

Royal Review

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Women's History Month

By Jasmine Connolly

We celebrate Women's History Month in March. It is observed by the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia, though not much is said about it. Women have come very far, especially in western culture.

Long ago, and still today, to some extent, women were viewed as inferior to men, weak, and incapable. Simple microaggressions such as "You throw like a girl" or referring to someone as a girl to insult them perpetuates the stereotype that girls are weaker than men. As any girls or any boys with older sisters know, this is about as false as anything has ever been. When trains were first invented, women

were not allowed to ride them, due to fears that they wouldn't be able to handle the high speeds.

Stereotypes are not, by any stretch, the most important struggles women have faced. As a result of misogynistic views, women have been attacked, violated, and even murdered.

Women have been fighting for their rights for a long, long time. We earned our suffrage in 1920, ninety-six years ago. They have gained a lot of political power in western countries, but they are still

very restricted in the middle east. That said, we have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go.



IGSMA Contest Results

By Jasmine Connolly

Just two weeks ago, our band and choir departments went to Challand to perform in one of the most anticipated musical events in middle school. Their performances were highly scrutinized, so any tiny mistake would undoubtedly be noticed. The day started with an early performance by the band, directed by Mr. Boll. They played Improvement March, Starship, and Red Thunder. After a few hours, their score came in. They had received a Second, which is good. (Bear in mind that this is not a competition

against the other schools, but a critiqued performance.) Some kids went home while others stayed and many arrived in the afternoon. It was time for the choir performance. The choir, led by Mrs. Ewers, performed Antiphonal Alleluia, Peace I Leave with You--Grace Wadsworth, an alto and Jasmine Connolly, a soprano, signed their individual parts--and Didn't my Lord Deliver Daniel. A few hours later, they learned that they had earned a First, an outstanding score.

In between the two main performances, there were several solos

and ensembles. Emily Rasmussen, Grace Wadsworth, Joy Garnhart, Eaden Hvarre, Tianna Lonkert, Emma Hernandez with Aubri Comer, Shawna Grey with Samatha Buelvas, a quartet consisting of Cade Schier, Abbie Provo, Alexis Jensen, and Angel Grey, and myself, Jasmine Connolly, all performed a vocal solo in contest. There were many instrumental solos as well. All-in-all, it was a hectic, but successful day.

Easter Egg Bake

Joy Garnhart

Easter Egg Casserole

Ingredients:

18 eggs

Pan Spray

1 lb chopped ham

3/4 cups milk

1/2 cup green pepper chopped

3/4 cup chopped onions

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Drop of tobacco

1 loaf of crustless bread

Salt + Pepper

Butter

1) spray pan with pan spray

2) Butter both sides of crustless bread, one layer in pan

3) Whip together eggs and milk

4) Stir together ham, onion, pepper, tobacco, salt, and pepper

5) Pour gently into pan

6) Put another layer of bread gently on top covered with cheese

7) Cover with foil, put in fridge

8) Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for one hour or more.



Ashfall

A book review by:

Aidan Flanagan

Ashfall is an incredible book by Mike Mullin set after a supervolcano under Yellowstone National Park, plunging the U.S.A. into darkness. Alex, the main character, starts a trek across Iowa to find his parents. He soon partners up with a girl named Darla after her mom is killed. They get taken in by the gov-

ernment only to find that the world outside Iowa is worse off than they are.

This book is fairly appropriate in the way of language but there are a few blunt references to sex. If the person reading this is fairly mature than this book is a great read that will keep you entertained for a while, due to the fact that it is the first book in a series.

Student of the Month—Taylor Renkes

By Elsie Gordon

Why do you think you have been chosen for student of the month?

I think I have been chosen for student of the month because I do my Homework and get good grades.

What makes you a good leader?

I am responsible and always get my homework done; and I am focused.

What are your extracurriculars?

Track, cross country, tumbling, dance, student council, and builder's club.

How do you display good character?

I listen to my teacher in class, do my homework, and I am kind to others.

Why should you be chosen for student of the year?

It would be a great honor and I have good grades and show good character.

What are your goals for the year?

To make it to the state track meet and get straight A's

What do you do to help your classmates?

I help them on their homework or whenever they're sad I cheer them up.

Easter Traditions

By Ellenor Zimmerman

There are many Easter traditions that are cherished by many people. One long lasting Easter tradition is the Easter egg hunt. The Easter bunny hides the eggs for the children to find. The Easter bunny is another Easter tradition. It is great for kids to get their

picture taken at local places such as the mall or park. An Easter tradition that many families partake in is having an Easter brunch at a family members house, inviting all or most of the people on one side of the family. Family gatherings have been going on for centuries, and tend to help bring families together.

At Easter people also like to do is dye Easter eggs. You can come up with your own traditions and remember to have a great family Easter and we hope you have many more to come.

Student of the Month—Aidan Johnson

By Elsie Gordon

Why do you think you were chosen?

I have been chosen because I am responsible and respectful to my teachers and peers.

What makes you a good leader?

I am a good leader because I can help my friends and others with coincidences. I am respectful to my

What are your extracurriculars?

I do cross country, Track, and Scholastic Bowl.

How do you display good character?

I am a good character because I always show kindness and acknowledge everyone.

Why should you be chosen for student of the year?

I should be chosen for student of the year because I do everything the right way and do everything right the first time.

What are your goals for the year?

My goals are to enjoy myself and

make others enjoy their school year and get straight A's.

What do you do to help your classmates?

I help my classmates by providing hard work help. Study help, and making them feel good and confident about themselves.

So, whether you're a kid trying to get permission to play a game, or a parent who sees the M on that box and automatically says no, there is one question that's important, what does the rating really mean?

Certain games like Call of Duty deserve the M rating they get, but why? The games are given their ratings for different reasons. Call of Duty is rated M for strong language, graphic violence, sex, disturbing imagery, and drug/alcohol abuse references. Clearly this deserves a bad rating but what are the deciders for the ratings.

RATING CATEGORIES:

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Content is intended for young children.

EVERYONE

Content is generally suitable for all ages. May contain minimal cartoon, fantasy or mild violence and/or infrequent use of mild language.

EVERYONE 10+

Content is generally suitable for ages 10 and up. May contain more cartoon, fantasy or mild violence, mild language and/or minimal suggestive themes.

TEEN

Content is generally suitable for ages 13 and up. May contain violence, suggestive themes, crude humor, minimal blood, simulated gambling and mild language

MATURE

Content is generally suitable for ages 17 and up. May contain intense violence, blood and gore, sexual content and/or strong language.

ADULTS ONLY

Content suitable only for adults ages 18 and up. May include prolonged scenes of intense violence, graphic sexual content and/or gambling with real currency.

RATING PENDING

Not yet assigned a final ESRB rating. Appears only in marketing and promotional ads related to a boxed video game that is expected to carry an ESRB rating.

NOTE: Rating Category assignments can also be based upon a game or app's minimum age requirement.

CONTENT DESCRIPTORS

Alcohol Reference - Reference to and/or images of alcoholic beverages

Animated Blood - Discolored and/or unrealistic depictions of blood

Blood - Depictions of blood

Blood and Gore - Depictions of blood or the mutilation of body parts

Cartoon Violence - Violent actions involving cartoon-like situations and characters. May include violence where a character is unharmed after the action has been inflicted

Comic Mischief - Depictions or dialogue involving slapstick or suggestive humor

Crude Humor - Depictions or dialogue involving vulgar antics, including "bathroom" humor

Drug Reference - Reference to and/or images of illegal drugs

Fantasy Violence - Violent actions of a fantasy nature, involving human or non-human characters in situations easily distinguishable from real life

Intense Violence - Graphic and realistic-looking depictions of physical conflict. May involve extreme and/or realistic blood, gore, weapons and depictions of human injury and death

Language - Mild to moderate use of profanity

Lyrics - Mild references to profanity, sexuality, violence, alcohol or drug use in music

Mature Humor - Depictions or dialogue involving "adult" humor, including sexual references

Nudity - Graphic or prolonged depictions of nudity

Partial Nudity - Brief and/or mild depictions of nudity

Real Gambling - Player can gamble, including betting or wagering real cash or currency

Sexual Content - Non-explicit depictions of sexual behavior, possibly including partial nudity

Sexual Violence - Depictions of rape or other violent sexual acts

Simulated Gambling - Player can gamble without betting or wagering real cash or currency

Strong Language - Explicit and/or frequent use of profanity

Strong Lyrics - Explicit and/or frequent references to profanity, sex, violence, alcohol or drug use in music

Strong Sexual Content - Explicit and/or frequent depictions of sexual behavior, possibly including nudity

Suggestive Themes - Mild provocative references or materials

Tobacco Reference - Reference to and/or images of tobacco products

Use of Alcohol - The consumption of alcoholic beverages

Use of Drugs - The consumption or use of illegal drugs

Use of Tobacco - The consumption of tobacco products

Violence - Scenes involving aggressive conflict. May contain bloodless dismemberment

NOTE: When a Content Descriptor is preceded by the term "Mild" it is intended to convey low frequency, intensity or severity.

So now you know what a game gets a rating for, but you need to determine whether game deserves the rating it gets.

