

# November Edition

NMS Monthly



## Quotes of the Month

Remember the words of Einstein-

“Don’t be disappointed if people refuse to help you.”

“I’m thankful to all those who said ‘NO’ because of them, I did it myself.”

-Unknown

“The struggles along the way are only meant to shape you for your purpose.”

-Chadwick Boseman

## Other Link for Other Quizzes

<https://quizizz.com/join/quiz/5f7f7aa20638df001b87526f/start?studentShare=true>

Click here for a [quiz/poll](#) about November.

Click here for a poll about people’s favorite Thanksgiving dishes!

# How Sports Have Changed the Current Situation

By: Harper Mayer



February 2, 2020 the Superbowl LIV was held in Miami. Where the chiefs won over the 49ers. Little did we know that was the last Major sporting event for a while to be considered normal.

As of now sports are still being played, but with safety precautions. Some of those safety precautions are limited amount of seating for fans, or some teams have no fans at all. For example, the Seattle seahawks have decided that they will allow no fans in their stadium. On the other hand, Dallas cowboys appear to have a lot of fans in their stadium. Also, for every sport the players must be tested for COVID-19 about every other day. The WNBA are doing something called the “wubble” that seemed to be very successful because the WNBA had no cases. Let me explain what the “wubble” is. The wubble is where you can’t leave a certain city and must be quarantined to prevent more cases. For hockey they are doing where you either are quarantined in Toronto and Edmonton. That also was successful. It's not just major teams that have to take safety precautions. Some high school student that are high ranked are moving to different states because the state they

lived in before wouldn't allow high school sports. Would you move to a totally different state just to play a sport?

I recently talked to Charlie Tuttle a 6<sup>th</sup> grader here about his team and what they are doing because of COVID-19:

Me: What sport do you play

Charlie: I play baseball

Me: What's your team name

Charlie: The Dingers

Me: Has anything changed due to COVID

Charlie: They ask you to stay social distanced and its outside.

In conclusion, sports had to adapt to the new normal. I wonder what would happen to sports in the future.

## ***Yummy recipe for Thanksgiving Cinnamon Rolls!***

By: Adithi Challa

### **Caramel Apple Cinnamon Rolls:**

Dough · 5 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling · 1/4 cup sugar · 2 envelopes Fleischmann's® RapidRise Yeast · 2 teaspoons salt · 2 cups milk · 1/4 cup butter (room temperature) · 2 eggs

Filling · 2/3 cups dark brown sugar · 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon · ¼ teaspoon nutmeg ·  
5 tablespoons butter (softened) · 1 apple (Granny Smith), to dice

In a large bowl, whisk together 2 cups of flour, sugar, salt and 2 packets of Fleischmann's® RapidRise Yeast until well combined. Set it off to the side. Next in a medium sized bowl, pour in your milk and butter and heat them in a little pot over the stove until your combination reaches up to 120 to 130 degrees. Now, pour all of your wet ingredients into your flour mixture while the milk and butter are still warm inside. Use a spatula to scrape of the sides of your bowl. After all this is done, add in 2 full eggs, yolk and whites and 2 more cups of flour once again. Mix it until well combined. Lightly sprinkle your work area and your hands with some flour if your dough is still sticky. You are going to knead the dough together just using your hands. To knead the dough together, you are going to fold the dough towards you, then with my palms of your hands you're going to push it away from you. Then keep repeating this step for 5 minutes. Once you have kneaded your dough, you're going to place it in a bowl and cover it with plastic wrap and let it sit out at room temperature for 10 minutes. While that is sitting, let us prepare our filling. In a small bowl mix together brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Set those off to the side while we peel and dice our apples. Depending on how big the apples are, you might need 1 or 2. Just peel your apples and dice them into thin slices, then into pretty small cubes. Now set the filling aside and your dough should be ready. Carefully remove the plastic wrap, lightly flour your work surface. Plop the dough of the bowl and place it on your surface. Roll it out with a roller pin into a rectangle shape about a quarter inch thick. When you are done rolling out the dough, it is time for the filling. To get the filling to stick to the dough, you are going to spread out a little bit of softened butter which is the in between of melted butter and refrigerated butter. Just spread the whole top of the dough with the butter and completely cover the butter with your

filling. Time to sprinkle on your diced apples all over your filling. Now we are going to start rolling our cinnamon roll. Start at the edge that is closest to you and just roll it all the through. When you are done, you are left with one big roll which you are going to cut into baby rolls. This recipe makes 12 cinnamon rolls so cut them



accordingly. After cutting them, place them in a oven safe dish such as a casserole dish with parchment paper and grease. Once you have gotten all your rolls in the pan, time to close it off with plastic wrap and let them rise for a half hour. Then heat your oven to 350 degrees and bake them for 30 minutes. You'll know when they are done when the edges turn golden brown. Get them out of your oven, let them cool, and enjoy!!!

Did you have any trouble following along with the directions? Click on the video to follow along with a chef who is the creator of this recipe!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tq8jmL6CZO4>

**The Future**

**NOW**

Nathaniel Dsilva

Amazon has just recently launched their new payment machine, Amazon One. This is a new biometric technology that enables shoppers to enter and pay for items at

stores by placing their palm over a scanning device. This a revolutionary new technology because it enables instant recognition, using your hand, with no chance of fraud whatsoever. It launches a system of blue light lasers that scan a person's hand, causing it to quickly create a map of the many nooks and crannies inside of a person's hand. Next time someone tries to pay, he just holds his hand over the scanner for 2 seconds, and then walks away, knowing that his fees have been paid.

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# KICKING CONVENTION

## Fandoms in the Classroom

Collaboration between Nathaniel Dsilva and Ms. Kelsey Dierdroff

It seems that everyone nowadays has some sort of fandom, that is, something that they are obsessed with or follow closely. People can be a fan of a particular person, a sports team, a fictional series, or even a television show. As a teacher, I have always thought that it is important for me to bring my love of fandoms that I have into the classroom. If you know anything about me, you will quickly realize that I am obsessed with both Harry Potter and Star Wars.

Okay, so I hate to admit this but 3 years ago was the first time that I read the Harry Potter series. This tends to shock a lot of people because I am 31 years old. The reason why I am just read Harry Potter 3 years ago is a whole other story. If you ask me, then I will tell you. So, ask me sometime if you would like!

I just wanted to share with you how I incorporate fandoms into my classroom. I wanted Harry Potter to be a way to build a classroom community and engage my students more. At the beginning of every school year, I ask my students to take the Myers-Briggs personality test. Based on those results, I can sort each student into their respectable Hogwarts House (Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, or Slytherin).

Having students in each house in every class period is a great way to have a friendly competition in the classroom, a sense of belonging, and classroom community. Students in each house can get points on various things such as getting an A on a test/quiz, answering a question correctly, coming in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in Kahoot, helping out another student, and so forth. In the same way that students can earn house points, house points can also be taken away. There is a house cup winner in each class at the end of every quarter.

After the students are sorted into their respective houses, we have a sorting hat ceremony where I go through all of the different houses and explained to the students' different personality traits that tend to fall under each house. This year was a little different due to having all students virtual at the time of the ceremony, so I created digital invitations that I sent out to each student to welcome them into their house.

Harry Potter is not the only fandom that I incorporate into the classroom. I incorporate Star Wars when my students learn about government types and even Captain America for discussing comics and propaganda during World War II. These are just some of the fandoms that I share with students each year.



I have found that students love when teachers incorporate what they love and are passionate about in the classroom. And it is my job as a teacher to show my students that they need to be undeniably themselves, and they do not need to hide their individuality and uniqueness. So be proud of your unique self and own whatever fandom/s you are into!

## ***The Best on Earth:***

### A Veteran's Day Tribute

If someone has done military service,  
They earn the title "veteran," and more;  
They earn our deep respect and admiration.  
That they are special no one can ignore.

They sacrificed the comforts we enjoy;  
The list is long of all the things they gave.  
Our veterans are extraordinary people;  
They're loyal, dedicated, true and brave.

When terror and invasion were real threats,

They showed us they could handle any storm.

We owe our freedoms and our very lives

To our veterans, who served in uniform.

Our veterans should be celebrities;

They're exceptional; no other group compares.

We're grateful for the many things they've done;

They're always in our hearts and in our prayers.

We owe our veterans support and friendship;

Let no one ever question what they're worth.

These men and women served us and our country,

Our veterans--the very best on earth.

By Joanna Fuchs

Found on: <https://www.poemsource.com/veterans-day-poems.html>

# A Nation's Strength

[William Ralph Emerson](#)

What makes a nation's pillars high?

And its foundations strong?

What makes it mighty to defy

The foes that round it throng.

It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand

Go down in battle shock.

Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,

Not on abiding rock.

Is it the sword? Ask the red dust

Of empires passed away.

The blood has turned their stones to rust,

Their glory to decay.

And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown

Has seemed to nations sweet.

But God has struck its luster down

In ashes at his feet.

Not gold but only men can make

A people great and strong.

Men who for truth and honor's sake

Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,

Who dare while others fly...?

They build a nation's pillars deep

And lift them to the sky.

Found on: <https://poets.org/poem/nations-strength>

## November Short Story

Even before I walked through the doorway into our family's kitchen, I could smell my mom's famous pumpkin pie.

"Smells delicious, Mom!" I commented.

"Thanks," my mom replied, pulling an array of spices out of our cabinet. As she sprinkled cinnamon and nutmeg on top of the pie, my brother walked in and took a freshly made bread roll and put it in his mouth.

"Hey! Mom just made that!" I exclaimed.

“It’s fine, I have another batch in the oven,” Mom stated.

“No more,” I said, putting on my apron. I dusted the flour from my apron from the last time I baked with Mom. I pulled out more spices as I started to stir the pot already on the stove. I dumped in ground basil and carefully stirred the brimming pot. As I turned the stove knob down, I smelled burning food. I placed the pot on a hot pad conveniently placed on the counter. As I opened the stove, smoke came billowing out.

“MOM! THE TURKEY!” I yelled out.

“Oh no!” Mom cried out. She placed the pie on our table after finishing off the perfect whipped cream mound. Mom threw on some mittens and pulled out now black and burnt turkey out of the oven.

“What happened, Hon. I smelled something burning.” My dad walked in to the kitchen with a worried look on his face. “Oh no. You can get a new one, right?”

“No, the turkeys are probably all sold out- what time is it?”

“10:15,” I replied looking at my watch.

“We have one hour and forty-five minutes until the relatives come.” My mom walked across the kitchen and placed it on the back of the counter.

“What should we do?”

“We can just make the other foods planned and hope they like pumpkin spice!” My mom grinned sympathetically. As we continued to make the food, I could tell mom was disappointed about the turkey.

“One second Mom I am going to take a 5-minute break while the vegetables are cooling,” I said, placing a dish full of fresh-cut and seasoned vegetables.

“Mhmm,” my mom said her mouth full of stuffing. She loved cooking, but she loved eating even more. I walked out of the room and jumped on the couch. I pulled my phone out and texted my cousin, Abby. We talked through texts for a while. She sounded really excited about all the food we were going to have. I eventually told her that we had burnt the turkey and we wouldn’t have a turkey. She then suddenly had to leave which I thought was suspicious.

“Are you coming back?” My mom’s voice drifted from the kitchen.

“Yeah,” I responded putting my phone in my back pocket.

The rest of the time went smoothly and nothing else got burnt. Soon we were putting everything on the table and setting the places.

“Take off your apron and you can go get dressed,” my mom said still cleaning up all the dishes.

“Can I help?” my dad asked, walking into the kitchen picking up a wet cloth, and starting to wipe the counters. My mom washed her hands and went over to my dad and

hugged him. Pecking a kiss on his cheek she walked out heading up the stairs to get dressed.

“Coming?” my mom asked.

“Yeah.” I walked up the stairs and into my bedroom. I picked out some black jeans and a chunky orange sweater. I walked over to my dresser to choose some jewelry. I put on rose-gold hoop earrings and a ring with an orange-toned gem. I tied the back of a black choker on my neck. I slipped on some oyster-colored high heels and walked downstairs.

The second I walked down the stairs; the doorbell started to ring.

“I’ll get it!” I yelled out. I opened the door to see my grandparents. “Nana! Grandpa!”

“Hey, Soph.” My grandpa hugged me and brought in a fruit salad and placed it on the table. My grandmother hugged me and brought in gifts, no doubt from their recent trip to France. After a few more relatives our house was full of people, and I almost forgot

about the turkey.

I walked into the kitchen to help with last-minute touch-ups. The smell of burnt was hanging in the air and I couldn’t shake the feeling that today was going terribly.

As the bell rang with our last visitors on the other side of the door, I was excited my favorite cousin Abby was here! As they opened the door, I smelled baked goods... mmmm! My uncle walked in with breakfast muffins and my aunt with cupcakes. I turned my back to help with the food and when I turned back Abby was not there. I

walked into the kitchen and to my surprise, there was a turkey! Abby had saved the day  
and Thanksgiving would be okay!

“Abby!”

“Sophie! How are you doing?”

“I’m good- what is a delicious looking turkey doing there?”

“You sounded really stressed out about the turkey and so I told my mom, and we went  
to the grocery store and bought their last turkey!”

“Thanksgiving turkey miracles are a thing!” This Thanksgiving was the best yet! The  
food must have tasted good because there were no leftovers.

## Animal of the Month by Zaira Qureshi

### The Rainbow Snake





The rainbow snake is a nonvenomous snake native to the coastal plains of the southeast United States. This snake is also referred to as the eel moccasin or *Farancia erytrogramma*. Rainbow snakes are also called sand hogs. Rainbow snakes eat a variety of small aquatic creatures, including frogs, tadpoles, salamanders, and eels. Rainbow snakes are found in many states along the East Coast, including Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Maryland. Adult females lay eggs in July, letting them sit underground. Most of the time, about 20 eggs are laid. There are two subspecies of the rainbow snake: the southern Florida rainbow snake, and the common rainbow snake. Its closest relative, the mud snake, shares many similarities with the rainbow snake. The main difference between the rainbow snake and mud snake is their coloring. Mud snakes are red, pink, or black, where rainbow snakes are black with iridescent scales. Rainbow snakes are mythological figures in Australian Aborigine myths. If captured, rainbow snakes are very docile, and almost never bite. Rainbow snakes have spines on their tails that help them control their prey.



# VETERANS DAY!

By Ava Kane

Hello students and families from Northwestern Middle School. I am very excited to admire how brave our veterans are to serve for our country. And guess what, some of our staff are veterans!

. Mr. Johnson- 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies- Air force, and army!

. Dr. Bartlett- 7<sup>th</sup> grade science- Navy

. Mrs. Codispoti- Spanish- U.S army

. Mr. Gregory- Air Force

. Mr. Lyttle- Janitor-marine corps

Today we will be interviewing our lovely janitor and awesome 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Mr. Lyttle, and Mr. Johnson!

Mr. Lyttle:

How many years did he serve? - 4 years and 6 months

Where did you serve? - Japan, Asia, Iraq, Hawaii, Africa, and Alaska.

How old when he joined? - 19 years

Would you ever consider joining again- if he HAD to yes

How long ago did he stop- 1991

How often did you travel? - every 6 months

Did you see your family- before they transferred stations, they had 30 days to see their family.

He made many friends and had to wake up 3-4 in the morning.

Mr. Johnson:

How many years-8 years army reserve, 3 years air force

Where did he serve- Atlanta, Germany, San Antonio.

How old when joined- 18

How long ago did he stop- 1993

Did he get to see his family- switching from south Dakota to Germany.

He made lots of friends and found someone that he went to high school when stationed in Germany.

We want to thank all veterans for their service. HAPPY VETERANS DAY!

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