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Happy Lunar New Year!



The Lunar New Year: Celebrations Across Asia

By Hope Beeman-Volscho

In the United States, the New Year is celebrated on January 1st, but those celebrating Lunar New Year, follow the Lunar calendar, which marks the celebration on different days every year. This year, Lunar New Year falls on January 22nd. Lunar New Year is a holiday celebrated all across Asia, including in Korea, Vietnam, The Philippines, and China.

The Korean Lunar New Year is called Seollal. People travel to their family homes to share in the celebration. Children are sometimes gifted a new dress, they play games, and activities like yunnori (a board game) and eat foods like rice cake and seaweed soup. I interviewed my grandmother, who grew up in South Korea about her family traditions. She said, "When I was little, at that time, we didn't get toys. We had a big dinner with all our relatives. The children would play on swings that they made out of hanging tree branches." She said she didn't care about the new dress she got because she never wore it. Her favorite part of the celebrations was spending time with her family.

As in Korea, Lunar New Year in China is family based. They celebrate by setting off fireworks and using red clothes and decorations. Children are also given money in red envelopes. People are advised to avoid certain behaviors that bring bad luck into the new year. For example, some people believe that the act of sweeping will sweep away luck or eating porridge will bring poverty in the new year.

Lunar New Year is celebrated in different ways and in many different countries. One constant across most countries is a family celebration with gifts, food, and hope for a prosperous and enjoyable year ahead.

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Astrology with Anya!

By Anya Hughes

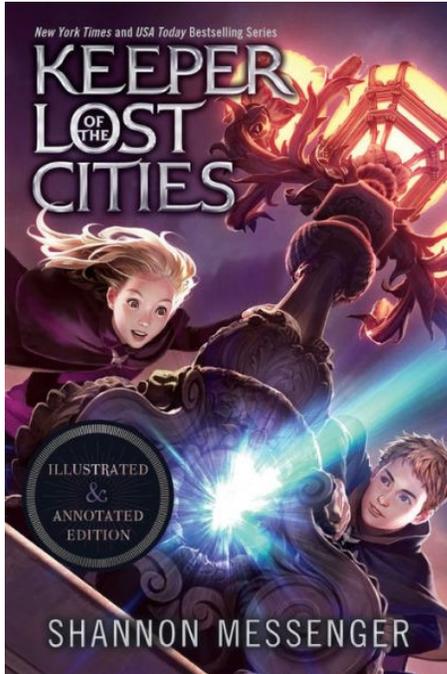
Welcome back to the third edition of the Extraterrestrial Astrologist! To anyone interested in Astrology and horoscopes, today we'll be covering the two horoscope signs/constellations Capricorn and Aquarius. Constellations are groups of stars that make up a picture or image! There are 88 "official" ones, but there are many, many more that you can find and create in the starry night sky. These are just two of the most recognizable constellations. Capricorns are born between the dates December 22nd and January 20th. Their constellation consists of 5 major stars, the brightest one being Deneb Algedi, which is 39 light years away! That means it would take 39 years to get to that star if you were traveling at the speed of light. The Capricorn constellation portrays and half goat, half fish representing the Greek God, Pan, who was a satyr (half, goat, half human) To escape the monster, Typhon, Pan dove into a river, attempting to turn into a fish, but only half of him did. Aquarians are born between the dates January 21st and February 18th. Their constellation consists of 97 seven stars, but only two of them have a brilliance greater than 3.00 This constellation shows a picture of a water bearer, a symbol of the gods (in Greek Mythology) bringing essential nutrients to the Earth. Capricorns are part of the Earth signs and Aquarians are Air signs. This message goes to any January Capricorns or Aquarians, Happy Birthday!



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Edison Book Club

By Isabela Salinas-Cavagnaro



Keeper of the Lost Cities
Shannon Messenger

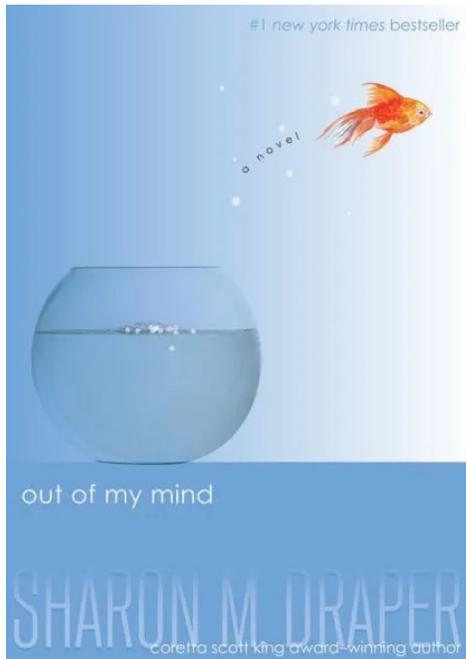
Highly Recommended/Popular
5/5 Stars: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Keeper of the Lost Cities is an entertaining book series for students of about middle school age. It's a New York Times bestselling Series, and a USA Today bestselling series, it has also won a California Young Reader Medal.

This story opens with twelve-year-old Sophie, a very bright girl who skipped multiple grades. But at school, she doesn't seem to connect with the older kids. And she has never been too comfortable with her family either. The thing is, Sophie is... a Telepath. She can read people's minds, and she has done pretty well keeping her secret. At least that's what she has come to believe. She soon comes to meet Fitz however, a mysterious boy who also happens to be a Telepath. Fitz soon helps Sophie realize the truth about why she has always been an outcast. And as it turns out, there's a place where she can feel more at home than ever. But she will have to leave her old life and family, to go to this terrifying new place she knows nothing about. Still, there were mysteries she had yet to find out. What was her true identity, and why was she, a Telepath, hidden among humans? Time is running out and the truth could mean the difference between life and death.

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Book Club Continued...



Out of My Mind
Sharon M. Draper

Highly Recommended/Popular

5/5 Stars: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Out of My Mind is a must-read book. It is perfect for all ages and provides thought-provoking questions about the way we think about ours or others' disabilities. It's currently a New York Times bestseller, and has been for 3 years in a row! It also won the Coretta Scott-King award and the author, Sharon M. Draper had won many awards for her other novels.

Eleven-year-old Melody Brooks, can't read, write, or talk. The reason? She has cerebral palsy. But Melody is the brightest kid in her school, she even has a photographic memory and can remember anything she's ever experienced. But there's no way for anyone to know this because she can't tell them. Her doctors, teachers, and classmates write her off as "mentally challenged" and she is fed up. Refusing to be judged simply by her disability, Melody is determined to let everyone know who she is. If only that were so simple....

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What's Happening at Edison Middle School?

LMC Q&A

By Katherine Shiflett

The Library Media Center: A fun place to read, hang out, do crafts, and finish your homework. What's not to like about the library? Below are answers to a few common questions.

How many books can I have checked out at a time?

Mrs. Bochese says that as of yet you can only check out two, but we might be able to check out more if kids are responsible with their books and return them on time.

"I don't mind if you renew [the book] but if nobody's reading it and it's just sitting in a locker, it's a book that somebody else could be reading."

How long can I have a book before I return it?

Books are always due a month after you've checked them out. If you haven't finished by then, you can easily renew a book by talking to Mrs. Bochese in the library. If you forgot when your book is due, you can flip to the back and check the most recent stamp on the due date card.

What activities can I do in the library?

In addition to reading and doing homework, there are often fun activities to do at the library, such as jigsaw puzzles, coloring pages, origami, bookmark making, and other crafts

And activities. Oftentimes, crafts and activities are posted on the library bulletin board, found right outside the library, and on the library homepage, found at <https://www.woboe.org/emslmc> As of late, there has been a snowflake makerspace, where you can make snowflakes out of various materials. Finally, on the 23 brand new LMC computers, you can do research, find books, do homework, and play games.

When can I go to the library?

The library is open during most advisory periods, depending on your team's library days. The library is also open during most class periods if your teacher lets you go. To go to the library, you need a permission slip from a teacher.

What kinds of books can I get from the library?

The library offers a really wide range of books for you to enjoy. From manga and graphic novels to realistic fiction and nonfiction books, the library has many books for you to choose from. "Some people say that they don't like to read, but I think it's just because they haven't found an amazing book yet," says Mrs. Bochese. And truly, the LMC is the perfect place to find one. You can also find books and ebooks in MackinVia, Follett Destiny, and Sora at the library homepage and on the new computers. In addition to borrowing books, you can buy pencils, mechanical pencils, erasers, and eraser toppers in the LMC.

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Interview With Our Very Own, Ms. Grochowski

By Skarla Ghislain

Ms. Grochowski is a Science teacher on the Green Team, but did you know she also loves photography? We asked Ms. Grochowski about her passion.

Who or what introduced you to photography, and at what age?

My mom is someone who LOVES to capture the perfect family moment, therefore this is where my interest for photography started. Taking pictures of my family members and always trying to catch those silly, memorable moments is how photography sparked my interest.

Did you ever consider doing professional photography as a career?

Professional photography is such an interesting career! But, it most certainly is not for me. One of my friends is a professional wedding photographer and she spends hours and HOURS editing and changing saturations that I don't have the patience for.

Where do you get your inspiration for the type of picture you produce?

Science, what a surprise!? Science is everywhere and I have always loved Earth science and how massive our planet is, so

Capturing those moments where I am on top of a mountain or on a beach somewhere is always something that I can get lost in. I also can't forget about animals! My dogs take up most of my phone's picture storage!

What type of pictures do you take?

Candids and landscapes are my favorite! My family loves to hike and explore new areas, so taking pictures of our beautiful Earth and its landscapes are what occupies most of my portfolio. As for candids, I enjoy looking back at all of those memories that were created with just a simple click of a button.

I understand based on my research that there are different types of cameras one can use to take photos. Which one in your opinion is the best one to use?

Personally, I love to give people pictures instantly. This means anything that prints out a polaroid picture would be preferred!

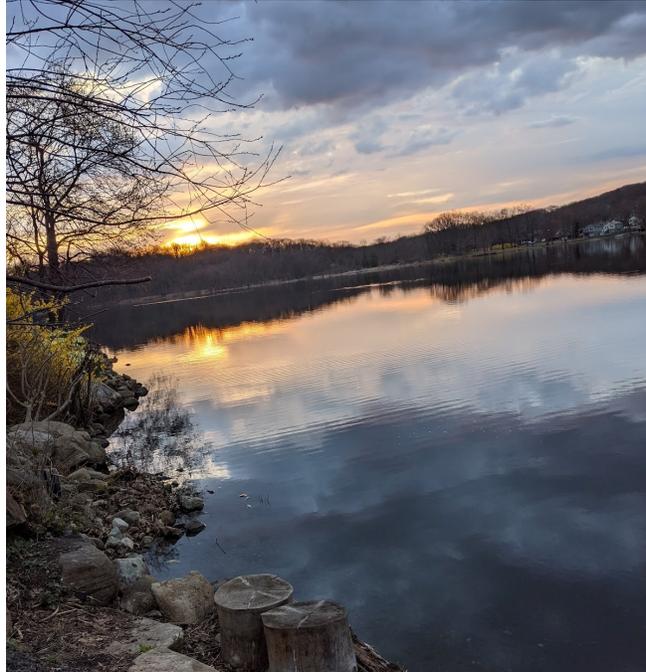
Well thank you for allowing us to interview you Ms. Grochowski! I hope you inspire others to become interested in photography like you inspired me!

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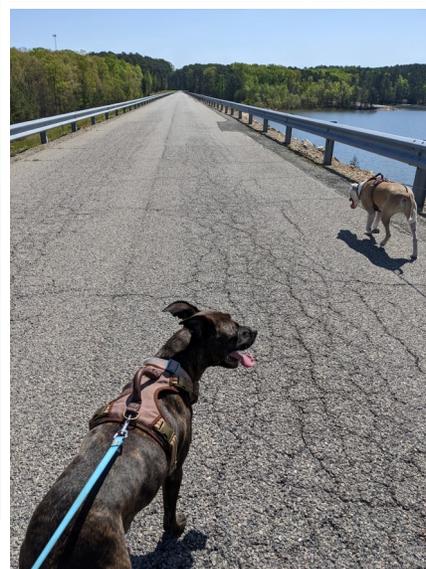
Ms. Grochowski's Portfolio



The waves don't look too high, but they were over 8ft!



Here are pictures of a kayak fishing trip me and my mother took, this is her soaking up the sun on one of our local ponds.



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Pelé on the top with his fist raised in the air.

Pelé, The King of Football

By Lucas Brown

Unfortunately Pelé, who is regarded as the best soccer player ever by many, passed away just before the new year right after the World Cup.

Pelé is most famous for his performance in the World Cup, being the only player to win it three times. Pelé first showed the world who he is in the 1958 World Cup when he scored 6 goals and won it with his nation Brazil. Pelé was just 17 at that time and was the youngest player ever to win the World Cup and still holds the record. Then just four years later in the 1962 World Cup he won it again. Although in 1966 things didn't go Pelé's way when he lost early on in the tournament. But in 1970 things went back to normal because Pelé won his last World Cup he was going to play in.

Even though Pelé was incredible for his country, playing for his club was different. Pelé played in the Brazilian league most of his career so he didn't have a chance to win any big European tournaments. But there is a big reason he never joined a European Club. In the early 1960s many big European clubs were offering to sign Pelé to their club. The Brazilian government didn't like the sound of Pelé leaving the country so they declared him a national treasure so he couldn't live in a different country for the next few years. Eventually he did leave but it was for the American Club New York Cosmos. Pelé coming to America was a huge influence on soccer in America.

Pelé's nickname is O Rei which translates to the king because many call him the king of football, which is what soccer is called in the rest of the world. Pelé finally retired in 1977 after a 22 year long career. Pelé retired with 767 official goals, three World Cup trophies and an amazing career. R.I.P Pelé 1940-2022

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How YOU Can Stop Climate Change

By Lily Rubinson

Nowadays, the terms global warming and carbon footprint are seen as threats and problems to Earth. Global warming is the change in temperature or weather patterns. Carbon footprint is the amount of carbon dioxide and other carbon compounds emitted in the atmosphere due to the consumption of fossil fuels by a person, group, etc. These are major problems that anyone can start doing little things to help. Some ways to help are reduce, reuse and recycle, use less hot water, reduce you food waste, choose to use renewable energy instead of fossil fuels if given the opportunity, and cut back on single use plastic. These are important because of how big of a problem this is. These problems have been ignored until now, which is why it is so important to help. Global warming doesn't just affect the Earth, it affects any living thing on our planet too. Global warming can cause animals that live in cold climates (polar bears, penguins, etc) to go extinct. All in all, it is important to reduce your carbon footprint by doing small things to help



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Quotes to Help You During the School Year

By Ashley Montiel

As almost every student in this school can agree that this is a huge change from 5th grade to 6th for our lives time goes up and down when sad or happy. To maybe help your school year here at Edison, here are some quotes that actually may help you this year

- * They told me I couldn't. That's why I did it.
- * Stop doubting yourself. Work hard and make it happen.
- * Love yourself first. Because that's who you'll be spending the rest of your life with.
- * You can't see a rainbow when looking down. Can you?
- * You deserve the love you keep trying to give everyone else.
- * Don't tell people your plans. Show them your results.
- * You are somebody's reason to smile.
- * Broken crayons still color.
- * So many people love you. Don't focus on the people who don't.
- * Start each day with a grateful heart.
- * If you get tired, learn to rest and not quit.
- * In case no one told you today, you are needed and you deserve the best.
- * Remember it's just a bad day, not a bad life.
- * Be gentle first with yourself. - Lama Yeshe.
- * It's okay to not be okay as long as you are not giving up.

Little Reminder

Before you go here is a little reminder that you should know in or out of this school. That you are always loved no matter what, to the moon and back. I hope you guys enjoy Edison Middle school this year. As we won't be her next time.

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