

THE RAILROADER RUNDOWN

The latest news and updates from Whitehall High School



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(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) GUEST SPEAKER AND MOTHER MARIANNE ANGELILLO POSES WITH WHITEHALL SADD STUDENTS AFTER GIVING HER SPEECH ON HOW TO "SHARE YOUR STONES" AND ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE WITH IMPAIRED DRIVING

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COVID: Still A Part of our Lives

by Mr. Ethan Burgess

Another month has gone by and we are still feeling the effects of COVID. The latest casualty, the January Regents exams. While I don't think many of you will shed a tear for these being canceled, please pay attention to what the state is communicating. The State Education Department recognizes that our days are still disrupted, our teaching is disrupted and our community is disrupted. I am hoping these exams are canceled for June as well. I must say that I've never given much stock in a one-time exam determining the knowledge gained throughout the year.

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(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) LOUIS PRATT, PRINCIPAL BURGESS, DAVID MILLER, TOMMI LYNN CLEMONS, & SABRINA GORDON POSE ON PAJAMA DAY

The Return of Dances

by Louis Pratt

This past fall the decision to postpone the Homecoming dance upset many students, two months after this decision students have been wondering: What ever happened to school dances?

The idea of a winter semi-formal has been floating through the halls of the upperclassmen wings. I had the chance to sit down with Principal Burgess to talk about school dances and if they will return. Burgess exclaimed his excitement and told me that dances will absolutely be making a return.

“I’d like to have a dance for the high school around Valentine’s Day.” Burgess said. As for the middle schoolers Burgess said he is still working out dates and times. Our student government will be responsible for planning these dances as well as making sure there is an event for our High School and Middle School. Burgess, a strong advocate for schoolwide inclusion, isn’t just encouraging students to come to these dances.

“My goal is to really urge the faculty to come to all of these functions.” Burgess explained, “It’s a great way for the entire Railroader Community to “let their hair down” together.” Since Burgess has become our Jr. Sr. High Principal one of the changes he has been working on is faculty participation. In recent months we have seen more faculty members participating in events like spirit weeks and pep rallies than ever!

So prepare yourselves Railroaders, dances are coming back and they are going to be better than ever!

COVID

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We still have students being added to the quarantine list weekly. The secret for keeping off the quarantine list is to be vaccinated. Many students have given Mrs. Rathbun a copy of their vaccination card and this has worked wonders.

I’d like to have a few after school events this winter, but COVID has me second guessing. I want to have these events, but I can’t risk the student body to COVID. I will say that we have far fewer quarantine and COVID cases than our neighbors (Granville and Fort Ann).

I will be sitting with students this week to discuss these events further. If you have an idea of something you’d like to see the student body participate in; please reach out to your student government representative...or Louis.

Be Well Railroaders,
Mr. B

Wilson uses Instagram to praise students

by Aliza Roberts

One of our Physical Education teachers, Mrs. Wilson, has a new page on Instagram for the student body to follow. On this page, @wcdmorethanpe, she posts daily updates on what her classes are doing or what our student body is doing. Many have found that this is a fun way to interact with her and receive the small praises that are well needed. She posts pictures from multiple classes and it is evident how much fun everyone is having.

I personally think this page is spectacular because you can see how much everyone enjoys Mrs. Wilson's classes. Mrs. Wilson never fails to have a great game planned out for her students to play followed by a mindful guided imagery for at least like 5 to 10 minutes after class. Having her students sit down and help them clear their minds after completing physical activity is a neat thing to add into class because it gives everyone a second to take a breather and ground themselves. Sometimes the most peace that I get out of my entire day is when she has me sit down in silence and just close my eyes for a few minutes.

A lot of students dislike gym class because they have to change and participate, some people dislike it because they don't feel like they fit in that setting very well. Mrs. Wilson encourages kids to be their best selves no matter what game they are playing. She brings up everyone's confidence and makes it a safe and welcoming environment to participate in. I think this Instagram she has created is a fun way to prove Wilson is a top notch teacher and because it'll be something that everyone can look back at someday and reminisce about, including Mrs. Wilson.



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WCSD Drama Club prepares "The Wizard of Oz"

by Chloe Ferguson

Have you ever seen the movie *The Wizard Of Oz*? It is one of my personal favorites! If you haven't seen this movie, WCSD Drama Club is performing it as their spring production, they are even featuring the deleted scene of the Jitterbug!

Our Band Director at Whitehall High School, Mrs. Clark, gathered students on Wednesday December 8th to talk about the format of *The Wizard of Oz* and when auditions would be held. Auditions were held on Monday December 13th and a lot of students decided to audition from grades 7th-12th. Those who auditioned were really into the idea of performing and they all seemed to enjoy the idea of the play.

We decided to do this play so that some students could get the opportunity to have fun, have a distraction from the outside world, and give kids the idea of what it is like to be able to perform in front of audiences. Preparing this play will take lots of dedication and practice but we'll be ready for it in no time.

The play will be in the spring in the auditorium at our School, so make sure you're there and support the students from our school! It would be greatly appreciated and be sure to do as Dorothy said "never give up, you never know what will happen next"

Let's Hear It For Our Lunch Ladies

by Aliza Roberts

This year our lunch ladies are putting their entire heart into everything they do for us.

Anytime I go into the lunch room I'm not only greeted with a welcoming smile but it always is followed by a genuine and kind conversation. The lunch staff goes above and beyond to make sure everyone gets fed and while trying to make food that they know everybody will like. Our lunch ladies care about the food that we're eating, they care enough to make sure it's healthy and maintains a balance.

One part of lunch that I enjoy is the cold and fresh fruit. The apples from the cafeteria are the sweetest and they are always ripe.

One afternoon they made chicken and the entire hallway near the gym smelt really good. Everyday when I come into school even if it's late they still give me breakfast and ask me what I would like with a smile. I've never had a bad experience with the lunch ladies, they've always been really kind and care about the kids that they feed everyday. I appreciate that even some of them have remembered what I like to eat at lunch and know what I'm going to order.

They take the time out of their days to make sure we can have delicious food throughout our day. Being a lunch lady isn't easy and they get a lot of bad backlash about the food and everything else when really they are some of the kindest people in the building. So next time you see a lunch lady, thank her, and do it with a smile.



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(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) OUR LUNCH LADIES JODI EDDY, PATTI BROWN, ADA ROBERTS, DEB DUNBAR AND GAIL LAVOIE POSE AT THE PEP RALLY

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Prices on the Rise

by Morgan Stevens

A topic of discussion recently for many people is how consumers have been finding themselves paying more and more for everyday goods. In September of 2021, the consumer price index increased by 0.4%, which is driven largely by increased necessities like food, shelter, and gasoline. Additionally, it has been found that year-over-year, prices have risen 5.4%. This percentage has been the largest jump in prices since January of 1991.



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According to the Labor Department, some key categories that have prices that have increased include rental cars, gas, used cars, hotels, TVs, furniture, meats, poultry, fish and eggs, new cars, appliances, rent, electricity, restaurant prices, etc. These price increases can be attributed to several factors. However, a significantly large factor that is one of the causes for this increase is the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, prices for airfare and other forms of traveling are increasing because very few people were traveling at the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 compared to 2021.

While many economists have assured that this inflation is temporary, prices have continued to steadily increase. Although this is more of an issue for adults, this can be an issue for teenagers with jobs and car payments, and for seniors who will be transitioning into adulthood within the next year. It's important to be educated on these issues and properly manage your expenses, especially for those who will be responsible for things such as insurance, payments, and rent in the future.

The Reality of Graduating

by Dewey Preece

Something many, including myself have come to realize is that Graduation is coming very soon. Life will change a lot and having to go into the real world will be very different. For some of us we will be in completely different environments that we'll not be used to and we will have to adapt. Being grown up and an adult is gonna be a big step for all of us seniors. This year is going by so fast and it's unbelievable that it's going at the speed it is.

Graduating will be the best experience for some and I think this year really should have the

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What does it take to have a Snow Day?

by Louis Pratt

Every year, as soon as the first snowflake hits the ground, students at Whitehall Jr. Sr. High School open their phones and hit send on the “Are we going to have a snowday?!?” text message to myself, Louis Pratt. If you’re wondering why my phone instantaneously blows up with this message the answer is simple, my dad is one of the key decision makers for snow days.

For over 27 years my dad, Louis Pratt II, has been the Superintendent of Highways and when the winter season rolls around my dad finds himself spending countless hours working to make sure our roads are safe for people to drive on.

“It is a lot of responsibility. You have to make sure the roads are clear, everything goes well, and people are safe.” Pratt explained “It can be a very stressful job especially if something doesn’t go right.”

A snowstorm separates people into two groups, those like Pratt who find themselves working overtime and those such as myself who hope that school is shut down for a relaxing snow day. A question that many don’t know the answer to is, what does it take to have a snowday?

“Inclement weather makes the roads very slippery, they need to be passable, opened up and sanded by the time the buses have to run or else we will shut down.” Pratt explained “If the weather is predicted to continue all day we decide to shut down. If the weather is going to clear up we go with a two-hour delay to make sure we have time to clear the roads.”

Pratt is not the only person who makes the snow day decision, Superintendent Dee also takes part.

“I check the road conditions to see if the roads are passable for buses and transportation.

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Music Rocks!

by Logan Manney

I love to listen to music because it can be a great way to express emotions or you just because you like it. There are so many things you can do with music, it can help you in many different ways. Sometimes it is something that you listen to when you are bored. Many people like to use it as just background noise while you are doing something. Music doesn't always have to be fast, rap music, it can be slow and calming. Sometimes on break, when I don't have to worry about my phone being charged, I will fall asleep with music playing and it'll just play until my phone dies. Music is perfect for almost any gathering, there is no situation where it is completely inappropriate to play music (it is just the choice of music that makes it inappropriate). My favorite singer is NF and my favorite songs by him are "Dreams" and "Oh Lord". NF is becoming a better known singer, his best album in my opinion was "Therapy Session". With a world full of different genres and types of music there are so many different options of what to listen to!



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The Wire Mother Experiment

by Kaylie Myers-McGraw

In the 1950s American psychologists, Harry and Margaret Harlow, performed an experiment with monkeys that illuminated and complicated society's idea of bonding with caregivers.

The Harlow's were breeding Rhesus Macaque Monkeys for their research on learning more about morality. The Harlows' experiments portrayed the effects of love, specifically, the absence of love. The process of their experiment began with cruelly separating the babies and their mothers right after birth. Their research, as unethical and cruel it was, revealed to us the importance it is for a caregiver to love the child for children to develop healthily.

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For The Love of Art!

by Chloe Sprague

My favorite medium of art is painting, especially on canvas. Painting on canvas is how I express myself creatively, it also helps decrease my stress and anxiety levels.

There are many health benefits to it, but sometimes I just like to sit and paint because it just helps me clear my head and helps me think better. Sometimes when I can't think or I am having a bad day I paint to help clear my thoughts. It also gives me some time away from screens. It is one of the many ways that I can express myself. Depending on the colors that I use you can tell how I am feeling that day.

I enjoy experimenting with different colors to see what type of color combinations that I can make. Ultimately my mood really decides what colors I use. I enjoy art so much that I could draw and paint pictures all day long!

If you're feeling anxious or stressed try painting, trust me it works!



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A Museum of Cats?!?!?!?

by Kaylie Myers-Mcgraw

You may be surprised to hear this but somewhere in the world there is a museum full of cats! In Petersburg, Russia, there is a museum called the State Hermitage Museum. Such a museum was once the official residence of Russia's ruling tsars, the Winter Palace. Now it is a Kitty Palace to say, since there are about 50 cats that are treated like royalty.

The cats are fed and cared for by the staff at the Hermitage in the museum's main room, called the "koshachly dom" meaning "cat's house". The palace also has a special room for the more antisocial kittens, then there's the hallways and the basement where some cats prefer to wander. The cats have veterinarians on call and they have their very own press secretary, Maria Haltunen. Sadly the cats are not allowed into the galleries and rarely seen by the public, the cats are fairly popular.

The nearly three-century-old building has been home to the cats ever since Empress

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The More You Read, The More You Know!

by Chloe Sprague

One of my favorite things to do is read books, especially history ones.

My favorite book is *Gone With The Wind*. I have always enjoyed learning about the concept of history and the content that *Gone With The Wind* discusses. *Gone With The Wind* is a book that helps me understand the Civil War better and have a clearer picture of what had happened during that specific time period. Books similar to *Gone With The Wind* teach me tons of different lessons about U.S. and World history.

I had learned a lot about the Civil War and some of the Lincoln presidency. I also like books that can give me something to do other than sit in front of a screen. Reading is better for the mind and is healthier.

Some pros of reading are: getting help with relaxation before bed, decrease in stress and obtaining educational content. There are so many books to read if you want to learn something new!

Safe Winter Driving

by Morgan Stevens

Driving during the winter season can be difficult for drivers of any age, teenagers and new drivers especially. It has been found that newly-licensed drivers are four times as likely than adults to be involved in a car crash. In fact, car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the United States. Studies now show that this could be the result of inexperience and a tendency to be distracted while driving. Some distractions include texting/calling on a cell phone, eating, distracting passengers, using a navigation system, adjusting radio/audio system, searching for items in the car while driving, etc.

It is important for drivers of all ages to be cautious while driving to prevent any harm to themselves or other drivers on the road. Some ways to stay safe while

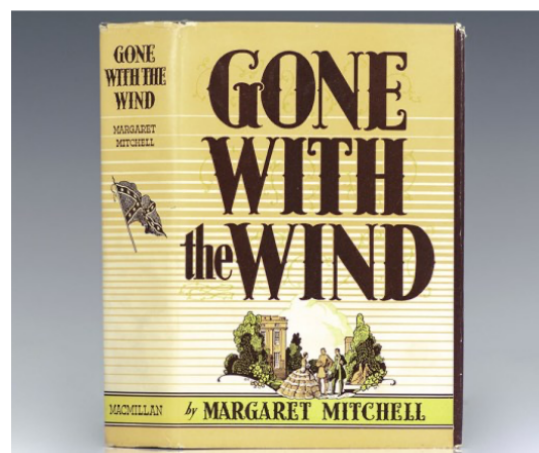


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Peer Pressure

by Aidan MacLeod

Everyone has seen the signs around school and knows that peer pressure is a dangerous thing, but do you really know why?

Peer pressure can make you do things that you never planned on doing whether it's doing something like skipping class or even doing something worse like drugs. Either way peer pressure can cause people to develop very bad habits for themselves and people around them.

If someone was peer pressured into trying something like vaping they may have never tried it if they weren't pressured but now they could start to think that things like vaping are okay and could easily become addicted since nicotine is such an addictive drug. This also goes for things like skipping school or classes because your friends want you too. At first it may seem harmless, what harm could skipping a single class or day of school cause. Well the problem isn't the one day or class that you skip, the problem is that if you get away with it you may be more inclined to try to do it again. Now this could cause a really bad habit for school and could easily lead to you skipping more often which would most likely reflect on your grades when report cards come out.

Moral of the story is that peer pressure is dangerous and you should stay away from it at all costs.

Snow Day

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I then call Superintendent Dee by 5 a.m. to let him know if we need a two-hour delay or closing.” Pratt said.

Although the winter season brings about holidays and family gatherings Pratt says he prefers the warmer seasons better. “It includes less stress about road conditions and less hours working to clear roads,” he added.

So next time we have a snow day, reach out to a plow truck driver and thank them, especially since they probably haven't slept in 24 hours.



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How do you study?

by Aidan MacLeod

As students we always hear our teachers telling us to study, even though they really never taught us how. There have been many times where I have gone home and studied thinking I would be ready for the test the next day but instead when I started the test, everything that I had studied the night before had left my thoughts. I remember these times being very frustrating because I was putting time into studying and I was still not understanding the content. Well as I soon found out after that, it wasn't that I was incapable of learning the topic, it was instead that my ways that I was studying just did not work for me. I used to study by simply reading over the notes I took in class, which worked sometimes but not all the time. I have found that a better way of studying is to write flashcards for myself and then go through and study those. It helps me remember a lot easier because instead of just reading over the information, I make flashcards and write down the information first which helps a lot when it comes to remembering information. And for specific topics like math I like to study by looking up problems online and solving them. Flashcards for math usually don't work for me because it's the same question over and over again. Instead online they have many different questions with different variables relating to the topic. Doing that usually lets me know if I truly understand the math or not. Either way studying can still be very difficult and everyone has different ways that work for them.

Driving Safe

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driving are to cut out distractions and stay alert, be aware of your surroundings, be aware of other drivers, keep your speed down, separate risks, etc. It is also essential to properly manage your car. Switching out your regular tires for winter tires, checking tire pressure, being aware of the amount of fuel in your tank, and protecting your windshield wipers are great ways to maintain car safety, especially during the winter seasons.

Although you may not be in control of other drivers on the road, you are always in control of yourself and your vehicle. Therefore, it is always important to be alert and aware of all risks while on the road.



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How was Basketball invented?

by Kinealeigh Plummer

Basketball is one of the most popular sports globally, yet the invention of this competitive game tells its own tale of how the simple idea turned into one of the greatest.

Although basketball is now a very popular and complicated game, its beginnings were rather humble. In 1891, James Naismith, a Canadian-American sports teacher, invented this simple sport. In New England winters, it was difficult to manage classes since coldness kept students indoors. To confront the lack of activities, James was challenged to create a sport that would stimulate athletic interactions. So, James came up with three key ideas: first, the ball was made soft and big, to prevent injuries; second, to decrease the amount of violent contacts like those in football, passing was the only way to transfer the ball; third, the goal was placed out of reach to encourage exercise. With these in mind, he created thirteen basic rules of basketball and nailed two peach baskets to opposite sides of a gymnasium, around 10 feet off the floor. The first basketball court was born! Now, there are many basketball courts everywhere and it has become a worldwide phenomenon!

Knicks Need To Get Their A-Game On!

by Ethan Farley

The New York Knicks are my favorite NBA team. We're a couple months into the season and even with a hot start the Knicks are not in a good place. They started off with a 6-1 start and even led the eastern conference early in the season. Since then they have fallen to a 12-16 record and are 12 in their conference.

What went wrong? Early in the season Julius Randle, who was a breakout player

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REFS BREAKING UP THE FIGHT BETWEEN THE PISTONS AND LAKERS



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Strike!

by Logan Manney

I have enjoyed bowling since I was very young. My parents were in a league through Broadway Lanes where we all would go every Friday. I sometimes go on the weekends just to relax and have fun or go out with friends. I even went recently and finally bowled a 200 after all the years of practice. I had also bowled a 174 and 197 all in the same night. Getting the 200 was a big confidence booster for me because after all the 170s and 180s it was starting to seem like I wasn't improving but it was all worth it!

My technique is that I bowl with 2 hands instead of one. I have realized that I have to slow down how hard I throw the ball for it to hook perfectly. I used to have a little 10 pound ball to practice with but since my dad stopped bowling he gave me his. This makes it easier to hook it but that makes it harder to pick up certain spares. I enjoy bowling at Broadway Lanes because it is where I feel most comfortable as I know everyone that works there. I've known the owner since I was young. My mom will sometimes bowl with me because she loves bowling as well.

If you are every bored you should definitely give bowling a try, take my word for it!



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Cats

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Elizabeth 1 ordered that cats be brought from 746 miles away to be placed in the basement to catch mice. Ever since then the cats can still be heard meowing from the pipes below. The palace today consists of five buildings open to the public with the Winter Palace as the highlight of the Palace. The palace consists of 233.00 square meters of space and is known as one of the largest museums in the world. There are also portrait illustrations of the cats in the traditional court outrunner's ceremonial uniform inside the palace.

Every year, the museum hosts a "cat day" where children are invited to the palace to learn about and paint the felines. With the cats and the art inside the museum the palace attracts visitors from every corner of the world. And now, because of the pandemic, the Hermitage's inventory is available to view online. As Plotrovsky, the director of the Hermitage Museum has once said, "No other museum, frankly, has such a history as the Hermitage."

Try This Delicious Cookie Recipe!

by Kylee Covey

Want to try a new cookie recipe for holidays and the New Year? Try this for the best chocolate chunk cookies ever!

Ingredients

- 1 cup salted butter (must be softened, I recommend leaving the butter out overnight)
- 1 cup white granulated sugar
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 2 cups chocolate chips or chocolate chunks

Steps-

1. Preheat your oven to 375 degrees
2. Add your softened butter to your mixing bowl and whip until creamy
3. Then add your sugars and 2 eggs
4. After the sugars and eggs are well incorporated add the vanilla, baking soda, baking powder and sea salt. You may want to crush the sea salt flakes into smaller pieces
5. Add your flour one cup at a time

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Westbrook breaks turnover streak

by Dewey Preece

Russell Westbrook, who plays for the Los Angeles Lakers, finally went a game with no turnover since 2016 when playing the Sacramento Kings. Head Coach, Frank Vogel, backed Westbrook up and said that he is a great player and a winning kind of player on the court.

Russell just broke the 407 game streak of turnovers.

This will be the first game since March 14, 2016 with no turnover. Three other talented players, LeBron James, Malik Monk, and Talen Horton-Tucker, also stepped up last night to help carry L.A. to a win. These players also had a night with LeBron dropping 31 pts, 5 Reb, 5 Ast, Malik Monk had 24 Pts, 4 Ast, and 4 Rebs, Russell Westbrook had 19 Pts, 2 Ast, and 7 Rebs, and Talen Horton-Tucker had 19 Pts, 6 Ast, 4 Reb.

Russell Westbrook was supposed to be a key player for this and was supposed to help LA win another championship. While he is putting up decent stats every night it's not enough. Russell Westbrook is the Lakers go-to point guard and they need him to step up more and he's not. While other players are working on their game and stepping up on the court Westbrook is not!

Monkeys

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The Harlows' most famous experiment was called "The Wire Mother Experiment". This experiment was used because they noticed how the baby monkeys would grow severely attached to the soft blankets they had in their enclosures. Hence the Harlows created two mothers for the young Rhesus Monkeys. One mother was made of a soft cloth but provided no food and the other was made of wire and had a baby bottle attached to its body to provide nourishment to the baby monkey. Predictably, the baby monkeys preferred the cloth mothers over their wire mothers. The baby monkeys also showed how the babies are familiar with the cloth mother and would turn to the cloth mother for comfort and security. Although this test would not be up to the ethical requirements of today, the experiments helped influence how child care providers, adoption agencies, social services groups and orphanages would care for children.

In conclusion, the Harlows' work led to more knowledge on love, relationships and affection.

Graduation

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most made of it. It's hard to believe the end is so close and how time has flown by already. I'm excited to graduate with

the people I grew up around, and it is going to change a lot after my year is over. Hopefully we can also have a “normal” graduation this year too. I look forward to what the future holds!



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Coach Meyer fired..

by Ethan Farley

In the NFL you can not take anything for granted, Urban Meyer learned that the hard way. Meyer was one of the most successful college coaches of all time winning championships with the Florida Gators and Ohio State Buckeyes. This NFL offseason had a lot of head coach hires with most notable Urban Meyer signing with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Meyer's short tenure started out a little shaky. In the NFL Draft the Jaguars made the first pick and made the obvious choice with drafting Quarterback Trevor Lawrence out of Clemson, but later in the first round they had another pick that surprised people by drafting a running back. This surprised people because they already had a breakout running back star named James Robinson.

Despite the questionable drafting by Urban Meyer and the other front office members, people were excited to see what Meyer and their star

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Cookies

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6. After all your flour is mixed in, fold in your chocolate chips or chunks. Folding these in helps reduce the risk of over mixing your batter
 7. Set the dough in the fridge for 30-60 minutes
 8. Use a medium cookie scoop or 1 tablespoon measuring spoon. Space out evenly on a cookie sheet and bake for 8-9 minutes
 9. Share with friends and family and enjoy!!!
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Knicks

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and won most improved, started off like he did last year playing very well. Since then his shooting percentage has plummeted and has hurt the team. Other players who the Knicks spent big money on in the off season like Kemba Walker and Evan Fournier have been hit or miss. Walker, who used to be a star on the Charlotte Hornets, hasn't been playing well since leaving his former team. He struggled on the Celtics the last few years and now is not even in the lineup and has not played in a couple weeks for the Knicks. Fournier, who the Knicks spent big on, has been a little better for them but still not what they paid for.

While things have been very rough for the Knicks the last month or so there are a lot of bright spots to look at. Obi Toppin who is in his second year has been playing very well off the bench this year posting almost 9 points per game. Other bright spots are their rookies McBride, Grimes and Sims who have been doing well filling in when they have injuries. In all, the Knicks season has been underwhelming this year after making the playoffs last year. It is a long season and the Knicks have time to turn it around.

Meyer

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rookie Trevor Lawrence could do. A few weeks into the season and everyone could see how big of a mistake signing Meyer was. Firstly after a loss to the Bengals in Cincinnati Meyer did not travel with the team back to Jacksonville and he stayed in Cincinnati. Videos came out with Meyer at a bar doing "stuff" with a woman that was not his wife. A few weeks after that incident multiple reports came out that he starts fights with players and starts fights with other coaches calling them "Losers" and "Failures". There were also multiple players that came out and said that he hurled racial slurs at them. The team's former kicker even said that Meyer kicked him for missing kicks. Late at night on December 15th Meyer was fired just 13 games into his NFL coaching Career.

Meet Our Team!



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