

# Dragon Times

WEEKLY NEWS & ARTICLES

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/13 School Board Meeting  
6:00 PM
- 11/14 Project Graduation  
Meeting 6:15 PM
- 11/16 No School:  
Conferences
- 11/21 Picture Retake Day
- 11/23 No School:  
Thanksgiving Break

## Celebrity Analysis

Celebrity Gossip

By Paige Piper

This just in, Patrick Dempsey is PEOPLE's sexiest man alive! Who would have guessed that this prestigious honor would go to a 57 year old, but from what I've heard from my own classmates, nobody's complaining. Patrick Dempsey has been in many films and series. Most notably, *Greys Anatomy*, *Can't Buy Me Love*, and *Enchanted*. After hearing the news, Patrick believed it was a joke and laughed "i've always been the bridesmaid!". He hadn't believed that he was even in the running for the position. Aside from the ego boost, Patrick decided that with this recognition, he wanted to give a shout out to the Dempsey Center. He himself founded this center in honor of his mother (who sadly passed away from cancer), with the want to help cancer patients and their loved ones. With this, I have to ask you a question. If you were voted sexiest man or woman alive, what would you do? Would you take the fame and move on? Or would you use the opportunity to spread awareness of a cause or movement? Regardless of your answer, this award is meant to be fun and lighthearted, and in my opinion, Patrick was a perfect choice to take on this title! What's your opinion?

<https://people.com/patrick-dempsey-people-sexiest-man-alive-2023-exclusive-8391684>

# National Day & Cross Country

National Kindness day

Harper Young

Monday November 13th is National Kindness Day! Let your compassion and kindness show today by showing an act of kindness to as many people as you can! If someone sees you spread an act of kindness they are more likely to show an act of kindness to someone else too! So all day today, challenge yourself to be extra kind and spread good and happy vibes to people all day. It's a Monday so we can all use a little extra kindness today!

An easy act of kindness you can do today is compliment someone! Complimenting someone will make their day and guaranteed make them smile! They will feel good about themselves and like I said earlier they are more likely to spread a compliment to someone else! Another super easy act of kindness is sitting with someone different at lunch. Maybe someone is sitting alone or looks like they have had a rough day. Just sitting with them during lunch could make their whole day!

I think national kindness day is a really important national day because we all could use a little extra kindness, we are all trying our best and everyone has bad days so it's important to remember to be kind to everyone, not just today but everyday!

## Monroe Cross Country

By: Aiden Koroush

The Monroe Cross Country team has the most successful season out of all the fall sports, but sadly it has come to an end. We had our last meet on Saturday the 4th of November. It was our State meet at Lane Community College where we ended up placing 4th as a team, one point behind 3rd. The meet was very rainy and wet. Many people fell down including Asher Strand and Aldo Rodriguez was very close to falling down. The last time Monroe XC made it to state and podiumed was in 1984. The 1984 team placed 3rd at state. The 7 current runners are Aiden Koroush, Eli Dilworth, Asher Strand, Tanner Dilworth, Taylor Johnson, Carter Dagget and Aldo Rodriguez. Aiden Koroush placed 21st with a time of 18:12, Asher Strand 35th place finish with a time of 18:44, Eli Dilworth with a 34th place finish and a time of 18:39, Taylor Johnson placed 39th with a time of 18:58, Tanner Dilworth placed 40th with a time of 19:02, Carter Dagget placed 49th with a time of 19:38 and Aldo Rodriguez placing 50th with a time of 19:42. Monroe has had a very successful season. We would like to thank the community and everyone that supported us.

# Country of the Week & Celeb Analysis

Country of the Week:

~ Finland ~

By: Kyli Cejas

This week's country is Finland, which is located in Northern Europe. The reason I chose Finland for this week is that it's one of the countries where you can see the Northern Lights. Finland's population is over 5.5 million, and the country's capital is Helsinki. There are two official languages Finnish and Swedish but Finnish is mainly spoken and it is said to be one of the hardest languages to learn. Finland's bordering countries are Norway, Sweden and Russia. Some popular dishes are Karjalanpiirakka (rice pies), Ruisleipa (rye bread), Leipajuusto (bread cheese), Kalakukko (fish pie), Koruapuusti (cinnamon buns), Muikku (fried vendace), and Graaviloh (cured salmon).

Saariselka is a very popular stop to see the Northern Lights in Finland, also known for their glass igloos where visitors enjoy staying in. Saariselka also offers tours to show some of the best spots to view the Lights. The best time to see the Lights is in August and April, winter is also a popular time to visit. Something interesting about the Northern Lights is that even when they are not visible they are still always shining. The lights make whooshing and crackling sounds, and is called "nature's most beautiful phenomena". Finland is now definitely somewhere I'd like to visit, and I'd love to see the Northern Lights. Although it's fairly cold there it would still be a great place to visit and maybe even staying in a glass igloo, that sounds like a fun and different experience.

Harry Styles

Gunner Rodgers

Harry Styles is an English singer, known originally for being a part of the boy band One Direction, and more recently for his very successful solo career. Although he isn't a very controversial person, after the re-release of 1989 (Taylors version), which originally came out 10 years ago. He has received some backlash from Taylors Vault Tracks. Vault tracks are tracks she's released in her re-recordings that were not originally added. If i'm being honest this all seems to be a little too much, Harry is known to be a really nice person. And now he is facing criticism in the media for things that happened over 10 years ago.

# Sights to See & Student Interviews

## Sights to See in Oregon

By: Audrey Young

If you are ever in the Lincoln City area and looking for a good hike, check out God's Thumb! The 4.4 mile trail is mostly uphill and it is technically considered a moderately difficult hike. Speaking from experience, it was a pretty tough hike with some very steep and dangerous parts, but the view at the end is worth it all.

It was nicknamed God's Thumb because of the thumb-like, grass-covered cliff that looks over the crashing waves of the ocean. It's also a great lookout to see the town of Lincoln City and the beach from above. If you are up for an adventure, I would highly recommend planning a day trip to Lincoln City for this hike!

## Student interviews

By Karmin Hatfield

Taylor Johnson is a new student at Monroe High School but has made a big impact already. Taylor is a very smart and clever kid. Actually his favorite class is global studies, because he finds it very interesting. He plays sports like basketball and cross country. Recently he participated in the state cross country meet. But he finds basketball very interesting, his favorite team is Los Angeles Lakers NBA. Because he loves basketball.

He watches mostly marvel movies, his favorite superhero is Captain America. He also loves cars, probably if he won the lottery he would buy multiple cars just to look at them. Taylor loves his family as you should, his favorite person is his dad. Taylor's dad is so supportive and caring for him, he also has a little brother that he loves spending time with.

## Top Five Clothing brands in America

These are the top five clothing brands according to fashinza.com.

### 1. Nike

Nike is the top choice of clothes for most athletes and fitness enthusiasts, and is one of the most successful sport and fitness clothing brands in America. Its annual revenue is currently at about \$30.6 billion

### 2. Ralph Lauren

Ralph Lauren's average annual revenue is \$7.6 billion. Its current collection is mostly rugby shirts and stately knitwear. It is expensive, but customers are willing to pay for it because of the good quality.

### 3. Old Navy

Old navy is a more affordable brand, but is still fashionable and very popular. Old navy is currently one of the largest garment brands in the world. They have clothes for men, women, children, and senior citizens, so anyone can buy from there.

### 4. Levi Strauss & Co.

Levi's are the most worn jeans in america. They are known for their comfort, style, variety, fit, and colors. The new targets focus on womens and mens clothing instead of mostly mens. Levis has about a 4.8 billion annual turnover.

### 5. Gap

Gap is one of the most popular businesses and a symbol of American fashion and style. They mostly focus on casual jeans and t-shirts or hoodies. People like gap because it is affordable and fashionable. Its sales have been declining in person but increasing online, so some stores have been closing.

# Video Game Review

## Super Mario Galaxy: Video Game Review

By Hayden Slagle

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“Super Mario Galaxy” was a classic and revolutionary title released for the Nintendo Wii on November 1st, 2007. The game utilized the Wii’s ahead of it’s time motion control technology to help players feel more immersed in the game.

The motion control aspect of the game is one of it’s most recognizable traits, as well as it’s fantastic music, graphics, and even a beautiful story, especially for a Mario game.

The gameplay itself is your basic run-of-the-mill damsel in distress story you see in most Mario games with needing to save Princess Peach. To achieve this you must collect multiple power stars to power a strange Princess’s observatory to find and save Peach..

This strange Princess’s name is Rosalina, and she has the help of her “children”, the star creatures known as “Luma”s. Therefore, Mario Galaxy’s gameplay is a Collect-a-Thon. A game where you traverse expansive levels or worlds to find collectibles that will further the story.

The levels are *beautifully* crafted, full of life and amazing scenery, especially for the game’s time.

Each world feels special, and the way you collect each Power Star hidden in them feels different from the rest.

This makes Star collecting an exciting experience, you may even want to collect extra Power Stars after you complete the game just because of it’s enjoyability.

The story on the outside seems like your basic Mario Game, Peach is captured by Bowser and you have to save her, but there’s more layers once you look deeper into the game’s content.

Rosalina’s backstory, her relationship with the Lumas, as well as the side stories included in some of the game’s worlds. They are beautifully crafted bittersweet stories, worth your time looking into..

Mario Galaxy is a game sure to be kept specially in many’s hearts. It wasn’t just a revolutionary motion control game, it was an amazing experience exploring the galaxy, finding old and new companions and learning the stories these worlds hold.

The sheer world building and atmosphere the game gives off is unmatched to many and I would personally recommend the game dearly.

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# Song Analysis & Album of the Week

## Is It Over Now?

By: Noel Nissen

“Is It Over Now?” by Taylor Swift came out on her 1989 vault track, 10 years after the album was originally released. The song is about the angry stage of a breakup, and is rumored to be about Harry Styles. It hints about an on and off again relationship between the two. She writes about how he was unfaithful during their relationship, but there were times she wasn’t either. Throughout the whole song she keeps revisiting the idea of “Is It Over Now?” because although the relationship is severely flawed she’s not sure if they had finally put it to a complete end. During the bridge of the song talks about the cameras and “flashing lights” during their relationship because it was so public, and while he carelessly was with other women, she “kept her nights out of sight.” She makes a final blow at Mr. Styles on his predictability saying “if she’s got blue eyes, I will surmise that you’ll probably date her.” And that she knows he was still thinking about her, until she called him a “lying traitor.” Overall this song is just fun to listen to her absolutely tear into Harry and his past behavior and I’d rate it 4.7/5.

## Album of the Week

By Nick G.

Van Halen - Van Halen

Released on February 10th, 1978, by the American Rock band Van Halen, this is the most influential album to ever grace the earth. Eddie Van Halen, guitarist of Van Halen, is considered to be the greatest guitarist of all time by a lot of critics and fans of rock. Except for the Rolling Stone magazine, because they are mean and don’t know what they’re talking about. Eddie Van Halen and his brother Alex Van Halen (drummer of the band) lived most of their lives in the Netherlands, where they spent nearly all of their days playing together in a small shack they owned in their backyard. However, vocalist David Lee Roth and bassist Micheal Anthony were born ‘n’ raised ‘mericans. Selling over 10 million units, this album achieved Diamond status on August 7th, 1996, and still to this day often reappears on the Billboard Top 200.

If you’ve somehow never heard this album, it’s definitely worth the 35 minutes.

### TRACKLIST:

1. “Runnin’ with the Devil”
2. “Eruption”
3. “You Really Got Me”
4. “Ain’t Talkin’ ‘bout Love”
5. “I’m the One”
6. “Jamie’s Cryin’”
7. “Atomic Punk”
8. “Feel Your Love Tonight”
9. “Little Dreamer”
10. “Ice Cream Man”
11. “On Fire”

“You Really Got Me”, “Runnin’ with the Devil”, “Jamie’s Cryin’” and “Ain’t Talkin’ ‘bout Love” would all eventually reach single status and gain major popularity outside of the U.S.

# Polls & Outfit of the Week

## Polls

### Red or Green

Red win's 50 votes to Greens 45

By:Hannah Smith

Is red the color of history or math?? Red is a primary color, it is opposite of violet in the color wheel. Red goes into many other colors, like pink, purple and orange. Red was one of the first colors used in prehistoric art, it was used in caves, on rocks, on all sorts of things because it was a vibrant color, people in the past used it to express themselves in ways. You can find red all over the place. Red is in the sunsets, in lasers, and also in the sky. If you looked up do you think you'd see red? No. Red is in planets, on their surfaces, they emit some sort of red glow due to iron oxide.

Is green the color of science?? Or is it the color of a different subject? Green is a color that comes in lots of different hues. It goes from neons to darks and also can be presented in really light shades. Green is made up of both blue and yellow, it isn't a primary color it is still very used though. Green was first put into clothing by the neolithic people from Northern Europe. Nowadays we don't think about if green is a symbol when we wear it but in Europe it was a sign of rebirth and regeneration.

## Outfit Of The Week

By Maliah

This week's outfit of the week is Karmin Hatfield. I chose to interview Karmin because I liked her outfit all together. She was wearing a gray long sleeve t-shirt from the brand Under Armour that she got from her mom's closet. Her pants were Wranglers that she bought from Tractor Supply Co. The shoes she had on were gray Hey Dudes from an online store. She had on cute turquoise jewelry that she got from an online boutique. Overall this week's outfit was really cute!

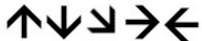


# Word Search

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CANDYCORN HALLOWEEN

CIDER LEAVES

COLD PIE

CORN PUMPKINS

FIREPLACE RAIN

SWEATERS

THANKSGIVING

TURKEY