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Never apart
Maybe in distance
But never in heart.

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What is it Like Working From Home?

By: Al

What is it like to work (do school) from home? Well it has its ups and downs. Some days can be much better than others, but overall it's not the worst thing ever. The first week was the most challenging, but also the most exciting because for me I was embarking on a new adventure (That was what I told myself). Then after that, things got a lot easier, because I understood more what I was doing with remote learning. The hardest thing is honestly trying to find a proper balance between school work, and spending time with family.

Now enough about the bad or the boring parts of working from home. This part here many of you may be able to relate to. How many of you have a younger sibling constantly "bossing" you around? I have my two year old sister constantly yelling at me (not mad, but attempting to get my attention). I will admit it is a little nice to be able to have more time to be with her, and show her what I do when I "vanish" from the house. What else is good about learning from home? I get time to work on other things more frequently along with my schoolwork; in this case it's my writing. How many of you can work on a hobby more along with your schoolwork? Well despite all of the good and bad things, I really miss school and honestly can't wait for it to start again so I can see all of my teachers and classmates.

Can you find the panther?  Our school mascot is hidden inside!

Virtual Spirit Week

By: Audrey

Although we may not be able to go to school, Mrs. Hudak did create a spirit week. That way we can feel together when we aren't able to be together. The spirit week was from March 23-March 27. On Monday, students were asked to take a picture of where your work space is at home or wherever you may be working. Tuesday, you could take a picture with your pet or a stuffed toy you have! We saw so many cute pictures of animals and stuffed animals. On Wednesday you got to wear your pajamas! Thursday you got to wear crazy socks. Lastly, Friday was what book are you reading! The spirit week was so fun to participate in and I can't wait to go back to school to see everyone!



A Special Note from Your Editor~in ~ Chief: Makalah Ford

Distance Learning is really hard. I want to go back to school, but I'm pretty sure everyone does. Two positive things about distance learning are that I can sleep in and I can stay in my pajamas all day. A negative is that it's not really organized and it's hard to find things. Hopefully, we can go back to school soon. I miss all of my teachers and my friends. For now, everyone stay inside, and WASH YOUR HANDS!



Staff Member Reveal

To everyone who guessed Mr. John on the last edition of the newspaper for the mystery staff member, I congratulate you on your success. Mr. John was the mystery staff member who I chose for the newspaper. Great guessing everyone!!!! If you did not guess Mr. John, I am certain you will guess right next time.

By: Alessandro 



What's Happening?

Animal of the Month

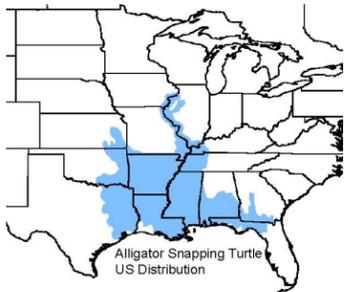
By: Alessandro

Coming this month....The New Hanover Township Newspaper Committee of Epicness (Not real, but it should be) presents a completely new animal from the dawn of time (maybe). It came in a time vortex (not really but it looks like it did). This animal's name, the Alligator Snapping Turtle. This vicious species of snapping turtle looks like a dinosaur. Trust me when I tell you this is not a turtle you want as a pet. (This is the New Hanover Safety Board reminding you that this is not a turtle that is meant to be a pet).

Now with the humor segment complete, let's get down to some facts. The prehistoric appearance of this turtle is sparked by its pyramid like structures on its shell combined with its gray coloring. Not only that, but the hooked beak adds to the ferocity. Now all of this ferocity is not to be taken lightly, like some snapping turtles, the Alligator Snapping Turtle will eat other small turtles.



Some other striking features of this snapping turtle is its weight. This is one of the heaviest freshwater turtles worldwide with a weight of over 220 pounds (male only). Now a new word of caution with this turtle. NEVER approach it in the wild unless you are a trained professional. Like their well named relatives the alligator, this turtle has a powerful bite force. 1,000 pounds of force in a single bite (That can chomp right through solid bone). This is the feature that allows the Alligator Snapping Turtle to eat other turtles, and defend itself from predators (only humans). Now I know you are all probably yelling, that is less than the alligators 2,225 pounds of bite force, and you're absolutely right. The only reason I say it's a high



number is because of the turtle's size of only 26 inches max (Little over 2 feet).

Now everyone reading this may now be wondering, well where does this super turtle live? The answer is that it's native to the more swampy southern regions of the U.S and around the Gulf Coast region. This is because the turtle prefers a swampy and warm environment like it's sort of close relative, the alligator. There, they can stay underwater for almost an hour hunting for food. Like stated before, the only main predators that these turtles must face as adults are humans. Because of us humans, the Alligator Snapping Turtle population has begun dropping from industries like exotic animal trade, or habitat destruction. Thankfully, they were listed as threatened, so actions can be taken to protect this magnificent and very mysterious species. They may seem dangerous, but really they are more misunderstood and prefer to just be left alone.

ATTENTION!
Check the school website weekly to see videos from your favorite NHTS Staff & Teachers!

