

# October Edition

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## Quote of the Month:

“Be strong now because things will get better. It might be stormy now, but it can’t rain forever.”  
-Unknown

## Weirdest World Records by Zaira Qureshi and Harper Mayer

- **Diamond Snoopy-** On November 18, 2009, Tse Sui Luen Jewelry created a 14 cm. Tall Snoopy. The Snoopy statue has 9,917 diamonds and is worth about three MILLION dollars. That is a lot of diamonds!
- **Swords Swallowed Underwater-** on November 14, 2013, Chayne Hultgren swallowed three swords at the Olympic Park Aquatic Centre in Sydney, Australia.
- **Tallest Macaroon Tower-** Sebastian Laurent built a 12-tiered tower of macaroons. The tower was 21 feet and 11 inches tall.
- **Most Straws in a Mouth-** Simon Elmore stuffed 400 plastic drinking straws in his mouth on August 6, 2009, for ten seconds



Guess whose birthday is in October?

Adithi Challa

See if your favorite celebrity's birthday is in October.

Oct. 1- Jimmy Carter      Oct. 2- Mahatma Gandhi  
Oct. 3- Gwen Stefani      Oct. 4- Melissa Benoist  
Oct. 5- Jacob Tremblay      Oct. 6- Addison Rae  
Oct. 7- Simon Cowell      Oct. 8- Bruno Mars  
Oct. 9- Bella Hadid      Oct. 10- Pressley Hosbach  
Oct. 11- Cardi B      Oct. 12- Hugh Jackman  
Oct. 13- Jimin      Oct. 14- Rowan Blanchard  
Oct. 15- Bailee Madison      Oct. 16- Ruby Rose Turner  
Oct. 17- Alaia McBroom      Oct. 18- Zac Efron  
Oct. 19- Ashlyn Harris      Oct. 20- Kamala Harris  
Oct. 21- Kim Kardashian      Oct. 22- Alia Shelesh  
Oct. 23- Pele      Oct. 24- Drake  
Oct. 25- Katy Perry      Oct. 26- Hillary Clinton  
Oct. 27- Lanzo Ball      Oct. 28- Bill Gates  
Oct. 29- Bob Ross      Oct. 30- John Adams  
Oct. 31- Christopher Columbus

# THE NMS NEWSPAPER EXCHANGE

# Future Right Now

By Nathaniel Dsilva (info from Amazon/CNN)

Instead of baby seats, there are tablets.

Amazon's shopping cart (CNN images)

Amazon has just launched its new market line, Amazon Fresh in California. At Amazon's newest grocery store, you can ask Alexa where to find milk, scan and check out your groceries using your virtual shopping cart, and pick up books you ordered off the e-commerce giant's website. With this range the possibilities are endless. But that is just the software. Through Amazon Fresh, the shopping carts have auto scanners, so that when a package is dropped in, an invisible laser instantly scans the item, and add it to your total price with all the items. This number will be projected to a screen on the cart, which will then show you your total and subtotal. Each cart is equipped with AI, through which you can ask for an item to be added, removed, or where an item is in the store. Amazon is also adding an ultra-speed connection between the carts and the AI hub.



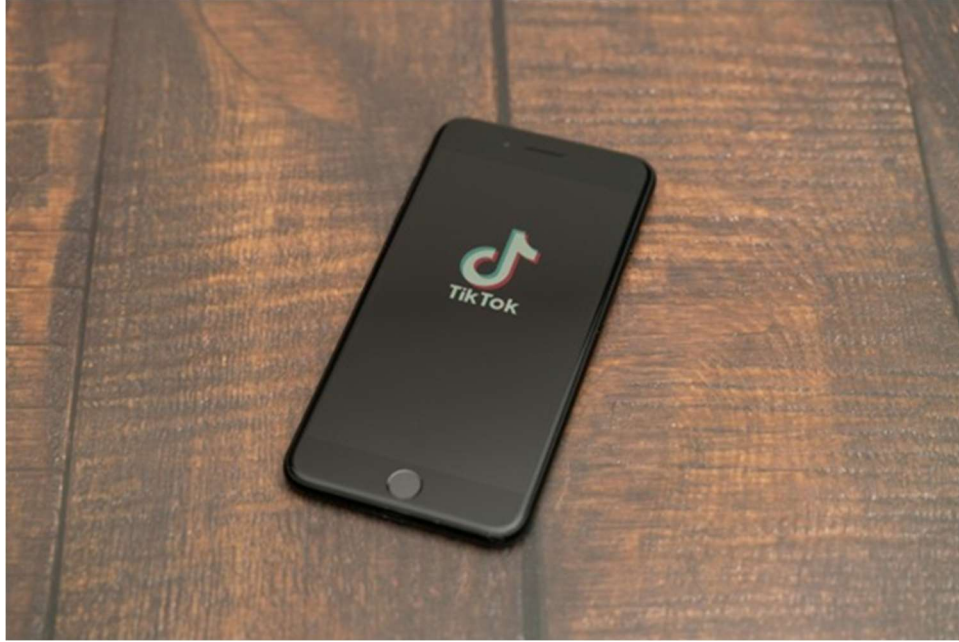
Also, each cart is synchronized through your Amazon account, and provided with Alexa, in which you can perform several functions. When you are done, no more cashiers. Just walk right out with your groceries and go home. It is truly, “Tech to Table”

## USA NEWS

By Nathaniel Dsilva

### THE SECURITY CONCERNS OF TIKTOK

Tik-Tok is one of the most used apps in the world, but now we might not ever see it again. Tik-Tok has been banned by the US government because of security concerns. The app is owned by WeChat, which is a Chinese company. This is a problem because China enforces strict laws, for example, an app sending information to the government. This means that Tik Tok can activate the iPhone camera and record information. There is also the danger of a malware being unleashed into the device, such as a worm virus that can hack into your phone, then hacking into the Wi-Fi, which it uses to hack all other devices connected to the Wi-Fi, such as other computers, smart appliances, TV's, and more. This can be used to steal confidential documents stored on any device stored on a computer on the internet.



Tik Tok is one of the most popular apps in the world (Picture- The Guardian)

These can be devastating in the fact that a sophisticated one can even hack into your cellular network, hacking the tower, and any device connected to it, in which all users connected to that cellular tower will infect more devices. This virus could infect a worldwide number of users. Trojan horse viruses can also be unleashed, which can infect a computer and work in the background to remove data, slow programs, and steal data. Spyware is also a concern, in which the virus spies on you. These are just three types of the most common viruses, when there are many more. Because of these security concerns, the White House has decided to act against Tik- Tok.

## IN CONVERSATION WITH MR. PETERSON

By NATHANIEL DSILVA



October is the Nation Principal month, so it is a great opportunity for us to get to know our beloved Principal Mr. Peterson. As we all know Mr. Peterson is one of the busiest and most influential figures at our school, we were able to get a glimpse at of his professional and person life.

Let us see what he has to say.

What motivated you to want to become a school principal?

Mr. Peterson- “Well, I would have to go back to my decision to be a teacher. I did not know coming out of high school and going into college what I wanted to be when I grew up. I got into college and took some business classes. I did well in school and ended up going into the U.S Navy. I served in the U.S Navy for seven years. It was during that time I started to think about what I wanted to do. Teaching came to mind. I started teaching after I got out of the navy and taught for 4 years and coached at a high school (football and soccer). I became a graduation coach and then an assistant principal. Each time a took a new job in a school it was about having an impact. The reason I do my job is about helping students have a wonderful experience.”

What do you expect of students and teachers?

Mr. Peterson- “To do the best they can every day. It is tough to be a student with remote learning, and with the teacher too. Students need to learn as much as they can when they are with us, so they just need to do their best.”

What is some advice you would like to give to students in the pandemic?

Mr. Peterson- “The best advice I would give in this pandemic is taking care of themselves, trying not to get sick, but also taking care of their mental health like calling you friends and keeping yourself busy.”

What are your views on the Phased approach to reopening?

Mr. Peterson- “I like the phased approach, going from URL to Phase 1, then Phase 3 with 25 percent of our population at school, and full-time face to face on October 14. We have gotten good at social distancing. There are many students and staff, so we have been able to use the measures to keep everyone safe. This is a great gradual approach for full-time Face to Face. It has worked very well in my opinion.”

How do see the school in a post-pandemic world? (new normal)



Mr. Peterson- “Something I have become accustomed to doing is monitoring the number of COVID cases. I cannot predict anything with full certainty. But most likely to keep everything safe. I do not think it will go away this school year. My sincere hope is that we can get to the pre-pandemic world as soon as possible and we can go back to our “old normal”

Do you speak multiple languages?

Mr. Peterson- “No, I do not speak multiple languages. I took Spanish as a course, but have not retained it enough to speak it”

What is your favorite sport?

Mr. Peterson- “My favorite sport is football, in particular college football. My favorite college team is Texas A&M. I am passionate about Texas A&M football.”

Are you involved in sports, or are you more for sitting back and watching other people play?

Mr. Peterson- “I used to love to play, but now at my age, I am more for sitting back and watching, even though I like both.”

What is your favorite band?

Mr. Peterson- “U2 is my favorite band”

What is your Hobby?

Mr. Peterson- “My hobby is golf. I love to play golf with my daughter, and that is something we have become accustomed to.”

What is your favorite restaurant and food?

Mr. Peterson- “My favorite food is any type of steak, and my favorite restaurant is a local steakhouse called Bones.”

Thank you, Mr. Peterson, we really appreciate you taking time for this interview. We truly admire all that you do to make NMS a great school.

*Northwestern Middle School: Teach Hard, Love Harder  
- The Wildcat Way*

Here is a poll about how you feel about the current school situation: <https://tinyurl.com/y3e32ujy>

# Happy Halloween

by Ava Kane

Here are some fun Halloween themed activities!

## 1. Spider infestation wreath

This wreath is super simple to make. I made one last year and it turned out great!

Materials: Small twigs you can find in your yard, small plastic spiders, and hot glue.

Instructions:

1. First, you will take your sticks and make a circle-like formation and keep stacking upon them.
2. Then add your spiders.
3. Show it off on your door!

Quick note! You might need 1 or 2 hundred small sticks/twigs

## 2. Franken cups.

Franken cups are small little pudding cups disguised as Frankenstein

Ingredients/materials: Green pudding mix, transparent plastic cups, Oreos, and a sharpie.

1. Decorate your small cups to look like Frankenstein. (add eyes, mouth...)
2. Make pudding, then add them in the cup.
3. Crush Oreos and sprinkle them on top.
4. ENJOY!

## 3. Crayola Pumpkin

Materials: Pumpkin (white Preferred) 1 box of crayons, and a blow dryer.

1. Put crayons in any order on the top of the pumpkin.
2. Blow-dry the pumpkin.
3. Show it off to your neighbors!





Picture credits to Izabella Finol-Bishop and Valeria Santamaria.

Animal of the Month: Florida Panther by Harper Mayer and Zaira Qureshi



The Florida panther is one of the most endangered species in the world with only 120-130 left. It is a subspecies of the group *Puma concolor*, which includes cougars and mountain lions. The Florida panther lives in freshwater swamp forests in the Everglades in South Florida. Its diet consists of wild hogs, white-tailed deer, and other small mammals.

Panther kittens are born in dens built by their mothers. Kittens spend 6-8 weeks of their lives in these dens, being cared for by their mother. When kittens are two years old, they leave the dens and start hunting for themselves.

In the wild, Florida panthers face many threats. Their biggest predators are humans and the American alligator. Many panthers die each year due to automobile collisions. On top of that, Florida panthers can either be born with or develop severe heart problems.

In 1973, there were fewer than 36 panthers in the world. Thankfully, people are beginning to recognize the threat. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Florida Panther Protection Program are some of the organizations trying to preserve the Florida panther.

In closing, the Florida panther is an amazing wildcat that deserves to stay alive for future generations.



A Poem

By: Kirthana Golla and Sarah Netto

1, 2, 3...

The wind flew past me as the autumn leaves fluttered to the ground

The laughter of children could be heard from miles away

4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9...

Leaves crunched under my feet and a breeze flew by

The sun shone brightly, lighting the sky

Birds flew across the blue-sky landing in the red, yellow, and orange trees

10, 11, 12, 13, 14...

Shivers ran down my spine as another breeze flew past

Animals scurried around getting ready for the coming winter

Cars drove by carrying the goods, the tricks, and the treats

The leaves fell to the ground as quiet as a mouse

15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21...

The sun starts to set

The light sky turning into a dark blue

The moon starts to peek out of the clouds, the sky around it glowing

The breeze flew by as the autumn leaves fluttered to the ground

22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31...

Minutes passed by as the sky got darker and darker

The city has quietened down, the occasional car passing by

Lights flicker on and off, children rushing to get back home

Stars start to decorate the night sky

The trees rustle as the wind blows by...

And the autumn leaves descend to the ground

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