



TCA OLYMPICS

Written by Leilani

The TCA Olympics will be held this year on Thursday, May 23rd. It is held outside at Otsiningo Park, and more information will be available as the time gets closer.

The TCA Olympics is a sports event with different challenges like jumping and running for the students at TCA. There is also a challenge with who can throw a ball full of sand the farthest. In my opinion, the running part, the race, is the best. There is another challenge where there is a flat looking ladder on the grass and you have to put both feet in and back out and go as fast as you can because

Brother Rob is going to time you. You have to see who is the fastest going through the ladder. For challenges like the jumping challenge, teachers are going to measure how far you jump. The person that has the most points from all the challenges wins. Last year, Haleem, in fourth grade, won first place.

So, if you're new to TCA you should get excited for the TCA Olympics. You are going to love it!



Brother Rob hands out medals during the 2023 Olympics



Ayaan, Even and Heleen show off their medals during the 2023 Olympics



Even throws a weighted ball during the 2023 Olympics

MEMORIAL DAY

Written by Nuur

Memorial Day, or as it was originally called Decoration Day, is a day that is celebrated in May. We celebrate Memorial Day to honor those who lost their lives while defending our country. We celebrate and honor over 1 million men and women who have passed away in military service since the Civil War. Memorial Day is also known as Prayer for Peace Day by some people. Memorial Day is one of eleven federal holidays recognized nationwide by the United States Government. Memorial Day is celebrated on Monday May 27th, or the last Monday of May.

Memorial Day started to be celebrated on May 30, 1868 by the US. New York was the first state to declare Memorial Day as a legal holiday. By the late 1800s, more and more states started to celebrate Memorial Day and some had even declared it as a legal holiday! But, it was not until 1971 until Congress established that Memorial Day was an official federal holiday. That was 103 years later!!! People have been celebrating Memorial Day for 156 years!!!

One major event in the US for Memorial Day is at the Arlington National Cemetery, which is located in Washington, each year. At this event a wreath is placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

This Memorial Day, please take time out to remember all that fought and died for the United States of America.



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

NATIONAL TEACHERS DAY

Written by Eveen

National Teachers Day is on Tuesday, May 7th. It is a day where you appreciate your teacher MORE than usual. If you are planning on doing something nice on this day I will give you plenty of ideas to choose from!

1. **Thank You Cards** - You can write a nice note to your teacher to thank them for teaching you and making you try your best.
2. **Potluck Lunch** - Of course you have to have permission for this one, but this one is very fun! It's basically where everyone brings something to add to the potluck.
3. **Be On Your BEST Behavior** - You should always be on your best behavior, but do your absolute best so your teacher can more likely be satisfied with their job and so they are relaxed. This will basically make teaching, Inshallah, less stressful or hard for them.
4. **Tell Them What They Helped You Overcome** - This will make them feel good about themselves and feel like a good teacher.

Here are some free fun class ideas that will, Inshallah, make everyone laugh or make the teacher happy!

1. **Applause Parade** - When your teacher walks into the classroom everyone will hide right before they walk in and once the teacher walks in jump up and start applauding! This will definitely make everyone laugh!
2. **Classroom Cleanup** - The whole class will clean up the classroom for the teacher so they don't have to! When the teacher walks in she will be very pleased and in high spirits!
3. **Teacher Sign** - The classroom will make a nameplate and write the teachers name big and everyone will sign their name on the plate smaller than the teachers name.

If you WANT to spend some money on Teacher Appreciation day here are some ideas on that.

1. **Bring Your Teacher Coffee** - If your teacher enjoys coffee, you can buy them coffee and bring it for them at school!
2. **Candle** - You can bring your teacher a candle in their favorite scent! This way they will enjoy their candle. You can also surprise them with a scent.
3. **Classroom Supplies** - If the teachers' classroom supplies are all ruined, you can buy them new ones!
4. **Chocolate** - If your teacher enjoys chocolate you can buy them some, if not don't worry I have another idea just for that!
5. **Goodie Mug** - If you know your teacher doesn't enjoy chocolate or any other reasons you can bring them a mug or cup filled with goodies! If they like some other foods and snacks, add that in the mug!
6. **Gift Card** - Buy a nice gift card you know your teacher would use.

Hopefully all these ideas will help your teacher feel and be appreciated as they should be.



Collage made by Eveen



A MESSAGE FROM SISTER AMBER

At the beginning of May, TCA students, families and community members will come together to celebrate **Teacher Appreciation Week** in sha Allah. TCA is incredibly blessed to have a qualified, experienced and dedicated staff that is growing alongside our student body, Alhamdulillah. Each school year, TCA teachers spend countless hours planning events and designing curriculum activities that engage, involve and challenge our students. Ma sha Allah, their love and dedication to our students can never truly be measured.

In all of my pre-TCA teaching experiences, I have never seen a staff like TCA's staff. Our teachers show up for our students, their families, and their fellow teachers each and every day. Even on the busiest of TCA days, our teachers support each other in ways I've never witnessed before. They give selflessly from their hearts. May Allah SWT bless and reward our teachers in this life and the next, Ameen. I am so grateful to serve alongside these outstanding educators, Alhamdulillah.

To assist PTA's efforts in Teacher Appreciation week or our end-of-year events, please consider donating to PTA!

Thank you TCA Teachers for all you do!

TOPICS OF INTEREST

DUA OF THE MONTH

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Rabbana-ghfirlee wa liwalidayya wa lil
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Our Lord! Forgive me, my parents, and the
believers on the Day when the judgment will
come to pass.
Quran (14:41)

IOST MASJID

Written by Mariam

IOST is a Masjid in Johnson City. We go to pray there on Fridays after school. IOST helped us with a lot of events that we didn't have space for in TCA.

The IOST let us use their Community Center for Al-Isra Wal-Miraj which is the night the Prophet went to heaven, Ramadan activities, the Cultural Fair which is the fair of all the countries the school did a research project on, the Honor Society which is a dinner event for 4th and 5th grade children with 90% grades and above, and a Pre-k classroom in the downstairs part of the community center because TCA needed extra space for our record-breaking Kindergarten!

We are so thankful to have IOST in our community to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

SPRING FOOD CRAFTS

Written by Heleen

During the spring, don't you want your kids to eat healthy food? Well here are some child friendly, cool and easy spring snacks that you can maybe try to make for your kids to make eating healthier easy.

RAINBOW FRUIT SKEWERS

Are your kids not eating enough fruit? These fruit skewers look like rainbows which will excite your kids to eat them!

Ingredients: strawberries, oranges, pineapple, green grapes, blueberries and purple grapes

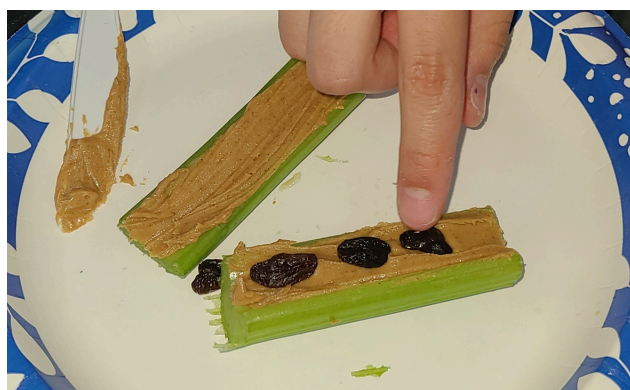
Take your skewers and put all the fruits on it in color order. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple! You're done! So easy.

ANTS ON A LOG

You're probably thinking ANTS ON A LOG!!! But it's not actually what you think, it's just celery sticks, peanut butter spread in the middle and raisins on top. Here is how to make it.

Ingredients: celery, peanut butter, raisins

Take your celery sticks and spread a bit of peanut butter in the middle. Then, take the celery sticks and put raisins on the peanut butter. Now it kind of looks like ants on a log.



Heleen places raisins on the peanut butter.



Halal watermelon gummies in "dirt" pudding.

BABY CHICKS ON GRASS

If you want your kids to eat more healthily, this food craft will make your kids eat it in high spirits! The look of this craft is very cute and your children will be pleased with the design.

Ingredients: circle shaped crackers, circle shaped cheese, carrots, spinach, black olives

Take your crackers and put the cheese on top of it. Then take black olives and cut them in a U shape and use them for the eyes. Take a carrot shape it in a small circle and cut a little triangle shape for the chick's webbed feet. Take another carrot and cut a triangle for the nose. Use that same carrot to make small thin lines and put it on the chick's head for the little hair. Lastly, grab some spinach and put it at the bottom of the chick's feet so it can look like grass. I hope your kids get pleased when they see this cute little healthy food idea.

WORMS IN DIRT

Now since all of these food crafts have been healthy food crafts I decided to make just one sweet food craft, just a little one for fun.

Ingredients: oreos, halal gummy worms, chocolate pudding

Take your pudding and put it at the button of a plastic cup then take your oreos and crush them and put them on top of the pudding. Then take your halal gummy worms and stick them in the oreos. Now your pudding looks like worms in dirt.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

NATIONAL BOBA DAY

Written by Namirah

National Boba Day is when you get out your boba straws and grab your friends because April 30th is National Bubble Tea Day! Celebrate by indulging in the best that bubble tea has to offer, from creamy milk tea to refreshing green tea to fruity slushies, all customizable with different toppings, sugar level, and ice level!

There are different types of flavors: black milk tea, taro milk tea, Thai milk tea, brown sugar milk tea, matcha tea, honeydew milk tea, strawberry milk tea, and mango tea to name a few. There is another type of boba which is called popping boba. It is my favorite because it pops in your mouth. A different kind of boba is called tapioca pearls. Tapioca pearls are chewy and many people like them. These pearls are made from cassava root. Boba was invented in the 1980s.

On Tuesday, April 30th enjoy a cup of Boba, or bubble tea to celebrate the day!



Drawing by Namirah

POPULAR THINGS IN 2024

Written by Saleha

STANLEY

Stanley is a brand that sells water bottles, lunch boxes and many other portable items. The Stanley water bottles are really popular in schools and just to take around. Some people think they are really pretty and love that you can add accessories to customize them. Water in a Stanley stays cold or hot for hours and some even for days. Stanleys are also very popular for their colors. They come in a lot of colors that are beautiful.

You can find Stanleys on Amazon and Dick's Sporting Goods. However, you need to make sure you are purchasing real and not fake ones.

SPICY CHIPS

Spicy chips are a very popular snack. Many kids bring them to school. There are a variety of spicy chips from different companies. One of the most popular spicy chips are Flamin' Hot Cheetos. Flamin' Hot Cheetos can be found almost everywhere. Some specific places are Walmart, gas stations and Sam's Club.

SLIME

Slime was invented in 1976! It is very fun to play with. It comes in many different colors, textures and even scents. Some places allow you to be as creative as you want by customizing your slime. Did you know that you can make your own slime? It will cost less and you can be as creative as you like.

POP IT

Pop It is a very popular toy that was first launched in 2013 as a puzzle game called Last One Lost. Many like it because it can be a comforting sensory experience. Pop Its come in different colors, sizes and even have themes. Depending on the type you get they can be expensive.



Mikayla, Saleha and Even (5th) show off their Stanleys

TOPICS OF INTEREST

MAHER ZAIN

Written by Mikayla

Maher Zain is a famous Muslim singer. He is 42 years old and his birthday is July 16, 1981. His most famous song is “Ya Nabi Salam Alayka”. He is Lebanese and his family immigrated to Sweden when he was eight years old. He had a passion for music at a young age but did not pursue music until he finished his aeronautical engineering degree in university. My personal favorite Maher Zain song is Madeena. Maher Zain makes songs in English, French, Arabic, Turkish, Malay and Indonesian.

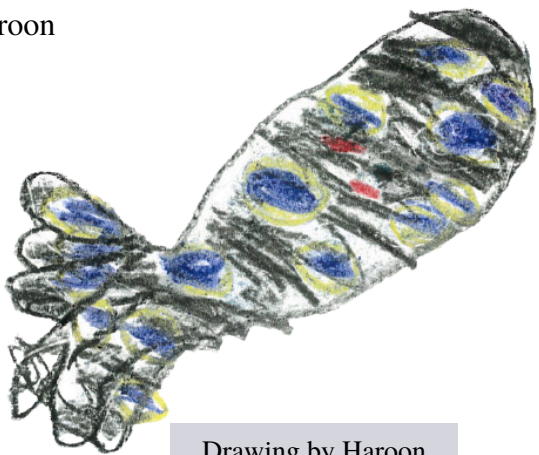


Drawing by Mikayla

SCAN THESE SPOTIFY LINKS TO LISTEN TO SOME OF HIS FAMOUS SONGS

BLUE RINGED
OCTOPUS

Written by Haroon



Drawing by Haroon

The blue ringed octopus is one of the most toxic animals in the world. People do not notice that it's dangerous, because it looks friendly. The blue ringed octopus is about 12 centimeters long, including the tentacles. It's so small that people don't recognize how dangerous it is. The rings, or spots, on the octopus make it look beautiful. This is another reason that people don't realize that it can harm you.

One blue-ringed octopus has enough venom to kill 26 men. The venom can blind you, cause a heart attack and even paralyze you.

A cool fact about the octopus is that their blood is blue. The blue ring octopus lives in the Pacific and Indian Ocean in coral reefs as well as tide pools. They are from Japan to Australia.

Some you tubers have been seen letting the octopus bite them for their videos. This is a bad idea because of how dangerous they are.

TAYLOR SWIFT

Written by Lojain

Taylor Swift was born in Reading, Pennsylvania on December 13, 1989. Her full name is Taylor Alison Swift. Her parents' names are Scott and Andrea Swift, and she also has a younger brother named Austin.

As a child, Taylor loved music! She started singing at age five. When she was ten, she started singing in public events like fairs. After two years she began playing the guitar. When Taylor was 14, she moved to Nashville, Tennessee. In 2005 Taylor signed a contract and it helped her write her albums. Her first album was titled Taylor Swift and released in 2006.

Fans were excited to hear which songs she would sing in her second album. In 2008 Love Story debuted as the first official single from her second album, Fearless. It sold about 5 million copies. In 2010 Taylor released her third album Speak Now. Two years later, she released an album named Red. In 2014 Taylor moved to New York. Taylor Swift has released a total of 13 albums, including some re-releases of older albums.

Taylor Swift is not just known for her music but for her charity too! Some of her favorite charitable causes are donating to food banks and supporting music education.



TEACHER HIGHLIGHT

SISTER HABIBAH

Written by Jamillah

Question: What is your favorite color?

Answer: My favorite color is pink.

Question: How many kids do you have?

Answer: I have two kids.

Question: What is your favorite food?

Answer: My favorite food is Caribbean food.

Question: What is your favorite drink?

Answer: My favorite drink is Sorrel.

Question: Where were you born?

Answer: I was born in Brooklyn, NY.



Sister Habibah with Rona and Zara



Sister Habibah with Liyana and Lareen



Sister Habibah

Sister Habibah is one of the Kindergarten teachers at TCA and this is her second year of teaching. She has two children named Caasha and Amal who sometimes come to the school to help her out. She is from Brooklyn, NY and her favorite color is pink.

Sister Habibah works with the other kindergarten teacher Sister Majidah who is also helped by Sister Sadiqa. Her favorite type of food is Caribbean and favorite drink is Sorell. The best thing about Sister Habibah is that she loves to educate children in a muslim environment.

Sister Habibah is proud to be a part of the TCA family because of the excellent educational foundation they gave her daughters, who are former students at TCA.

Fun fact: Her name is spelled the same forward and backwards.



Sister Habibah with her KG class in 2023.

OPINION

THIS OR THAT

Written by Waary

TCA Students were asked six different This or That questions.

Here are the results.

As you can see ice cream has the lead out of all the questions. Ice cream won out of cookies and the rest. Out of cars and trucks, cars won with a whopping 46 votes. The truck got 10 votes so the car got 36 more votes!

Bananas and apples: Bananas won over apples just by a little bit. Bananas got 27 votes while apples got 12. So bananas won by 15 votes.

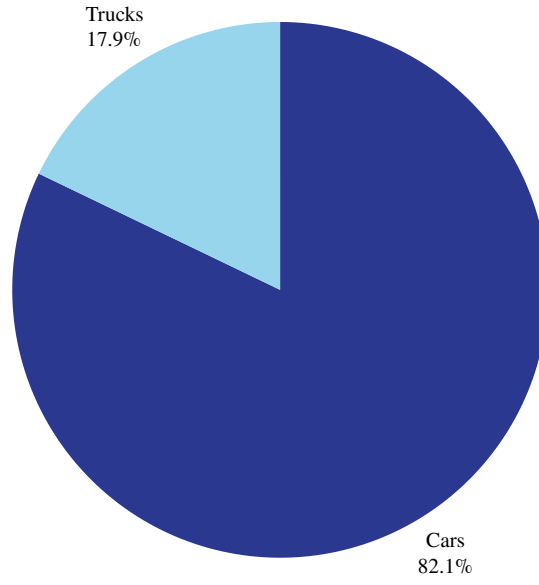
YouTube and Netflix: YouTube won over Netflix for this round. YouTube got 49 votes while Netflix got only 14 votes. That's 35 more votes that YouTube won by, that's one less than the cars vs trucks!

Apples juice or Orange Juice: Apple juice won over orange juice. This one was super close! Apple juice got 31 votes while orange juice got one less, 30! That's only a 1 vote difference.

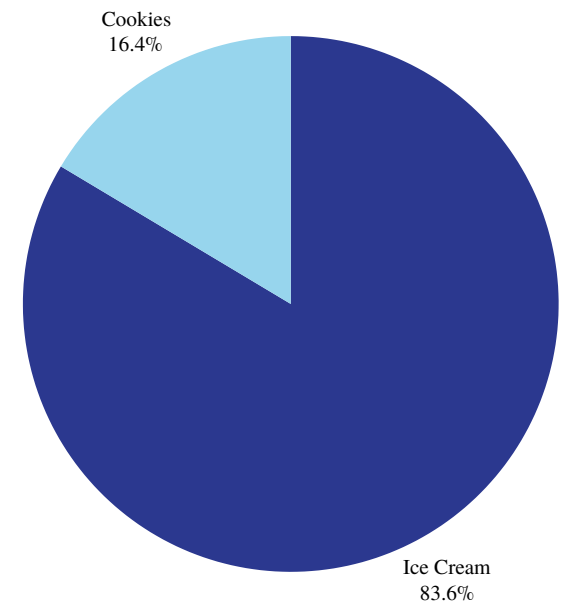
Tigers or Lions: Tigers took the lead for this round and won! Tigers had 37 votes while lions had 22. That's a 15 vote difference.

That's it for the Opinion Poll in this newspaper! Just to double check so that you guys know, it's an opinion and everyone's opinion can be different!

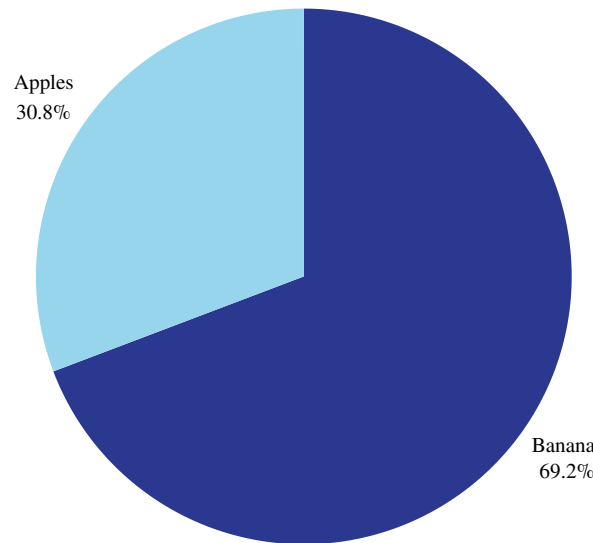
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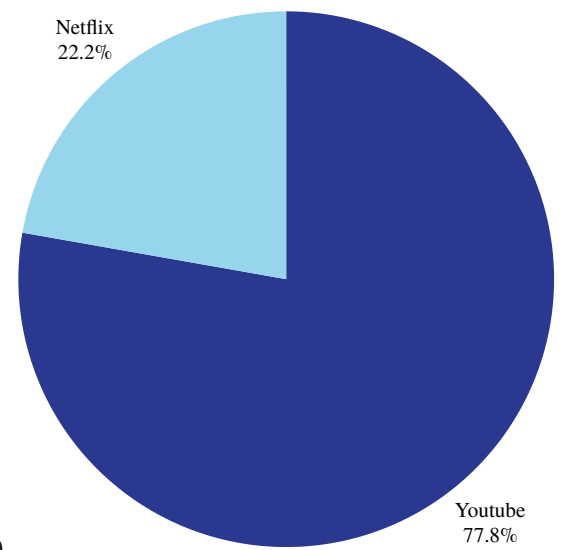
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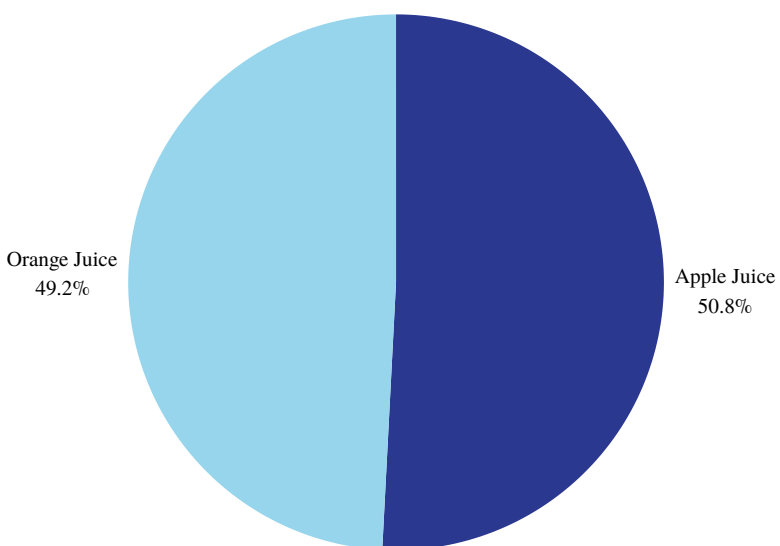
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YOUTUBE OR NETFLIX?



APPLE JUICE OR ORANGE JUICE?



TIGERS OR LIONS?

