



# THE BOTELLE BUZZ

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## Masks Are Everywhere by Reid Nadeau

Masks, and no I'm not talking about the Halloween masks we wear for trick or treating, I'm talking about protective masks. Usually masks are fun and silly, and you see them in stores all the time, but you never see people walking around wearing doctors' and nurses' masks. That all has changed now.

People all around the world are wearing masks when they go out in public. We need these masks to stay protected from

coronavirus. When our parents go to stores to get food they need masks, when they go anywhere with people around them they need masks. Parents wear masks, kids wear masks, everyone wears masks during coronavirus! (Besides animals.)

Doctors and nurses still have to go to work and wear masks and let me tell you, those masks hurt. My aunt came home from work one day with bruises all over her face because of her mask. When

doctors and nurses go out to test people for coronavirus they have to wear even more gear like a full body protective suit and gloves. They wear these things to stay protected from the virus, so thank you to all those people going out to keep us safe.

These are some of the masks we have in our family. As you can see, they are not doctors' masks, they are home-made masks (the one in the middle is a ski mask). They cover your

mouth so that when you cough or sneeze it doesn't spread and it protects you from other people's coughs. When people cough it can go 12 feet. You can wear all different kinds of masks, and now you know why masks are important during coronavirus.



## A Virtual Visit with Roaring Brook by Farrah Fitzgibbons

Mrs. Kate Stryeski from Roaring Brook Nature Center came to the primary class's Google Meet on May 21 and talked about changing seasons. She talked about spring, summer, fall and winter.

She also told us about animals. One of the first

animals she showed us was a hissing cockroach. She told us how it goes in the soil, under the grass, under the leaves and under the grass and snow. The cockroach was two years old. She also brought out our most common toad; an American toad. She explained

about their eggs and why they go to a pool of water to meet a mate and have babies. Her very last animal was a box turtle. A box turtle has a hard shell. This box turtle is 25 years old. She was very hungry, she ate like 10 worms!

Mrs. Kate worked very hard to have this event!!! It was a wonderful event for our class.



## Editor's Note

Thanks to all of the students who participated in the newspaper club! As a couple of the articles in this issue mention, quarantine can be an opportunity to try new things. To all of our new reporters: Keep up the great writing!

Mrs. Dubecky

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# Keeping Yourself Busy During a Quarantine by Landon Nadeau

During the Coronavirus pandemic we have been told to stay inside and also to stay six feet away from each other in public. That means you're going to be bored all the time and have nothing to do, and it can be hard to find things to keep you busy.

Here are some things that people have been doing to keep busy: Hik-

ing, biking, arts and crafts, watching a new show, watching all of the really long movies you avoided until now, and learning how to make face masks. (One long movie you could watch is Harry Potter!)

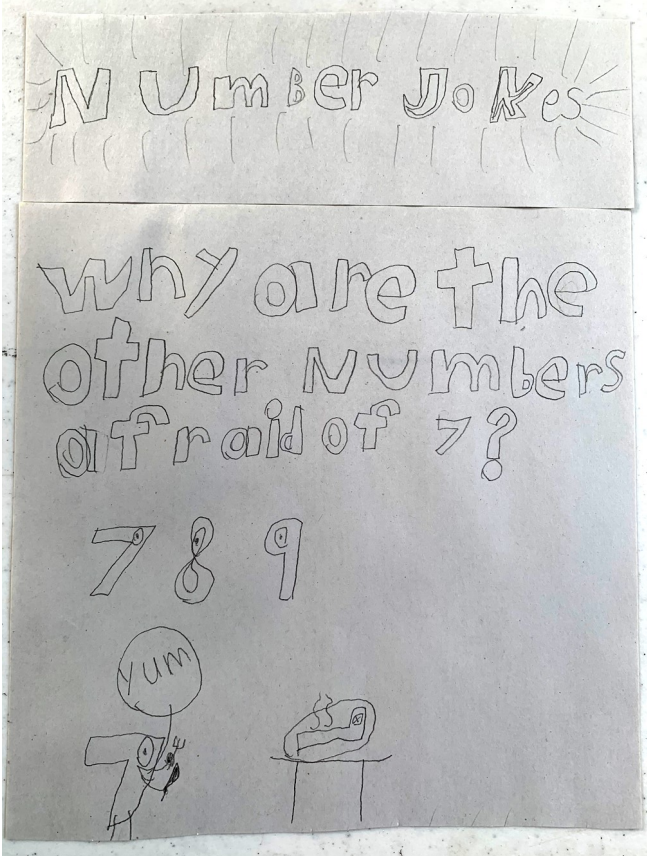
These are all good ways to stay busy. Make sure to try them out, but whatever you do wash your hands.



## Did You Know...

- In the Northern Hemisphere, June is the month with the longest day-light hours.
- In both common and leap years, no other month begins on the same day of the week as June.

## Joke Corner by Harrison Bennett



## Cooking With Kayleigh

by Kayleigh-Raine Hagarty



Today I decided to make a homemade carrot cake from scratch with my mom. The first time I tried carrot cake was when my mom brought home a birthday cake from work that her friend made her and I thought it was amazing. I always thought it would be an interesting cake to make. So I asked my mom if she could ask her friend for the recipe. I will share the recipe so you can try it to!

### GRANDMA'S CARROT CAKE

2 c sugar, 1 ½ c salad oil, 4 eggs

2 c flour, 2 tsp baking powder

1 ½ tsp baking soda, 2 tsp cinnamon

2 c grated carrots, 1 flat can crushed pineapple

1 c chopped walnuts

Mix sugar, salad oil and eggs together, then add flour, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon. Add carrots, pineapple and nuts. Place in greased 9X13 pan; bake 45-50 minutes at 350 degrees. Frosting: 1 pkg 8 oz cream cheese, 2 c confectionary sugar, 1 stick margarine mixed with egg beaters until smooth, frost cake after cooling. Put nuts on top if wanted.



# Fun Things to Do at Home

By McKenzie Bannerman

1. Make up a Board game- You can get inspiration from any games that you have played with your family or friends. For example, Monopoly.
2. Bake- You could come up with a recipe of your own or you can follow a recipe from a cookbook or a family member.
3. Find a new hobby- Who knows, maybe you are really good at something, but you just don't know it yet.
4. Make up a new sport- You could find inspiration from a sport that is played around the world today. For example soccer.
5. Help your parents around the house- Your parents do a lot for you and they might need help with cleaning the house or running errands.
6. Make an invention- Maybe your invention will be something totally new that no one has ever heard of, or it could be something that helps people with everyday life.
7. Make an instrument- You could get inspiration from an instrument that already exists. For example a trumpet or guitar.
8. Create- You could create a song, maybe you could create a work of art or you could even write a book.
9. Do outdoor activities- You could have a catch with a family member or maybe you could go for a walk or a run.
10. Keep in touch with your friends and family- In order to stay in touch you could Facetime on a phone or computer.
11. Spend as much time as you can with your family- try to make time in your day to spend with your family.

I hope you enjoy your quarantining and online schooling.



## Spotlight on Art

With the guidance of Mrs. Bazelmans, students have created lots of amazing artwork at home! Here are some examples:



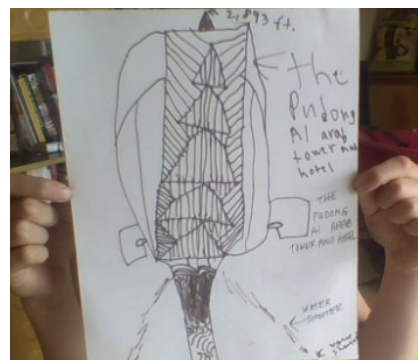
Capture an image that tells a story—Parker Bracken



Found object flower—Evie Whitaker



Recreate a famous painting—Lorelai DeCerbo



Architecture, Antoni Gaudi—Rex Crippen