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At the beginning of the 19th century, the long peaceful period of Denmark ended. The Napoleonic Wars made it difficult for Denmark to be neutral since the international relations in the world shifted drastically. In 1801, Copenhagen was attacked by the British Navy and a few years later, Copenhagen was annihilated by the British force. Denmark also decided to team up with the French army who lost all of the wars. As a consequence, Denmark was forced to hand over parts of their territory to Sweden and state bankruptcy. People's lives became difficult and all hope seemed to be lost. This was not only for Denmark, but was also true for other European countries because the overall mood in the society at the time was dark. However, in the midst of all the commotion, a baby was born in Odense, Denmark. He was like the single ray of sunshine and would later become one of the greatest men that Denmark had ever seen: Hans Christian Andersen.

Born on April 2nd, 1805, Andersen was born in a very destitute family. On top of that, Andersen's father passed away just when Andersen was 11, leaving his mother to be the sole person taking care of him. While it was difficult for the Andersen family to live an affluent life, Andersen's mother sent Andersen to a boarding school where many wealthy families sent their children to. Andersen did not enjoy the school, however, because it was strict and he had a hard time getting along with his teachers. The boarding school did help him in some ways, though, since Andersen was admitted to the University of Copenhagen, one of the top universities in Copenhagen.



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Andersen started gaining fame from 1829 when his short story named "A Journey on Foot from Holmen's Canal to the East Point of Amager" was published. From there, Andersen went on to create his most famous works such as "The Little Mermaid", "The Ugly Duckling", and "Thumbelina". These stories became very popular among children because the stories were entertaining and had a captivating plot that made them want to keep reading. Another thing was that Andersen had major problems in his story as a starting point, but ended the story with that problem getting resolved. For instance, in The Ugly Duckling, there is one 'duck' that looks different and ugly when it is born. However, at the end, that problem of looking worse than others is eliminated as it turned out that the duck was actually a swan who looked more beautiful than ever. Since the society was not in a very positive mood, Andersen's stories like these helped the society to brighten up and get more hope.



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To this day, Andersen's stories are a source of joy, inspiration, and hope for many children and adults around the world. This shows that writing reflects society at the time and can help people to get through that era while giving them entertainment at the same time. We are all going through a tough time with the world suffering a pandemic and various issues breaking out here and there. Next time your mind is full, why not read one of Andersen's stories?

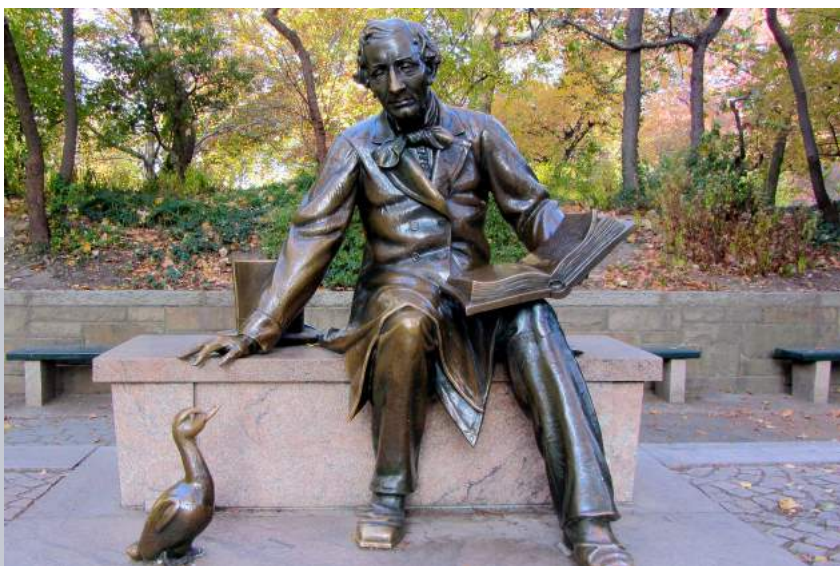


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ATLANTA HAWKS

LEBRON JAMES

By: Gaëtane Sloomweg

During the Atlanta Hawks game that took place on March 20th, LeBron James took the floor in screams and shouts. LeBron rolled his ankle in the second quarter, causing the team to mourn for their terrible loss.

"I haven't necessarily seen him scream and scowl like that probably ever, even with that groin injury," said Kyle Kuzma, the Lakers forward. "It had to probably hurt a little bit for sure."

Lebron was still seen practicing his 3 pointers even after the injury, however, he was soon spotted leaving the court after kicking a chair in frustration. With the age of 36, Lebron James is currently one of the NBA's MVP candidates. Lebron has been missing games for nine days and the estimated healing time is 4-6 weeks. Along with Lebron James, Anthony Davis, also a Lakers player, has been sitting out games because of Achilles Tendinitis. The two are excited to be back on the court, playing by each other's side. Lebron even posted on Instagram a warning to the rest of the NBA. Here is what it says: *The weatherman says the weather is changing soon and it predicts a thunderstorm ☁️ ⚡️ is coming. Folks prepare and take the proper caution ⚠️ measures to stay safe.*



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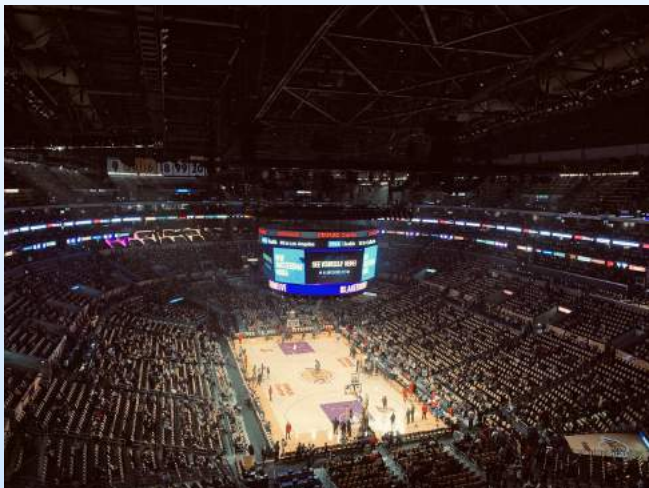


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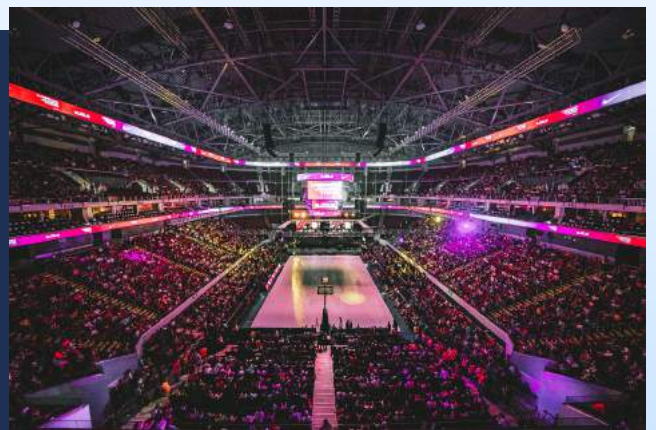


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TRASH FASHION SHOW

MAKER SPACE

By: Sona Park



On March 10th of 2021, Maker Space held a fashion show - Trashion Show - to promote their passion for designing clothes and raising environmental awareness. They designed the clothes out of trash, newspapers, cans, old packages, cardboards, etc., proving that stunning outfits can be built from waste.

The Maker Space class took almost a month to prepare for this fashion show. Every day, students took inspiration from the internet to extend their skills and knowledge for designing clothes. The steps they went through were not always perfect, yet they managed to create countless beautiful pieces of outfits to express their passion for designing.

THE STEPS THEY TOOK...

Step 1: Define the problem: Ms. Katrina provided students with a problem to solve in a month - make the clothes out of waste.

Step 2: Collect information/Research about the problem:

Students began to explore the idea on the internet. They found several websites promoting the collaboration of outfits created from recycled materials.

Step 3: Brainstorm and sketch ideas: Their creative fashion sense goes beyond boundaries and allows them to express themselves through endless passion and artistry over fashion. Every group of students had a clear conception of what they truly wanted to show the audience.

"Since it is 2021, we wanted to show that fashion is also a part of gender equality. Luke is dressed in a dress/skirt that is inspired by a woolen dress associated with ancient Mesopotamia and Persia," stated Luke Seol (12th Grade) and Maggie Donnelly (12th Grade).

Jasmin Slootweg (11th Grade), Misha Ivashchenko (10th Grade), and Nicolas Kennedy (9th Grade) quoted, *"We hope the Trashion Show shows people that 'trash' isn't useless and that it can help us in several ways and can be easily beautified to serve a purpose. Furthermore, we hope that people will enjoy the ambience that the show will provide."*

Step 4: Develop and build a model: Patiently, students started to gather recycled materials to build their clothes. It took them approximately two weeks to get a clear understanding of their outfits. Once in a while, they will set the classroom for models to practice posing and to test their outfits.

Step 5: Get feedback and improve your design: Students constantly got feedback from other fellow students and teachers. One step at a time, student's creativity and thoughts of ideas expanded as they made several attempts to revamp the outfits.

According to Condor Ferries, every year the world produces 381 million tons of plastic waste and 1 million plastic bags are trashed every minute. Maker Space hopes that this fashion inspired people to spread awareness and reduce the amount of plastic used daily. Based on Beau Lee (9th Grade) and Evan McGavran (12th Grade), *"We hope that our fashion show can educate our peers and our school community about our problem with trash and recyclable materials. We hope that we can also show people diverse ways people can dress in outfits that they've never seen before. We might also be able to inspire people to start recycling and being more thoughtful about their waste output. We might also be able to inspire some people to start designing their clothes; even maybe with recycled materials."*



High School Korean Class

By: Bella Kim

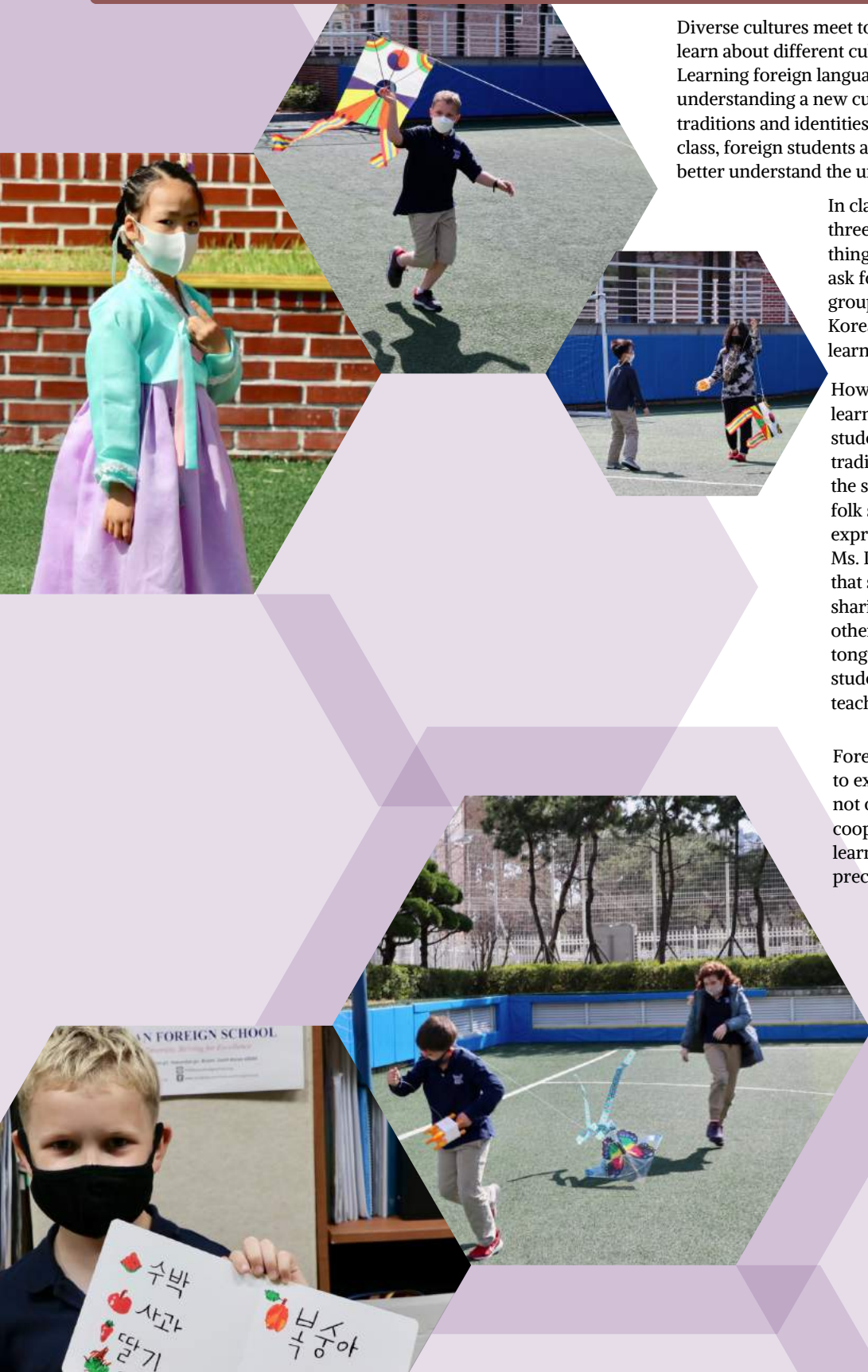


Diverse cultures meet together here in BFS to accept and learn about different cultures, including their languages. Learning foreign languages is seemingly the best way of understanding a new culture, as they often show many traditions and identities about the culture. In the HS Korean class, foreign students are learning the Korean language to better understand the unique and beautiful Korean culture.

In class, the students are divided into three groups, each learning different things. The first group is learning ways to ask for directions in Korean, the second group is learning the different rules of the Korean language, and the third group is learning to reason their actions in Korean.

However, the students aren't merely learning the Korean language itself. The students are learning the most valuable traditions and cultures of Korea, including the song "Arirang". Arirang is a traditional folk song of Korea, and it strongly expresses the tradition of South Korea. Ms. Lee, the Korean teacher, has shared that she loves having the privilege of sharing her culture and traditions with other students who have different mother tongues. Through teaching various students, she has said that for her, teaching is another way of learning.

Foreign students here in BFS are learning to experience and love different cultures not only through communicating and cooperating with each other but through learning their languages, the most precious treasure of each culture.



PRE-ALGEBRA

MATH CLASS

By: Bella Kim

The Pre-Algebra class, taught by Mr. Yang, is currently learning about different ratios, percentages, and proportions. This class, as explained by Mr. Yang himself, is a difficult class, as it is often offered as an advanced-7th grade Math class or even 8th-grade math. Even though the high level of the class pushes students beyond their limits and knowledge, it enables them to quickly expand their knowledge of math.



Mr. Yang has shared that he also feels the happiest when students have their 'aha' moments in his class, as the topics covered tend to be tedious and difficult not only to learn but to teach as well. Despite the class's difficulty level, the students are seeking help and putting time outside of class to show their enthusiasm towards math, and to improve themselves.



For Mr. Yang, the class has a special meaning beyond being just a regular math class. In fact, Pre-Algebra was the first class Mr. Yang taught as a student teacher, and the uniqueness of this class has remained quite tremendous for him. As much as the class is special for the teacher, the students are also finding the class very interesting, motivating them to increase their interest in math.



By: Val Kim

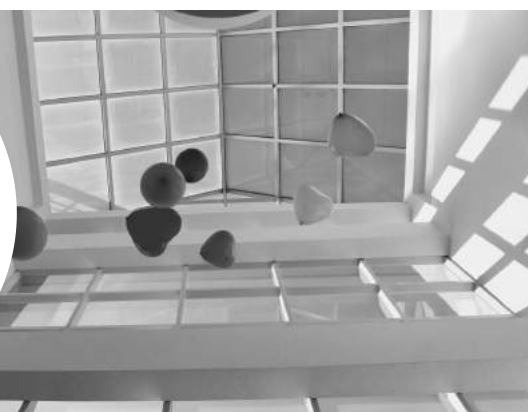
CORONA BLUE



Masks were usually worn by celebrities to hide their identities in public. Staying at home was a relaxing thing to do. Now, these things are requirements for everyone to follow and they have started to become tiring. Masks are no longer the cool accessories that you wore occasionally when the air quality was bad but rather protection equipment that restricts breathing well. Having to stay at home is no longer always a break but instead the limit in where you can go freely. On top of this, there is also tension and apprehension that you could be infected with the coronavirus anytime. Naturally, our societies around the world are seeing a rise in many depressions from these drastic changes. This is often referred to as the 'Corona Blue' and as the virus spreads and quarantines get longer, the symptoms deepen with more people claiming they are experiencing it. Therefore, what are some ways that we can prevent this and how should we resolve Corona Blue?



According to Professor Jung Young-Chul from Yonsei University, it is completely natural that things such as the Corona Blue appear in our society as the pandemic gets longer since people are under constant anxiety. There are anxieties of losing a job, losing a loved one, or getting the virus. Psychologically, if these anxieties last for a while, they transform into depression which is known as the Corona Blue. Therefore, in order to make sure that this depression does not occur in the first place, the professor says that people need to relax and try not to form any anxieties. Anxiety here signifies when people do not know what the future is going to be like and feel nervous about it. In order to restrict this anxiety, it is important that people accept the fact that no one knows what the future is going to be like. Additionally, they need to be more positive about what they think is going to happen. For instance, the right way to think would be 'I am going to follow all the guidelines and I will be fine!'.



Another way to stay away from Corona Blue is by distracting yourself from the pandemic and get yourself focused on another activity. For instance, you could watch Netflix, write a story, read a book, workout at home, or do anything that gives you happiness (but does not involve much contact). These activities will make that person be more focused on the present and specifically on that activity which is why it will distract them from thinking about the future (a.k.a a possible route of anxiety) and the pandemic.

If, however, someone feels what they perceive as depression, they need to visit a professional clinic right away. This is because depression cannot be driven away as easily as it comes to people. Attempting to recover from the Corona Blue alone especially with minimal contact with others can lead to a more serious condition. At a clinic, doctors can approach the matter properly and guide people to recover much more efficiently. Even if these do not work, there are also ways to deal with depression chemically through pills and injections.

Experts say that depressions of all forms come from the mindset of a person. People with an innate positive mindset can be free of depression even in the hardest times while some with a weaker mentality will be broken even with the slightest uncomfortable event. Especially during these times when people are restricted from their regular routine, it is crucial that people find what they can enjoy in the new environment and get expert aids if they cannot cope well.



By: Youseung Kim



UPT COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS LATEST T E



The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect people on a global scale, and this does not exempt Busan. Since the last time this topic was covered in this newspaper, the country of South Korea has received 3 updates on social distancing guidelines, and the total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases in South Korea has increased by around 16000. The total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases in Busan has increased by around 1000, and the average number of confirmed cases per day as of early April is at 300-500.



In the most recent update released by the South Korean government, a major change was announced, and Busan has gone to level 2 social distancing, after being at level 1.5 for around a month. This has made it so that you can no longer eat food in PC Bangs, karaokes, study cafes, reading rooms, and more. The maximum number of people that can meet together is still at 4, and the number of people that can be at events has gone from 500+ to 100. There are also stricter social distancing rules in everyday locations.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES ANYONE CAN DO DURING THE PANDEMIC

While this pandemic is still around, the best thing people can do on a daily basis to ensure everyone's safety is to constantly wear masks, follow all social distancing guidelines, sanitize consistently, and stay indoors when necessary. However, as many readers may agree, staying indoors a lot can be a bit boring. There are definitely a limited number of things you can do at your home-- but that does not mean that there is nothing enjoyable to be done at home.

One thing anyone can do while staying safe indoors is making something fun DIY projects out of materials that you can probably find in your house. For example, with just a few corks, paint, and an added bit of creativity, you can make your very own cork people!

Idea Credit: Something Turquoise



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Something else that anyone can make at home is woven paper art. With just colored paper, scissors, a ruler, and a picture frame if you'd like, you can weave paper into cool, imaginative, and colorful designs. To make art like shown in the picture, all you need to do is cut many even and tiny slits in one piece of paper, and cut many even strips of other colored papers. Then, you can weave the strips in and out of the slits to make whatever designs you like.

SHOWS & MOVIES

Lastly, something that is, of course, very popular to do at home is watching shows or movies. Obviously, shows and movies are a great form of entertainment for hours on end, so the newspaper club has brought forth some movie and show recommendations.

- **Space Sweepers (12+)**
(Korean/Other languages Movie available on Netflix)
- **The Great Gatsby (15+)**
(Movie available on Netflix)
- **Vincenzo (15+)**
(K-Drama available on Netflix)
- **Stranger Things (15+)**
(Show available on Netflix)
- **Cobra Kai (15+)**
(Show available on Netflix)



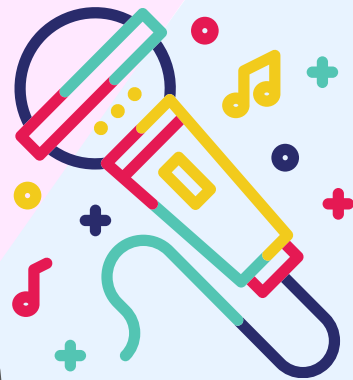
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INTERVIEW WITH JOY CHO

FROM 7TH GRADE

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What is your favorite part about BFS?

Lunch is good and the people here are very nice; especially teachers.

What do you think about the safety procedures that both BFS and Korea are taking?

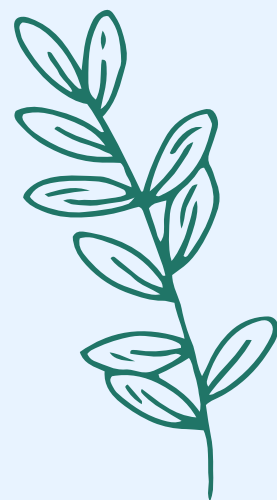
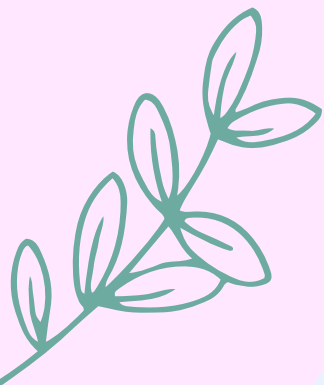
I think it's good. There are hand sanitizers everywhere, and in BFS we have those plastic barriers.

How do you think COVID-19 personally affected you?

I know it affected everyone mostly. I can't meet my family members like cousins and I can't play with my friends as much. Also, it's very difficult to go to the outside stores since there are lots of people.

Any recommendations for TV shows, movies, books, etc.

For the movie, I would say the Marvel Series! Also, my favorite TV show will always be Detective Conan because it's a childhood TV show I've always grown up with.



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INTERVIEW WITH MR. NEENO

HISTORY TEACHER

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How do you feel about BFS/Korea?

My wife and I had finished teaching in Egypt. I wanted to go back to teaching social studies. I was teaching math in Egypt and I was getting tired of it. We liked Korea and I saw the notice that BFS was looking for a social studies teacher.

For Busan, I love living here because it is clean, safe, and a fun place to live. I also love working with the students and the staff at BFS since they are all nice and cooperative. Busan is also handling the COVID situation well which is another thing I love.

How has Covid-19 affected you and your lifestyle?

The thing that affected me the most was that it makes it hard to get in groups of friends. I used to play board games with my friends and meet with them regularly but now I cannot. However, nothing else has affected me too much. The online classes at first, though, were very difficult in terms of technical issues and many more, yet I think it was better than zero classes.

How was the GECMUN conference?

I thought it was very good. I noticed that the level of challenge was higher. I think that was good because the kids were challenged and saw where they could improve in a better way. So it was a little bit rough on the students but now we know the system and how it works. It's kind of like playing a video game where you do better as you get more accustomed to the game.

Any future goals for the MUN competitions?

One thing I want to do next year is that I want them to develop position papers earlier. This is so that we get a lot of chances to review it and make sure it is absolutely the best quality. Also, I am thinking about doing more debates and MUN discussions even if it isn't for a competition. I think these skills are what people will need just in general as well as for doing well in future competitions.

What is your plan for the next 10 years?

I guess...not die. I'm kidding. I want to be at BFS for at least 1 year. After that, though, my wife and I will think about moving to a new place or stay in Busan. We will probably weigh in a lot of factors and think about what might be the best for us. However, I do feel like we are going to stick around near Busan since we love living in this city, and know is a good place for us.

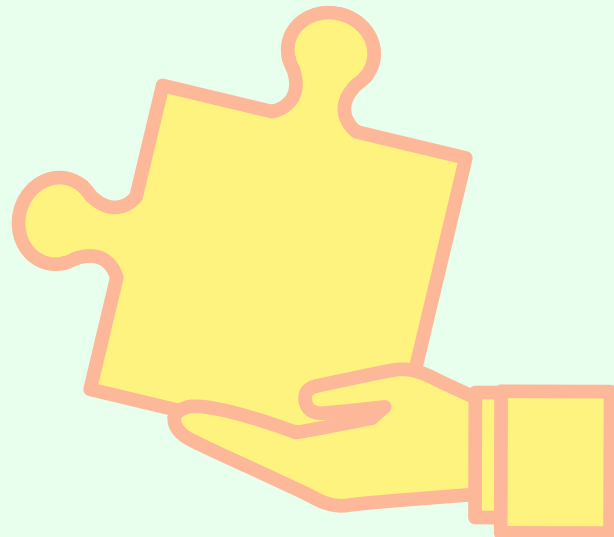
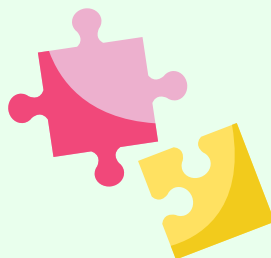
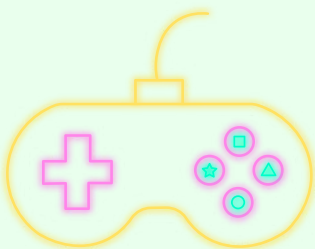
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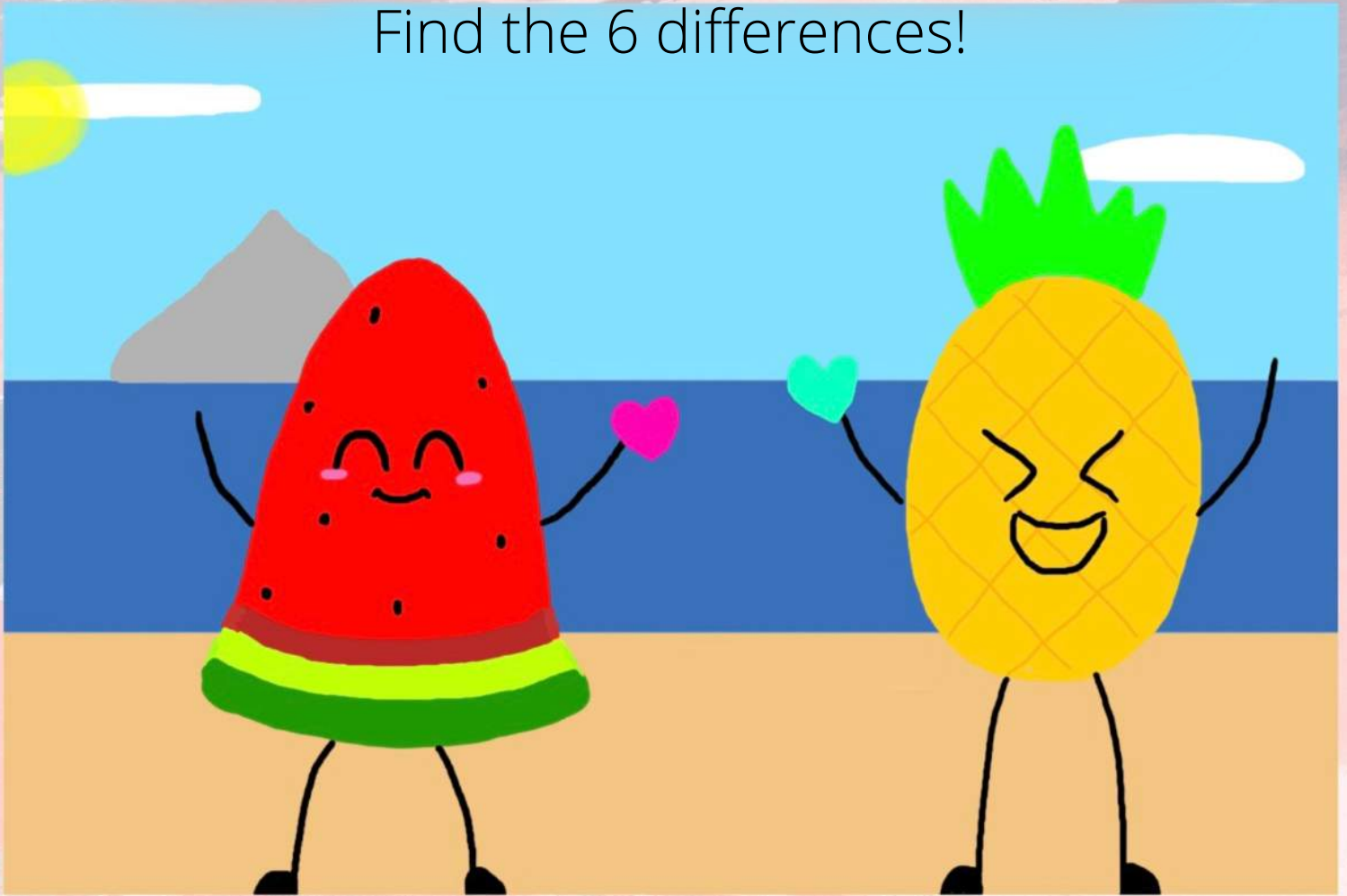
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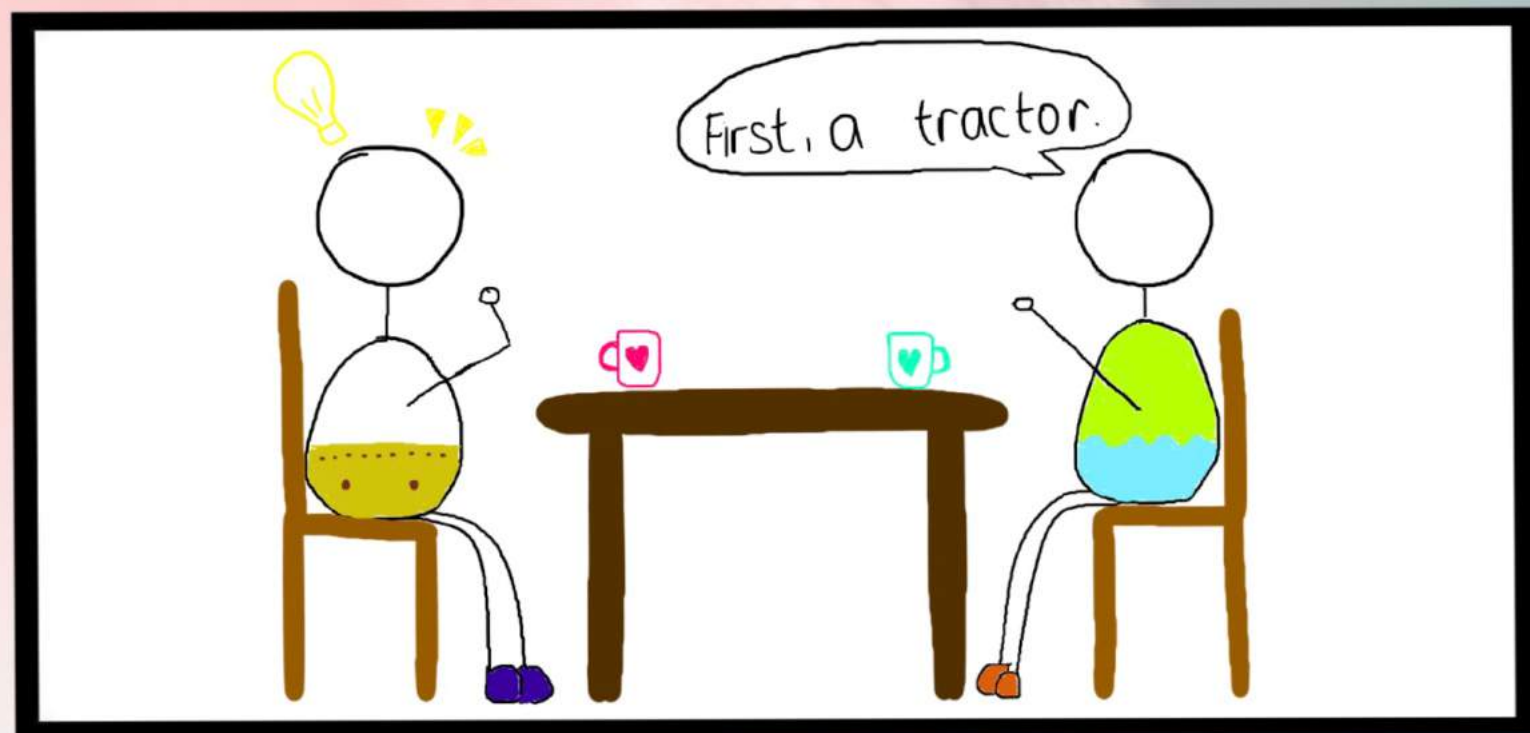
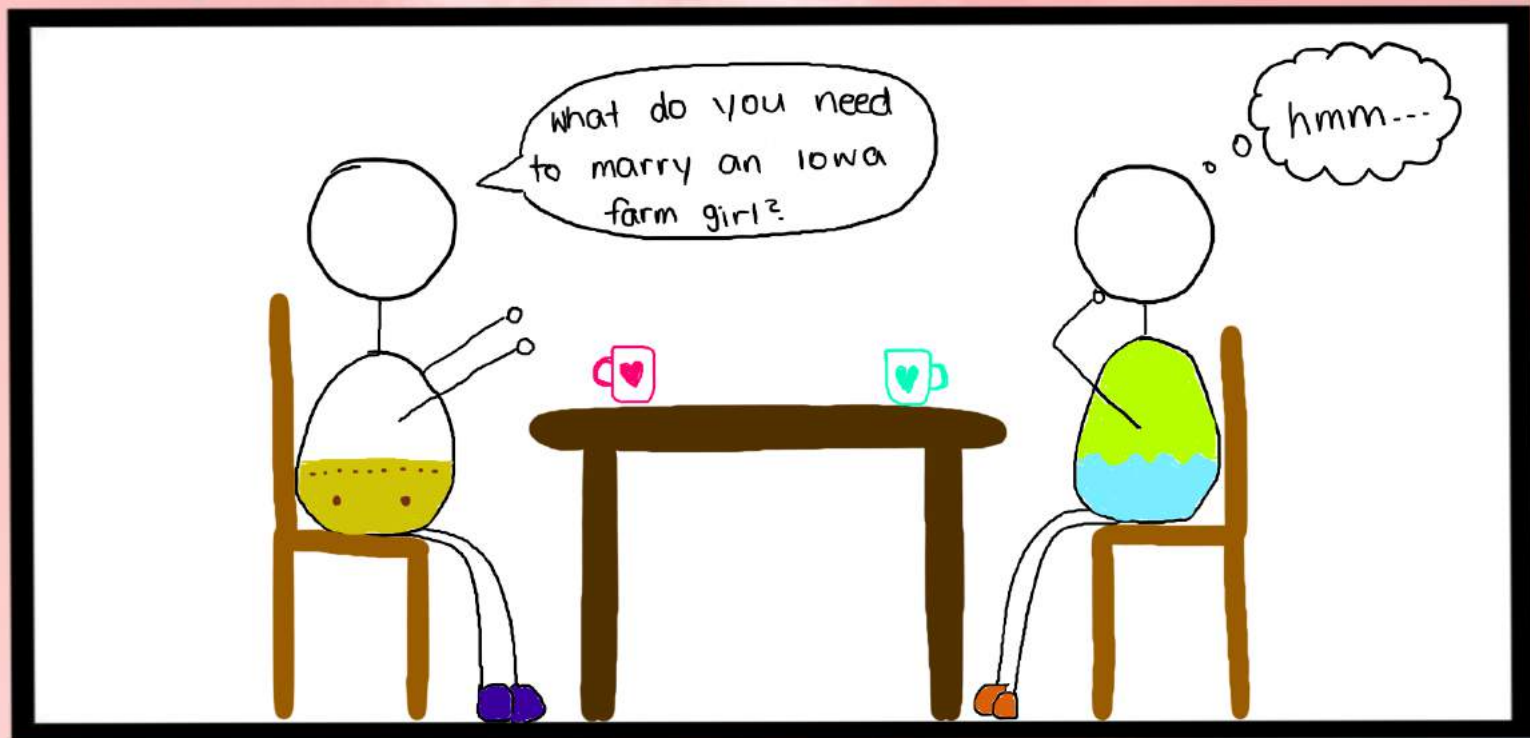


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Find the 6 differences!



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