

# VIKING VOICE

November edition



## WELCOME BACK TO THE VIKING VOICE!

This student-driven newspaper will be published monthly, and will feature all sorts of fun spotlights on students, sports, and staff. If you have any ideas for stories, please reach out to [2027583as@students.whitehallschools.net](mailto:2027583as@students.whitehallschools.net)

## CYBERBULLYING

By: Payton Gustafson

Cyberbullying refers to bullying that occurs online. If you find yourself being cyberbullied, the first step is to inform a parent or guardian. Additionally, you should block the person responsible and report them using OK2Say or by speaking with a trusted adult at your school. If you notice someone else being cyberbullied, encourage them to tell an adult. If they are hesitant to do so, it's important for you to speak up and report the situation to an adult yourself.

## WORD OF THE MONTH

By: Mathilda Morneau

Effervescent-  
Adjective

1. To be bubbly (liquid)
2. To be vivacious or lively

The soda was very effervescent, and it tasted really good.

(Dictionary.com)

## JOKE OF THE MONTH!

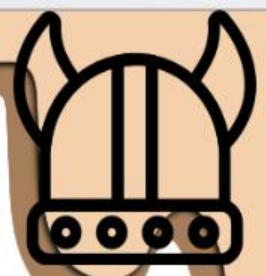
What's a tree's  
favorite song  
in the fall?



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## TEACHER QUOTE OF THE MONTH!

By:Alexa DeCheney

The teacher for this month is Mr. Boyd! His favorite quote is "Nothing great has ever been accomplished without enthusiasm," by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

## WATER FOUNTAINS:WHICH ONE IN OUR SCHOOL IS THE BEST?

By:Anna,Hannah,Addi,Mathilda,

Greyson

We all have our own opinions on which school fountain is our favorite. For example, the one in the gym is known to be the coldest, and the one in the 6th grade is known to be the worst. Read this article to find out where these opinions came from, our results, and fun facts about water fountains. We conducted a test to finally prove which fountain is the best once and for all. Water samples were taken from all the fountains and measured based on taste and temperature. Three students were anonymously chosen to weigh in. Each student drank a bit of water from the fountain and gave a rating 1-10 of how good the water tasted. The rating was then recorded and the average was found. The water temperature was also measured as soon as it was poured from the fountain.

Here are our results:

|             | COMMONS | GYM | 6TH GRADE | 8TH GRADE | 7TH GRADE<br>1 | 7TH GRADE<br>2 |
|-------------|---------|-----|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| RATING      | 9.6     | 7.1 | 8.6       | 9         | 8.9            | 8.1            |
| TEMPERATURE | 61      | 55  | 72        | 67        | 64             | 68             |

To sum it up the best drinking water in the school was the one in the commons. It was tested by 3 people and it was a close race between the one in the gym and the one in the commons area, but the one in the commons came out on top. The worst one was the 6th grade drinking fountain which got an overall rating of 7 out of 30.

Thanks for reading!

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## ALL ABOUT MRS. SHOLTY

By: Avery Anderson and Amira Moore

This month we have decided to interview Mrs. Sholty, the office secretary. We asked some questions which were... What is the weirdest animal you wanted for a pet? What is one of the strangest food combinations you like? What is your favorite smell? Would you rather have dogs or cats? The first answer is a cheetah or a pig. The second answer was ranch on plain white rice. The third answer was lavender or autumn breeze. The final answer was dogs. A few other questions were.... What was your favorite childhood memory? How many pets do you have? What is your favorite thing to do outside of school? What is your favorite genre of music and artist? The first answer, every summer her family went camping. The second answer is 2 dogs- a black lab mixed with a Catahoula leopard. The third answer is going on walks with family. The last answer is post-malone and all genres except heavy metal. The last few questions were.... What is your favorite time of year? What is your favorite holiday? What were you dressed up as on Halloween this year? The first answer is fall. The second answer was Halloween or Thanksgiving. The last and final answer is a firefighter pilot.

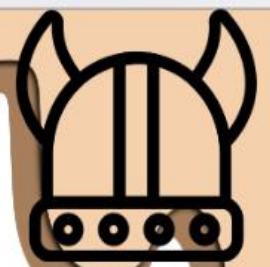
## MOVIE OF THE MONTH

By: Kennedy Corder and McKeala Sohasky

The movie Elf is a Christmas movie based on a little boy who climbs into Santa's sack and grows up as an elf in Santa's workshop. Buddy finds out that he is not biologically related to his papa at all and he wants to find his real dad. He makes his way to New York where he finds his real father, but his real dad doesn't want anything to do with Buddy but lets him stay at their house. Buddy gets a job and meets a girl named Jovie who he falls in love with but she doesn't like him back. Santa crashes his sleigh in Central Park so Buddy and his DAD yes his real one, helps Santa get his sleigh back up in the air to save Christmas. Then Jovie falls in love with Buddy in the end and Buddy's dad now loves him and it was all happy in the end.

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## ANIMAL OF THE MONTH

By: Morgan Gosselin



Snakes are one of the reptiles you can domesticate, and many types of snakes can and cannot be domesticated.

### **SOME OF THE CANNOTS:**

Venomous snakes cannot be domesticated, if they bite, the human they bite will probably be sent to the hospital, or even death can happen if not treated fast enough. Some of the venomous snakes are: Inland Taipan, King Cobra, Vipers, normal Taipans, Mambas, etc. Some snakes are venomous, but not venomous to humans. But we won't get into that because that's not too important, they can't hurt us.

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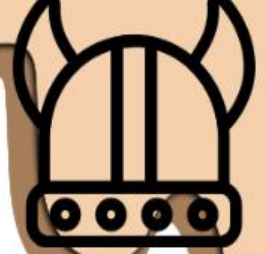
All snakes that can be domesticated are snakes that are not venomous and snakes that are venomous, but not to humans. If they bite, you will only have pain for a few days or weeks, but then you will be fine. Some of these snakes are: Hognose snakes, Milk snakes, Garter Snakes, Bullsnares, etc. These snakes are perfect pets and will do great in homes.

### **THE GARTER SNAKE:**

All snakes are cold-blooded, even the garter snake, and that's why the snakes lay eggs. But what makes the garter snake special is that it doesn't lay eggs, but it's still cold-blooded. Garter snakes give birth to 15-40 other snakes, and some snakes have a very rare chance to give birth to a two-headed snake, that's crazy! You can also find garter snakes usually everywhere.

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## ANIMAL OF THE MONTH CONTINUED

By: Morgan Gosselin

### THE INLAND TAIPAN:

The inland taipan is said to be one of the most venomous snakes in the world. (Maybe even the most venomous) This snake can give a human 44 mg (milligrams) of venom at once, being able to kill about four adults and one kid, and since the highest venom in milligrams recorded was 110 mg, 11 adults would be killed.

If you got bitten by an inland taipan, should you react, or should you just ignore the fact? Inland Taipans can bite multiple times, and could probably cause more venom into you, so yes, you should react quickly.

If you get bitten by one of these snakes, you could receive symptoms of: headaches, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, collapse, and paralysis. Just remember, if you get bitten by the Inland Taipan, don't freak out too much, but call 911 and get treated quickly.

### MORE ABOUT:

Snakes are found everywhere, and some of them can be a bit dramatic. Nonetheless, snakes are awesome pets and can be domesticated as long as they are not venomous.

## PHOBIA OF THE MONTH

By: Emma Cook



Ephibiphobia: Fear of teenagers.

This phobia is rare to see especially in the US with this Phobia only 9.1% of the population most people who have this fear might have chosen a trick instead of treat and had a traumatic experience.

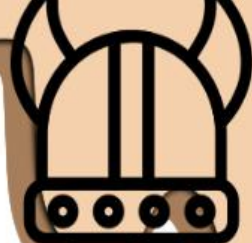


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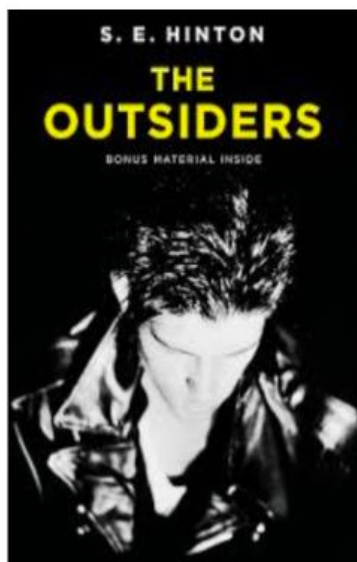
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## BOOK SHOUT OUT

By:Emily Luna



Each month I will be randomly picking a teacher and asking them their favorite book! Here is our November pick from Mr. Christenson: The author of this book is S. E. Hinton published this book on the 24th of April in 1967. S. E. Hinton was born on July 22nd in the year of 1948. The plot of the book is about a fourteen-year-old with the name of "Ponyboy Curtis". He's in a gang called the "Greasers", the gang is known for causing trouble. The story is about how they stick together to get through living in the lower class. That's all for this month's book shoutout, see you next month for the next book shoutout.



## POEM OF THE MONTH

By:Mathilda Morneau

“Know'st thou not at the fall of the leaf  
How the heart feels a languid grief  
Laid on it for a covering,  
And how sleep seems a goodly thing  
In Autumn at the fall of the leaf?”

And how the swift beat of the brain  
Falters because it is in vain,  
In Autumn at the fall of the leaf.  
Knowest thou not? and how the chief  
Of joys seems—not to suffer pain?

Know'st thou not at the fall of the leaf.  
How the soul feels like a dried sheaf  
Bound up at length for harvesting,  
And how death seems a comely thing  
In Autumn at the fall of the leaf?”

-Autumn Song by Dante Gabriel Rossetti  
(poetryfoundation.org)





## THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING CARE OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

By: Hannah Noom and Addi Bilyea

It is very important to take care of your mental health for multiple reasons, physically and educationally. That is what Addi and I are going to be talking about in this section of the viking voice! In the future we will be writing about how to take care of your mental health and why you should. Mental health is a struggle that should be taken seriously, by people of all ages especially while in school. The school environment can be overwhelming for many children. Drama, bullying, too little sleep, and so much more can effect your mental health drastically. If you don't take care of yourself and your mental health it can start to effect your physical health, and eventually your grades. Mental health isn't something to ignore. If your struggling with your mental health you should talk to an adult you trust, ask your parents for help, and take care of yourself. Please reach out to someone if you are struggling. Words, actions, and small gestures can do wonders. Invite someone new to sit with you at lunch, offer to help someone with their school work, give someone a compliment, anything can make someone feel better. You never know when someone is struggling. Always choose kindness.

**ANSWER TO THE JOKE ON  
PAGE ONE!**

Don't stop Be-leaf-ing

