



# December Edition

# Fun Word Unscramble

Can you unscramble these winter words?

Find the answers at the end of the newspaper!

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## WINTER PAINTING CONTEST

Unleash your inner artist and paint anything that has to do with winter. Drop your art off in Mrs. Biesiadecki's room

625. Please only submit one entry.

Winner will receive 5 roar tickets

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# Christmas, Kwanzaa, and Hanukkah facts

- Christmas lights were invented in 1882 by Edward Johnson
- The first evidence of a Christmas tree is from a pamphlet that dates back to 1570
- The word “Kwanzaa” is derived from Swahili and translates to “first fruits of the harvest.”
- The seven days of the Kwanzaa celebration correspond with seven principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.
- The letters on a dreidel form an acronym which is... נהג נ (Nun, Gimel, Hei, and Shin) the acronym means נס גדול היה שם which means “a great miracle happened here”

[We want to know about your favorite  
December holiday. Click Here  
to tell us!](#)

# Happy Holidays :)

## Hanukkah Word Search

m	e	n	o	r	a	h	x	h	d
u	i	w	j	l	v	n	g	m	r
q	g	i	f	t	s	d	e	p	e
w	h	i	t	e	z	b	l	g	i
e	t	k	l	i	g	h	t	s	d
i	c	k	v	m	l	a	t	k	e
n	w	b	l	u	e	y	p	f	l
l	c	a	n	d	l	e	s	g	r



lights	dreidel
menorah	gelt
blue	candles
white	gifts
latke	eight

# HIDDEN PICTURE

BY VAL CHADWICK BAGLEY

Find the following things: a baseball, a comb, a flashlight, a glass, an ice-cream cone, a jump rope, a lollipop, a paintbrush, a rolling pin, a saw, a slice of bread, a slice of pizza, a spool of thread, a teacup, a toothbrush, and a watch. Then color the picture.

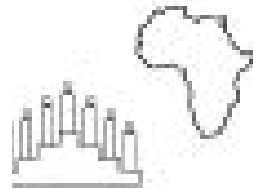


Use the alphabet code to solve  
the secret message about

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Kenya.

V = 1	F = 6	K = 11	P = 16	U = 21
W = 2	G = 7	L = 12	Q = 17	V = 22
X = 3	H = 8	M = 13	R = 18	W = 23
Y = 4	I = 9	N = 14	S = 19	X = 24
Z = 5	J = 10	O = 15	T = 20	Y = 25
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# Interview With Mrs. Robbins

Mrs. Robbins is the Graduation Coach at Northwestern. Read more to find about who she is and what she does.

**Reporter:** How long have you been teaching?

**Mrs. Robbins:** I have been at Northwestern for 21 years and this was my first job ever. I was 22 years old when I started here. Now, 21 years later I'm still here! I taught 7th and 8th-grade Math for 14 years. Then I became the Graduation Coach for 3-4 years. Slowly but surely, I have gained some other titles and now definitely have a lot of duties and responsibilities.

**Reporter:** When did you realize you wanted to become a teacher?

**Mrs. Robbins:** When I was a senior in high school and had finished all my science classes, I was signed up to take Physics. I don't like Physics. The first day of class, the teacher told us to fill out a notecard with your name and on the back, he told us to write why we were in Physics. I said, "I don't know what I'm majoring in, but I promise it has nothing to do with Physics." I went and spoke to a guidance counselor and asked for advice on how to get out of Physics. He asked me what I liked doing. I played soccer, I liked babysitting, but most of all, I loved going to and supporting Special Olympics games because my sister is mentally handicapped. I would go to her games and practices. The counselor told me that if I liked working with that population of kids then I should work with kids labeled "Severe and Profound," who were very low functioning. They were in wheelchairs and had to be fed. It was eye-opening. I absolutely loved it! So I went to school to be a special education teacher. Northwestern doesn't serve that exact population but had classes I could work with.

**Reporter:** How long have you been a graduation coach?

**Mrs. Robbins:** I've been a coach for seven years. In Georgia, every school had a graduation coach to help kids. Now, many years later, Fulton County still has graduation coaches in all middle and high schools. I have to say, here at Northwestern, it's taken on a different role. I still do help kids who aren't doing well, but I also help kids by giving them time and space to do work even if they're advanced or accelerated.

Reporter: What makes you happy about being a teacher/graduation coach?

Mrs. Robbins: I just recently pulled a list of kids who are not passing a class. Sadly, it's a long list. What makes me happy at the end of the semester is working with those kids individually to get them to pass. There are a lot of supports at Northwestern. Y'all maybe have heard of Pass AM? It helps kids get in early, get organized and settled for the day. I also do Lunch Bunch, since some kids have a hard time coming early or staying late. I create a space where they can come and get their work done. Teaching Math was my favorite because there's a right answer and a wrong answer. I also co-taught Language Arts, Reading, Science, and Social Studies, so I can help kids in different areas. It makes me happy when I help students get organized, and then they move forward on their own.

Reporter: What motivates you during the day?

Mrs. Robbins: I have a pretty long day here. I'm typically here at 7:30 and I do an afterschool program twice a week. If I do have a rough patch in the day -- because some kids are harder to help than others -- it motivated me when I help a student pass, which helps the kid and their parents. I want the kids to improve, I want the NHI to go away. I've had kids come in who have taken a recovery test and make a B or even an A and they're thrilled. They come in and we're high-fiving and I'm cheering. One of the other jobs I have is to serve as a 504 chair, and I help anyone with a disability get special things in class which most kids don't know about, which is great because it's not out in the open. Sometimes you need a little extra help.

Reporter: If you have any last words of advice for the students, what would they be?

Mrs. Robbins: Keep going. Kids might fail a test or get in trouble for something lame, but the next day is a new day. Keep going. Tomorrow's a new month. Scratch it all and move forward. It's okay to make mistakes and then you can move forward and make the right choices. You can move past anything -- nothing is an ender. We can move past anything here at Northwestern.



# An Interview With Olivia Petty from Legally Blonde

Reporter: What is your favorite thing to do in school?

Olivia Petty: Reading

Reporter: What is your favorite thing to do out of school?

Olivia Petty: Running or playing w/ dogs

Reporter: Do you have any pets?

Olivia Petty: Yes, 3 dogs, 4 cats, and a guinea pig

Reporter: What is the funniest thing that has happened in your career as a student?

Olivia Petty: Well, I was rehearsing trying out for the play, (this was the dancing part), they asked me to do a high kick and I slipped and fell.

Reporter: What are the best and worst parts of school for you?

Olivia Petty: The best part is being able to participate in all the afterschool activities; the worst part would be all the drama (from students).

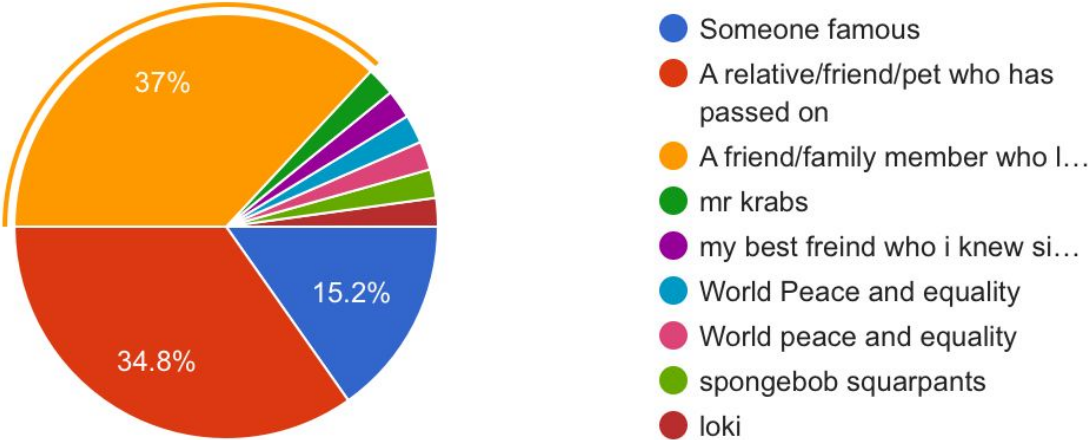
Reporter: What is the best part about Drama club?

Olivia Petty: Being with all the fun people.

Reporter: The worst part?

Olivia Petty: I don't think there is the worst part. I love all the people in the Drama club.

# Results From Our Thanksgiving Poll



# Fall Poetry Winner

## Fall Town

(If this is your poem please report to Mrs. Biesiadecki in Room 625 to receive your prize.)

A flurry of leaves in the air,  
As the wind touches my hair.  
Leaves are falling all around,  
I guess fall really is in town!

Answers to the Word Scramble:

Cold Snow Fireplace Family Break Winter

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We want to know what you think! Tell us [here!](#)

Look forward to many new things in the January Newspaper and also, thank you for reading the newspaper for 4 months. All of us are touched that you read our newspaper.