



VILLAGE QUARTERLY

Taking Notes

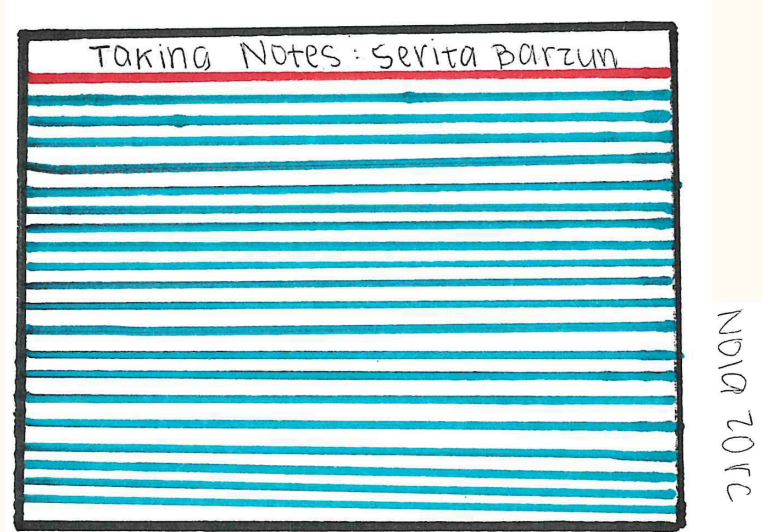
By Serita Barzun

There is a problem in Village School. There is a notecard thief and we have found out who it is.

It's us.

Remember earlier this quarter when the whole school had unexpectedly run out of notecards? When we need to make notecards for Latin, math, science, or any of the subjects, we take a whole stack when we only need a certain amount. Remember just to take the amount you need, and if you have extras please return them. When you mess up on a notecard, don't start over, just erase or cross out. And as a reminder to the 5th and 8th graders, you should NOT use them for notes to your big or little sisters. There are colorful ones in the office that are meant to be used for this purpose.

Just think of all of those trees. It makes me sad. What about you? And all those animals that were in that habitat. Gone because they needed more notecards. Like what the heck, guys, you are so selfish. Sorry, that was harsh but I mean, just make a small sacrifice and use fewer notecards. You don't need to stop using them all together but just use less. Thank you for your time, and I hope you consider.



8th Graders Mary Page, Elea Kate, Caroline, and Ashby at the 2025 GEM Tournament

2025 GEM Tournament

By Frannie Heins

This March, Village School hosted the 14th annual Girls Excelling in Math (GEM) Tournament. On March 22nd, Village School welcomed 23 teams of about 300 girls to Walker Upper Elementary. Each participant competed in three different events: a team and individual paper-pencil math event and a team hands on challenge! This was the most attended GEM tournament that Village School has ever had! Every year, a special guest speaker is selected to talk about their experience with mathematics. This year, a professor at the University of Virginia, Silvia Salinas Belmker, was the guest speaker. She is broadly interested in muscle mechanics & physiology, multi-scale modeling, mentoring students, and teaching. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this great event!



Drawing by Frannie Heins

Spring Birthdays

By Rowan Gosse

March

- Rowan March 2
- Tempe March 6
- Ella M. March 7
- Flora March 14
- Ayanna March 14
- Winter March 19
- Nola March 21
- Lucy W. March 24
- Betty March 27

April

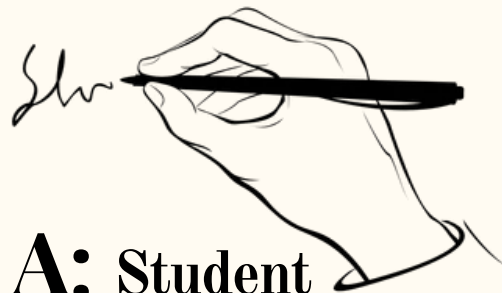
- Rose April 6
- Helen April 14
- Shannon April 17
- Lily April 19
- Loretta April 22

May

- Amaya May 5
- Zozie May 14
- Evie H. May 22
- Caroline May 24
- Marian May 29
- Maria May 29
- Zilfa May 31

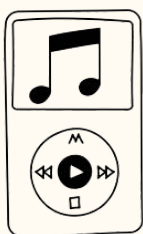
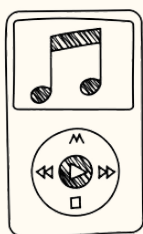
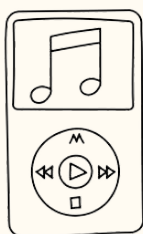
Spring Playlist

By Nola Zorc



Ask A: Student

1. Touch - KATSEYE
2. All Of The Girls You've Loved Before - Taylor Swift
3. Risk - Gracie Abrams
4. Saturn - SZA
5. Roses - Jenna Raine
6. New Romantics - Taylor Swift
7. Beautiful Things - Benson Boone
8. We Can't Be Friends - Ariana Grande
9. Espresso - Sabrina Carpenter
10. That's So True - Gracie Abrams
11. Daylight - Taylor Swift
12. Cry - Benson Boone

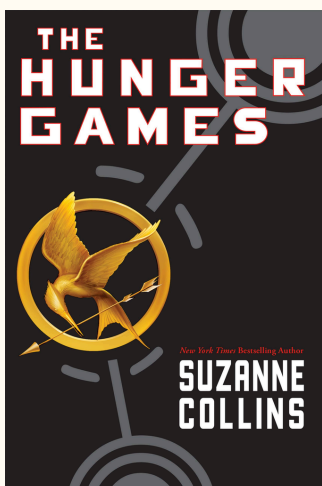


Book Review

By Mary Wrightson

The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins, is a dystopian novel that follows a sixteen year old girl named Katniss Everdeen. She lives in the poorest of the districts, District Twelve, and after the death of her father her mom stops being able to function, leaving Katniss to support her mother and her little sister, Prim. When Katniss is 16, she gets selected into the Hunger Games. The Hunger Games is an annual "event" where the Capital, a place that benefits from a dictator-like government that holds 12 districts under poverty, takes one girl and one boy from each district and makes them fight to the death.

I loved this book because it was mildly fast pace and kept me guessing on what would happen next. The way all the people of the districts act toward the Hunger Games was pretty interesting, like how some train their children in hopes they get selected and others hope that their children will not be selected. In conclusion, *The Hunger Games* is an amazing book that is definitely worth reading if you have not already.



Dear Advice Column,

A friend and I have been fighting recently and I don't know how to resolve this argument without hurting their feelings. What should I do? From, Fighting with a Friend

Dear Fighting with a Friend,

Having a conflict with a friend (especially at school) can be hard and sometimes it seems like the end of the world. Sometimes the best thing to do is give the person space. Even though you might want to vent about this person, don't do it at school! Bringing in people from your class, making mutual friends "choose sides," or even telling just one person can create WAY too much drama. My advice is to talk to the person after school or over the weekend and wait a few days so you can reflect on how to talk to this person. Just remember that friends fight and this will probably make your friendship stronger in the long run.

I've been having a hard time with getting my homework done and have been getting behind, do you have any tips for time management? From, Overwhelmed

Dear Overwhelmed,

I'm so sorry you're feeling stressed about school work! Some tips I have about time management are:

- Use your planner: If you keep your planner organized with due dates and assignments it's easier to stay on top of school work.
- Try to make a routine of your homework. Set a timer for the time your teachers said to work. Use your time to "try out" all of the problems and if a problem is stumping you, move on from it to do the other ones and come back to it.

Remember: It's totally normal to feel overwhelmed and stressed, so don't beat yourself up about it because it's going to turn out okay.

A friend is being mean to me and then pretending it never happened. What should I do to address the issue? From, Confused.

Dear Confused,

We're so sorry that you and your friend are fighting! Of course it is really hard to deal with those situations, but here are a few tips:

1. Don't let rudeness make you respond with more of the same. The best way to defuse rude behavior is to stay friendly and helpful, giving the other person a chance to calm down and adjust their behavior to match yours.
2. Being rude is hurtful, but removing yourself from the situation is the fastest and surest way to avoid more rude behavior from the same person. Walk away, even if they're still talking to you!
3. Maybe they've had a bad day, or they're in a hurry and think there isn't time for manners. They probably don't even realize how rude they've been. You won't know until you ask! Stay calm and say something like, "I think that's pretty rude. Why are you treating me like this?"
4. Give them some space.

Hopefully these help!

Astrology *Let's ask the stars....*

Who's your celebrity twin?

Aries (March 21-April 19):

Lady Gaga

If you are an Aries, you are just like Lady Gaga! You are strong and independent. You are also very particular and you like everything to be the way you want it. But yet, you are very creative and love to express yourself in your own unique ways.

Taurus (April 20-May 21):

Sabrina Carpenter

If you are a Taurus you are absolutely Sabrina Carpenter. You are confident, ambitious, and hard working. But still, you have a sense of humor and can be very social, you still like your boundaries respected though. People who are honest, respectful, and empathetic are friends to you!

Gemini (May 22-June 21):

Marilyn Monroe

Marilyn is the celebrity for all geminis! You are beautiful, confident, empathetic. Even though you are confident in yourself, you can still be quite sensitive when others are being manipulative. But still, you are a leader and role-model to all your friends.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

Ariana Grande

If you are a cancer, you are totally Ariana Grande! Being a cancer means you are confident, outgoing, and quite the feminist. You have a sweet spot for adventure. Even though you are on your own journey of life, you still love to help other people when they need you!

Leo (July 23- August 22):

Dua Lipa

If you are a Leo you are surely a Dua Lipa! Leo's are perfectionists and have rizz. You pay attention to the little things and like to be organized. You are also very confident and aren't afraid to stand up and say what's right!

Virgo (August 23- September 22):

Beyoncé

Virgo's, you are SUCH a Beyoncé! You are a leader and role model to your friends and family. You are very charismatic and are very good looking. You are definitely a workaholic and like to get things done!

Recipe: *How to Make Churros*

By Ari Jesus

Have you ever wanted to make or learn how to make homemade Churros? With a crisp outside and a light and airy inside? Well today I will be giving you a great recipe to make amazing churros.

Ingredients:

- Two cups of water
- Five tablespoons of white sugar
- One teaspoon of salt
- Four teaspoons of vegetable oil
- Two cups all-purpose flour
- Four quarts oil for frying
- One cup white sugar, or to taste
- Two teaspoons ground cinnamon

Step 1: Gather all the ingredients.

Step 2: Combine water, two and one-half tablespoons sugar, salt, and 2 tablespoons vegetable oil in a small saucepan and place over medium heat. Then bring to a boil and remove from the heat.

Step 3: Next, stir in flour, stirring until mixture forms a ball.

Step 4: After that, heat oil for frying in a deep fryer or deep pot to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Transfer dough to a sturdy pastry bag fitted with a medium star tip. **Depending on your age and experience, you may need adult help here!**

Step 5: Carefully pipe a few 5 to 6 inch strips of dough into the hot oil; work in batches so you don't crowd the fryer.

Step 6: Cook until golden; use a spider or slotted spoon to transfer churros to paper towels to drain.

Step 7: Combine 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. Roll drained churros in cinnamon and sugar mixture.

Libra (September 23- October 22):

Jenna Ortega

If you are a Libra, you are such a Jenna Ortega! You are stylish and independent. You may seem like a lively person, but you secretly have a dark side with a dark sense of humor!

Scorpio (October 23-November 21):

SZA

Scorpio's, you are definitely like SZA. You are very loyal and honest, but also ambitious and brave. You aren't afraid to stand up for yourself, and other people too!

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21):

Taylor Swift

Sagittarius Swifties, you'll be happy to know that you are just like Taylor Swift! You are very ambitious and have many leadership qualities. Although you can be inclusive, friendly, and empathetic, you are a perfectionist and like things done in a certain way!

Capricorn (December 22- January 19):

Cynthia Erivo

Capricorn's, you are definitely like Cynthia Erivo (and Elphaba)! You are unique and intelligent and always stand up for what is right! But you are still a goofy, loveable friend to all!

Aquarius (January 19- February 18):

Oprah Winfrey

If you're an Aquarius, you are such an Oprah girly! You are highly energetic and social. You are also determined and passionate. Although you're adventurous and outgoing, you have trouble letting go of the past and are a perfectionist, but overall you're a cool cat!

Pisces (February 19- March 20):

Chappell Roan

Pisces Girlies, you are SUCH a Chappell Roan! You are very creative and imaginative, and also dreamy and romantic. Although you can be generous and empathetic, you can also be weak and passive aggressive.

- By Nola Zorc and Ella Faulconer

Spring Break Movie Suggestions

By Frannie Heins

Looking for a rainy day plan b, or a cozy movie night? Here are some suggestions for movies to watch during Spring Break.

- YES DAY
- Barbie
- Wicked
- Mufasa
- Moana 2
- Freaky Friday
- The Sound of Music



Make Way for Saturday: 4 Hours in Charlottesville

By Rowan Gosse

9:00 - *Downtown Diner*

The Nook

If you're looking for a sit-down breakfast, the long standing Nook has awesome food (take it from me) that will make one of your best breakfasts yet.

10:00 - *Shopping*

Green Cauldron

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Darling/Dashing

A women's consignment shop with cute accessories and local goods with a mens' side attached (Dashing).

O Suzannah's

A small gift store with things every girl likes!

11:00 - *Morning Munch*

Mudhouse

A small coffee shop with delectable powerballs that will keep you going.

11:15 - *A Quick Dip*

ACAC

While springtime is still a little too chilly for outdoor swimming, ACAC is a great gym with an indoor pool, snack bar, and great locker rooms!

Village Spotlights

By Serita Barzun & Frannie Heins

Ms. Western



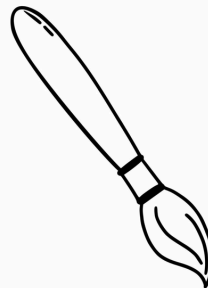
My Faves

Color: Lilac Purple
Day of the Week: Thursday
Food: Her Dad's Chili

Ms. Western was born on January 10th 1997 in Brookline, MA. This is her 6th year teaching Latin at Village. Ms. Western started taking Latin in 8th grade in a school in Australia and continued taking it through college. Ms. Western loves everything about latin: grammar, vocabulary, history, culture, mythology and learning about all the crazy things the Romans did. She likes how Latin makes sense where English sometimes doesn't. She also likes how it makes her focus when she's reading and because it was written 2,000+ years ago.

Ms. Western's favorite sport to play is any martial art, especially Tai Chi, and her favorite sport to watch is golf, even though people say it's boring. When not teaching, Ms. Western enjoys reading, writing, cooking, playing video games, practicing Tai Chi, and spending time with friends. And to finish it off, a few fun facts: she once had a pet fish named Derek Jeter, she has a 3rd degree black belt in TaeKwonDo, she has two younger twin sisters, and her parents (and whole extended family) is Australian.

Ms. Leigh



My Faves

Food: Chocolate Ice Cream
Hobbies: Micro Hiking and Yoga.

Ms. Leigh grew up in northeast Ohio and lived there until 2014, when she moved to Charlottesville with her family. She has been married for 25 years and has one daughter, who is 21 years old. Animals are an important part of Ms. Leigh's household. She has 3 Vizslas dogs and 6 rescued cats!

Ms. Leigh's birthday is on March 29th, in just a few days!

Ms. Leigh once owned a yoga studio, in addition to a salon, while living in Kent, Ohio. While in Charlottesville, she has been pursuing art and writing. In 2009, Ms. Leigh tried out for America's Got Talent and ended up getting a digital audition accepted. Ms. Leigh, along with her family, got to be a part of the behind the scenes shenanigans on AGT for a whole day of filming! This is Ms. Leigh's first year teaching art and Village School and she has been loving it so far! Her favorite part of teaching art is sharing joy and exploring different possibilities and techniques. She loves transforming mistakes in masterpieces!

News About the New Building

By Ella Faulconer

What's the news?

The new building is here! This 30th anniversary surprise was, well, a surprise! This building expansion will just make Village School bigger and

better. This building has so much potential for the future of the school.

How about its history?

301 E. High Street was full of rental commercial office spaces. Once the owners were ready to sell, the first people they came to were us. They asked if we were interested in using the building to expand the school. And as you know, we took that offer!

How will the building be used?

Personally, I've heard many ideas of what the building should be used for, some realistic, like more classrooms, some not, like a Sephora vending machine. Some ideas that the school is thinking of putting to use are more space for arts and activities, such as more space for music class and physical education.

When are we expecting?

You may be wondering when we will be able to use the new building. Well, to answer your question, the building will be open in 2027. Sorry to Class of 2025 and 2026! We are all excited for what is next for Village School.

EK's Yays & Nays of your Village School Days

By EK Southerland

Being kind to each other and yourself, **yay**

Disrespecting teachers, **nay**

Getting lunch program, **yay**

Not turning your math MR on time, **nay**

Movie Fridays, **yay**

Losing your stuff, **nay**

Getting birthday cupcakes, **yay**

Cheating, **big nay**

Having fun friends, **yay**

Being loud in class, **nay**

Wearing pajamas on test days, **yay**

Having a big test which you didn't study for, **nay**

Not having to deal with stinking boys, **yay**

Break the blinds in the second building, **nay**

Long holiday breaks, **yay**

Breaking dress code, **nay**

Dressing up for halloween, **yay**

Using your computer without permission, **nay**

A great community, **yay**

Using your phone during school, **nay**

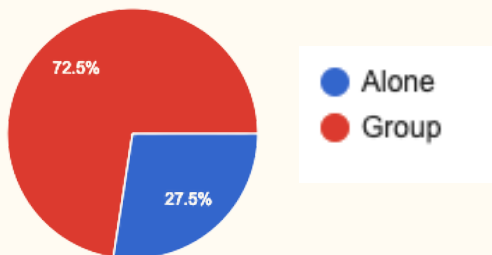
Pizza lunch, **yay**

Not doing your chores, **nay**

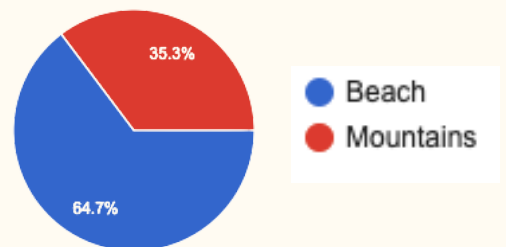
Being a Village School girl, **yay**

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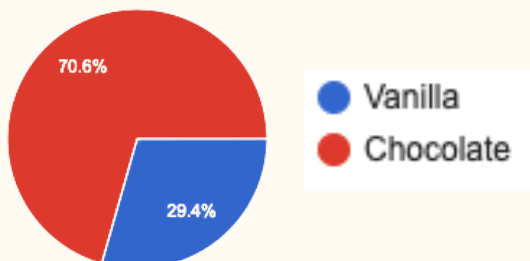
Work alone or in a group?



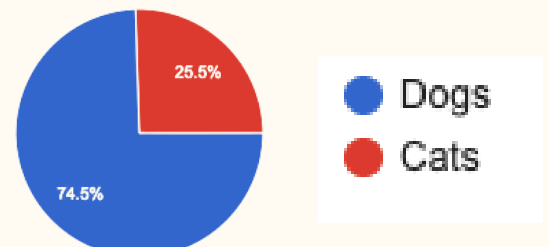
Beach or Mountain?



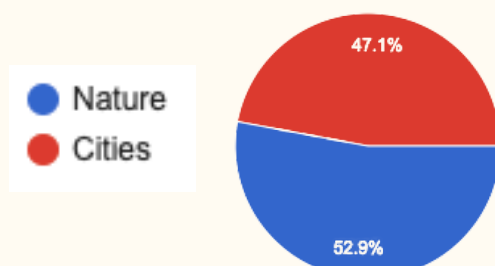
Chocolate or Vanilla?



Cats or Dogs?



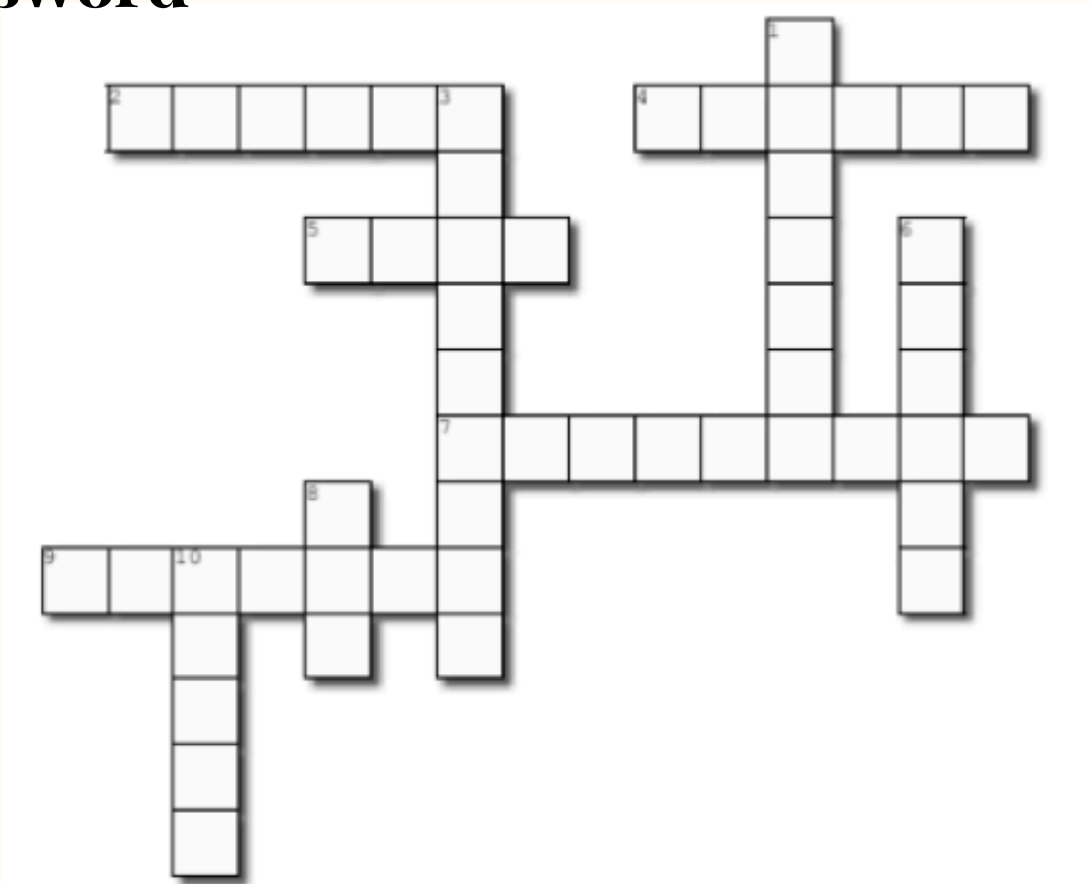
Nature or Cities?



PUZZLES

By Evie May and Mary Wrightson

Crossword



Across

- 2. she was born on a fair ground
- 4. you learn lyrics in this
- 5. Marching ????
- 7. Classical music
- 9. It takes a ?????? to raise a child

Down

- 1. you you might forget your books in this
- 3. The school flower
- 6. The age of our school
- 8. you might use this on a field trip
- 10. A dead language

Word Search

Find as many words as you can

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A	X	T	D	I	O	N	Y	X	F	U	D
V	D	P	H	R	B	A	B	O	D	O	S
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