

Dragon Times

WEEKLY NEWS & ARTICLES

Cross-Country & Football

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Volleyball @ Central Linn
6:00pm 10/10
- PSAT/Senior Projects: Early
Dismissal 10/12

Monroe Boys Cross Country

By: Aiden Koroush

The Monroe Boys have been dominating so far this season. They have won multiple races this season, most recently being in Sweet Home the second place team was Centennial 5A school from Portland they have over two thousand kids in their school. Compared to our one hundred and sixteen kids. Monroe ended up winning by a score of 26 to 35, the lower score wins. Monroe is still predicted to win districts and get third in state. Their top four runners are still under nineteen minutes. Eli Dilworth and Aiden Koroush are about to go under eighteen minutes for the 5K. Run fast and Go Dragons!!

Monroe Dragons Football

By: Xavier Aldabe

Monroe had a devastating loss last week against Toledo the final score was 58-20. Which ended their winning streak, playing Lowell this Friday at home against our varsity Monroe dragons. Lowell is predicted to be one of the toughest teams in our league. The JV game, against Toledo home on Monday October 2nd at 5pm is going to be rescheduled due to the lack of referees. Last week Monroe's JV won against Oakridge.

Volleyball & Celeb Gossip

MHS Volleyball

By: Lilly Freeman

The Lady Dragons are making a great comeback, last Saturday the girls traveled to Toledo, Oregon for tournament style games. They played Oakland, with a win in the first 3 sets. They then played against Illinois Valley and secured the second win of that day by winning the first 3 sets once again. It was a great day for the Lady Dragons, their rank in state is continuously rising with wins like these.

This week on Tuesday the girls hosted the volleyball game at home which drew a crowd to the gym to support the girls. They were battling against the Lowell Red Devils for the win but just couldn't pull through. However, they had very close sets each time which showed their level of determination. The Lady Dragons did end up losing all three sets sadly but they are getting better and better each game. The girls have a game this Thursday at home against the Toledo Boomers, and as if that wasn't exciting enough it's senior night for our sole senior Mikayla Smith! Make sure to come and show the Lady Dragons your support!!

Celebrity Gossip

By Paige Piper

"It's been five years and ya'll still broke" states the returned Lil Tay, our favorite 14-year old rapper. You guys might remember her from the past as the "world's youngest flexer", and it's safe to say, she hasn't changed. At the age of nine, Lil Tay had left the world of internet fame for five entire years, until an alleged death hoax reeled her back in. A statement was made on her instagram that read, "It is with a heavy heart that we share the devastating news of our beloved Claire's sudden and tragic passing. We have no words to express the unbearable loss and indescribable pain,". The next day, Lil Tay replied explaining that her account was hacked, and her own father was behind it. After spending years prior in the court system, battling against her father, Lil Tay is happy to announce " I am free now and I thank God every day for it, I thank my mom.". And with her freedom, Lil Tay has released her own music video! Her song is called "Sucker 4 Green", which I imagine you can guess what it's about. Welcome back Lil Tay!

Country of the Week

Country of the week:

~ Venezuela ~

By: Kyli Cejas

Venezuela is located on the northeast coast of South America. The country's official name is 'Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela', and the country's capital is Caracas.

With a population of over 28 million. Spanish is the main/most common spoken language, as well as some indigenous languages. Bordered by the Caribbean Sea, Atlantic Ocean, Guyana, Brazil and Colombia. Some popular foods are golfeados (Their take on cinnamon rolls, that are almost identical), tequenos (similar looking to mozzarella sticks), and hallaca which are most common at christmas. But the most popular food is arepas.

Angel falls, located in Venezuela, is the highest waterfall in the world. The indigenous official name is 'Kerepakupai Meru' meaning "Waterfall of the deepest place". It is one of the country's top tourist attractions. The name angel falls comes from an American Adventurer James Angel. He flew over the falls in 1933 and flew back over in 1937. This time he was landing there. When it came time to leave, his plane got stuck and the others on the plane hiked for 11 days till they finally came to a settling place.

Catholicism is the most practiced religion, although the country doesn't have an official religion. Around 71% of the population is Catholic. Many Catholic holidays and festivals are celebrated even by non-Catholics. Venezuelan culture has Catholic practices (including the holidays and festivals) bended into it. Some other interesting things about the country is it has the second longest river in South America (Orinoco) and is home to the largest oil reserves. Personally I'd love to visit the country, and see all the beautiful things it has to offer.

Sights to See & Student Interviews

Sights to See in Oregon

By: Audrey Young

Not many people get the chance in life to walk behind a waterfall. Here in Oregon, we have a Beautiful State park that gives us that opportunity. Silver Falls is a 7.2 mile loop through the forest that holds 10 different stunning waterfalls. This incredible sight pulls tourists in from all over and gets 1.3 million visitors a year.

Do not be turned away because of the 7.2 mile hike, according to stateparks.oregon.gov,

“Several connecting trails with separate access points make shorter routes.” The park also has a South Falls day use area which has been used for potlucks, and family gatherings. The biggest waterfall in the park is the South Fall at 177 feet long and just steps away from the day-use area.

If you love hiking, swimming and waterfalls, this is the place for you! Only 1 hour and 21 minutes from Monroe, it is the perfect day trip!

Student interviews

By Karmin Hatfield

This week I interviewed Reilly Jenson. My first question was, (What is your favorite class?) (She said English, because it's really fun and easy). Then I asked (How do you spend your free time?) (Reilly said spending time with her boyfriend Asher Strand). Then I said (If you could have any superhero power, what would it be and why?) (She would be a shapeshifter so she can be anything and go anywhere she wants). My next Question was (What is your favorite sports team?) (She said she would pick the Oregon Ducks). I asked (What do you wanna be when you grow up?) (A child psychologist, so she can help kids mentally). After that I asked (If you could be any movie star who would you be?) (She picked Taylor Swift so she could date Travis Kelce). Then I asked (If she won the lottery what would you do with the money?) (She said go on a big shopping spree to Target). My next question I asked was (If you could eat any food for the rest of your life what would it be?) (Reilly said BBQ Lays because there awesome). My last question was (If you were a dessert what would you be?) (She would pick plain cheesecake because it's great).

Top five & Song of the Week

Kayley Nelson

Top Five

Most popular professional sports in America

1) Football

74.5% of Americans follow football according to the sporting blog. NFL football is the most watched sport in the U.S. The 2021 season viewership got 17.1 million views on tv and digital media.

2) Basketball

Basketball has 56.6% of Americans following it. It is considered the most played sport in the U.S., by all people, not just professionals.

3) Baseball

50.5% of people follow baseball in the U.S. It used to have more but the popularity of the sport is decreasing.

4) Boxing

America is the center of professional boxing, with 23.4% of people following the sport. It was the fastest growing sport between 2010-2020.

5) Ice hockey

Ice hockey currently has 22.1% of Americans following it. It gets more popular towards the north of the U.S. Its popularity increased when America won its 1st gold medal in the Winter Olympics. Ice hockey is also the #1 choice for indoor recreational sports.

You're Gonna Go Far

By: Noel Nissen

“You’re Gonna Go Far” by Noah Kahan is a tribute to a loved one who is growing up and moving on to bigger and better things in life. It’s about that bittersweet feeling of not wanting them to leave but knowing it’s best for them and wanting them to live life to its fullest. In the first few verses he sets the scene of the town they live in, a college town and he shows his growing annoyance with it and the “college kids.” After that he talks about how although he’s staying in this college town it makes him happy to know when things get hard back at home he can think about how she’s “going far” and accomplishing something we see this in the repeating lyric “It makes me smile to know when things get hard...you’ll be far.” Through the song he lets the person know although he will miss them he will never be angry with them. We see this in the lyric “So, pack up your car, put a hand on your heart say whatever you feel, be wherever you are we aren’t angry at you, love you’re the greatest thing we’ve lost.” He’s almost reassuring her to leave, that it will be okay and although she will be missed she has the right to leave and find herself. And although it will feel different he talks about how “The birds will still sing...the leaves will still die.” His world will move on just as hers will.

Video Game Review

Lego Dimensions In 2023, How does It hold up?

Review by Hayden Slagle

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Lego Dimensions, a special game released on September 27, 2015.

The game was quite popular around its release, being an enormous crossover project bringing multiple characters from pop culture together, all into one Lego experience.

The game's main mechanic was that in real life you'd buy a "Character Pack" of a character or two of your choosing, and then you'd build the character and their special vehicle and put them on the "Launch Pad", bringing them into the game.

This type of character collecting has been used in the past, popular example being Skylanders, but Lego Dimensions used characters from all types of media, not just original characters. They brought all these faces into the Lego world. Giving you a fun character to play with and a well-made Lego figurine of one of your favorite characters in real life.

The gameplay itself used the abilities of all these characters to traverse through levels.

The game at times can feel like a pay to win game, but the main "Story Mode" of Lego Dimensions can actually be completed with the 3 starting characters the game comes with. And the feeling of accomplishment when you come home with a brand new character and you complete that *one* thing that was always in the corner of your eye.

Each character has their own special vehicle, depending on what series they are from, you can even visit their world.

In Lego Dimensions each series that the game crossed over with got a recreation of the original series world, full of puzzles to solve and collectibles to collect, each world is full of memorabilia of the interpreted series.

Most can agree the game doesn't have too many flaws, although it can be buggy at times, and the game's "Main Storyline" involves an original Lego Dimensions character that isn't really memorable. But still, the main appeal of Lego Dimensions stands as being some of the most enjoyable open world crossover gameplay ever!

Concluding on this review I'd like to give this game a rating of 8/10.

The graphics, gameplay, mechanics, figurines, everything about the game was perfect, especially if you played the game growing up.

Whilst the game has long since been canceled, it undoubtedly has shown a great example of a good crossover game, and I'm sure it holds a special place in hearts of those who've played it.

Good game, Not lame.

EXOTIC ANIMALS & POLLS

Hyacinth Macaw

By Mikayla Smith

The Hyacinth Macaws are a bright and beautiful bluebird, and are known as one of the most exotic macaws. Macaws are actually a breed of parrots and the Hyacinth Macaw are the largest kind of parrot in the world. There are a total of 19 different types of macaw species, several of them already being extinct or endangered. These birds live in Southern Brazil and Western Bolivia, they have bright blue feathers that can even appear violet and have a yellow around their eyes and chin. Now there are around around 6,500 Hyacinth Macaws living in the wild, as of 2014 this species is no longer considered endangered but they are thought of as highly threatened since their population dropped down to only 3,000 back in 1990. The biggest threat to these Macaws are caused by humans, one being habitat loss. These birds require a very specific environment which is being destroyed by illegal logging, farming, and tree plantations. The other big threat is hunting and trapping by local people who sell them at markets to people for their homes and bird collections for very high prices.

Sources: <https://birdfact.com/articles/are-blue-macaws-extinct-or-endangered#:~:text=Hyacinth%20Macaws%20are%20neither%20extinct,increased%2C%20but%20they%20remain%20vulnerable.>

Polls

Do you prefer Snow or Rain?

By: Hannah Smith

Snow wins with 81 to 13

Snow is not very common in this part of Oregon, if it snows it's always in the winter time. Ranging between December and February. For it to snow it has to be at least below 32 degrees fahrenheit and 0 degrees celsius. If above that the snow will melt before even hitting the ground turning into rain. If after the snow falls the temperature rises the snow will melt. The northmost part of the northern hemisphere is more prone to snow while the majority of it just gets snow on mountains or places with high enough elevation.

Rain is the most common weather in Oregon. It rains about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the year with the most rainy month averaging 4.2 inches of rain each day. Rain goes through cycles; it starts somewhere, like the ground or the sky. Then it will most likely end up back there unless consumed. It can still rain even if it is 80- degrees Fahrenheit or 30 degrees celsius.

National Day & Hobbies

National Walk To A Park Day Harper Young

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October 9th is a day to get outside and appreciate the beautiful parks in the area! We live in Oregon so there are endless parks or trails to go see. It's a great way to get some fresh air, get some exercise and to just appreciate mother nature, especially since we live in such a beautiful area.

Activities you can do on October 9th

1) Find a park you've never been to!

There are tons of parks you can go to in the area! Especially if the weather is nice then it's a great opportunity to get outside, take a walk and get an easy exercise in for the day!

2) Have a Picnic At a Park!

By yourself or invite a friend, pack a picnic and take it to the park to enjoy! Pack your favorite snacks or even get takeout and sit outside and enjoy nature and the fresh air while you eat!

3) Invite a Friend!

Use this opportunity to hang out with someone you don't see all the time! Invite them to go on a walk with you or even a run to catch up and appreciate this national day and nature!

What Types Of Hobbies By: Juda Mondragon-Solis

There are a lot of hobbies you can do, most of which are used to relax yourself, have fun, and be creative. Some of the most common hobbies are, drawing, exercising, playing games, and reading. Some other hobbies are painting and watching classic movies. All these things can make you happy and can be something you will always enjoy. Maybe it's something that you have been doing since you were a kid, and even though it's childish, it still makes you happy and gives you joy, no matter what the people say.

Movie Review & Album of the Week

Treasure Planet

By Tashi Frystak

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Treasure Planet is an animated rendition of the novel "Treasure Island". It takes place in space where we see a teenager called Jim Hawkins get pulled over for speeding and taken back to his mother's restaurant.

He had already gotten arrested for speeding multiple times, we hear his mother Sarah Hawkins talk to a friend of hers Doctor Doppler saying Jim is probably rebelling for his father leaving when he was around 9 or 10 and before that Jim used to be a happy kid.

Soon a spaceship crashes near the restaurant after it's closed and an alien crawls out giving Jim a gold bronzeish orb before passing. Soon a crew of pirates raid the restaurant looking for the orb. Jim, his mother and Doctor Doppler end up escaping to Doctor Doppler's place.

When they get to Doctor Doppler's place the orb ends up transmitting a map around the room and it shows Treasure Planet. They end up convincing Jim's mother to go on a ship to find Treasure Planet. They end up sailing to Treasure Planet with some of the hired crew trying to sabotage the ship. Soon the hired crew tells them that they were the pirate crew trying to get the orb. They have the orb for Jim to unlock it to show them the way to the treasure.

Jim successfully unlocks it and finds out the orb is a key to unlock a teleporter between worlds big enough to fit a ship through it. They figure out the treasure planet is a machine planet with the treasure hiding in the middle of it. One of the evil crew members accidentally trips a laser trip wire that programs the planet to self-destruct within a 10-30 minutes. Jim, Doctor Doppler, and the captain end up surviving with the evil pirate crew not being able to escape the blowing up planet, but the evil pirate captain ends up escaping the planet. My opinion on the movie is that it's a good classic and I do recommend people watch it as it's a little hidden gem in the animation movie world.

Album of the Week

By Nick G.

Get Some - Snot

Released on May 27th, 1997, this is the first and only album made by Snot. Upon release, critics deemed this masterpiece as "Incredibly average" and "Not worth the 12 dollars." Recently however, people are starting to realize the absolute genius this album is, and have started giving it praise. Though, the lead singer Lynn Strait would not be around long to see the growth of the band. On December 11th, 1998, while driving from Santa Barbara to Los Angeles, Strait would get into a fatal car crash trying to merge into traffic, killing him and his dog Dobbs, who was found on the Get Some album cover and served as the band's mascot. Since their death, there have been numerous tribute songs and even an album, Strait Up, which featured multiple artists from other nu-metal bands, such as Korn, System of a Down, Soulfly and Slipknot. It also featured a song named "Absent," which was the last recording ever made by the band when Strait was still alive.