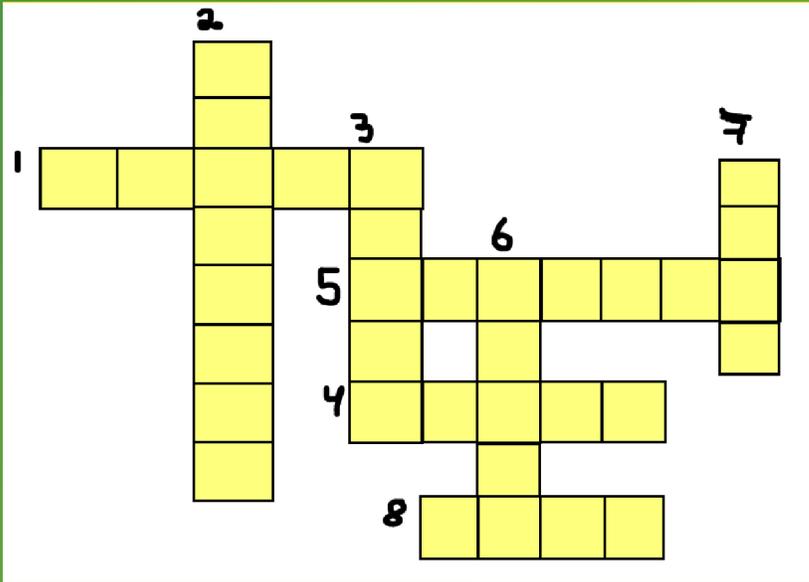




End of the Year Newsletter.



ACROSS

1. What country is Mount Everest in?
4. What is the opposite of day?
5. What month is Halloween in?
8. This amphibian starts as a tadpole and grow up to be a ____.

DOWN

2. " _____: Taste the rainbow!"
3. What do squirrels eat?
6. An endangered type of big cat with stripes.
7. An animal that has feathers.

YOU DON'T LOSE, YOU LEARN

Every sport played at Yulee Middle School has an indescribable meaning to the team that gives each player a vital motivation.

Nelson Mandela, a former president of South Africa, once said, "I never lose. I either win or I learn. I consider these among a select group of words I live by. Losing is not final; it represents the opportunity to try again with more knowledge than you had last time."

Jennie Finch, a professional softball player, once said, "My goal is never to lose. That may not be realistic, but I'm going to try."

That is the mentality all athletes need to succeed in their sport.

BEHIND THE SCOREBOARD:

WITH THE YULEE HORNETS

The cheers from the stands - filled with friends, family, and Yulee supporters. The championships that have been won, and the professionals that have come out of it. We, the Yulee Hornets, have made multiple stars from our athletic achievements. We have asked YMS' most popular coaches about their favorite parts of the season as well as their biggest highlights and more. We were so glad to hear from two of our "Spotlight" coaches, and we thought that what they said was incredible. Mrs. Lavasseur (Coach Lava: YMS softball coach) gave a detailed response stating that "This season has been great so far despite the weather!" She also mentioned that "We [the YMS softball team] are so far undefeated." She also pointed out, "I am very lucky to be called coach this year!" Another spotlight coach was Coach Tate (YMS football coach). His favorite highlight from this past season was when the team went against Charlton County. He stated, "Our defense made a big stop on the last play of the game to help seal the win." Coach Tate also recognized how the offense had a big game for them that night, Coach Tate also wanted to mention, "We had a lot of adversity during the season, but I was proud of the way our kids played in the last game of the season against Fernandina." We really appreciate you looking at "Behind the Scoreboard." Buzz on!



Sports Highlights cont.

Behind The Scoreboard:

With The Yulee Hornets (The Remix)

Hey Hornets, welcome back to Behind The Scoreboard. This article will list all the new and upcoming changes to Yulee Middle School sports. First, we would like to congratulate this year's County Championship winners: JV Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Boy's Baseball, and Girls Track. Quickly speaking of Track... there will be brand new track uniforms for this coming up school year, along with new cheer uniforms (which cheerleaders are able to keep). Since a new school year is approaching, this means that fall sports, like cheer, are coming up. This upcoming year, YMS Cheerleading will be introduced to some new coaches: Ms. Rhodes, who teaches 6th grade, and Ms. Halpin, a ESE teacher. On the topic of Cheer, unfortunately there will be a discontinuation of competitive cheer for Yulee Middle School... but, on the bright side, there will be a new Buzz Squad attachment to our middle school's Cheer Team. This squad will contain elementary school students who are interested in cheerleading and will work with YMS Cheerleaders, as well as cheering with our middle school team during games and practices. Finally, the best advancement to our middle school sports includes a new Yulee Middle School sport, which would either be a Cross Country Team or a YMS Wrestling Team! Thank you for looking back at our recently updated Sports Article, we hope you enjoy your favorite sports more with these recent changes. We also hope that you will get engaged in these new upcoming sports as well. Go Hornets!

Summer Sports Camps for You!

- Basketball Summer Camp at Sports Edge (June 13-21, 2022)
- First Tee North Florida Summer Golf Camp (June 6-28, 2022) Ages 7-16
- Matt Clark Basketball Camp (Fundamentals)
- Skyhawks Sports Academy (June 6-29) Ages 4-14
- Volleyball Camps at JJVA (June 6- August 5) Grades 4-12
- Jacksonville University Youth Soccer Camp (June 20-24 and July 18-22)
- Iron Diamond All Sports Camp (June 7- August 6) Ages 6-14 (9am-3pm)
- UNF Youth Sports & Fitness Camp (June 6- July 29) Ages 5-14 (9am-4pm)

"If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?"

"Pilgrims."

"What do you call a fish wearing a bowtie?"

"Sofishticated."

Hornet Highlights!



An Interview with Officer Rocheleau:

Q: Why did you want to become a resource officer?

A: So, I didn't know I wanted to be a police officer till' I was about 28 years old. I figured from the skill sets I learned in the Army, as well as my ability to talk to people, it would be a good career to have in order to give back to the community. I was asked to come take the resource officer position because I have a calm temperament and I can deal with kids, especially when there's a lot of patience involved.

Q: What type of tasks do you do daily?

A: Every day, I go around the school, I make sure gates are closed. I make sure doors are locked in classrooms while students are in them, and I respond to whatever the administration needs as far as if there's a security concern or if they need help with a child at the front office.

An Interview With Dr. Smith

As we all know, Dr. Smith is our wonderful school dean and sports director. We find her walking the hallways and focusing on her action-packed job. But what does her job truly consist of? My partner and I dug into the depths of Dr. Smith's true details of her job. Here is the talk we recorded with Dr. Smith:

Q: What is the hardest part of your job?

A: Having to be mean to children. I do not enjoy yelling at you all or giving discipline.

Q: Did you always want to be a dean?

A: No, I wanted to be a children's book writer. Then I found out I could sing, so I majored in music.

Q: Most students see you as discipline and discipline only, so what would you like to be seen as or what do you want them to know?

A: Not as bad, because I think you will just associate me with bad because I have the bad part of holding you accountable for your actions.

Now that you know a few more things about Dr. Smith, think about what you could do to show more respect towards her. If you see her around school be sure to say thank you to her for all the wonderful things she does for us every day.

What do you call a fake noodle?

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**Creative Writing 8th grade Department Editors: Allison, Brooke, Kyleigh, Lorelei, and Soren.
Creative Writing Head 8th Editor: Lin.**

Great job everyone!

Hornet Highlights!

An Interview with Dr. Middleton

Q: "Is it easy to work with the people around you?"

A: Definitely! Especially because when you are an assistant principal you hire a lot of the teachers, and you hire the people and support staff that are around you. So, that kind of creates a bond between you and those people. I think it's really cool to hire somebody and watch them grow from first year teacher or first year at Yulee Middle School teacher who has experience somewhere, it's really cool to watch them grow from that. I think that our staff works the hardest, out of every staff team that I have worked with. We are very communicative and committed. Everybody just makes it easy to like one another. And I wouldn't call it friends, but I would say that we have a climate where everybody is respectful of one another, and I really do appreciate that."

Q: "Do you have fun doing your job?"

A: Yes, I definitely do! You know how some people say that they don't want to get up and go to work? They're like 'Oh I hate going to work!' I don't ever feel that way. Sometimes I am in the car driving home from work, and I just wonder what it feels like to hate your job, because for me that's not how it is at all. Of course, there are some days that are hard, there are some days where you wish you didn't have a bad conversation with someone, or you have to discipline someone, which I don't like. But I have never had a time where I feel like I just never want to come back. I don't hate this job at all, I really have fun and I love it."

Q: "How does having this job play into your family?"

A: "It is about finding that work-life balance really. I don't have children, but I do have a husband who is an Air Traffic Controller, and we just kind of have to figure things out together. For example, he works late on Mondays and Tuesdays, so I stay here very late on Mondays and Tuesdays to get everything done for the week so I can be out in classrooms. There are a lot of emails that need to be sent and paperwork that needs to be done, but while the students are here, I try to be out of this office and in the classrooms as much as possible."

Interview with Mrs. Amos

Q: "What is your favorite part of the job, what is your least favorite?"

A: "I absolutely love getting to build relationships with teachers and students. On the other hand, my least favorite part is punishing people."

Q: "Is it easy to work with the people around you?"

A: "It's a really awesome school; I work closest with Dr. Smith and Dr. Middleton. Everyone here is really easy to work with. As for the children I work with, so many of the children's parents were taught by me when they were at Yulee and Fernandina high school. The community here is like having my own neighbors work with me."

Q: "Do you have fun doing your job?"

A: "Yes, I get to be silly and goofy, and people appreciate it; when I was teaching high school, the twelfth graders look at me like I was crazy. I have lots of fun every day!"

Q: "How does this job play into your family?"

A: "I wanted to be a teacher because I wanted to start a family and have holidays off to spend with my loved ones. I got to teach at the same school that my girls were going to, so I got to have a year here with them in eighth grade."

Q: "Do you have any goals for your future?"

A: "I want to see Yulee Middle School become an 'A' rated school, and one day I would like to work into the position of being principal."

Q: "What did you do before you were in education and what have you done since being in education?"

A: "I have never been in any field other than education and now I have a national board certification, I love helping students in need."

Q: "What was your favorite school subject?"

A: "Hands down, my favorite is English. I was always the kid who finished her work early and got in trouble for reading in class."

Hornet Highlights! cont.

Lunch Box Crew

Meet the staff!

Jenifer, The Cook of the Team.

Jenifer Harmon, Manager.

Christie, Anything and Everything.

Mary, Makes Salads, and Runs a Line.

Maria, Salads, Runs a Line, and Breakfast.

Missy, Fruit, and Breakfast.

Q- How many meals do you make a day?

A- About 800 lunches; 400-500 breakfasts.

Q- What is your favorite thing to do?

A- Listen to music.

Q- How long do you have to prepare food?

A- About 2 hours.

Q- What time do you get out?

A- 2:00

Q- What do you eat for lunch?

A- The school food, Fridays get tasty food.

Authors of Your 2021-2022 Creative Writing First Annual Newsletter.

7th Grade: Shaylee, Aniah, Brielle, Jon-Luke, Emma, Nora, Ava, Trever, Megan, Ciara, Jack, Luke, Lila, Essie.

6th Grade: Audrey, Jayden, Cameron, Ellygrace, Tamara, Charlie, Daphne, Jacob, Avery, London, Logan, Hartley, Coral, Annabelle.

8th Grade: Allison, Brooke, Kyleigh, Lin, Lorelei, Soren

Mrs. Miles and Ms. Mindy.

What did the ocean say to the beach?

Nothing, it just waved.

Ok, that was a pretty bare bones joke, even for a skeleton.

"What do a tick and the Eiffel Tower have in common?"
"They're both Paris sites."

Review of *Wednesday Wars*

Written by Gary Schmidt, *Wednesday Wars* is a thrilling historical fiction book that takes place around World War II. Our main character Holling Hoodhood is moving up to seventh grade and has a bit of a problem with the teacher. I personally loved this book due to how relatable it is. Holling runs into many troubles that a lot of middle schoolers might run into. Also, the story is very humorous. It is a little more of an ongoing story rather than a book where you find an exact solution to the problem. I would personally rate this book a 10/10 due to how funny and relatable it is. However, one thing that might not please a reader is that it does not have much action and is calmer than most books.

Review of *Duolingo*

Duolingo is a free language learning app where you can learn most modern languages including Spanish, French, Japanese, Korean, German, and much more. I myself am learning German. There is a premium for *Duolingo* which also gives you a ton of stuff. I personally give this app a 9/10 for it being one of the most useful apps on my phone.

What's Buzzin'



"Salt in my Soul; An Unfinished Life"

Movie: Mallory Smith is a girl who was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. I would give *Salt in my Soul* a good 7/10 and I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys reading non-fiction stories.

Book: This book is an excerpt of the journal from Mallory Smith who was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at the age of three and was told she was going to die young. After she passed her dying wish was for her mother to edit and publish her diary to share her story. It was one of my favorite books that I have read this year due to its heart-felt sentiment. I would rate it a 10/10 and would 100% recommend it.

"Cheaper By the Dozen"

Cheaper By the Dozen is a remake of the original Cheaper by the Dozen made about seventy years ago. The 2022 version is rated PG. However, **parental permission is advised**; some mildly inappropriate language.

The movie is about a family made up of the parents, Paul and Zoey Baker, and nine kids, Luna, Luca, Harley, Ella, Haresh, Bronx, Bailey, Deja, and DJ; they take custody of the cousin, Seth, further into the movie. The family owns a restaurant that serves breakfast - only breakfast - the restaurant is well known for its special sauce, of which its flavors are all in one. The father, owner of the restaurant, decides to expand on his special sauce. The family then begins a journey full of the twists and turns of drama, the rich life, and the day-to-day struggles the world may throw at you.

Personally, I think that the movie is of good quality, although it's "cringey" and seems more like an "inspirational movie," similar to ones found on YouTube, rather than an all-out, full-blown Disney movie. If this sounds like your kind of movie, watch it to see if you'd like it. I would give the movie three out of five stars.

*You could check <https://www.common sense media.org/> for specifics about the movie and reasons for the ratings.

YMS Trends



Flashy Fashion Trends Across Yulee Middle School

It is only a few months into 2022 and we already have many trends. Below, we have found the biggest trends of this year amongst the students at Yulee Middle School.

Fashion Trends:

Girls:

- Straight jeans
- Converse
- Oversized clothes
- Acrylic nails

Guys:

- Acid wash jeans
- Sports Wear
- Gold and Silver Chains

Both:

- Nike Jordan
- Air Force 1s
- Apple Watches
- Sweatpants
- Graphic Tees

Popular Brands:

- Nike
- Vans
- Abercrombie & Fitch
- Urban Outfitters
- Shein
- American Eagle
- Forever 21

Other Trends:

- Denim
- Glitter, sequins, and sparkles
- Fringe, ruffles, and frills
- Voluminous silhouettes
- Khakis with oversized hoodies
- Crocs with socks
- Platform shoes
- Knitted and crocheted textures
- Bold stripes

What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backwards?

A RECEDING HAIR LINE

YMS Trends



With the new year almost halfway through, we looked at some of the trending things of this year.

Movies:

“The Batman”

“Uncharted”

*“Doctor Strange in the
Multiverse of Madness”*

“Turning Red”

A few unreleased movies of '22

“Avatar: The Way of Water”

“Jurassic World Dominion”

“Thor: Love and Thunder”

“Lightyear”

Netflix Series:

“The Vampire Diaries”

“Stranger Things”

“Gilmore Girls”

“All American”

“Cobra Kai”

Songs:

As It Was - Harry Styles`

First Class - Jack Harlow

Heat Waves - Glass Animals

Enemy - Imagine Dragons & JID

Avoid being bored at home by trying to find a new hobby. These are some fun activities that you might enjoy!

Blogging

Reading

Learning a new language

Journaling

Vacation planning

Gardening

Hiking

Solving a Rubik’s cube

Art

Origami

Pet Sitting

Yoga

Dancing

Cooking

Scrapbooking

What do you call a snowman with a suntan?

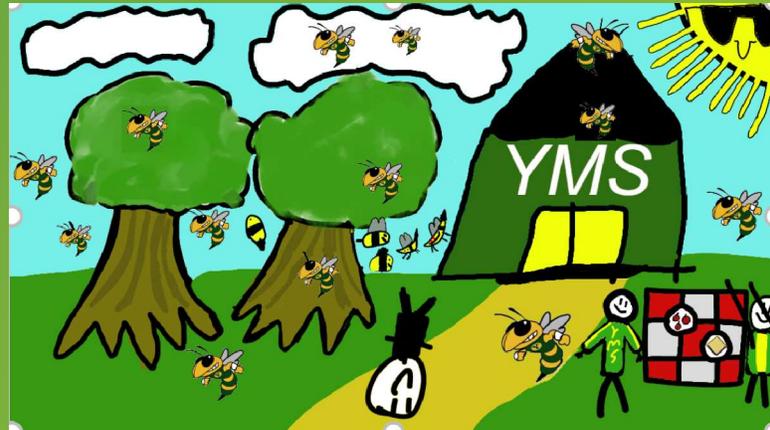
A puddle.

More Summer Fun



We all have to face it—by the end of the summer, everybody has run out of things to do and ends up lying in bed all day. Instead of letting your precious summer break waste away, try some new activities that we've gathered for anybody to try over the break!

- Find or make a walking tour of a city
- Go for a hike
- Host a movie night
- Host or join a photography challenge
- Paddle or swim your way around a local waterway
- Plan a creative picnic
- Bike around your neighborhood
- Scavenge for cool objects around your home and revamp them
- Get sporty
- **Volunteer for your community**
- Collect natural objects for art
- Play like a kid at the playground
- Host a Bake-Off
- Grab art supplies and paint some nature
- Camp in your backyard
- Build a sandcastle
- Geocache
- Stargaze or meteor shower gaze
- Create a Meetup group with friends
- Have a date with your pet
- Sign up for a local summer camp
- Pick up a new hobby
- Pick strawberries with friends or family
- Hunt for bugs and safe reptiles
- Discover new recipes to cook



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Which Teacher Did This? Who's Who at Yulee Middle School?

From the list below, choose which teacher did what from the list of bullet points. (Answer Key is at the bottom)

Mr. Stewart, Dr. Middleton, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Spung, Mrs. Kistler, Mrs. Baker, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Profit, Coach Marker, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Halpin, Mrs. Jenssen, Mr. Demeter, Mrs. Amos, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Deaver, Mrs. Ivey, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Francis, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Mobley, Coach Austin, Mrs. Elwell, Mr. Woodle, Mrs. LaRose, Dr. Smith, Mrs. Martin, Ms. Sammarone, Mrs. Lasley, Coach Richards, Mrs. Laverseur, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Caton, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Linder, Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Mason, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Yoder, Ms. Sims, Mr. Raysor.

- (Science 7th) teaches an on-island high school swim team.
- (Administrator) is from Connecticut but has lived in Florida for 11 years.
- (Front Office Staff) used to be a mail lady at a post office.
- (ELA 6th) has traveled all over the world.
- (Math) collects hard rock cafe t-shirts.
- (ELA 6th) was a dog groomer in college.
- (Science 8th) went running with the bulls in Spain.
- (ELA 6th) favorite video game series is Poker.
- (Science 6th) favorite drink is monster energy.
- (P.E.) ran 16 marathons.
- (Math 7th and 8th) has lived and worked in Brazil, Mexico, and Taiwan.
- (ESE) grew up on Chincoteague Island with native ponies.
- (School Social Worker) has also lived in Connecticut and Washington state.
- (Math 6th) has been a background actor for over 25 movies and tv shows and has worked with The Rock and Zach Efron (his favorite was The Walking Dead).
- (Administrator) had the nickname "Sarge" when she was a kid because she was so bossy.
- (ELA 6th and 8th) edits videos and has 5.9k subscribers on YouTube.
- (ELA 8th) used to be a chinchilla pet breeder.
- (ELA) has a pet wallaby.
- (History 7th) was a donkey babysitter.
- (ELA 6th) played women's tackle football.
- (ISS) has a titanium rod in his leg.
- (7th History) was in All-American baseball in college.
- (7th Math) is a collector of everything Nightmare Before Christmas.
- (P.E.) step-daughter was just drafted by the WNBA for the Washington Mystics.
- (Dept Chair for Exceptional Student Education) had to have a black belt before she dated anyone.
- (ELA 7th) was a Deputy Sheriff.
- (Support Facilitator for Math) has lived in 8 different states.
- (Dean) plays the ukulele.
- (History 7th Grade) is a distant cousin of Valerie Bertinelli.
- (8th ELA) lived in Rome for a month.
- (7th and 8th ELA) competes in Irish Step Dancing.
- (P.E.) repelled down a canyon in Utah.
- (Math) played college softball.
- (Reading Coach) has thirteen chickens, ten dogs, seven horses, and seven cows.
- (Math) collects snow globes and was in the Navy.
- (Media Specialist) collects Barbie dolls.
- (ELA) played clarinet in band.
- (History) lived in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- (Science) was leading scorer and rebounder on high school basketball team.
- (ESE Teacher) draws faces of random people.
- (Math) related to DJ Stewart who plays on the Baltimore Oriols.
- (Gifted ELA) graduated High School in Hawaii and went to 13 different schools through K-12 grade.
- (Counselor) favorite candy is alphabet cake decorations.
- (ESE) music education major for two years in college
- (ELA) danced on the YHS Color guard team for the YHS Marching band
- (Principal) Won Nassau County School District award of Principal of the Year.

Answer Key: All names are in the correct order of the list