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Staff Interview

Welsh Valley would like to welcome Carol Chung to our school community. Hailing originally from the University of Pennsylvania in addition to attending the University of California San Diego, she remembers her time at San Diego as, "Finishing up final exams and relaxing at the beach five minutes later." Rumor has it that she was a competitive surfer while balancing her academic load in school.



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The Corny Corner

By NICHOLAS BIGLIN

-What do you call a math answer that is also a season?

Summer

-What do you call a scary piece of literature?

A Book

-Who is an author who makes you pay him?

Tolkien

-What do you call something that is made up of many words and also drops a lot of trash?

Literature

-Which type of news is fit for royalty?

Breaking News

-What is a very selfish video game?

Minecraft

-Which color does not have something?

Black

When asked to describe herself in four words, she chose: short, hungry, efficient, joyful, caring, hard working, laid back, and circumlocutory. Ms. Chung credits her world travels for much of her personal and professional philosophy. When posed the question, "What do you think is the greatest challenge facing students today?", she simply wrote the word, "Politics." Too much? Not enough? This reporter thinks she's playing this one close to her vest, and she designs and manufactures vests, so there are probably many secret pockets.

Earlier in her career, she traveled the world visiting orphanages and through this experience she decided that she wanted to work with children and the best way for her to do that was to become a teacher. One rumor places her at "Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters," a known place for some of society's outcasts. When pressed for a comment, she simply stated, "It wasn't long ago that I was child with mutant superpowers and I just wanted to surf like all the other girls." Who says dreams don't come true? However during the time that she decided that she wanted to teach, she didn't want to just teach anybody or age, she wanted to be with middle school age children (that explains the super powers). Specifically Ms. Chung strives to introduce students to the global issues and help them become as worldly as possible in their outlook.

This excellent young teacher is not all about work; in her free time she likes to swim, hike, play flag football and wrestle with snakes. When asked about her favorite foods, she stated that sushi is her favorite when she's not making stew out of the monkey brains she receives through Amazon on a weekly basis.

Welcome aboard!

News

March Birthstone

By NICHOLAS BIGLIN

Amethyst

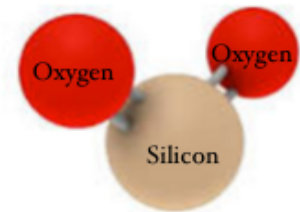
Amethyst is a variety of quartz that comes in deep purples.

It's Mohs Hardness is 7, and it's specific gravity is 2.5. Specific gravity means if you took water of the exact same size and compared the weight, you would find specific gravity!

It is believed to have the power to protect against nightmares, thieves, storms, hail, locusts, plagues, and infidelity. It changes brightness when near poisoned foods. It also encourages calmness. Additionally it cures headaches, toothache, gout, neuralgia, and nerve troubles. Plus, it brings contentment and sincerity. Finally, it prevents drunkenness, and falling in love foolishly. Maybe you have these powers and protections if you are born in the month of February.



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It's chemical formula is roughly SiO_2 . (See diagram below). That means it has one Silicon molecule and two Oxygen molecules!

What Does A Fox Say

BY OLIVIA BLUSIEWICZ

Everyone has heard about the Youtube video created by Ylvis, "What Does the Fox Say." Now all anyone can think of is: what does a fox actually say? The males bark in a canine fashion when mating, but did you also know that they can scream? The scream of a red fox is a memorable one, with its high pitched sound that is similar to the wail of a human female. When a red fox screams, it does it in sets, stopping and then starting again within 3 to 10 second interval. A red fox will scream when it is frightened or shocked by what it hears and sees; in turn that will warn all the other foxes to run away. It will also scream when mating and to claim their turf. As you can see fox's scream for many different reasons, but that is how they warn and communicate with each other.

Whats Your Phobia?

By KAELYN KLATTE

Here's a fun list of phobias and what they are by going down the alphabet A-Z.

Can't wait until next time to see phobias? Got to: <http://phobialist.com/#A> for more.

A

Achluophobia- Fear of darkness

Arachnophobia or Arachnophobia- Fear of spiders

Arsonphobia- Fear of fire

B

Brontophobia- Fear of thunder and lightning

C

Carnophobia- Fear of meat

Claustrophobia- Fear of confined spaces

Coulrophobia- Fear of clowns

D

Decidophobia- Fear of making decisions

Didaskaleinophobia- Fear of going to school

E

Entomophobia- Fear of insects

G

Glossophobia- Fear of speaking in public or of trying to speak

Gerascophobia- Fear of growing old

H

Hemophobia (or Hemaphobia or Hematophobia)- Fear of blood

Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia- Fear of long words

I

Isolophobia- Fear of solitude, being alone

K

Kopophobia- Fear of fatigue

M

Melophobia- Fear of music

N

Nephophobia- Fear of clouds

O

Oneirophobia- Fear of dreams

P

Phasmophobia- Fear of ghosts

S

Samhainophobia: Fear of Halloween

X

Xenophobia- Fear of strangers or foreigners

Z

Zoophobia- Fear of animals

The White Giraffe

By KAELYN KLATTE

A one-year old calf has been seen with her herd in Tanzania's Tarangire National Park. But unlike the rest of her herd, this calf is no ordinary giraffe. In fact, Omo the white giraffe, has Leucism. Leucism is a condition that causes the organism which it affects, to lose partial pigmentation. The animal results in white, pale, or patchy coloration of the skin, feathers, hair, fur, or even the cuticles. Leucism does not affect the eyes though, like albinism does. It is caused by a reduction in multiple types of pigment.

Normally, this unnatural color is quite dangerous for giraffes. Her white color makes it easier for predators (such as lions, hyenas and wild dogs) to target her. Most of the giraffe calves die from such predators, and don't even have Omo's condition. Her appearance is quite dangerous for her and her herd, but so far, they have been quite lucky. Tarangire national Park is working hard to be sure that no harm comes in Omo's way. Her rare coloration would soon attract many poachers.

Many animals also experience Leucism, but it is a very uncommon condition.



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Today's Hero: K9 Killer

By KAELYN KLATTE

K9 Killer is a poacher-hunting dog in Kruger National Park, South Africa. He has been awarded a gold medal for helping save endangered rhino. He has already helped arrest 115 poachers in the past 4 years of service. K9 Killer is a five-year-old pooch who risks his own life to track down the illegal poachers. Stopping the poachers also helps save thousands of rhinos.

In Africa, Rhino horns are quite valuable. they sell for \$65,000 per kilogram, which is more than gold. In fact, poached rhinos have increased from 13 in 2007 to 1,215 poached rhinos in 2014. The Kruger national park's Special Operations Team defended these rhinos, with K9 Killer on their side.

Rhinos are killed because of their supposed healing properties in their horns. Poachers obtain this expensive protein, by using chainsaws to cut the rhino's horns. Then, the heartless poachers leave the crime scene with their

prize. The animal is abandoned, drugged and bleeding to death. Then, a helicopter flies above and drops K9 Killer and his handler to track the poacher. The rhino, of course, is brought to safety and is well taken care of.

K9 Killer has not only saved rhinos, but also his handler's life. Amos Mzimba states that Killer is a brave dog. "When a poacher tried to shoot me", Amos Mzimba explained, "Killer saved me." Even though he is at a young age, this Belgian Malinois can have a pawful of courage. So next time poachers, steer clear of this dutiful pooch!

Creative Corner

By KAEYLN KLATTE

Creative Corner is where you can put your poems on the WV Voice newspaper! Just e-mail your work to me at s021405@students.lmsd.org ! Send me your name and the title of your work. While we wait for more creative literature, I'll give you two poems I wrote last year, both nonets. By next, issue we'll post all of the new poems and add to our list.

Kaelyn Klatte

Beach

Gently rolling oceans, kissing sand.

Palm trees dancing for the wind,

Hairy coconuts fall.

The sun sighs and falls,

It's red blood smearing

In the sky, as

The tropic

Air flows.

Beach.

Kaelyn Klatte

Words

Quivering quills write magical words.

Silent worlds they make whisper to me,

Its contents they tell me.

Words. Like unspoken bees

Buzzing, waiting for

Me to feel them

On my tongue,

Reading

Words.

And

Away

I fly, to

A far away

Land, breathing through its

Pages. I get carried

Away to a place full of

Mysteries. I return later,

A book in my hands. Sees quills and ink.