
MONTESSORI MONTHLY

Montessori Students Get Sappy

By: Nora Davis and Lukas Derr

Native Americans have been making maple syrup/ sugar from sweet sap since the 1500s. Native Americans have great legends of how maple syrup was first discovered. Our school is continuing this great tradition of making maple syrup from our own maple trees. This school year, Montessori Nature Club tapped the maple trees in the late fall when the leaves were falling. The best time to tap a maple tree is during the winter, when the temperatures hover around 20 to 40 degrees. When the temperature reaches this range, the sap in the maple trees starts to flow. In the fall when the leaves were changing colors, several students in Morning Nature Club used 12 spiles, or tap, and tapped six maple trees. Eliza, Eva, Evan, Brielle, and Preston, along with Mrs. White's brother, Dave Knight, drilled 1 ½ inches into the maple trees. After they drilled the holes in each tree, they attached a two gallon bag to the spiles. Several times a week, members of the Morning Nature Club went out into the cold to collect the sap.

In total, the students collected 11 gallons of sap! They brought the sap in and put it into a large pot to boil down into sweet maple syrup. After all the hard work of collecting and boiling the sap, the students made 1 quart of maple syrup. Unfortunately, after the sap boils down, it yields a lot less syrup.

So for all those that come to enjoy the pancake parties at the end of the year, please be mindful and acknowledge all the hard work it takes to make one quart of maple syrup! Morning Nature Club braves the brutal cold every year for the maple tree's sweet sap that we all enjoy so much at the yearly pancake parties.



Above: Morning Nature Club students learning how to tap a tree.



Above: Morning Nature Club students, Evan Brielle, Eva, Preston and Eliza pose by a tree they just tapped.

Announcements

- Thank you to everyone who attended and/or contributed to the Montessori Dinner Auction! Your support is greatly appreciated.
 - Spring Break: April 3rd-7th
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Spring Has Sprung!

By: Adalynn Cutlip

Get ready to spring into the season of flowers and budding warmth. All you have to do is march right along to March 21st to celebrate the first day of spring! You will find that after the long, cold season of winter, you will be ready for the mildly warm temperatures that spring will bring. You'll also find that fearsome bugs, such as bees, ticks, flies and mosquitos, will also make their debut. Bees can get an especially bad rep for being mean. However fearsome bees may be though, they really aren't that bad. Bees help pollinate plants so that they can continue to grow. Some of the insects that people enjoy more in the spring are butterflies. Butterflies come in many different patterns and colors. One thing that you must know about butterflies is to never touch their wings. All butterflies have powder on their wings that they need to camouflage, find a mate and have their pretty colors and patterns that we all enjoy so much. Aside from admiring the beauty of spring, many people go outside to enjoy the long missed sunshine. Many favorite springtime activities include planting flowers, vegetables and herbs in their garden and taking walks.



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A fun springtime activity that many children enjoy is playing in the spring rain and splashing in the puddles. All of the beauty and activities get overshadowed by the adorable newborn animals! All the baby piglets, calves and chicks are sure to moo-ve your heart. Whether you are excited for the weather, the bugs, planting, or playing outside, get ready to spring feet first into the spring season!

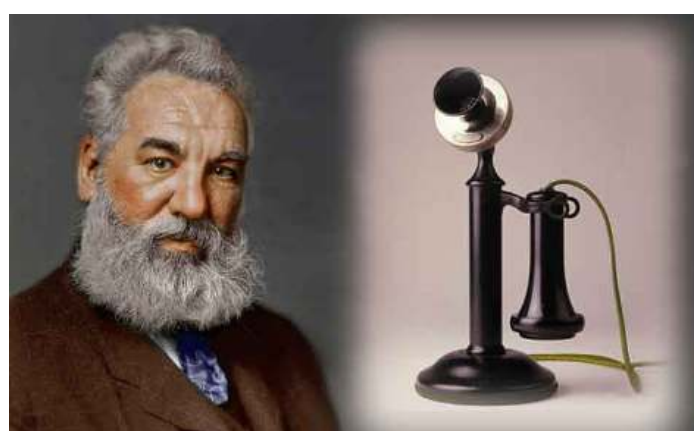


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This Month in History

By: Gracelynn Cutlip

On March 7, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell patented the telephone. Before the telephone was invented, people had to communicate face-to face, by writing letters, or by telegraph. Bell's telephone was created because he wanted to improve the telegraph. A telegraph could only send one message at a time, but he wanted to be able to send several messages at once. While attempting to create this machine, he became interested in the idea of trying to send a voice over a wire and he succeeded! A few days later, on March 10, 1876, he had the first ever successful telephone call with his partner, Thomas Watson. Without Bell and his telephone, we would not have a quick, easy way to communicate with others, be able to talk with someone across the world from us, or be able to answer emergency calls as quickly as we do.

St. Patrick's Day

By: Hadasah Latimer



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St. Patrick's Day was first celebrated on March 17, 1631. It honors the death date of Saint Patrick, who was patron saint of Ireland. This famous holiday is both a religious celebration, as well as a cultural holiday that includes music, dancing, drinking, a whole lot of green and the celebration of the Irish heritage. St. Patrick was a patron of Ireland when Christianity was first introduced to the island. The traditional meal for Saint Patrick's Day is corned beef and cabbage. People sometimes eat Irish soda bread, Irish potato soup, Irish coffee, and Irish desserts; basically anything Irish. Leprechauns relate to Saint Patrick's Day because their history can be traced back to Ireland. The leprechaun was originally red, but turned green to show association with Ireland. Leprechauns are Celtic fairies who are very tricky. They fix other fairies' shoes. The shamrock is also a popular symbol because it is a sacred plant in Ireland that symbolizes the rebirth of spring! St. Patrick's Day is an awesome holiday that the Irish and the world should be proud of!

THE INCREDIBLE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT MOMENT

By: Madison Beltz and Sarah Grace M.



Pictured above is the South Korean Flag
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Independence Movement Day is a holiday celebrated in South Korea on March 1st every year. This day marks one of the earliest public displays of Korean resistance. This holiday is celebrated by reading the Korean Declaration of Independence, which was written in 1919. The reading takes place in Seoul's Pagoda Park or in Korean, 태극기 (taegeukgi) (pronounced teh-GUK-key).

The Korean flag is raised in homes, businesses, and institutions. There are numerous parades, concerts, and exhibitions to commemorate the day. The blue on the Korean flag represents negative cosmic forces and the red represents positive cosmic forces.

Independence Movement Day became a national commemoration day in 1946, a year after Korea gained independence. It was declared a national holiday on May 24. Thirty-three Korean religious and cultural leaders started the movement!

You might be wondering how to celebrate this holiday. Here are some tips! The first thing you want to do is display the flag. This holiday is commemorated by a prominent display of the South Korean flag. The next thing you want to do is attend festivals and events. The last thing that is very important is visiting Tapgol Park, because the Korean Declaration of Independence is read there!

KASSIANI: THE FEMALE, GREEK MUSICIAN

By: Izzy Lane

The exact time Kassiani was born is unknown; it is estimated she was born between 805 and 810. She was born to a wealthy family. Kassiani was known for being the earliest female composer whose music has survived to this day. Her nationality is Byzantine. Kassiani's name in Greek means, "cinnamon." Because of her status, she was able to receive a formal education in reading, writing, philosophy, Greek literature, and Christian theology. Kassiani died in 865, but her legacy lives on through her music.

WOMEN HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DOING GREAT THINGS

By: Nora Davis

March is the month to remember all the amazing things that women have done over the years. Women's History Month was started in the 1980's. Women have fought for equality for a very long time. There are many reasons that women have been constantly overlooked because some think that women are not as strong, as smart, or as brave as men. That is not true! Some people make the assumption that women are not brave because the first person in space was a man, and yet men have had better opportunities and jobs. If women had been able to learn and get the same opportunities, it may have been a woman in space. Men have always had better jobs that have always paid more than women. This is because women were never given the same opportunities to go out into the workforce. Instead, women worked in the home where the belief was, and still held, that women are in charge of 'domestic' duties and don't belong in science, math or engineering. Women have always been here making a difference, but men have taken all the credit and glory for their success. There are so many amazing women out there in the world, such as the amazing and great woman, Queen Elizabeth II. She was one of the longest reigning monarchs, who continued to reign without her husband. When we hear and learn about history, you always hear about the great male heroes, but there have always been women here alongside men doing the same. Women's History Month was started to recognize all the great things that women have accomplished. Who would run this world without women?



Picture: Women protesting for equal rights in the 1970's

COLLEGE BASKETBALL MARCHES INTO MADNESS

By: Caleb Pycraft and Emmett Relle

March Madness is back! For those who are not familiar, March Madness is a college basketball championship consisting of 68 teams. Those 68 teams are ranked based on their season record and given a seed ranking. The lower the seed number, the better the team is predicted to do during the championship. March Madness happens every year for both men's and women's college basketball.

The first game of the 2023 championship started on March 16. The very first March Madness was in 1939, and the highest scoring game in March Madness history was between Loyola Marymount and Michigan, which ended up with the score of 149-115. Loyola Marymount was ranked as the 11th seed and destroyed Michigan, who was a 3rd seed. The nickname for March Madness is "The Big Dance."

The championship is not just exciting because it determines which college basketball team is the best in the nation, it is also exciting because basketball fans can follow along and fill in brackets with their predicted winning teams. Some people use printed brackets, others use apps on their phones, and some use online brackets. If you enter a contest using an app or online bracket and correctly predict all the rounds, you may win a billion dollars! If you make in the top 20, you win 100,000 dollars.

For the 2023 March Madness tournament, Houston is favored to win the championship. In addition, the number one seeds are Purdue, Houston, Alabama, and Kansas, but there have been many upsets since the tournament started. Purdue lost in the first round to Fairleigh Dickinson University, the 16th seed! The number 2 seed, Arizona, lost to 15th seed Princeton. This was just a little inside look on March Madness, and we can't wait to see the winner of this amazing tournament!



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Lacrosse originated in 1100 A.D. by the Native Americans. It was called the "Creator's Game" because they thought whoever created their people and culture made the game for them. Lacrosse is played on a field that is 110 yards long and 60 yards wide. There are two goals on the field and around the goals there are circles called creases. The point of the game is to score goals, the team with the most goals at the end of the game is the winner.

Nowadays, there are different rules in the men's and women's game. In the men's game, checking is legal, and the goal is to be aggressive. In the women's game, they are encouraged to still be aggressive, but are prohibited to check.

LACROSSE, THE CREATORS GAME

By: Curtis Briggs & Caleb Pycraft

For those not familiar with this game, a check is when a player holds their stick in both hands and swings it sideways, as if it were a baseball bat. The point is to make contact with the opponent's stick hard enough to dislodge the ball. The player can also put their hands together in the middle of the stick and push the opponent hard enough to make them fall over.

In the women's game, the goal on defense is to stay in front of the person who is being guarded. Whenever the stick is put too close to the opponent's head, a foul is called. This is to encourage players to stay a safe distance away and keep the opponent in the front.

The two best lacrosse players in the world are Charlotte North and Paul Rabil. Charlotte North won the Tewaaraton Award twice, which is given yearly to the best lacrosse player in college lacrosse. Paul Rabil has never actually won the award because when he was in college, he was not recognized for his skills. However, once he became a professional, he rose up to become one of the best of all time.

Even though there are different rules for men's and women's lacrosse, both games are physical in nature and exciting to watch!

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

By: Sarah-Grace M. & Sophie Tzonev



This month, we interviewed Señora Consuelo for the Teacher Spotlight. She is from Lima, Peru and is the Spanish teacher at Montessori. She also runs after-school care. We asked Señora Consuelo a few questions to learn more about her.

Why did you move to Wooster?

"I moved to Wooster for my daughter. I think it is one of the best decisions I have ever made. Wooster is a lovely town, and all the people here are so warm and friendly."

Do you have any family in Wooster besides your daughter?

"No. My mother lives in Florida and I have two sisters in Peru."

How long have you been teaching at Montessori?

"I have been teaching at Montessori for about seven years now. I have enjoyed every moment of it!"

Have you always wanted to be a Spanish teacher?

"No. I am an architect by profession, but I firmly believe that every teacher is an architect inside, since planning, designing, building, projecting...are all verbs attached to the noun "teacher." That is why I can affirm that for me "teaching is building the future."

What are some things you like to do in your free time?

"In my free time, I really like taking online classes, reading books, dancing, and doing many things related to art." (A hobby she shares with her daughter.)

What is your favorite food?

"My favorite food is any type of pasta, and my favorite dessert is everything chocolate!"

Senora Consuelo is an amazing teacher, and she contributes so much to our Montessori family. She has been in Wooster for eleven years. She is a lovely, kind, and hard-working Spanish teacher and loved by all!

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

By: Kevaria Godbey and Izzy Lane

For classroom spotlight, we interviewed Ms. Amber Wilcox. Her classroom theme for the month was St. Patrick's Day. With 3 teachers for 13 students, the kids get a lot of love and attention. We also asked Ms. Amber what was the main subject the students have been learning about. She replied that they have been learning how to work in an independent work cycle. Currently, their favorite activities have been motor skills and listening to music. The students are expected to work independently and gain confidence in learning. The students learn the importance of cleaning up after themselves, a very important skill to know! When observing the classroom, we noticed that Ms. Amber has a fish tank with one fish and marble rocks on the bottom of the tank. Our final question to Ms. Amber was "What was your favorite thing to teach?" She answered by saying motor skills! We thank Ms. Amber and the toddlers for their cooperation in letting us take a peek into their classroom!



Toddlers in Ms. Amber's room enjoy completing their work!

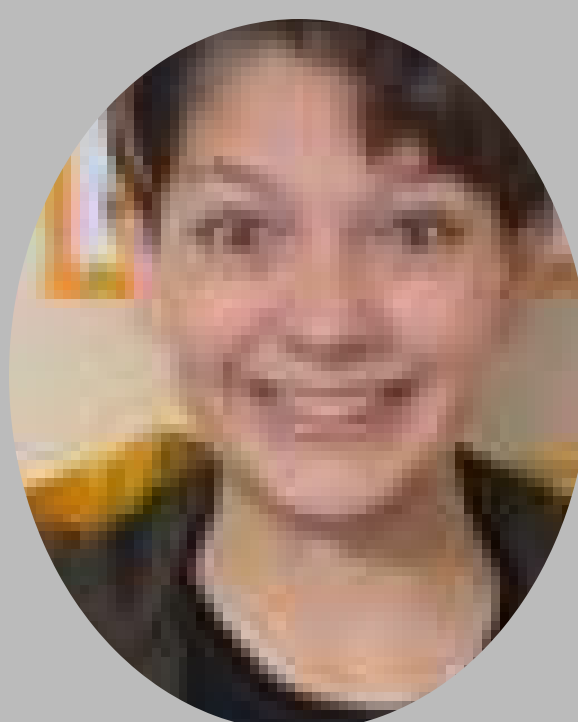


MONTESSORI MEMORIES

By: Madison Beltz



Aryn, MS
"My favorite Montessori memory was building gingerbread houses in 3rd grade."



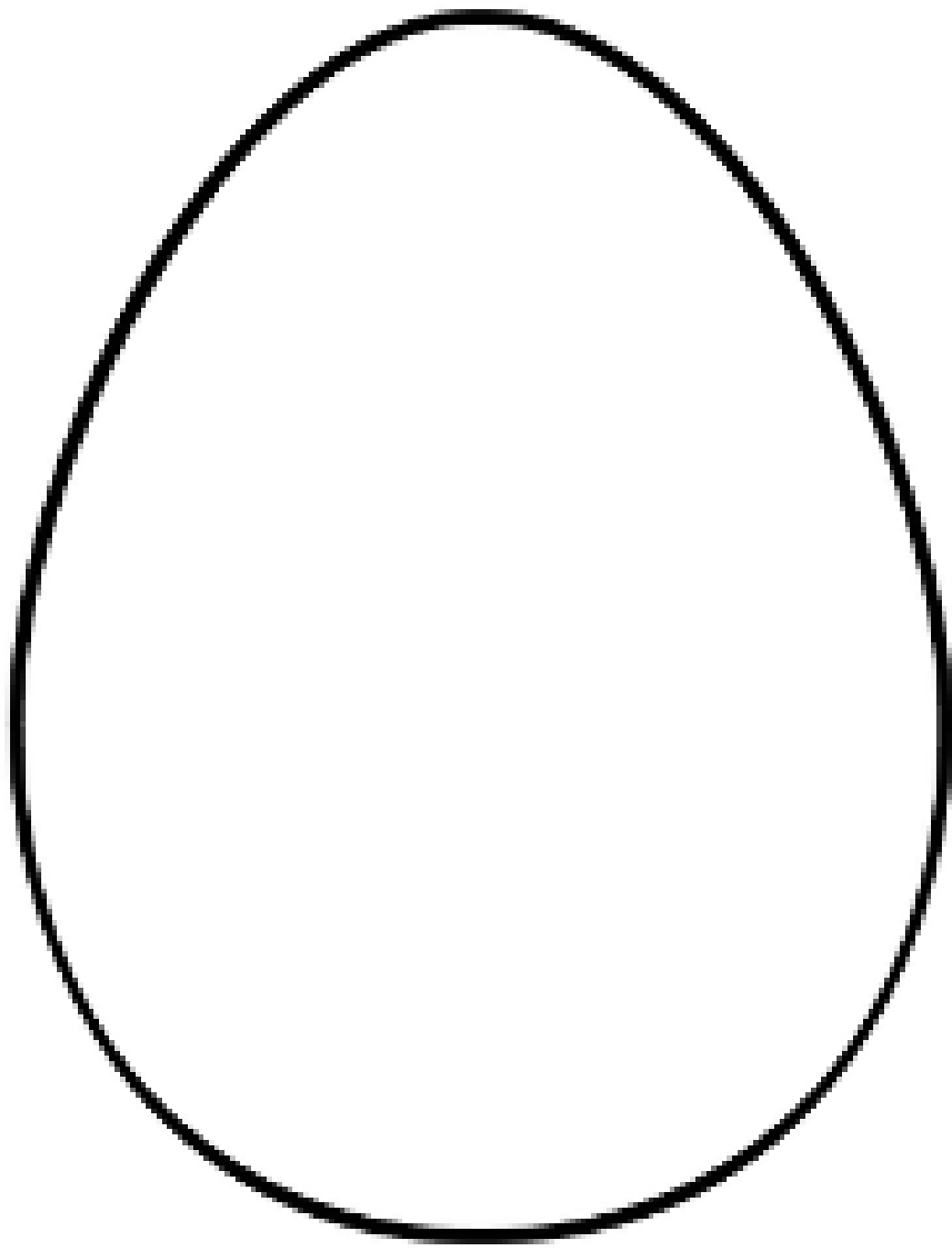
Cambrian, UE
"My favorite Montessori memory was adding lasagna to the Montessori recipes in 2nd grade."



Remi, LE
"My favorite Montessori memory was making things in art."

KIDS CORNER

By Cheyenne Devereux & Adalynn Cutlip



Homemade
Learning Activities



Color the egg and chick using your favorite spring colors!

Gray Wolf



Lykoi



- Wolves live in packs that range from 2 to 20 wolves
- The scientific name for a wolf is *Canis Lupus*.
- A wolf comes in colors of gray, black, white, or a mix of all! Wolves can even be reddish brown

- Their nickname is the Werewolf Cat.
- Its name comes from the Greek word, *Lykos*, which means wolf.
- They have a nature similar to that of a dog.

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HOW TO..... MAKE CHOCOLATE MILK

By: James Latimer

Follow these steps to get the best cup of chocolate milk!

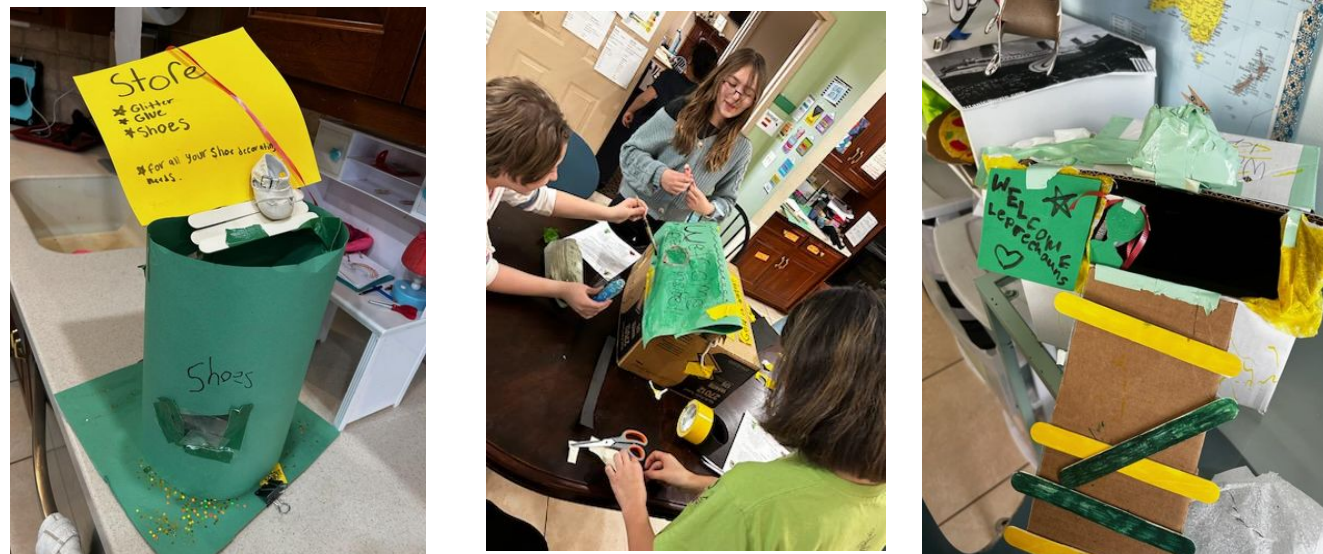
1. Get your favorite cup.
2. Get cold milk.
3. Pour the milk into your favorite cup.
4. Get your favorite spoon.
5. Get chocolate syrup.
6. Pour your desired amount of chocolate syrup into your favorite cup.
7. Get the spoon and mix.
8. Stop mixing when the milk turns light brown (or dark brown).
9. Take the spoon out.
10. Enjoy!

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LISTICLE: WHY LEPRECHAUNS SHOULD BE CAUGHT

By: Hadassah Latimer



Pictured: Middle Schoolers
made traps to try to catch
the Leprechaun

- Leprechauns are great and all, but they leave big messes.
- They knock over chairs and flip over tables.
- Leprechauns steal your stuff and hide it, specifically pencils.
- They throw binders, pencils, and markers all over the place.
- They leave balloons everywhere too!
- The worst thing is that we have to clean up after them!
- When we set up traps, the leprechaun goes inside of them, but still finds a way out.
- When getting out of the traps, the leprechaun leaves silly notes for us to find!
- One good thing about them is the chest of treasure.
- You can't get to the treasure without going on a treasure hunt for hidden clues, though.

Word of the Month

By: Alexander Gueth

Finifugal: a phobia that means one is afraid to finish something.

Pronunciation: fi-ni-FU-gl

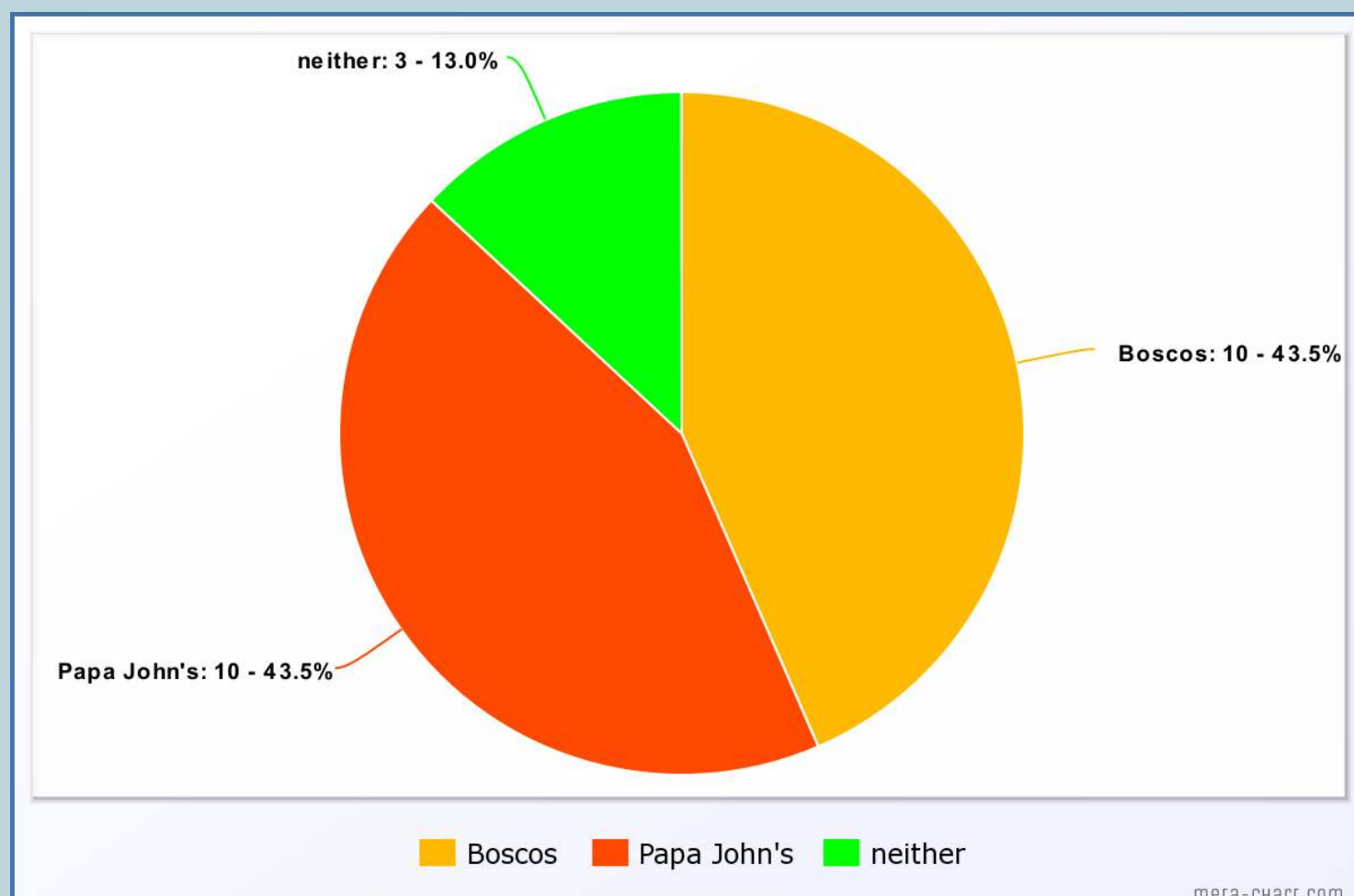
"My sister can be finifugal about finishing books."

Definition and pronunciation from
thoughtcatalog.com

Pizza Survey

By: Curtis Briggs

Students and teachers from Middle School, Upper El and Lower El were surveyed to find out their favorite place to get pizza.



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MONTESSORI FUNNIES

THE HUNT FOR GOLD

By: Aryn Huffman



THE UNSTOPPABLE BOB ESCAPES PRISON

By: James Latimer



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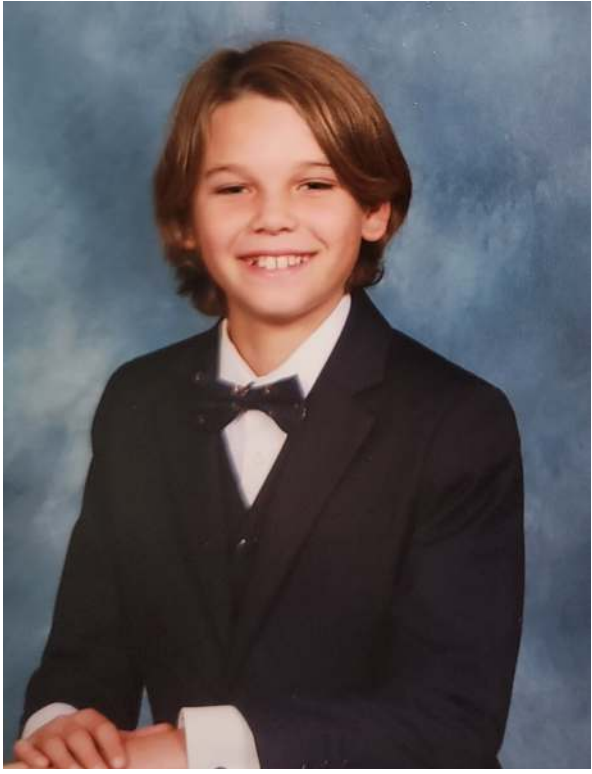
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