars brought teamwork and togetherness among her grade members. Kayla also stated that Color Wars boosted school spirit and "everyone is excited to participate." Kayla would like to express her thanks to the student government and Ms. Marinos for putting this together.

"Teamwork." Ninth grade student, Zhen Hao explains what Color Wars brings to East-West community. Zhen's favorite event was the Dizzy Bat Race. He of course rooted for the ninth grade team. Sophomore, Jeremi Chimbo explained that Color Wars makes him feel part of the community here. A message he wants to share with the student government is that "Color Wars is incredibly awesome!"

The amazing thing about Color Wars is the anticipation that comes with finding out who won! The seniors proudly maintained their title as victors of high school and the seventh grade came out on top in the middle school competitions. Thanks to all participants for a great day.

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The Eclipse would like to give a special shout out to Mrs. Pervizaj's and Ms. Matthusen's classes for the work they submitted to our paper. We appreciate all your thoughtful writing!

MIDNIGHT SPOTLIGHT

Highlighting Rising Stars At East-West

By Wena Teng, Grade 7

Midnight Spotlight is back! *Midnight Spotlight* is a column in which *The Eclipse* highlights the accomplishments of unique community members. Qiqi Lin, a senior and the Vice President of the student body was selected for this issue. She told *The Eclipse* that she is very honored to share her stories and memories with the East-West community.

Qiqi wasn't always the fun energetic smart Vice President you know. She actually was very shy and would hide behind her mother's back when she would meet new people. However, because she attended East-West it helped improve her confidence. Something you probably didn't know is that Qiqi is a reformed crybaby. She states, "My mom would say how I was so good at crying; I should consider becoming an actress." One of her favorite memories from East-West was the Clash Of Classes. It showed how her fellow classmates could come together as a team.

Even though Qiqi have many favorite teachers, she feels Ms. Markinson has been an especially strong force in her life. Markinson is a teacher you can go to with problems or stresses in your life and she will know exactly

what to say to encourage you to do better. Qiqi wants to thank Ms. Markinson for all she does for her students and the school.

Qiqi's role model is Raven Waters, senior student government member from last year's graduating class. Qiqi says "Raven was always confident," and it made Qiqi want to be better.

The Eclipse knows that many students look up to Qiqi in the same way she looked up to Raven. Raven inspired Qiqi to say, *I want to be like her someday, showing the world my strengths instead of my flaws.* Qiqi wishes the same for all of us—to strive to be better despite our flaws.



Something to Scream About

East-West's Fright Night Costume Competition Was A Great Success

by Wendy Jiang, Grade 6

One day a year, you can be whatever you want to be. Or at least, you can pretend. On October 29, students and teachers of East-West celebrated Fright Night as part of the annual Spirit Week hosted by Student Government.

This year's winners of the costume contest were Daniel Arias (Grade 6) for his Charlie Chaplin impersonation, Gabby Robayo from the senior class for her dog costume and Mr. Shibata for his Hazmat suit.

Before winners were announced, there was a great deal of anticipation about possible winners. Sixth grader Adrianna Torres, was asked if she thought she would win. Adrianna pointed out, "No because you can't really tell who I am and this costume was put together this morning." She admitted she wasn't really in it for the prize and instead said, "I dressed up to show my school spirit."

Sixth grader, Sabrina Curzio was asked why she chose to dress up. She stated, "I chose to dress up because I could wear a cloak with this dress!"

Sixth grade student, Britney Ju remarked, "It is important to celebrate Halloween because it is part of enjoying childhood. School is about learning but it's also about fun."



Mr. Kleinman dressed as THE BIG BAD WOLF!!!

The Halloween Candy Survey Results
(The Eclipse polled the Muster audience to find out what you guys prefer to eat on Halloween. Results are below. Surprised?)

Skittles.....	115 Votes!
M&M's.....	106 Votes!
Jolly Ranchers.....	85 Votes!
Snickers.....	58 Votes!
Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.....	31 Votes!

We also had a suggestion for Butterfingers to be on the ballot :)



日本へ行こう！

East-West Plans Another Trip to Japan

by Lina Saad, Grade 6

Mr Bantz and Ms Minkler are hosting a 10-day trip to Nishio, Japan from June 26-July 4, 2016. Fifteen East-West students will be selected to live with a Japanese host family, and experience authentic Japanese culture! Mr. Bantz reported that the purpose of the trip is to "allow students to establish a deep and meaningful relationship with a Japanese family."

Places of cultural interest that you will visit on this trip include Kinkaku-ji and Kiyomizu-dera. This trip is open to all high school students. Eighth graders that intend to attend high school at East-West can also consider applying.

A Friendly Health Reminder

by Alejandro Segura, Grade 6

October 23- Two East-West students were caught smoking in the bathroom on the fourth floor. Unfortunately this was not the first time an East-West student has been caught smoking. Administration as well as Dean Mandel worked together to handle the problem appropriately. Assistant Principal Kleiman noted that the damage from smoking hits close to home for him—a loved one suffered great loss because of smoking. As a reminder to the East-West community, smoking



causes strokes, heart disease, cancer, and emphysema. This is because cigarette smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals, including 43 known cancer-causing (carcinogenic) compounds and 400 other toxins. These include nicotine, tar, and carbon monoxide, as well as formaldehyde, ammonia, hydrogen cyanide, arsenic, and DDT. Nicotine is highly addictive.

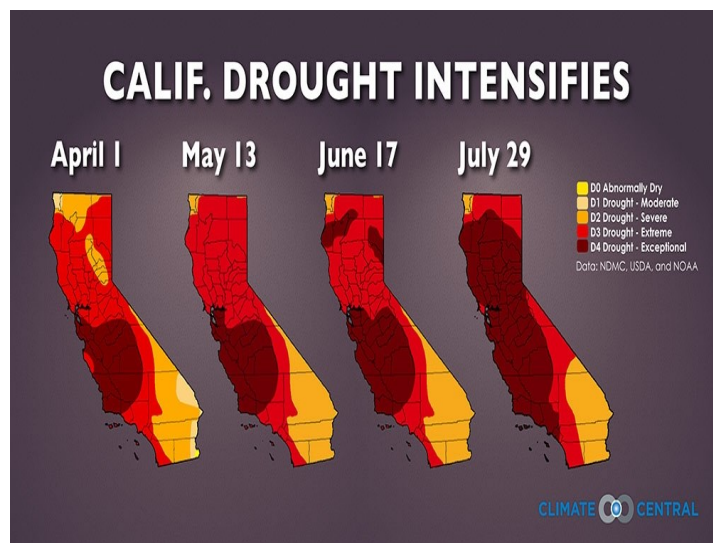
If you do smoke, there is hope. Patches like *Nicoderm CQ* can help ease the symptoms of addiction but the most important part of quitting is deciding once and for all you will no longer smoke. So for all of those students out there considering lighting up, think again about all the consequences of smoking.

The Drought Dilemma

by Vanessa Lin, Grade 6

Can you imagine all the world's water supply drying up? Well, that is what is currently happening in the western part of the United States. The drought in places like California, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico has been going on for nearly four years. Lakes and rivers have slowly dried up and crops have withered due to the severe lack of water. It is one of the most severe droughts that has ever been recorded in our country's history.

People are doing the best that they can to help people in California. In January of 2015, Governor Brown declared a drought emergency. Families in California that have none or a small amount of water might get part of a 11 million dollar fund from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The California Department of Food and Agriculture is funding 9.38 million dollars to help farmers with their crops. Governor Brown announced that everyone in California should try to reduce the amount of water they use. His expectation is to reduce the amount of water everyone uses by at least 25 percent. Even Kim Kardashian and Kanye West have been ordered to use less water. Surprisingly, people in California have reduced the amount of water they use by about 27 percent. Governor Brown has also increased enforcements to help prevent people from wasting water and is investing in more advanced technology that will help California withstand droughts. People are working very hard to help people who are affected by the extreme drought.



With a little bit of luck and some help from the rest of the nation, things could get better. Recently, a storm originating from the Pacific Ocean left 11 to 30 inches of snow on mountains from northern California to the Central Valley. Two areas in California are now recorded as “extreme” instead of “exceptional,” which is an improvement from previous years. One area in California is recorded as “severe” instead of “extreme,” in drought status, which is certainly a step in the right direction. The snow is just the beginning of the precipitation that California needs to end the drought. The snow will also be a water source for people in California. Let's hope there are more storms on the way for our friends in the West.

The Pet Advantage

Benefits of Owning a Furry Friend

By Paola Vega, Grade 11

A pet dog can grant many benefits to a person. Owning a pet increases your chance of exercise; taking your dog for a walk or run is an amusing way to keep active and keep your pet healthy. A pet can also provide companionship which can help prevent illnesses and even add years to a person's life. People experience less stress when accompanied by a dog versus a spouse or family member. A dog can ease pain and causes a person to visit the doctor less often than usual. Having a pet dog also increases cardiovascular health. New research also suggests that dogs also can help detect cancer sooner! Lastly, owning a dog can help people be more social because dog walkers are always on the street making new friends.



Trump for President?

Businessman to Politician?

By Krystal Guthrie, Grade 11

Donald Trump is one of the United States republican candidates for the 2016 presidential elections. He is America's supposed best hope for establishing a domitable, stabilized economic state but, is he right for the people? Will he represent and support the general welfare? Or will he represent the wealthy one percent? Donald Trump, "self made" businessman and object of ridicule for the American people may not be the right choice.

At a young age, Trump began his career working at his father's real estate company. Born and raised in Queens, his father built Elizabeth Trump and Son, focusing on middle-class rental housing in Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. Still in college, young Donald decided to turn over an estate which his father had purchased for \$5.7 million in 1962. He took a \$500,000 investment and turned the complex's occupancy rate from 34% to 100% showing off his skills in real estate and business. The building later resold for \$6.75 million.

By 1973 New York was a financial mess, due to the stock market crash and 1970s recession. The Penn Central Railroad was in bankrupt. When Trump found this out, he quickly worked to acquire the Penn Central Railroad without having to put any money down. Trump recalled, "I couldn't sell him on my experience or my accomplishments, so instead I sold him on my energy and my enthusiasm." With the help of Mayor Abe Beame --an old friend of Donald's father--, a \$62 million purchase, was made and Trump turned it into the Trump Organization. Despite his initial business cunning, the most recent financial collapse in 2008, left all of Trump's associations bankrupt. Somehow, though he's made his way around this

coming out with a net worth of \$4 million.

The business side of Trump shows how sharp he can be when he's put in an office but, being business saavy does not necessarily mean you are a good candidate for running the country. Trump has zero political experience. None. As a result, Trump has made a mockery of himself in most of his political campaigns.

Perhaps the most stunning example of Trump's lack of experience as a diplomatic politician happened when young African American woman, Johari Osayi Idusuyi was caught reading during her attendance at at Trump rally. She was interrupted by an older white couple and scolded for not paying attention to Trump's speech. "I'm a young 20-year-old black woman who doesn't care about this Trump rally, and I'm pretty sure that angered {them} a lot," Idusuyi says. She and her friends were placed in the "VIP" section behind the cameras for exposure since they were "minorities and there weren't a lot of minorities there." She came to give the candidate a fair chance at getting her support but she soon saw a shift in the rally: Trump's constant disrespect and undermining of women. "I'm not going to waste my time listening to somebody who I can't respect anymore, so I started to read."

The minorities are what the president of the United States should stand for, not the wealthy men who stick tight to their money, act like bears in hibernation when it comes to changing policy that awards rights and money to minorities. A president is supposed to represent his people and by doing so, practice what is right for them, if not for all then for most. Donald Trump makes it a habit to outright tell people he doesn't support the majority. This is true of African Americans, Mexicans, and just about anyone that does not fall under the title of white, business elite. He is not a proper candidate for President. May he never see such a title.

The Future Of America

By Denis Cha, Grade 12

The U.S, a place that many nations think of when a ridiculous rich business man with the genuine hair of an orangutan could run for President. Since the 20th century, the U.S. has been one of the most influential nations that has steadily been progressing the movement of modern technology, health and medicine. It responded immediately to threats that would shake the foundations of society through fear or confusion; it was a nation that aspired to helping others become independent and strong; it strived to succeed its moral goals that looked towards the future of civilization and not the present. With all of these intrepid actions, the U.S seems to be a cherubic nation that aims for progress and success.

This is not a legitimate way to describe the U.S but it is a general representation of what it's become today. Nothing is perfect. Throughout history, there were many times when countries that were titans, looking down on others, gradually, but inevitably became nymphs. Like the Roman Empire that ruled most of Europe, along with parts of Africa and Asia. But then just like the effects of a Viagra after 4 hours, countries that were juggernauts become smaller and gradually shrink back to a size where they looked shriveled and unhealthy. Our 4 hours in the U.S. could be coming and it isn't just the nation's strength but also its mentality. It would seem like a brazen statement that came out of Donald Trump, but there are instances where we are not as amazing as many may think. There was a survey of 1,416 adults last September from the Annenberg Public Policy Center in the University of Pennsylvania, asking the three branches of government are. Only 36% of the respondents were able to list all the branches, however there were also 35% that couldn't list one. It's like asking what does a McDonalds serve and you reply with Pizza. The govern-

ment literally leads the coun- and since there an equal amount of people answering (or not answering) a simple question, this could possibly mean that for every one smart person there is, there is a close chance of having one Sarah Palin which is why she had a

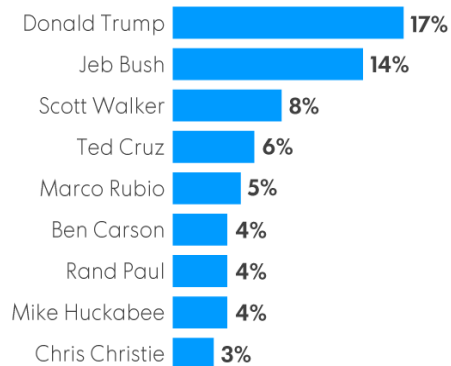
chance of being vice president. This could lead to a bad outcome for many citizens in our country because the decisions that the current leaders of today make, will greatly affect the lives of the future generation.

As I read or watch the news, all I can think about is how scary the future will be. Not just about the risks we take that could harm our future, but also the measures that we take to respond to these things. When I ask friends about these problems, the response I get is usually "yea", "stuff happens," etc.

When I was asked "What do you want to do in the future?" while interviewing for a university program. After thinking about the question I replied, "To become a part of progress.", I lied about that answer. Truthfully I'm worried about our future, because the problems that we aren't answering have the potential to make the world become a difficult place in which to live.

TRUMP'S UP

Who's your first choice for the Republican nomination?



SOURCE: USA TODAY/Suffolk University Poll of 349 likely Republican primary/caucus voters, taken July 9-12. Margin of error ± 5.25 percentage points. Other candidates backed by 1% or less.

Frank Pempa, USA TODAY



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Macaroons at Midnight!

A Brief Review of a Wonderful Read!

By Michelle Xu, Grade 6

When Lise Santos steps into a bakery during a taste test, she meets the boy of her dreams. He is as sweet as the macaroons taste. Lise is totally smitten. She thinks that he is too. However, they never get to exchange their names. After she hunts him down, it's as if they never had their first magical meeting! Just when Lise finds she is getting somewhere with her crush, she finds her close friend Viv starts flirting with him, ruining everything for Lisa. Now her head and heart are in a jumble. Will Lise have the courage to tell her crush what she truly feels?

At some points, this story is very sad. For example, Lise gets into a fight with her sister. If you have a sister, their fight will sound very familiar to you. I found it very interesting when Viv shows Lise a picture of Lise that her crush drew in his drawing book. That's when the story gets exciting because you can't wait to find out what is going to happen next. Anyone that likes romance will like this story. It's a fast read that won't take more than a weekend. Enjoy an excerpt from the story, pasted above.

"Dad, I—"

"It's after midnight! I spent the last hour driving around town looking for you. I was about to call the police." He latched onto my arm, firmly tugging me down the sidewalk toward where his car was parked at the curb. He threw open the door of the car and growled, "Get in . . . now!"

But Dad . . ." I glanced back toward the awning of Swoonful of Sugar, where the potential boy of my dreams was standing in a state of confusion.

"Wait!" the boy called out to me as I got into Dad's car. "I don't even know who you are! What's your name?"

I tried to pop my head out of the car. "It's—"

Clunk! The door slammed shut, and a second later, Dad peeled away like a NASCAR driver with a serious case of road rage. All I could do was helplessly stare through the rear window as my first-ever Valentine disappeared from sight."

Janice's Picks

Are you bored on the weekends? Looking for a new movie to watch? Check out these two titles if you have not already seen them!

by Janice Chen, Grade 7

The Martian

During his latest mission with space crew Ares III, Astronaut Mark Watney is lost due to a dust storm. He is presumed dead but was actually abandoned on Mars. Stuck on Marks, Watney finds himself in a situation of giving up or struggling to survive. He gathers his wits, and his spirit to prepare himself for life alone on another planet. After an amazing struggle, Watney eventually finds a way to communicate to NASA shocking the world that he is still alive. NASA works tirelessly to bring Watney safely back to American soil. Will the plan work? Will he make it home?

"It was so good I didn't want to stop watching it to go to the bathroom!" -Wena Teng, 701

Jem and the Holograms

Jerrica (a.k.a. Jem) is an extremely shy girl. Even though she can be shy she is a very talented singer-songwriter. One day she was recruited by starlight company and form the group "Jem and the Holograms." Can she claim her rightful position as allstar singer or does she chicken out and hide?

"I enjoyed all the history about rock stars that was included in the beginning." - Joshua Hernandez, 601



The Magnificent Minions

The Second Biggest Movie to Hit the Theaters. Ever.

By Sophia Wang, Grade 7

Though *Frozen* still holds the number one spot for most money brought in by an animated film (\$1,279,852,693) *Minions* is not far behind with a whopping \$1,080,133,195. Hey! Second best is not bad either!

The plot of the movie is simple. The Minion race needs a new master. Though they find them, they can never keep them for long. Soon the Minions go into hiding, slowly losing spirit. Kevin is a minion who stepped up to help, followed by Stewart and then little Baby Bob. The trio sets out to find a new master for their discouraged race. After a lot of hard work, they finally find one. Scarlett Overkill.

Unfortunately, the Minions soon realize that their new master is out to kill them! And the battle begins. It is through this epic battle that the Minions discover their true leader.

Take a look at the top 10 grossing animated films to get a sense of the competition!

1. *Frozen*: \$1,279,852,693
2. *Minions*: \$1,080,133,195
3. *Toy Story 3*: \$1,063,171,911
4. *The Lion King*: \$987,483,777
5. *Despicable Me 2*: \$970,761,885
6. *Finding Nemo*: \$936,743,261
7. *Shrek 2*: \$919,838,758
8. *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs*: \$886,686,817
9. *Ice Age: Continental Drift*: \$877,244,782
10. *Shrek the Third*: \$798,958,162"

Jokes by Jacky

Researched by Jacky Gao, Grade 7
Excerpted from *Jokelopedia*

Q: Why did the little kid take a ladder to school?

A: Because he wanted to go to *high school!*

Q: What do you call an overweight cat?

A: A flabby tabby!

Q: Why was the rabbit unhappy?

A: She was having a bad *hare* day!

Q: What bow can you never tie?

A: A rainbow!

Q: What's an astronaut favorite meal of the day?

A: Launch!

Q: How many wizards does it take to change a light-bulb?

A: It depends on what you want to turn it into!

Q: Why are elephants banned from public swimming pools?

A: They always drop their trunks!

Q: What is a truck driver's favorite ice cream?

A: Rocky road!

Q: What do you do when your golden retriever won't stop sneezing?

A: Call the *dog-tor!*

Q: What does a squirrel get when it rains?

A: It gets wet, silly.

Q: What did the judge say when the skunk came to testify?

A: Odor in the court!

Q: What do you call a person with rubber toe?

A: Roberto!

Brainteaser:

Take away one letter. Take away two Letters. You can take away all my letters but I still stay the same. What am I? (Email your answer to theeclipse@ewsis.org)

The Veiled Dragon: East-West's Very Own Advice Column



Dear Veiled Dragon,
I have a dilemma that I'm wondering you can help me with. I am late almost everyday for school and it's very embarrassing. The problem is that my mother is not a morning person and even though I get up early enough for school, she always has to have one more cup of coffee. I love my mother very much but how can I explain to her that being on time is very important to me. How can I help her be better organized so we can get to school on time.
Sincerely,
Perpetually Late

Dear Perpetually Late,
That sounds very frustrating. Being late to school is not a good habit to keep. Have you considered having a conversation with you mom about this? If that does not work, try setting an alarm on your own, waking up on your own, and then going to school with a friend. If you are responsible enough to write this to me, I am sure you are responsible enough to figure out a way to get to school without your mother's help if she cannot be there.

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"The Falling Tree"

A Ruminaton on the Life of an Everyday Tree
By Joseph Chai

There once was a tree, that lived next to my house. Every spring it would come alive and grow. In the summer, it was hot and the leaves soaked in the sunlight. In the fall, the wind took the seeds of the tree across the Atlantic to Africa. As autumn passed, the leaves changed colors. A red leaf would fall to the ground. Red means love is coming. Brown leaves would fall too. Brown means suffering is coming. Sometimes, the tree shared fruit that would be quickly eaten by squirrels. In winter, it was cold and the bare branches shivered. Spring will come again soon.



"Autumn" drawing by Linda Fang, Grade 6

Sherry Weng and Abigail Curzio are two seventh grade East-West students that have decided to write a novel about imaginary creatures called Keopis and a maniac scientist named Dr. Goldfield. In a quest for true happiness, the characters find their lives entangled. Enjoy an excerpt from their book below.

The Journey to Happiness

“Dr. D. Goldfield jumped in surprise when the siren of his danger alarm blared, flashing bright red lights and illuminating the lab. He accidentally dropped the whole bottle of sodium bicarbonate into the mixture causing it to become unstable for consumption and the flask to overflow.

“What is it now?” he asked in an irritated voice to the alarm, glaring at it as he did so, remembering earlier that morning it went crazy over the post-man. He typed a few codes and clicked a few options on his laptop and was shocked at the results. There was going to be a huge chain of earthquakes, tsunamis, sinkholes and volcano eruptions that afternoon! Stunned for a moment, he hesitantly had the thought of calling the president. He thought of how angry the president would be after that... He would probably be sent to jail...If anybody was left to put him there! Upon this thought, he hacked into the President's phone and called him. The President picked up on the first ring.

“Dr. D. Goldfield, what do you want from me now?”

“I-”

“I thought I specifically had it ordered you to never speak to me again.”

“Yes, but-”

“Have you forgotten that you nearly destroyed Washington DC with your ‘invention’ that could ‘supposedly transport things, but if it weren't for Dr. Avery T. Dyson?” the President mocked.

“Avery sabotaged my machine. It wasn't my fault!” Goldfield managed to blurt as he shot a nasty glance at the old newspaper clipping on his board. The headline stated in bold black font, “*World's Best Scientist Gone Mad*” with the subtitle that only further annoyed him, “*Dr. D. Goldfield fails in his attempt to blow up Washington DC... What will he do next?*”

“You were the best scientist around. You cured cancer and HIV/AIDS. You found a simple solution to global warming that I can't pronounce. You just ruined it all with that blasted thing,” the President replied with a hint of remorse and heartbreak in his voice since they had always been childhood friends before the invention malfunction.

“I know, but-” Dr. D. Goldfield started to say.

“Now the whole world knows that you can't tell the difference between a bomb and a transporter. That's why no one trusts you anymore.”

“Yes, I know, but you need to-”

“You used to be my best friend. But after you tried to kill me and my co-workers, I don't think that you still can be.”

“I understand you don't trust me but you need to this time because-”

“*Now, what's the problem? People pelting you with food because you tried to murder their president?*” The President sneered.

“No. That's not why I called you. Just hear me out...Please. There will be a huge amount of natural disasters that will occur all over the world. A giant tsunami that will overwhelm all of Asia! Hurricanes the size of Mexico! And Mt. Fuji will finally explode after all those years! I suggest that we try to fit as many people in my lab as we can! We only have half an hour-”

“I've heard enough of this nonsense. You really expect me to believe all this after you almost blew up a historical monument, along with my life? You probably just want to lure us there to kill us all. Plus, *my own scientists including Avery will warn me if these natural disasters will happen.*”

“But-”

“Goodbye.”

“I have technology of my own invention! It can detect things that other computers cannot! You just won't let anyone else use it because you thought it was dangerous!”

But the President had already hung up. Dr. D. Goldfield tried desperately calling the President and other world leaders to hear him out but no one dared trust him. “It wasn't my fault!” he wept. Brushing away his tears he prepared for the end of the world.

Goldfield ran his hand along the cool, smooth diamond - titanium walls of the place he called home. He took great care in locking up all of his experiments so that they wouldn't crash and their contents would not be strewn across the floors for him to clean up later... if such a time existed. He said his prayers for the world, hoping that this phenomena should not result in what he thought was true. Suddenly, his danger alarm rang again, even louder than before to tell him that the traumatizing event loomed ever so close. Solemnly, covering his ringing ears, he turned on his TV. Dull colored pixels illuminated the screen as the image of a reporter, a frail man who looked as if he would be swept away by the howling winds and pelting rain. Shockingly, a moment later his feet left the ground and up he went. Doctor Goldfield's finger felt as if it weighed a pound as it came down upon the button indicating a change in channel. A new scene appeared on the screen, similar to the one before but the woman shown looked strong and wore a determined face as she did her job in such dangerous conditions. Goldfield's blood ran cold as he watched a huge fave of water approach the unknowing reporter getting closer and closer... After the monster wave got close enough, the television went blank. Dr. D. Goldfield's stomach lurched as all of a sudden, he felt a tremor above him and his lab began to shake....”

Grace Talks About Chocolate

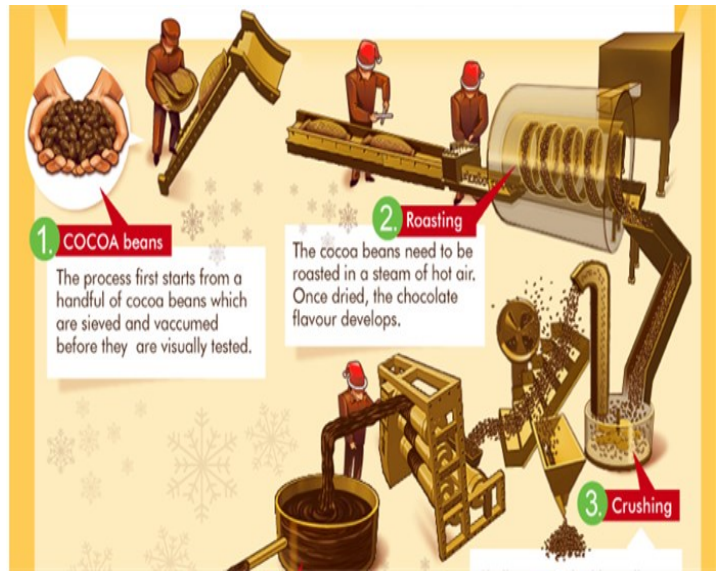
by Grace Mahony, Grade 11

Chocolate. No one thinks about this heavenly, velvety sweetness without their mouths watering with anticipation. Anything can go with chocolate and everything is made from chocolate. Traditional candy, red velvet cake, chocolate-covered potato chips, the classic chocolate-chip cookie; the list goes on forever. There's more to chocolate than you realize: a whole history and a long future.

The scientific name for the cacao tree, *Theobroma cacao*, translates to "food for the gods," which accurately portrays the value of chocolate. From the beginning, (and for 90% of its history) chocolate was drunk as a bitter, rich concoction, that the Aztec Emperor Montezuma II is said to have drunk fifty times a day! The ancient Aztecs and Mayans used cacao beans as a form of currency. Columbus missed his chance, but when conqueror Cortez tried chocolate, he declared it to be too bitter and dismissed it; it was only when they added sugar that it became popular.

Fast forward to modern times. These days, no one can go on about chocolate without mentioning Hershey's, an enterprise at the forefront of the chocolate industry. In the late 1800's, Milton Hershey produced chocolate-covered caramels, and in 1900, Hershey's milk chocolate bar was introduced to America. However, milk chocolate, the most popular form of chocolate we eat today, only contains a small percentage of actual pure chocolate. It's mostly sugar, which is why so many of us enjoy it. Let's not get started on white chocolate. White chocolate really isn't chocolate at all. Sorry white chocolate fans!

Parents and dentists may advise against eating too much candy, but there are a ton of benefits when it comes to eating real chocolate. (We're talking real, dark chocolate, not a mix of butters and fats like the corner store candy bars.) Everything about chocolate, from the taste to the smell, stimulates and benefits the body. Chocolate contains a high amount of antioxidants and flavonoids called flavonols and procyanidins, which are good for the heart and



can prevent cancer. Eating dark chocolate every day can reduce the risk of heart disease by one-third. However, drinking chocolate with milk can mess of some of the beneficial effects it provides. And don't even think about feeding chocolate to your pet! Chocolate may be great for humans, but it has been know to harm and even kill dogs and cats. Humans can get poisoned by chocolate as well, but that won't happen unless you plan on eating 22 pounds (or 40 Hershey bars) of the stuff.

Now, chocolate is amazing and all, but everything comes with a price. The reality is that the world is facing a serious chocolate shortage due to drought, disease, and the ever-increasing demand for the food of the gods. There has been an increasing demand for dark chocolate and China (a country that is traditionally not known for eating chocolate) is just starting to wake up to the whiff, buying more chocolate every year from international markets. Cocoa prices have grown over 60 percent since 2012. The streak of chocolate deficit has begun, and chocolate makers expect it to keep growing. Will the world be able to keep up with the new demand for this sacred sweet?

It's Beginning To Look Alot Like...

Gift Ideas for the Holiday Season

By Liwen Wang, Grade 6

Believe it or not, Christmas is almost here! Picture beautifully decorated shopping malls, Christmas trees inside apartment windows, and glistening snow at night. Christmas is a traditional holiday for many Americans and Christians all over the world.

This holiday season, there are certain gifts you might want to consider purchasing for your loved ones, whether it's for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, or whatever holiday it is you celebrate. More than anything else, the spirit of giving is in the air.

1. *The Iphone 6*
2. *The 2015 Barbie Collector Holiday Doll*
3. *The Hoverboard Scooter*
4. *Shopkins S3 Themed Fashion Spree Pack- The Ballet Collection*
5. *Sphero's BB-8 Droid*
6. *LEGO Friends Heartlake Food Market*
7. *The Candy Craft Chocolate Pen (see image)*
8. *The HUGE Teddy Bear by Tan Toys*
9. *Triby's Portable Speaker*
10. *The Nerf N-Strike Maverick Dart Gun*

Gifts like these can be purchased at your local *Target* or larger toy and appliance store. So what are you waiting for? Go shopping!

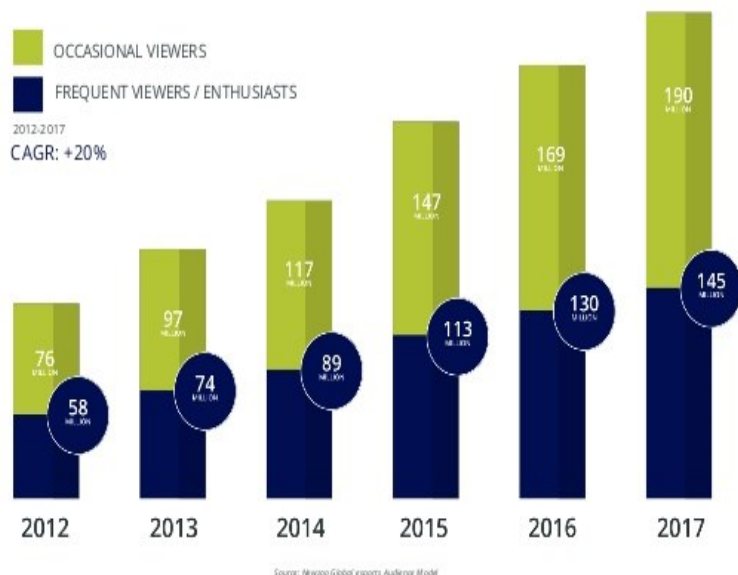


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Global eSports Audience Growth



This year, the number of eSports Enthusiasts will surpass 100 million



More than Just Your Console
 Why Video Games Can Be Considered Sport
 by Paul Seo, Grade 11

With many international tournaments slowly coming to an end, people forget that this includes sports that are not played in physical space. *Esports*, (Electronic sports) which can be defined as the category of sport that is primarily electronic in nature has been the subject of many world tournaments. *League of Legends* was recently recognized as the most played video game in the world reaching 67 million people playing every month. This huge trend of people playing video games as a job can be justified as why it would be considered as a sport due to the rigorous contracts and job protection that the players are given by their respective leagues to ensure fair play. Through these foundations gaming as a sport can slowly start to be recognized.

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More Than Just A Catcall

A Female Perspective On Something All Too Familiar
 By Gabriella Robayo, Grade 12

These days, women are almost immune to the chirps, whispers, yells, and whistles they hear as they pass by men on the streets of the city. Some women will yell back, “Pig!” or something insulting to communicate to the man that their sexual comments are not welcome. Other women just block out the catcalls. Every woman knows to avoid places like mechanic shops and construction sites for this very reason.

Most of the time, when men are calling at a female, they do not care about the woman’s age, marital status, or sexual orientation..

Many questions pop into my head as I consider how often women are victim to these remarks. If these men are calling at under aged females, is this the same as pedophilia? Pedophilia is defined as sexual feelings towards children.

And worse, these comments make women feel at best, uncomfortable, and often threatened or in danger. Why is that there’s no way to feel any sort of justice for women when cat calling occurs? All women know that they must simply “let it go.” In reality, what can be done? Going to police will do nothing. The danger arises with the thought that one day the chirping may turn into touching or something more intrusive.

A friend of mine felt she had no choice but to leave her job because of the consistent catcalls and eventual touching she fell victim to on her morning commute. Though her supervisor tried to convince her to stay by offering services to have her carpool to work, she was so hurt by the incessant abuse from strange men, she could not bring her-

self to continue working in the same neighborhood.

When she went to the police, all they said was she can file a report but that they prioritize their reports. Her report, she later found, was the equivalent of reporting jay-walking. She eventually quit her job. “My commute is too dangerous. It’s not worth it.”

With that being said, not all men do these perverted things that make women worry or feel disgusted. Most do not and it makes a woman feel better to know that she can safely walk by.

There should be more laws in place that make catcalling a crime. No one should feel that they are unsafe on their way to or from work to the point that they must quit their job. It’s unfair and needs to stop.

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Have an issue that’s important to you that you’d like to talk about? Share it with *The Eclipse*.

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East-West's Basketball Team Jumps Into Another Season

by Jazon Cuello, Grade 11

As many East-West students know, last year East-West's first ever varsity basketball team had a somewhat disappointing season, ending with a 2-6 record. Originally, East-West was ranked in Varsity C, but has since been promoted to Varsity B. The team will be playing a total of 16 games this season, playing against schools like Townsend Harris, Robert F. Kennedy and many more. All team players have high hopes for this season.

Anthony Velez, stated, "We've been practicing everyday, and we have improved a lot as a team as a result." The team reports practicing Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and sometimes Saturday for about 2-3 hours each time. Starting line up includes Point Guard, (senior) Ivan Lin, Shooting Gaurd, (junior) Corey Cheung, and Small Forward (junior) Jason Colon, Power Forward, (sophomore) Serdo Gyatso and Center, (senior) Omar Lawson.

Below are this year season's stats so far. Come support the team as we continue to make a name for our school.

Date/Time	Home Team	Score	Away Team	Score	Location
11/24/2015 04:30 PM	East-West School of International Studies	52	Queens Gateway to Health Sciences	50	Al Oerter Recreation Center
12/01/2015 04:30 PM	East-West School of International Studies	49	Townsend Harris	76	Al Oerter Recreation Center
12/03/2015 04:30 PM	Robert F. Kennedy	71	East-West School of International Studies	48	Robert F Kennedy HS-GYM
12/08/2015 04:30 PM	Queens School Of Inquiry	39	East-West School of International Studies	35	Al Oerter Recreation Center
12/10/2015 04:00 PM	East-West School of International Studies	37	Cambria Heights Academy	42	Al Oerter Recreation Center
12/15/2015 04:30 PM	Eagle Academy for Young Men III	0	East-West School of International Studies	0	Eagle Academy For Young Men III - Gym
12/17/2015 04:30 PM	East-West School of International Studies	0	Robert H Goddard HS of Commun Arts and Tech	0	Robert H. Goddard HS - Gym
12/21/2015 04:30 PM	East-West School of International Studies	0	HS for Law Enforcement & Public Safety	0	Flushing YMCA- Gym
01/05/2016 04:30 PM	The Scholars Academy	0	East-West School of International Studies	0	Scholars Academy - Gym
01/12/2016 04:30 PM	East-West School of International Studies	0	York Early College Academy	0	Al Oerter Recreation Center
01/15/2016 04:30 PM	Queens Gateway to Health Sciences	0	East-West School of International Studies	0	Queens Gateway to Health Sciences Secondary - Gym
01/19/2016 04:30 PM	Townsend Harris	0	East-West School of International Studies	0	Townsend Harris High School - Gym
01/21/2016 04:30 PM	East-West School of International Studies	0	Robert F. Kennedy	0	Robert F Kennedy HS-GYM
02/02/2016 04:30 PM	East-West School of International Studies	0	Queens School Of Inquiry	0	Al Oerter Recreation Center
02/03/2016 04:30 PM	Cambria Heights Academy	0	East-West School of International Studies	0	Immaculate Conception Center - Gym

Middle Schoolers Want to Shoot Hoops Too!

By Dilan Cordoba, Grade 6

It's official! Members of the middle school community are reaching high this semester, trying to begin a basketball team (and club) of their own. The sixth grade and seventh grade classes are working on developing a basketball club (with an accompanying cheerleading squad) that can begin as early as next semester!

"I want to be able to cheer for our middle school!" stated Mr. Oppenheim. Jeremi Chimbo from the tenth grade stated, "I feel that middle school as well as high school should be represented." Basketball also offers a chance to show your school spirit. "A basketball team will be fantas-

tic especially if you can encourage boys and girls to join," stated Japanese teacher, Mr. Bantz. Not only are people who are not in middle school wanting a middle school basketball team but also students like Eric Yung state "I feel like it will be good because we would have a sport to represent the school".

In addition to raising school spirit, having a basketball team for middle schoolers, and girls creates a sense of equality at East-West. The middle school students deserve the same extracurricular options as the high school.

We might be a small school but we think big. We can be the greatest school in the state. We master academics and we can master sports. Join our next try out for more information.