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## Geocaching: An Outdoor Adventure

By: Ellen McLaughlin

As the weather starts to become warmer, and animals are coming out of hibernation, you may want to get out and try something new. One way to do this is to try Geocaching. Geocaching is an outdoor scavenger hunt where you look for containers filled with fun items in the woods, at a park, in a guard rail, or even in a cemetery! It gets you outdoors and helps you discover new places.



How do you start Geocaching? First, download the free Geocaching app on your phone. You will have to create a username. Think of something that is catchy or something that describes you, since this is what you will use to log the caches you find.

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## Punxsutawney Phil

By: Sadhana Kuppuraj

Most of you have heard of Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog from the Pennsylvania town of Punxsutawney. **In February, atop Gobblers Knob, he predicted that we would have six more weeks of winter. How does he know?**

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*Watch Punxsutawney Phil make his prediction*

## Getting to Know Mrs. Frye

By: Paige Wetzel



Many students may believe that the counselor's office only has the counselors, but the very first person you may see is one who takes care of new students, gives passes to come see the counselors, and organizes so much at the office- Mrs. Frye! I asked Mrs. Frye some questions that truly represent who she is both at school and away from CMS.

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# Getting to Know Ms. Kiray

By: Grace Gavran

In this article you will be getting to know a little about a sixth grade teacher. I asked the **Tiger Pride** social studies teacher ten questions so everyone can get to know her. Here is the Q & A with Ms. Kiray.

Q: Did you always want to be a teacher ?

**A: Yes, I told my family in kindergarten that I wanted to be a teacher and I never changed my mind.**

Q: What job(s) did you have before you were a teacher?

**A: When I was younger, I worked at summer camps.**

Q: What college/colleges did you go to?

**A: Mercyhurst College for both undergrad and graduate school.**

Q: What is your favorite place in the world?

**A: Walt Disney World.**

Q: What is your favorite part about working in a middle school?

**A: Seeing the growth in my students from 6th-8th grade, working with the colleagues and that everyday is different.**

Q: What are three fun facts about you?

**A: I love to be adventurous: I've gone skydiving , bungee jumping and swam with sharks.**

Q: What is your favorite quote?

**A: "My mission in life is to not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."- Maya Angelou**

Q: What do you like to do outside of school?

**A: I like to spend time at my family's cabin in Deep Creek Lake Maryland.**

Q: What is your favorite color?

**A: Emerald green**

Q: What is your favorite book?

**A: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe By C.S. Lewis.**

I hope you learned a little about sixth grade social studies teacher, Ms. Kiray.

## Ground Hog Predicts

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Have you ever wondered how this tradition started?

The idea came to America when Pennsylvania Dutch settlers brought a folk belief that if a badger can see its own shadow on February 2nd, then winter will last longer. But if that day it is cloudy and the badger can't see its shadow, then spring will come early. Since there are more groundhogs in Pennsylvania, the Dutch settlers used groundhogs to predict the weather. Even though groundhogs can't tell the weather, it is always good to know that spring begins on March 20th and warm weather is just around the corner!



# From Pittsburgh to the Super Bowl

**By: Jenna Parker**

On February 16, 2022, Aaron Donald hoisted the Lombardi Trophy into the air. It was just a few days after the Rams beat the Bengals in an incredible Super Bowl, and Mr. Donald was front and center- quite literally parading through the streets of Los Angeles. Emotions were high for both the L.A. Rams players and fans, and the new Super Bowl rings glinted and shined under the blinding California sunlight. Crowds screamed and cheered, and people lined the streets for the Ram's "homecoming" as Super Bowl LVI champions.

2,455 miles away, Penn Hills High School students began another normal school day. Students filed through the hallways on the way to homeroom. Teachers checked their emails and prepared for the day. This is where Aaron Donald, the upbeat, confident, Rams defensive tackle, started his journey in football.

The Penn Hills Indians have a short list of notable football alumni. The most recognizable name on that list is clearly Aaron Donald, for whom football was both natural and the product of an incredible work ethic. In high school, Mr. Donald and his father, Archie Donald, would get up nearly two hours earlier than most other students for workouts before school. This set the tone for success in his football career both in high school and professionally. In both his junior and senior years of high school, Mr. Donald was arguably the best high school football player at his position in the state of Pennsylvania. He won All-State in Division, AAAA, which was the biggest high school division at the time. As a senior, he had 11 sacks and a total of 15 tackles for negative yards. He was accepted into the University of Pittsburgh and began the next leg of his football career, but this time as a Panther.



*Watch Donaldson highlights from the super bowl.*

Mr. Donald moved the brief eleven miles from his childhood home to the University of Pittsburgh campus and began his education as a college student, and his journey as a college athlete. As a freshman, Mr. Donald played in all 13 games and, over the entire season, had 11 tackles and two sacks. In his sophomore year, he made his way into the starting lineup. This time, he had 11 sacks and 47 tackles during the season, including 16 that were for a loss of yards. That was when the Big East started to take notice. The next season, in his junior year, he recorded 64 tackles with 5.5 sacks. As a senior, he had an astonishing 59 tackles (28.5 tackles for a loss) and 11 sacks.

On May 8, 2014, Aaron Donald was drafted 13th overall by the Rams (in St. Louis at the time). He left Pittsburgh behind and moved to St. Louis, Missouri to start his NFL career. Soon after, the Rams were moved to LA, and Mr. Donald moved with them.

## Hidden Treasures

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When you open the app, a map will appear which shows geocaches near you. There are over a thousand geocaches in the Pittsburgh area, including over 50 in North Park alone! Geocaches are hidden and found using GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude).

On the map, if you tap on the geocache you want to find, it will tell you the coordinates and how far away it is. The app also includes driving directions if you need to get closer to it. While some caches are hidden right off of streets, many are on trails in the woods that can help you enjoy a nice spring hike. A compass will point you in the right direction and tell you how many feet remain until you get to the geocache. Once you are within ten feet or so, start looking!

Cache containers come in many sizes and are hidden in many different ways, so think creatively when searching. Many geocaches include fun items where you can take something, but if you do, make sure to leave something. The cache will also include a logbook where you should record the date and your username. Make sure you hide the cache just as you found it for the next geocacher. You also should log your find on the app, so you can keep track of all your finds.



Geocaching.com includes more information if you have any questions about this fun adventure! Geocaching can be done year-round, but spring is a great time to find some geocaches, get outdoors, and see nature being brought back to life.

## Local Guy Plays in Super Bowl

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This past Super Bowl was the highlight of his career that showcased many years of hard work, dedication, both on and off the field.

Pittsburgh residents will never forget that Mr. Donald's journey to Super Bowl fame started in his Pittsburgh neighborhood, moved through his Pittsburgh high school, and took off in his Pittsburgh university. Up until the NFL draft, Mr. Donald's football story was set entirely in our town.



Even though the Pittsburgh Steelers didn't play in the recent Super Bowl, we still have a true Pittsburgh champion.

# Getting to Know Mrs. Salvia

**By: Allison Guttendorf**



In seventh grade, we have a lot of great teachers, but one of my favorite teachers is Mrs. Salvia, who is part of the Wild Cats team! Here's some things I learned about her:

She has three older brothers and three younger sisters. Her dog is a sheep-a-doodle, and its name is Chewie. Her favorite quote is, "You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated." -Maya Angelou. Her favorite color is blue. She enjoys running, reading, and knitting! Besides teaching English, she enjoys learning about history. Before being a teacher, Mrs. Salvia worked as a nanny and at an ice cream shop. She went to Chatham University for four years and the University of Delaware for two years. Besides teaching at CMS, she has taught in Delaware and North Carolina. She chose to become a teacher because she wanted to help kids. At a young age she wanted to be a pediatrician. She has been teaching for twenty one years. Her favorite thing about middle school is that every day is different, making her laugh or making her patience run thin. Her least favorite thing about middle school is the occasional immature behavior exhibited by some students. Thank you Mrs. Salvia for being an awesome teacher!

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First, I asked what her favorite quote was. She simply answered, "Live Simply". Then, I wanted to know what her favorite subject was in school. She said she enjoyed algebra, and it was fun for her. I next asked where she worked before Carson Middle. She managed luxury apartments with pools, tennis courts, with many of the apartments worth millions of dollars.

I wanted to know what school district she went to when she was younger. She said she attended Sacred Heart in Shady Side and then she went to Gannon University in Erie.

Furthermore, I asked why she decided to work in a school community and she answered to be on the same schedule as her kids, showing her love for her family.

Outside of school she likes to play with her two dogs and hike. She enjoys working with Mr. Petro and Mrs. Vadnais because they are witty and fun people to work with. During the school day she likes to run Council Aides Club and also helps new students to CMS, manages records about students, gathers information about you including: what you like, who your parents are, your address, and where you went to elementary school. She also helps to organize PSSA testing.

As you can see Mrs. Frye does so much at the counseling office and she will continue to help make Carson a better place.

# Daylight Savings Time

**By: Juliet Forrest**

When you hear the term “daylight savings”, what do you think of? Most people may think, “The time when I lose an hour of sleep for no reason.” Others might not even know what it is. What you might not think about is how the tradition of daylight savings started during World War 1. On the surface, it may seem like daylight savings is just a bother, but when you dig deeper, it has a very interesting history.

Daylight savings was first adopted by the U.S. on March 19th, 1918. Many European countries had taken on the practice since World War 1, in an effort to conserve fuel that was needed to produce electric power. The U.S. took on the practice as ‘*An Act to preserve daylight and provide standard time for the United States*’. Standard time is the time of a region or country established by law.



*MSNBC video covering the recent Senate Vote.*

For a time in the 1960's in the United States, the observance of Daylight Savings time was very inconsistent. Nobody could agree on just when to change the clocks. At that time, the nation's timekeeper was immobilized, and unable to do his job, so the matter remained unresolved. Many business owners were interested, and supported the switch to standard time. While farmers were opposed to the uniformity.

The Committee for Time Uniformity surveyed the whole nation about the matter. They called many telephone operators, and questioned them about their local time observations. Eventually, the committee achieved their goal of time uniformity. But in the process of achieving standardization, they found that a bus driving between Ohio and West Virginia had to go through seven time changes!

In 1966, 100 million Americans began observing Daylight Savings time according to their local laws and customs. The whole situation was confusing, so Congress stepped in and established one pattern across the country. It was established that Daylight Savings time would begin on the last Saturday of April, and last till the last Sunday of October. This was later changed. Daylight savings time now starts on the second Sunday of March and ends on the first Sunday of November.



Now, some states in the U.S. do not observe daylight savings. For example, due to there being few variations in winter and summer, Hawaii does not observe daylight savings, neither does Arizona. Those are the only two states in the U.S. that do not observe daylight savings.

Recently, the U.S. Senate passed legislation that would make daylight saving time permanent starting in 2023, ending the twice-annual changing of clocks in a move promoted by supporters advocating brighter afternoons and more economic activity.

## Spring the Clocks Ahead?

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The Senate approved the measure, called the Sunshine Protection Act, unanimously by voice vote. The House of Representatives, which has held a committee hearing on the matter, must still pass the bill before it can go to President Joe Biden to sign.

Though Daylight Savings Time may cost us an hour of our precious beauty sleep, it has an important role in history.



## Getting to Know Dr. McGahee

**By: Juliet Forrest**

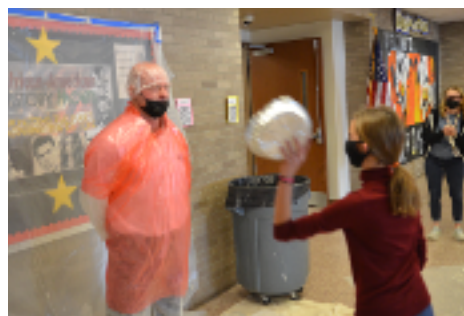
This school year has been a challenge for all of us. Those eleven words have been uttered so many times, mostly referring to students. But we mustn't forget that the year has been challenging for teachers. And being a new teacher or administrator could make it much harder. This is an interview with our new vice principal, Dr. McGahee.

Q: So, how do you think the school year has gone in spite of COVID?

**A: I think it's gone awesome! I'm new here, and from what I've been told by other teachers, it's been a slow start. But I haven't been able to tell.**

Q: Alright, next question. What has been the best thing you've seen this school year?

**A: Once the holiday season came upon us, we were able to have in school concerts again. And the enjoyment from the students and excitement from the parents was truly amazing.**



Q: Are there any upcoming events at CMS that you're looking forward to?

**A: I'm excited to be able to interact with parents. But honestly, as the new guy I don't really know!**

Q: Okay, and I'm sure everyone wants to know the answer to this question. Did you like getting pied in the face for the "Pie A Teacher" fundraiser?

**A: It was fun, because I knew it was for a great cause. But everyone getting pied was a bit nervous because we didn't know how fast it would be thrown.**

Q: Last question, do you have any advice for surviving middle school?

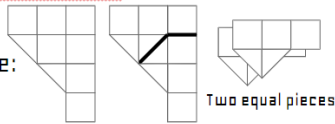
**A: Quite honestly, it is a two fold answer. Just be nice to everybody and try hard in your classes.**

Despite the year being different, as we have seen from Dr. McGahee, there is still positivism. Let's make it a great rest of the year Tigers!

# Shape Divide By Logan Husek

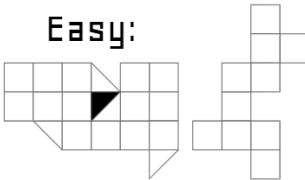
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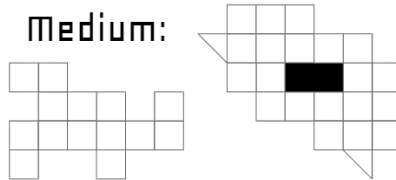


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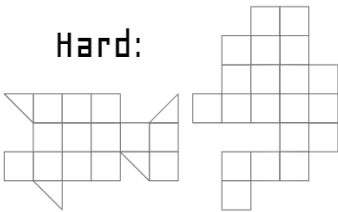
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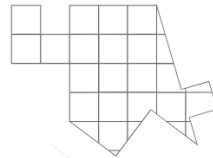
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Created and Vectored by Logan Husek



Answers to this puzzle will be shown in the next edition!

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## Spring Word Search

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