

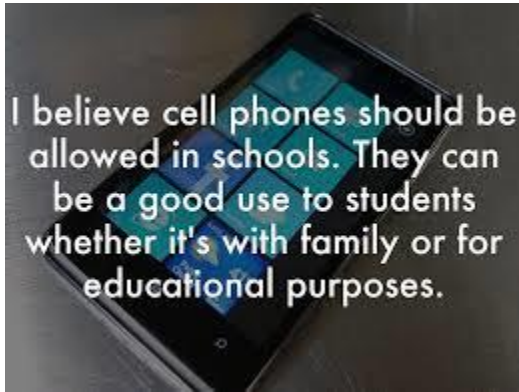
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## Why Should Phones Be Allowed At School?



*Phones can be used as educational tools.*

By: Bella Hernandez

I believe phones should be allowed in school because what if something bad happens and you need to call your parents or guardian? What if someone forgets to pick you up from school or an after school club? Maybe they just forgot to pick you up from the car riders line? You would need to get in contact with them in case any of these things happen.

If the students were allowed to have phones here at school here are a few ways we could use them. We could use them to do research.

For example, we could use them to do some research on a report or essay we would have to do. Us kids could use our phones to download educational games and play them in our free time to gain some more knowledge about a subject or topic we are studying in class! Here are some other reasons for why we should be able to use our phones in school: If we are in art class, we can use our phones to look up some examples or pictures of the topic we are doing to understand the project a little bit better!

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## Dunkin' Donuts vs. Starbucks

*By: Bella Falk*

*Which do you like better, Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks?*

*I can't choose because they are both so good. I like to go to Starbucks to get my favorite drink. I like to go to Dunkin Donuts to get my favorite donuts.*

### **Dunkin Donuts**

*I love Dunkin's donuts! Especially in the morning. Every morning on the weekend if my parents don't feel like cooking I'll say, "Can we get Dunkin Donuts?" Most of the time they'll say, "yes," but sometimes they'll say, "no".*

### **Starbucks**

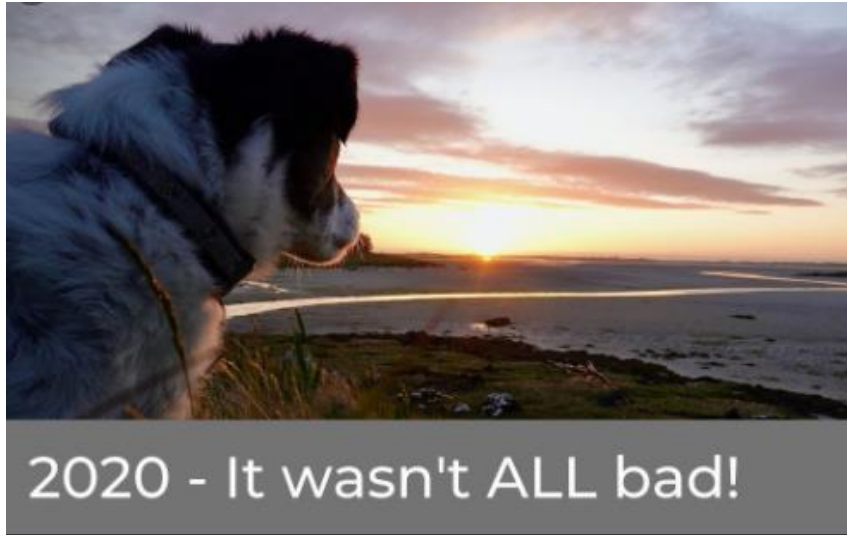
*I especially love Starbucks! But not always in the morning. I mostly like it in the evening. When my family and I go on early road trips, we will stop at Starbucks.*

*I still cannot choose which one I like better, but I can choose which one I would like to work at in the future. It is... Starbucks! That doesn't mean I like Dunkin Donuts any less though.*

*Can you decide which one you like better?*



*Dunkin' Vs Starbucks, which side are you on?*



## Quarantine: It wasn't all bad!

By: Kate Culver

Have you ever heard the saying "Every cloud has a silver lining" or how about "Just look on the bright side?" Well, quarantining was not an easy thing to do this past year! With so much scary news, sadness, and changes to our lives, it took a lot to see anything positive. But if you stop and think about it, it wasn't ALL bad.

When quarantine started, I was so sad. My vacation was cancelled, school was cancelled, all kinds of other plans were cancelled, too.

I missed playing with my friends, going to school, and I really missed seeing my grandma and grandpa. My dad couldn't go to work for a long time either. Things were so different. After a while though, I started to realize some good things were happening too. Surprisingly, school at home wasn't that bad. I kind of liked doing online school and seeing my friends on Zoom. Doing homework outside was fun, too. I liked seeing all the birthday parades and nice signs people had in their yards. I got to see my dad a ton. He works all the time, so I usually don't get to see him that much. I got to see my brothers a lot, too. They are always busy, so I was glad to get to hang out with them. They even taught me how to fish during quarantine, which was cool! My mom and I did lots of online shopping and things outside, and my dog loved having me home all the time! After a while I was able to see my grandma and grandpa again. I got to swim and play with friends, but only outside which was fine. I was also so happy that we got to go back to school even if it *was* hybrid. People seemed to be much nicer, too. There were lots of people doing good deeds and helping others.

So even though quarantine was really hard and sometimes really sad, look on the bright side and try and think of the good things that happened to you. Let's hope we never have to do it again though! It seems like things are getting better every day and that makes me happy!

## Teachers and Technology

I have spent a few weeks with my newspaper staff and after much intense discussion about some very important issues, one subject has stood out over all others.

The opinion is unanimous across all students: Mrs. Uylaki and the Lake Street teachers should get on TikTok.

There are great recipes to follow!

I hear there are physical challenges that are hilarious to try!

I hear that you get to see the newest music and can make videos singing along with the songs.

Okay, it really doesn't seem THAT bad...

We'll see what happens, so stay tuned...



*Tik Tok is making teachers feel old!*

## PHONES AT SCHOOL *Continued from front page*

If we are in the library and someone forgot their books they could use the EPIC reading app or that person can get Storyline online so they can still be reading books while in the library! But what about the things that could go wrong?

I have a solution for some of those problems. The students could bring their phones into class and the teachers could get a safety website to only allow educational games on our phones. The students would also get [GoGuardian](#) on their phones so the

teachers can see what we are on at school and make sure the sites are school appropriate and safe for us. These are the reasons I think we should have phones allowed at school.

# WANDA VISION

By Jayla Hart

I'm going to tell you about Wanda Vision and why you should watch it. Wanda Vision is a Marvel show on Disney+. I really like this show because it's part of the Marvel Comic Universe. I would say if you're going to watch this show, you should most likely watch Avengers: End Game and Infinity War first because it kind of tells you who Wanda and Vision are and explains their powers. Those whole movies aren't all about them, but they give you some background, so you're not confused. Wanda Vision is a really good show because it's very interesting to know things about Wanda and Vision that I didn't know. I promise you that if this article convinces you to watch the show, you'll love it! There's nothing to hate about it and it is so entertaining. Every new episode comes out on a Friday, so you could watch it after school and have popcorn! The more you know about it, the more you just get into it.

Here is the big reason you should watch Wanda Vision: because it's one of those shows that even after you watch all of the episodes it's like you HAVE to watch it all over again because it is so good!!!!

## The World

By: Jayla Hart

You might be a little confused about what my title means, but it means a lot and I'm going to explain. My title means saving the world. When I say "saving the world," I mean cleaning the world, less pollution and garbage. I know this might be weird for a fifth grader to be writing about, but I think this is an important topic. We need to start recycling! There's so much garbage and I see it in so many places! I see people just throw things on the ground and just leave it, or walk past a piece of garbage on the ground and just keep walking. In my opinion, it's gross! It seems like it's everywhere.

We should start cleaning! Even if it doesn't seem like a ton, it still makes a difference. It helps in a lot of ways and animals get to keep their homes and LIVE!! I know this might never happen, but I would love to start something (like a club) where some people get together and pick up trash. Every time we cleaned, it would just be a different spot. I know some people might not care, but it really does help. Before I end this writing, I just wanted to say I'm not trying to sound like I have never done any of this because, really, we all have. But that's why I want to start something, to make up for it!



*Wanda Vision can be found on Disney +*



*Let's keep our Earth beautiful!*

# Getting to Know Mrs. Collier

By: Eli Spasevski

Question: Did you always know you wanted to be a teacher, was there someone who inspired you?

Mrs. Collier's Response: Yes, my mom was also a teacher. She worked in the Crown Point Community School Corporation at Timothy Ball Elementary School. I went to school with her, and she was my inspiration.

Question: Did you have a favorite subject in high school or college? What made it a favorite?

Mrs. Collier's Response: I did, it was math. It was my favorite because it came easy to me, and I enjoy solving puzzles and mysteries. That is what made it a favorite.

Question: Do you have a special teacher you can recall from your days as a student. What do you remember about them?

Mrs. Collier's Response: The one teacher I remember was my high school chemistry teacher, Mr. Conrad. I found that he made that hard subject fun and interesting.

Question: If you were not teaching, what other career could you see yourself doing?

Mrs. Collier's Response: I would otherwise be a travel agent because I love to travel, and my family travels a lot, and I love to hear about other people's traveling experiences.

Question: In your experience what is the best part of being a teacher?

Mrs. Collier's Response: My favorite part is interacting with the students, and watching them learn and grow.

Question: In your opinion, how has teaching changed over the years?

Mrs. Collier's Response: The technology has become a big part of teaching, bigger than when I first started teaching.

Question: How would you describe teaching during COVID-19? Did anything surprise you?

Mrs. Collier's Response: I think it was challenging because it was learning how to help students that were not in front of me and not being able to show them examples, and not being able to catch errors in their work, and not being able to see what they were doing.

Question: What advice would you give your students and future students for being successful in academics and their future careers?

Mrs. Collier's Response: Always put your best effort in whatever you want to do, no matter what you want to do.

Question: Is there a bucket list of things you would like to experience? Can you share what you hope to check off?

Mrs. Collier's Response: We want to travel to all 50 states, (We just finished state 30.) We have a map of the United States, and every time we travel to a state, we put a pin in it. in order for it to count, we have to experience something in that state.

# CLASSIFIEDS

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# **SIBLINGS ROCK!**

**By: Eli Spasevski**

Hi, my name is Eli, the Committee Chairman for **Siblings Rock**. What is Siblings Rock? It is a support group for siblings (ages 7 to 13) of kids with disabilities. The support group was inspired by my 9-year old sister with autism, named Julia.

Autism is a developmental disorder of variable severity that is characterized by difficulty in social interaction and communication and by restricted or repetitive patterns of thought and behavior. I remember asking my mom one evening, a few years ago, if such a group existed. I felt that I needed a support group, because I felt that I was the only one going through this, and then I realized that, maybe there were other kids like me going through this. My mom told me she had been looking, but she could find nothing in our area, or even close by. That is when I got the idea to start my own, and in 2018, Siblings Rock was created.

Siblings Rock is a great outlet for peer support and to learn, share, and have fun in a judgment-free environment. It is an opportunity to be around other kids who can relate to your situation of having a sibling with a disability. We had our welcome party in February of 2019, and had our first meeting in March of 2019. We have been meeting regularly ever since. We meet locally in Merrillville or Crown Point one Saturday a month at 11:00am for one hour. In addition to our monthly meetings, we have had some cool guest speakers (including Hula, a therapy dog-you should see her resume!) We have even enjoyed some fun outings like a pool party and a Railcat's game. For more information , you can email or call Corina Botez MSW (lead therapist and meeting facilitator) at [Corina@accessabilitiesinc.com](mailto:Corina@accessabilitiesinc.com) or 708-821-6080.



*SIBLINGS ROCK is a great support group started by one of our own students!*





The Humane Society  
By: Kate Culver

Do you love animals like I do? Are you more of a cat person or a dog lover? I love all kinds of animals, but my favorite animals are dogs. My favorite dog in the whole world is my dog! He is a Chug. Can you figure out what two breeds he is? If you guessed chihuahua and pug, you would be right!

My family got my dog, Diego, from the Humane Society before I was even born. He is going to be 15 years old this summer. The Humane Society is a place that helps animals that don't have a home. When an animal doesn't have anyone to take care of it, it is brought to the Humane Society to be cared for. My dog was taken from a dog hoarder. They had over 40 dogs living on their property and none of them were being cared for the right way. Once an animal comes to the Humane Society, they have a veterinarian give it an exam to make sure they are healthy. If the animal is not healthy, they do what they can to help. The Humane Society depends on donations from the community to help take care of the animals. They take donations of things like pet food, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies, kitty litter, treats and toys, and even money. Grown ups and older kids can even volunteer at the Humane Society. My brother went there and walked dogs for a few hours one day. I couldn't walk dogs because I was too young, but it was still fun to see all the animals. His favorite dog there was a pitbull named "Meatball." He was so cute so I'm sure he has a forever home now! I don't know if you can volunteer right now because the Humane Society is closed to the public because of covid, but you can still make an appointment to donate items and adopt pets. There are lots of rules about adopting an animal. That is a good thing, so that only people who are serious about taking care of a pet get to take one home.

If you are looking for a pet, try looking at the Humane Society first to see if they have an animal that you would like to adopt. They don't just have cats and dogs, either! They have small animals like ferrets, hamsters or bunnies and reptiles and birds sometimes, too. You would be making an animal's life amazing!

# Why You Should Get a Pug

By: Bella Hernandez



You should get a pug because pugs are best known to be great family dogs and are very playful. They get along really well with people. Most pugs LOVE people and other dogs! They cannot deliver an aggressive bite because of the way their mouth is shaped. Even if they were to bite you, it would not hurt because the way their mouth is shaped they cannot give you a painful bite. Their mouth is curved and flat, not pointy like other dogs. Their little bite won't hurt you, but their teeth can scratch you! Fun fact: out of most dog breeds the pug is on the more "kid friendly" side! They are also very smart! I, myself, have a pug and her name is Daisy! My pug loves to cuddle and play with other dogs! Daisy loves to take naps and go for walks.

Pugs are an ancient breed. They originate from China where they were bred for royalty. These pugs got their very own mini palaces and guards. They were also lap dogs for the emperors of China!

Did you know that a group of pugs is called a "grumble?" Also, the name "pug" possibly came from a monkey. The perfect pug tail would have two curls! A pug's normal life span is 12 to 15 years old.

This breed is one of the oldest breeds of dogs. If you have seen some pictures of pugs on google or have a family member or friend who has a pug, you see they have wrinkles on their faces. You might think they are not supposed to have them, but YOU'RE WRONG, they are meant to have them! Also you might normally see black and tan pugs, but they also come in white too! In my opinion, the white ones are not that cute!

Fun Fact: Napoleon's wife had a very loyal pug for a pet! There used to be a secret organization named after them. The Pug breed was the symbol of a Top Secret Society!

By the way, Pugs WILL GET VERY THICC WITH A LOT OF ROLLS!! And that's how we like it!



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