



Astro Camp

By Evelyn R. and Khloe MG.

Astro camp is an enjoyable and exciting opportunity for 7th graders to go and have an amazing time with friends and learn about many things.

This article will show you what happens in Astrocamp. All the 7th graders at JMS go on vacation to a camp for 3 days and 2 nights. Students with 3.8 GPA and higher are allowed to attend AstroCamp. Teachers at JMS also attended like Mrs. Kuwayama, Mrs. Rubke, and Mr. Cheney.

It is located in Idyllwild - Pine Cove, only a couple of hours away from JMS. The students that had made it into Astro will meet in front of the gate and get on the bus for a road trip!!!

There are many kinds of activities where you are able to experience different things. Ziplining is one of the activities. You can look at nature from above



In this picture, you can see a group of girls about to go on the zipline

The sky coaster is a student favorite activity involving going up into the sky with a 40 ft drop! The tense and heart-dropping feeling will come when it drops - many campers say the experience is similar to a roller coaster.

There are many animals you may see such as: deer, rabbits, and different insects! Bedtime is at 10:00 PM and dinner's at 6:00! 'For breakfast, they serve waffles, eggs ,and bacon, and for dinner, there was meatloaf, steak, and many more delightful meals!

At the camp you'll be learning about animals and many cool scientific experiments. One of the experiments was a nitrogen marshmallow! They put the

marshmallow in nitrogen and ate it. Mrs. K says "It was nice and fun to do the experiments. It gave the students a chance to do something they wouldn't be able to do at home or school."

Students have stated that they have much more freedom at AstroCamp compared to Camp Pali. They have said that the counselors give much more freedom to the students, such as being able to do some non-scientific activities including Volleyball, Basketball, and just playing on the fields and with other kinds of free time! In this picture, the girl has a blue light face paint on.



It's such a good experience and students have so much fun there. Astro camp is a great way to get closer with friends. You can meet new people. The counselors are very kind and nice.

The experiment the students did at Astro camp was that you can see things in a different light. They would color their face or walls with blue light markers. After that, turn off all the lights once the drawing is done, finally, you can see everything you wrote and drew.

Another activity that the students did was long division. The long division is when you go into a dark tunnel maze and have to try and find the way out. One of the students says that it took them about a couple of minutes to get out of the tunnel.

You can purchase PJ pants and hoodies and even stuffed animals that have an Astro camp shirt on. You can also buy freeze-dried food that astronauts have to take up into space with them. For example, they were selling freeze-dried ice cream sandwiches. All of these items are at the gift shop. It was located by the cafeteria.

Astro Camp is a fun opportunity to make new friends and have an amazing time. Remember to be respectful, responsible, and safe.

The 7th graders had such a fun time with all the fun games and activities and the food!

TFFA Spaghetti Dinner

By: Aidan O., Anthony M.

The Torrance Firefighters Association would like to invite you to participate in their 51st Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale. This event takes place on 03/08/2025 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM benefiting the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation and CHAMP CAMP! Over the years, The Torrance Firefighters Association have proudly served over 52,000 meals and raised over \$230,000. Your donations sponsor young burn survivors at CHAMP CAMP every summer!



(Last Years TFFA Spaghetti Dinner)

Now you might be wondering, what is the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundations? Well according to their website, “Dedicated, since 1971, to delivering fire prevention education and services to burn survivors and their families in California.” Also on their website, they say, “Our Passion for this mission is expressed in a wide range of programs aimed at reducing burn injuries through prevention, and enhancing the quality of life for those affected by burn injuries in California.”

All of the firefighters here in Torrance pitch in to help with the dinner and make it what we know it as today. Fire Captain James Duarte is a Fire Captain and has been one for three years, and was interviewed about the spaghetti dinner and his experience as a firefighter.

James Duarte has been to every spaghetti dinner since he became a firefighter, which is 27 consecutive years! Captain Duarte thinks it is important to donate money to causes in need because they’ve met a few burn victims that help at Champ Camp and a lot of the

volunteers at the Spaghetti dinner are burn victims, so it makes them feel good about what they do. He also stated that the community knows they help too and that they play the largest role in the fundraiser.



(TFFA Digital Promotion Flyer for Spaghetti dinner)

When James was asked about what he liked most about the Spaghetti Dinner, he said that he likes seeing the community, and how he’ll see familiar faces coming back every year and how he likes to make them feel important when he talks to them. He also stated how he likes seeing Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and other kids volunteering.

James Duarte also stated that many people come back for seconds because the food is really good. He said that the Union buys noodles and tomato sauce from the restaurant Giuliano’s and retired firefighters will come in and add spices and things like that.

James Duarte said that he became a firefighter because he wanted to be a problem solver. He stated, “I like being that person people go to when they have a problem or question, little or big. When James was asked about what he liked most about being a firefighter, he stated “Everyday is different.” He also said that he loves helping people and loves working with his friends.

The Spaghetti Diner originated from another firefighter and his wife 51 years ago. When one firefighter got burned and lived, his wife wanted to bring awareness to this cause. If you would like to learn more about the TFFA, check out their [website](#).

Premier League

By Omar N., Towa Y., Pablo V.

On Feb. 23rd, at 8:30 am, Liverpool's long awaited game against their rivals, Manchester City, started. Both teams have been in good form preparing for this game. Manchester City who have been improving since their last couple of games, recovering from that 7 game no win streak.

They are also playing their new signing, Khusanov, a Center Back from Uzbekistan who scored the equalizer for them against Leyton Orient not too long ago. This match up against Liverpool was really exciting and had lots of exciting moments

Liverpool played a 4-3-3 formation with Virgil Van Dijk as their captain. Manchester City also played a 4-3-3 with Kevin De Bruyne as their captain.

The match started and Liverpool were showing why they are at the top of the league, constantly attacking and attacking. They were attacking so much that in the 14th minute of the game M. Salah was assisted by D. Szoboszlai for the first goal of the game. This goal gets Salah his 40th goal contribution this season.



(Salah and Szoboszlai celebrating their goal)

Liverpool kept on attacking, applying pressure and in the 37th minute of the game Salah gave Szoboszlai a good pass and he scored to make it 2-0. Manchester City keep on trying to get a goal, constantly trying to equalize or at least trying to make the game closer. But they failed and the match ended with Liverpool staying at the top of the league and gaining 3 points to keep their distance from Arsenal. This season is one of the best for Salah ever, proving that he can carry his team to the top of the Premier League.

On Feb 22nd, Arsenal faced off against West Ham. Arsenal, in 2nd place behind Liverpool were the clear favorites against 16th placed West Ham.



(Arsenal player Trossard fighting for the ball)

However, the match didn't go as expected. Arsenal used a 4-3-3 formation, and West Ham's formation was 3-4-2-1. This strategy allowed Jarrod Bowen to score the only goal in the 44th minute with a great header. In the 73rd minute, Myles Lewis-Skelly received a red card.

Arsenal shot 20 shots. On the other hand West Ham only shot 5 times and they only missed 4 while Arsenal missed 18. That was one of the reasons why they lost. The final score was 1-0 with West Ham taking the win. It was a disappointing result for Arsenal. Arsenal tried hard but struggled to score. They had 20 shots but only two were on target. Even with a few late chances from Ben White and Leandro Trossard, Arsenal couldn't score. West Ham defended well and held on to their 1-0 lead.

The current state of the Premier League is dominated by Liverpool. This season, Liverpool has only been defeated once. 20 wins, 7 draws, one loss, for 67 points total. Their closest rival, Arsenal, has 13 less points, at 54. That would take at least 5 games to catch up to. Liverpool is on the top of the league by a long shot.

Unlike the teams that are thriving this season these teams aren't playing their best. So they might get relegated. The three teams at the bottom of this league will suffer this punishment. Currently, the bottom 3 are Southampton, with 9 points. Leicester City, with 17 points. Finally, Ipswich Town, who are also tied at 17 points. These teams are in danger of being taken to the Championship and being replaced with teams from there.

Man Briefly Swallowed By Whale

By: Jayden S.

Adrián Simancas and his father were pack rafting on a cloudy day off the Strait of Magellan, as his father records a 15-20 feet away from him, when a humpback whale appeared out of the water and moments later had swallowed him and had reappeared after a few moments while his father is paddling towards him. He described the moment it happened in an interview, “I felt something hit me from the back, and a slimy texture brushed my face, then I started to sink and closed my eyes ready for an impact, but felt that I was surrounded by water, I felt my life jacket start pulling me up and I was out.” Adrián’s father, Dell describes the moment his son disappears briefly, “I got out my camera to start recording to record the waves and I heard what sounded like a big wave crashing and looked to see what happened and didn't see Adrián.



Adrián moments after being swallowed as his father tries to help him

As his father paddles towards him trying to help his son and wrap his head around what has just happened he tells his son “stay calm, stay calm.” The last time an event like this has happened was in July of 2021 when a lobster diver Michael Packard dived down to pick some lobsters from the ocean floor when he was swallowed for a few moments. A director of the Humpback Whale Studies Program in Massachusetts reviewed the video and came to a conclusion saying “What's in the video suggests to me that the kayaker was in the way of a surface feeding whale. People getting swallowed by whales are extremely rare and unlikely due to the fact that whales' throats are roughly the size of a grapefruit, the most it can stretch is 15 inches.

Source: [Rafters Briefly 'Swallowed' by Whale in Chile, as His Father Films.](#)

The Origins of St. Patrick's Day

By: Reece N. & Rian P.

St. Patrick's Day is an Irish holiday where many people, Irish or not, come together to celebrate the death of Saint Patrick. His death was believed to be on March 17, 461. Ever since then, people have celebrated this holiday in some way. But how did this all start? Let's go back to the beginning.

Saint Patrick was born back in the 4th century in Roman Britain and was a patron saint of Ireland and



national apostle. At 16, Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave but he eventually escaped to a monastery in Gaul. He converted to Christianity and returned to Ireland. He was credited for bringing Christianity to the people of Ireland. Before his death, Patrick explained the Holy

Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) using three leaves of the native Irish clover, the shamrock, which is a very popular clover used during this holiday. The first parade for Saint Patrick's Day was held in America on March 17, 1601, when As a memorial of Patrick, the people of Chicago started dyeing the river green in 1962.

Now, today, many people, whether Irish or not, celebrate this wonderful holiday. To celebrate, Irish families attend church in the morning. They celebrate the holiday in the afternoon with dancing, drinking, and feasting on foods like meat, which was against the Lenten prohibitions. They even ate bacon and cabbage.



So, now you know the history of this nationwide holiday celebrated by many people and how it was created. And it will continue to be a loved holiday for everyone to celebrate for many years to come. We encourage you to try celebrating this holiday with family and friends. Try something new! For all you know, the possibilities are endless.



Are Zoos Ethical?

By Amanda E and Cielo O

Zoos, the go-to place to see animals you probably never imagined seeing with your own eyes. Giraffes, lions, gorillas, tigers, and many more. All these 'exotic' animals all cooped up on one plot of land for the whole world to see. The small cages they're forced to live in, the breeding they're forced to face, and the diseases they acquire because of the unfamiliar environment. Are zoos even ethical?

Despite claims that zoos help prevent the extinction of many exotic animals, the reality is that many animals suffer both physically and mentally in captivity. Animals are often confined to small enclosures that fail to mimic their natural habitats, limiting their ability to roam, hunt, or socialize as they would in the wild.



A picture of a pride of lions being caged

This lack of stimulation can cause stress, depression, and abnormal behaviours like pacing and self harm. Additionally, breeding programs often prioritize popular animals instead of endangered species raising questions about whether zoos truly prioritize conservation or profit. Instead of placing animals on display for entertainment, efforts should be focused on protecting animals in their natural environments.

Ultimately, the debate over zoos forces us to confront a dilemma: can the educational and conservation benefits truly justify sacrificing animals' natural freedom and wellbeing? While supporters may point to successful breeding programs and public

awareness campaigns, these achievements come at a significant cost.

Confinement in artificial settings strips creatures of the ability to engage in instinctive, natural behaviors—a fundamental right that no captive enclosure can ever fully replace. In an era where animal rights and welfare are increasingly prioritized, it is time to question whether maintaining zoos is a compassionate or responsible path forward.



A picture of a polar bear in a zoo

Some people believe zoos are necessary to protect endangered species and educate the public. They argue that zoos provide a safe environment for animals and help raise awareness about wildlife. However, these benefits do not justify taking animals from their natural homes and restricting their freedom.

Instead, resources and efforts might be better directed toward wildlife sanctuaries and habitat preservation initiatives that respect the intrinsic value of living in the wild. This shift not only promises a more ethical treatment of animals that also encourages a more genuine form of conservation, one that honors the natural world rather than compromising it for the sake of human curiosity and convenience.

Zoos often claim to help with education and conservation, but they cause more harm than good. Animals in zoos suffer from stress, loneliness, and a lack of space. Even with proper care, no enclosure can fully replace their natural habitat. Conservation efforts should focus on protecting animals in the wild, not keeping them in captivity.

In conclusion, zoos are unethical because they confine animals and limit their natural behaviours. Animals deserve to live freely in their natural habitats, not in cages for human entertainment. Protecting wildlife should focus on preserving their environment, not exploiting them.

Negotiations: Is it Peace in Ukraine?

By: Mason K.

Unlike the war, negotiations have not stalled for peace in Ukraine. Russian and American diplomats met in Saudi Arabia to discuss peace terms. Many of these terms for peace are still unknown, but as of right now, Russia is currently trying to end the war. Diplomats of these 2 superpowers do not include Ukrainian representatives. All of these major developments from the 3 year conflict came after they met in the neutral territories of the Saudis, the reality of peace may be very unpredictable.

The issue is that this peace heavily depends on the re-election of the Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The reasoning behind this action is as follows: The Spring 2024 presidential elections were postponed because martial law was enacted in the Ukrainian constitution, which states that no elections may be held until martial law is ended.

Another goal made by the Russian diplomats is for Ukraine to not join the EU (European Union) or NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) due to Putin wanting to keep rigging elections without any downsides.

The absence of Ukrainian representatives at this meeting is a major problem. This can hinder the country's ability to participate effectively in and influence international affairs.

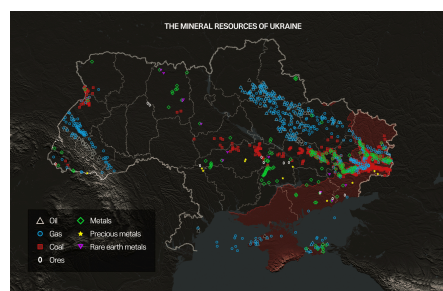


Russian and U.S officials meet in Saudi Arabia without Ukraine.

Because of these developments, Ukraine will not accept these terms without Ukrainian involvement. Due to the lack of participation, President Trump said he would hold more talks with Russia, remembering to invite Ukraine for future talks.

Trump announced the next round of Ukraine peace talks in Riyadh on February 25, 2025. U.S Secretary of State Marco Rubio outlined three main objectives both sides had agreed to pursue. These include restoring the embassy staff in Washington and Moscow, creating a high-level team to facilitate Ukraine peace talks, and exploring ways to strengthen the economic cooperation between the two countries.

Ukraine has many natural resources, and since the US has given Ukraine \$100B in aid, Trump wants to be paid back the amount in raw materials that the US does not have. Zelenskyy initially rejected the deal due to not wanting to be in debt to the US and or not being able to make money from one of its biggest drivers of GDP. Some of these materials will include Uranium, Lithium, titanium, and graphite.



Map of Minerals in Ukraine, zoom in to get a closer look!

Ms. Aragon, a social studies teacher at JMS, shared her thoughts on the negotiations saying, "I was glad that they were starting peace talks, but I was surprised that Zelenskyy wasn't included and that Trump and Putin met without Zelenskyy." She continued her thoughts by explaining how she thinks Europe would be shaped if this peace deal went into effect: "Backtracking, I think that Ukraine will probably be forced to give up a little bit of land to Russia. I wish that weren't the case, but I foresee that happening. For Europe, I think that it is going to be great, but it's over because they're giving a lot of money in terms of loans, but they also don't want Ukraine to give up any land. I know they want to stay strong for Russia and for Putin to be an invader, and so I think they are going to save money, and they are going to be very weary and a little bit scared." In short, the negotiations are complex and fraught with challenges, with the absence of Ukrainian representation being a major point of contention. The outcome remains uncertain.

Duolingo's Mascot, 'Duo', Died?

By: Lucas T.

On Tuesday, February 11, Duo- full name Duo Keyshauna Renee Lingo, the very popular mascot of the multi-billion dollar company Duolingo, allegedly died from getting hit by a cybertruck. This began a spur of mourning and grief as other brands and organizations were inspired by its death. Meanwhile, people are unsure who committed the crime. One thing is for sure, though, Duolingo used its mascot's death in order to gain profit and more popularity, and is it a lie for something bigger?



Duolingo's death. Image taken from [MSN.com](https://www.msn.com)

Duolingo posted a video on its official website, showing Duo getting hit by a cybertruck. Later, the Duolingo CEO posted a quote on X/Twitter saying, "It is with heavy hearts that we inform you that Duo, formally known as The Duolingo Owl, is dead." The quote continues by saying, "Authorities are currently investigating his cause of death and we are cooperating fully. Tbh, he probably died waiting for you to do your lesson, but what do we know." What does this mean? Well, there is more information to bring to light.

There were many people, brands, and organizations that mourned Duo's death, as stated before. Netflix posted an image on Instagram, showing Duo as one of the eliminated players from Squid Game. Meanwhile the food chain, Chipotle, also posted an image on Twitter showing Duolingo posing outside the restaurant including a quote from Chipotle saying, "i'll always remember u this way." Even pop star Dua Lipa reacted by saying, "Til' death Duo part" along with a broken heart emoji.

Additionally, the TSA posted an image of Duo and a quote with breaking news, "BREAKING NEWS: birds allowed through security and a rare green owl was spotted leaving TSA this morning." This collaboration between Duolingo and the TSA is one of their marketing

strategies. There were some other marketing strategies as well, including selling the app's characters as plushies in coffins, posting videos to cause chaos and get views! Duolingo went so far as to put an event on the app where you can "save Duo" if you did enough lessons. This was Duo's huge marketing strategy. The company must have made a lot of money from this act since their views on their YouTube shorts increased.

On Monday, the 24th, Duolingo changed the channel's profile picture into one with beams of light emitting from its eyes. If you checked the 'shorts' tab, you'd see a video titled, "faking my death was a test, and you all passed." The video showed an edit of the language learning platform, but had no information in itself. On Wednesday, the 26th, the company posted yet another video, titled, "it's time we talk." with an image of the green owl sitting on a couch with tears in its eyes. Compared to the last video, this one had all of the information needed to finish the mystery.

In the video, Duo states that its goals were to get people to do their lessons, and get Dua Lipa's attention. However, they both didn't work, which resulted in Duo taking drastic measures to get attention. You might have noticed the video already, but if not, Duo said that all of the videos were all edited, while the cybertruck was there for dramatic effect. Additionally, the green owl made the other characters fake their deaths as well in order to make it more believable.



Duo Keyshauna Renee Lingo plushie in a custom coffin

Duo committed to this extreme act in order to see how many people would actually do their lessons to bring Duo back. It even got Dua Lipa's attention, which means that Duo completed its two goals, but is this all a lie for something bigger? Well... not exactly. Duo just wanted people to do their lessons to get attention and profit, that's it, or is it? Why did Duo threaten us with, "So yeah, please. Just do your lesson, because next time, it won't be a fake death."

Guess the person: celebrity edition

By Khloe M



Who do YOU think it is?

This person...

- Their birth name is Onika Tanya Maraj-Petty
- Trinidadian born
- Business woman
- Has the best celebrity fan relationship
- Mango hi- chews are her favorite candy
- Born december eighth 1982
- Singer and rapper
- Dyes her hair alot
- First album pink friday
- Loves to wear pink
- Has a perfume brand
- Very close to Ariana grande
- Her most popular song is starships

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Captain America: Brave New World

By: Aidan O.

2025 has already shown that it will be a big year for movies. One huge movie that just recently came out is the highly anticipated, Captain America: Brave New World, from Marvel Studios.



(Captain America: Brave New World Poster)

On February 14th, 2025, Captain America: Brave New World was released in theaters as part of Phase 5 of the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

The film has become the third highest grossing film of 2025, at \$344.50 million worldwide. On opening day, the film made roughly \$40 million, and made a total of \$90 million after four days.

Rotten Tomato Reviews gave the movie a 48% on the Tomatometer and a 79% on the Popcornmeter, IMDb gave the movie a 6.0/10, and Metacritic Reviews gave the movie a 42%, with the majority of the reviews being mixed between positive and negative.

This movie features big stars like Anthony Mackie, Harrison Ford, Shira Haas, Giancarlo Esposito, Tim Blake Nelson, and many more!

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Your Only Move Is Hustle: Review

By Pablo V.

Your Only Move Is Hustle, a strategy, turn-based 2-dimensional fighting game, made by Ivy Sly. At first glance, if you see a replay of the game, it can seem super fast-paced. But, that's the trick. Your Only Move Is Hustle, or YOMIH for short, strings each turn into one replay, like an animation. All of this, and 5 characters in its roster, all for \$4.99

Released in 2023, the game was a quick hit. Its single player mode is like a fight creator, where you pick both of the characters' actions, and go until a character's health bar is depleted, or until the timer runs out. After all that, you have



Only Move is Hustle, developed by Ivy Sly.

a replay to watch where it's shown as a fast-paced animation-like fight. In multiplayer, you face an online opponent and control only one character. It's a match of wits, using the tools you have to win, and outsmart your opponent, predicting your opponent and keeping them in combos for as long as you can to win the match.

At first, the game had three characters. Ninja, a fist fighter, mostly in close range. Cowboy, with a sword and gun, a mid range fighter. Wizard, with magic and long range. Later, they add Robot, a bulky character with lots of grab moves. Finally, and most recently, Mutant, an agile and nimble character with lots of mobility.

Your Only Move is Hustle brings something new to the scene. breaking new ground in the field. With the amount of possibilities, there is so much to do, and YOMIH is still being updated. In multiplayer, there are almost always people to fight, in my experience. You can also find people in the community hosting competitive tournaments. Along with this, the game has a large modding fanbase, and if using Steam, the game is, in my experience, pretty easy to mod. I won't be going into any specific mods, but easy modding is a plus for me.

So, my final rating is a 9.2/10.