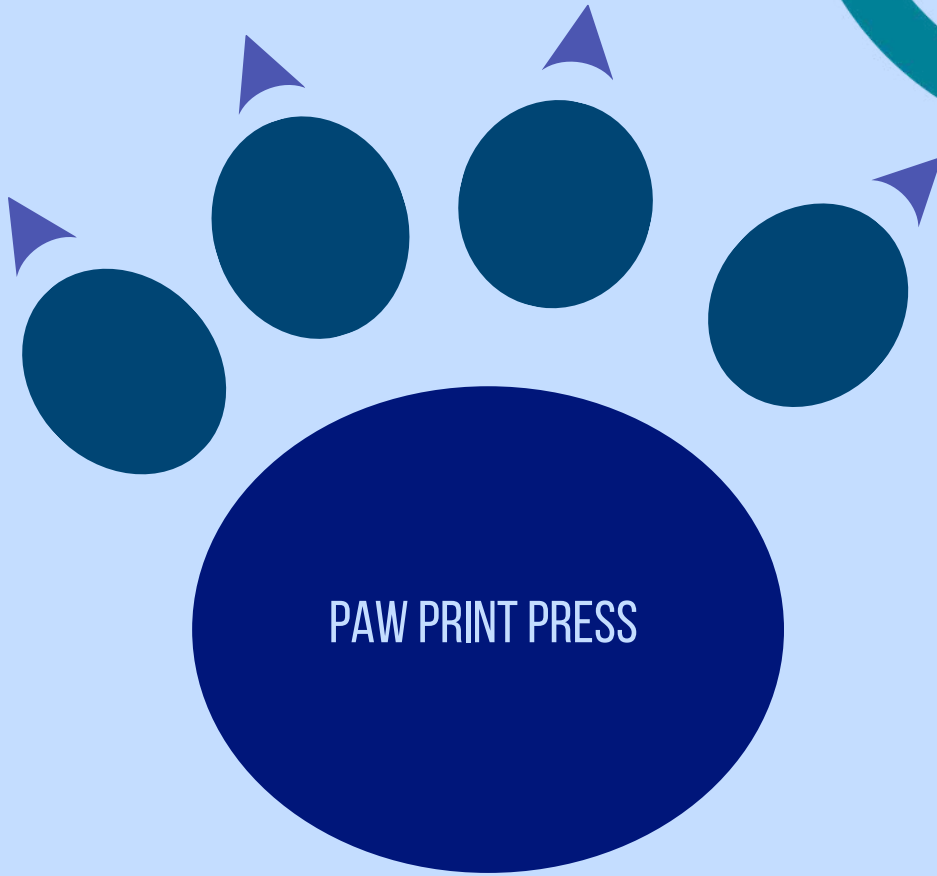


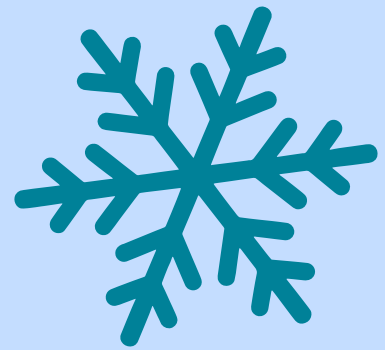
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ALL ABOUT PAGE MAKERS

Pagemakers is a club full of creative young journalists. We are working to report news about our school and the world available to all ages of kids. We meet once a week to discuss submissions, write, and have fun. We are almost entirely student led (with some guidance from Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Stonebrook). We organize, create, and edit the website, articles, submissions, categories, and general look of the magazine.

I hope you enjoyed learning about us and that you will enter a submission and/or keep coming back!

The Waters Pagemakers

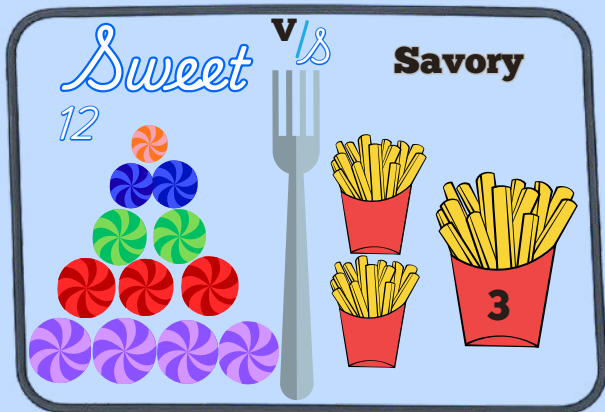
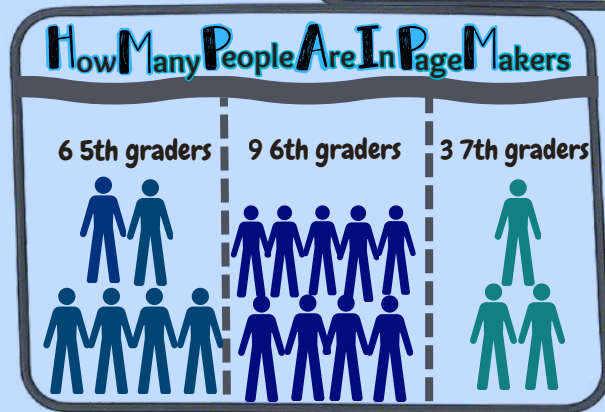
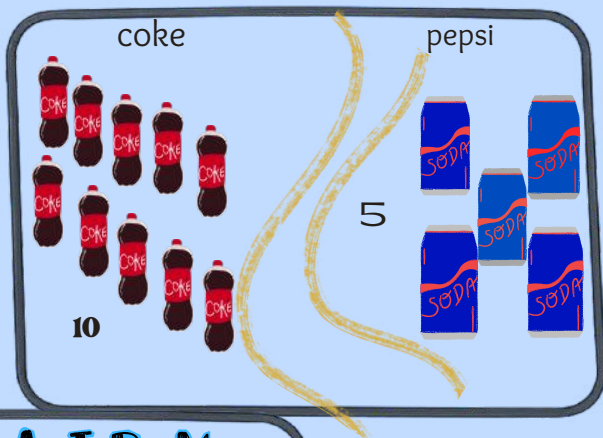
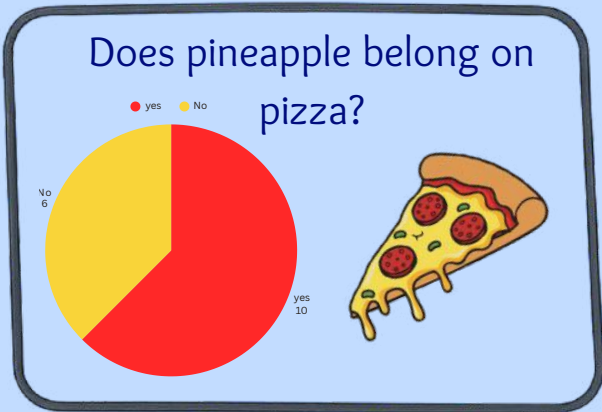
By: Matilda S. and Olivia B.

click here to go to our website for submissions:
<https://sites.google.com/cps.edu/waterspawprintpress/issues>



PAGE MAKERS POLL!

By: Matilda S.
&
Shuli L.





STAFF PROFILE #1

Job: Lunchroom Manager

Q: When did you start working for CPS and what did you do first?

A: I started with CPS in September of 2016 when I started over at McPherson. I worked at McPherson until January 2018 when I came over to Waters. I was over here at Waters as the manager of the lunchroom, but I was the lunchroom helper over at McPherson.

Q: What is your favorite thing about this job?

A: I would have to say getting to know so many of the students here at Waters, also my work with the GSA is a huge highlight for me.

Q: When is your birthday?

A: August 8th.

Q: What is your favorite activity outside of work?

A: Crafting is a huge hobby of mine, so sewing, crocheting, painting things.

Q: What is an unseen talent that you have?

A: Gardening, baking and cooking are all talents of mine.

Q: Why did you come over to Waters?

A: I came to Waters because I was looking to get into management, and I really liked the culture here with the Eco-friendliness of the school.



WALLY'S WISDOM

Everyone needs advice sometimes. This column will give advice for common student issues.

DEAR WALLY,
HOW CAN I STAY ORGANIZED WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH GOING ON?

SINCERELY,
DISORGANIZED BOB

Dear Disorganized Bob,

Everyday students are expected to finish their work, even when the teacher does not give much time. When you don't complete it, it becomes... Homework! Staying organized can be hard, especially in middle school when you have sports, aftercare, and WAY more! This takes up your time to do homework. This can also cause stress, and when we become stressed, it worsens our mental health. There are some ways to stop this, but it can be difficult.

One way is trying to block out noise and loud sounds. (This can be challenging when the whole class is out of control, especially when there is a sub.)

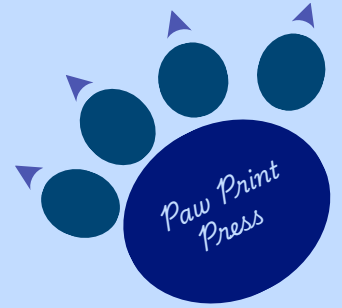
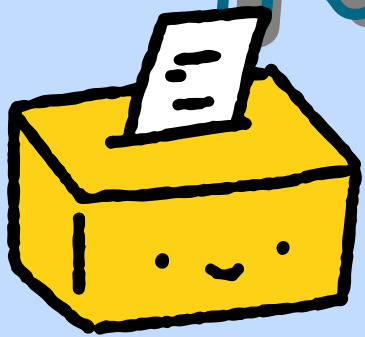
Another way is meditation. Meditation can help boost your concentration and help focus. This can help you finish work during the class time you have. Meditation can also help with anxiety and stress.

When you have lots of homework, it can feel like it just keeps piling up. Too much work can stop you from having fun, and fun benefits you by lightening your mood. Staying organized and completing tasks makes you happier. I hope this helps!

Thanks for asking,
Wally



READER POLL



WE NEED YOUR HELP!
THE PAGEMAKERS HAVE A QUESTION FOR
YOU:
YOUTUBE OR TIKTOK?

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO
SUBMIT YOUR OPINION!
[CLICK ON THIS TEXT!](#)

BALLOT

☐ TIKTOK

☒ YOUTUBE

THE BROKEN LEG

BY: COLLEEN M

Once upon a time, Sophie and Wally were climbing a tree near a park. Sophie and Wally climbed really high. Wally got super scared. They went down and played on the swings instead. Sophie accidentally swung too high, fell, and broke her leg. Wally called 911 and the paramedics loaded Sophie into the ambulance. They took Sophie to the hospital. Wally was so sad. After one day, Sophie came out of the hospital. Sophie could not play at the park for a month. They played catch at their houses while sitting down. One month later, Sophie got her cast off. Sophie felt happy and never did that again.

The End



THE SENSES

BY: AUGUST H.

My book I was just reading,
the dishwasher running,
and homework I could have missed (That I hope I didn't)

With less homework and an easy day for tomorrow, as you
can't go back in time and change what happened, you can only
move forward and learn from your mistakes.



HAIKUS

Snowflakes everywhere
Slipping sliding on the ground
Now melting slowly

Particles of dust
Ice forming a snowflake now
falling to the ground

Snowflakes very nice
so Beautifully falling
So magnificent

Snow is all around
Building snowman in our yards
Cocoa in my cup

WATERS wildcats
COMICS

Wally's bad
day"
by Ethan Lillya
and Ellie Marsh
and Linus Peyer



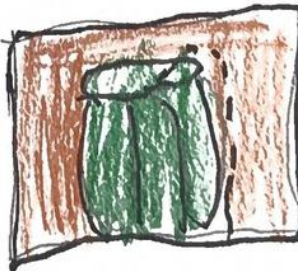
kids, stay
unemployed,
forever!

"viral trends"
by Linus Peyer
and Ethan Lilly



kids, stay
unemployed,
forever!

"Recess
Rat"
by Ethel L.
And Linus P.



FROM THE WATERS FILM CLUB:

"On Monday, November 10th, the Waters Film Club attended an advance screening of the Netflix movie, "In Your Dreams." The students wrote about their experience and submitted a short review of the film. Here is a recap of the night by one of the members, along with a brief review of the film. "In Your Dreams" is available to watch on Netflix. Film Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 - 4:15 pm.

Experience - When I got out of the car I was excited to watch the movie for two reasons, one: I am going to watch a movie, two: I will be watching a movie with my friends. As I got my seat, I got my popcorn, put butter and salt on it, then I got a "Lime Fanta" and then I sat for what felt like forever waiting. Out of the blue, the people running the screening did a giveaway of 'Baloney Tony', 'Abe', and 'Alexander' plushies. When the plushies were given away there was a guest in the building. It was Craig Robinson, the voice on the funny little plush. After the photos, the movie had started. It was worth the build up.



7th grade Waters Film Club members at the theater

CHICAGO'S TOP NEWS

BY: AUGUST H AND ODETTE F

On September 6th, Operation Midway Blitz began in Chicago with the arrival of Gregory Bovino and ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement). Many neighborhoods throughout Chicago and the nearby suburbs were impacted in various ways.

This included being unlawfully detained and "disappearing." Although there were claims that they were dangerous, few apprehended actually had criminal histories according to the Washington Post. Also, people chose to stay in their homes so as not to be detained, and in result, local businesses lost employees and customers, while some students lost days of school attendance due to ICE activity.

Immigrant neighborhoods like Pilsen and Little Village, and surrounding neighborhoods like Brighton Park all have large populations of Mexican descendants. Trump announced the week before Thanksgiving that ICE was withdrawing from Chicago and going to South Carolina. After that, the communities started to rebound. I was in Little Village the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Anyone could see how the community was starting to rebound. There were fruit and vegetable vendors out on the streets, people playing music, and there was even a workout class with music going out into the street. People were out. This shows that communities are starting to rebound, but it could be a very long time before things feel completely back to normal.



Creator: Erin Hooley | Credit:
AP (Associated Press)

What people did to help their community

During the time ICE was in Chicago, a lot of people chose not to leave their homes. When this happened, community members came together to help them. Some ways they did that was offering to get groceries and medication for people, food drives to help people who lost their jobs or SNAP benefits, walking to buses to make sure kids got to school safely, and carpooling to get kids to school. Ways the city has been helping immigrant families include a fire truck forcing ICE down a street, sirens blaring, lights flashing, and yelling through a megaphone, "Back away, we need to get through!" Another way was the city's Know Your Rights program that gave small businesses posters that show people their rights and what to do if ICE tries to detain them or enter their house. Ways people helped their community is through the Chicago Sun-Times and WBEZ's ICE Map which documents the presence of ICE through points on the map and photos, which you can view at: <https://chicago.suntimes.com/immigration/2025/09/12/map-where-were-seeing-ice-in-chicago>

What are some ways you can help?

While ICE is leaving Chicago, the repercussions will still be felt for months. Some ways you can help the community is supporting businesses who experienced a lack of customers and employees, as well as donating to food pantries or participating in food drives if you can.

What now?

On December 16, it was released that ICE would be coming back to Chicago, after they went to Minneapolis and North Carolina. In Minneapolis, Renee Good was pulled over and fatally shot in front of other people. She was a mother of three and 37 years old. it is safe to say that almost no one wants them back in Chicago. 17 days after Renee Good was shot and killed, ICE killed a man that was an ICU nurse from Green Bay. His name was Alex Pretti and he was 37 years old. In response, the Minneapolis mayor said at a press conference, "How many more residents, how many more Americans need to die or get badly hurt for this operation to end? After that, it is safe to say that almost no one wants them back in Chicago. What you can do to help people that are being impacted by ICE is still the same. Support businesses that experience a lack of business, donate to food drives, and make a scene if you see ICE anywhere.



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October 4th

6TH GRADE VISITS WHITE PINES!

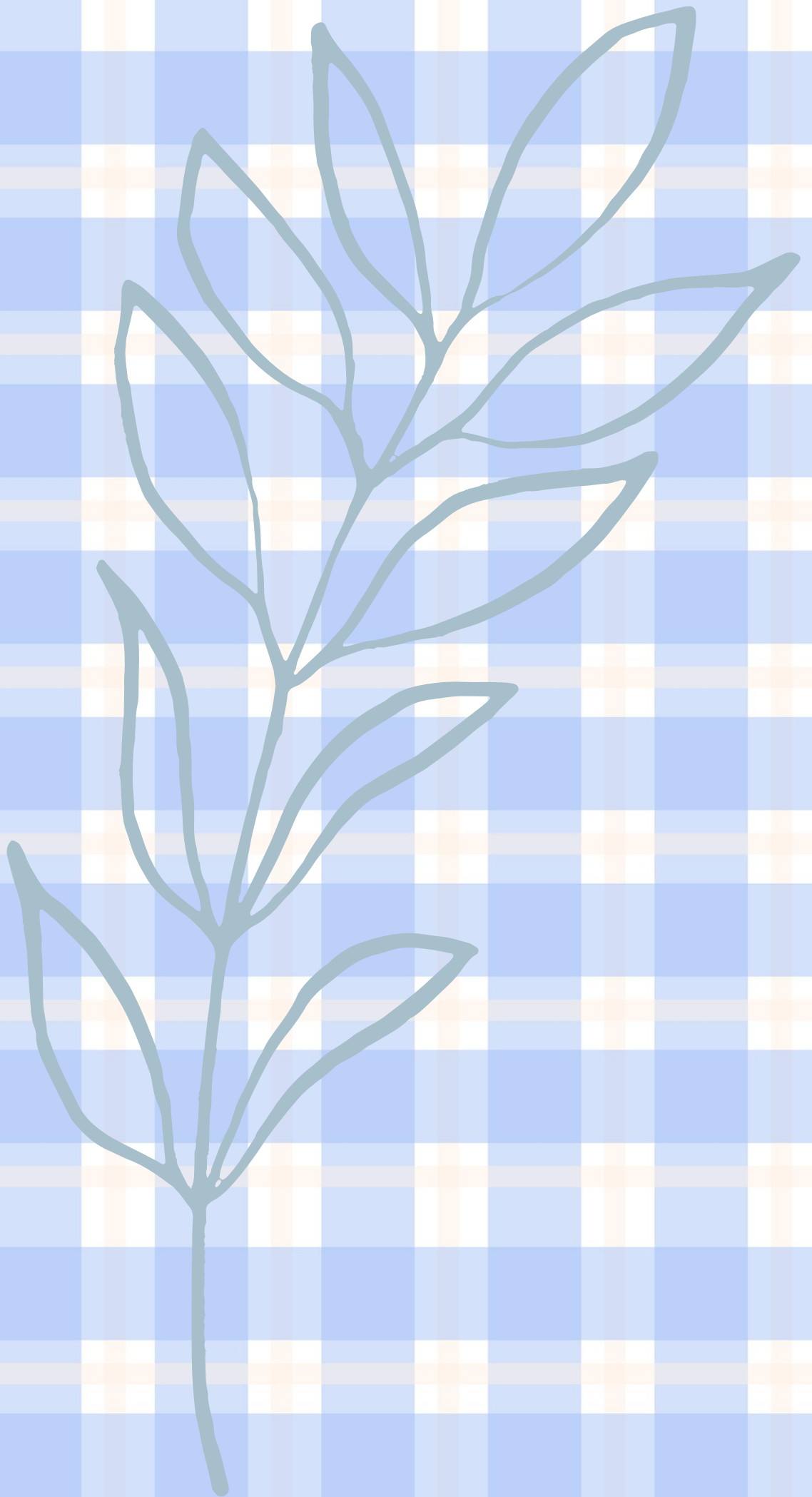
6th graders traveled down to White Pines Ranch in Oregon, Illinois! Students learned skills like how to use a compass and what essentials are needed for survival in the wilderness. In their groups, students rotated in activities all day. They also explored what the campus had to offer like the corn maze, camp fire, stables, and hiking trails. Back at the Ranch House, students enjoyed delicious meals, as well as a souvenir shop, arcade games, and bunk houses with bathrooms and showers. A couple days at the ranch made for some great memories!

Learn more about the ranch at the White Pines Ranch website:

<https://www.whitepinesranch.com/>



RECIPES



NO BAKE PUMPKIN



SPICE COOKIES

- $\frac{2}{3}$ CUPS PUMPKIN PUREE
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ BROWN SUGAR, LIGHTLY PACKED
- $\frac{1}{2}$ CUP BUTTER
- $\frac{1}{2}$ CUP VANILLA, CARAMEL OR BUTTERSCOTCH BAKING CHIPS
- 1 TEASPOON PUMPKIN PIE SPICE
- 4 CUP QUICK OATS

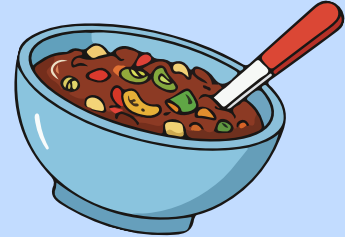


Add the pumpkin, sugar, butter, baking chips, and pumpkin pie spice to a large sauce pan over medium heat. Heat until mixture starts to simmer, about 5-8 minutes, stirring frequently, Remove from heat, add the oats and stir until fully coated. Drop cookies mixture by heaping tablespoon onto a lined baking sheet, then refrigerate until set, about 20-30 minutes.



CHILI

- 1 LB GROUND PROTEIN (MEAT OR MEATLESS CRUMBLES)
- 1 TBSP DEHYDRATED ONION
- 1 CAN CHILI BEANS
- 1 CAN RED KIDNEY BEANS
- 2 CANS DICED TOMATOES
- 1 CAN TOMATO SAUCE
- 1 CAN CORN
- 1 PACKAGE CHILI OR TACO SEASONING
- SALT AND PEPPER, TO TASTE



(SERVE WITH GREEN ONION/REGULAR ONION, SHREDDED CHEESE, SOUR CREAM, AND TORTILLA CHIPS)



Brown ground protein with dehydrated onion in a large pot. Drain off fat (if you used meat). Add all other ingredients and simmer together. Serve with diced green onion or regular onion, sour cream, shredded cheese, and tortilla chips.



HOPPIN' JOHN



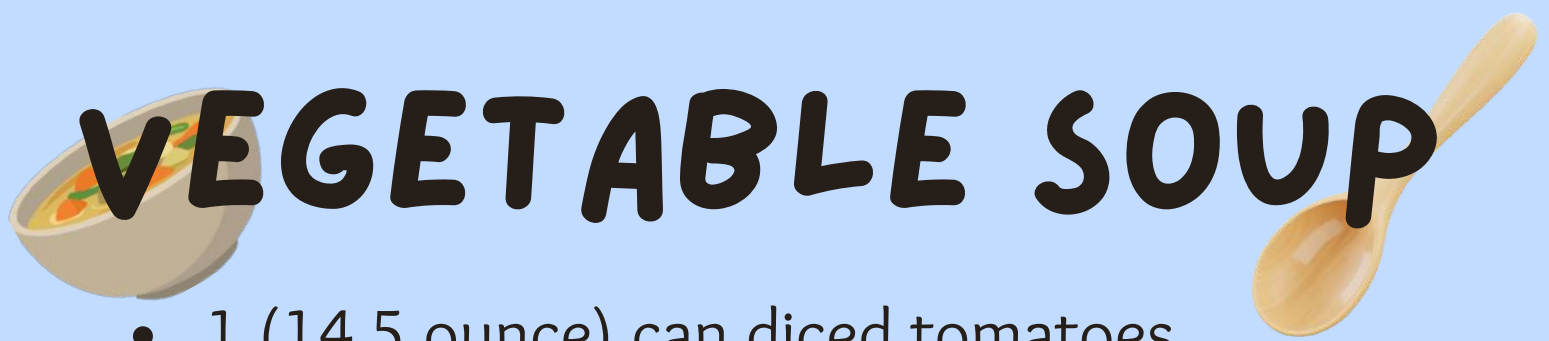
1 pound smoked sausage, cut into bite-size pices or 1lb. Vegan sausage
+2 tablespoon oil.

- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 ½ cup thinly sliced celery
- 1 cup diced green bell pepper
- 3(15 ounce) cans black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained
- 32 oz chicken stock or vegetable stock
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme, chopped
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 cups uncooked instant rice



Brown sausage in a large pan over medium heat. Add onion celery and bell pepper; cook and stir until onions are translucent. Stir in black-eyed peas, stock, thyme, cayenne, and salt, and bring to a boil. Stir in rice, cover, and cook on low, stirring occasionally until rice is tender, 20-25 minutes.



A bowl of vegetable soup with a wooden spoon. The bowl is filled with a yellowish soup, and the spoon is resting on the right side of the bowl. The title "VEGETABLE SOUP" is written in large, bold, black letters across the top of the image.

VEGETABLE SOUP

- 1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1(14 ounces) vegetable broth soup
- 1(11.5 ounces) can V8
- 2 carrots,sliced
- 2 stalked celery, diced
- 1 large potato, peeled and diced
- 1 cup chopped fresh green beans
- 1 cup corn kernels
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 pinch cajun seasoning, or more taste

Combine tomatoes, vegetable broth, tomatoes juice, carrots, celery, green beans, corn, and water in a large stockpot. Season with salt, pepper, and cajun seasoning. Bring to a boil over medium heat and simmer until vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes.

COCOA COMBINATIONS

TRY THESE WINTER HOT CHOCOLATE COMBINATIONS SO YOU CAN STAY
WARM DURING THE WINTER !

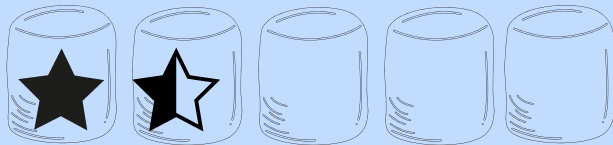
1.HOT COCOA AND VANILLA EXTRACT

1. Put one cup of milk into the microwave for 60 seconds.
2. Then add hot cocoa mix and stir until dissolved.
3. Add in 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract and mix. Enjoy!

1.



2.



2. HOT COCOA, CHILI POWDER, ORANGE ZEST

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine one cup of milk and one teaspoon of orange zest. Stir occasionally until the milk is steaming, but not boiling. Remove from the heat, cover, and let it sit for 10-15 minutes to allow the orange flavor to infuse.
2. Strain the milk mixture through a fine sift to remove the extra orange zest. Pour the infused milk back into the sauce pan.
3. Place the sauce pan back over a low-medium heat. Whisk in the cocoa powder, mix until well blended and the cocoa powder has dissolved. Then add as much chili powder as you want, depending on your spice tolerance. Enjoy !

3.HOT COCOA AND NUTELLA

1. Warm one cup of milk for 60 seconds.
2. Pour the milk into a mug and then add your hot cocoa mix.
3. Mix the cocoa powder until it has dissolved.
4. Add in 2 scoops of nutella into the hot cocoa.
5. Mix in the nutella and enjoy!

3.



FINDING NEMO JR

PAW PRINT PRESS REPORTER, VASILIKI, REACHED OUT TO MR. LANDIS FOR INFORMATION ON HOW REHEARSALS ARE GOING. KEEP READING FOR UPDATES AND CAST LIST.

11/12:

The whole cast and some of the crew got together. We listened to the music in Finding Nemo Jr, did a read through of the lines, and talked about the play. The director, Mr. Landis, told us why he and Mr. Batdorf chose the show, and then they talked about their concept for the story. They want the actors to be costumed like humans, not fish, but the set will look like an underwater world. Mr. Batdorf also told us about the music in the show. Finally, they introduced us to the stage manager, Ms. Stonebrook.

11/18:

Mr. Batdorf started teaching us the music for the Prologue and Big Blue World. We talked about the set and staged a scene with Marlin and Nemo.

Other exciting news includes the leads, all of which have been in the musicals before.

Nemo: J.J. Qaiyum (6th): Has been in the musical for 3 years.

Marlin: Augie Kress (7th): Has been in the musical for 3 years. They have played a monkey in Seussical, and the Tin Man in The Wizard of Oz.

Dory: Joy De Maio (6th): Has been in the musical for 3 years. She was the Coroner in The Wizard of Oz,

Coral: Darcy Anderson (8th): Has been in the musical for 4 years. She was The Grinch in Susicle, the Wicked Witch in The Wizard of Oz, and stage crew in Annie.

Professor Ray: Isabella Gavrilescu (8th): Has been in the musical for 4 years.

Annie, optimistic voices in The Wizard of Oz

Stay tuned for more updates!!!

ADVICE FROM A FELLOW STUDENT...

Cora Q wanted to share her advice on being a good student at Waters. Here are her suggestions:

- Don't make conflicts with other students. That could not only get you in trouble, but other kids as well, which gets closer to getting the whole class punished.
- Try to be nice to your teacher by complementing them such as, "I can't wait to see you tomorrow/next week!" or "You've been a great teacher!" And the one that makes your teachers smile, "I can't wait to learn more next week!" This will make your teacher feel valued, and you will feel good by complementing your teacher .
- Try to convince other classmates to be good or just respectful and not disrespectful. Don't blurt out because a lot of teachers think of it as a sign of disrespect. It's also slowing the lesson down, so if you're one of those kids that doesn't really like school, blurting out won't make it any better. It can also help with not getting extra work.
- Acknowledge what they say by nodding or saying things like, "Oh" and "Mhmm" so they know you are listening. This can be helpful and respectful to keep the class on topic.

Remember, doing these does not mean you're a people pleaser or a teacher's pet. It only means you're a respectful student and respect the rules. To clarify what a good student is will make your teacher and class happy. A good student is not someone who gets good grades or is the smartest. A good student is a respectful, kind, and nice student who is always ready to help and learn!

By following one of these tips, you can make your school a better place!



UNTIL NEXT TIME!

ISSUE TWO COMING SOON!

Calissa 

NORA J. •••

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