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# September Editorial

With both of our co-editors, Hunter and Izabella.

Welcome to the new school year! The Northwestern Monthly staff are so excited to publish our first edition. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of school and of newspapers. While the news might seem to foreshadow bad days ahead, we can still make this year one of our best. The newspaper writers have worked hard on this edition and will be working hard on subsequent newspapers, and we hope you will study hard this year. Even though there will be difficult times, you can persevere and conquer challenges. Thanks for reading our editorial, and we hope you enjoy the paper.

~H.D & I. F-B.

# The Monthly Meme

4 year old me at the McDonalds play area waiting for mommy to turn around and look at me



driving in 2020 be like:



Parents when game costs \$60



Parents when vacation costs \$1999

## September Word Search

N	R	S	N	A	L	L	O	D	R	I	C	P	L
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FOOTBALL  
SEPTEMBER  
LABOR DAY  
WIND  
APPLES  
MASKS  
MUSICON  
RAIN  
PATRIOT DAY  
SCHOOL  
FALL  
PIE  
LEAVES  
NEWSPAPER  
COFFEE

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/2745728/>

Created by Bela Patel

## Why Cereal is NOT a Soup

By Emma-Joann Kamdoun

Many people have debated about whether cereal is a soup or not. Many websites have said that cereal is not a soup. For instance, [wide-open eats](#) says “Soup is a liquid food made by boiling or simmering meat, fish, or vegetables with various added ingredients. So, to answer this burning question, based on [dictionary.com](#), cereal does not count as a soup. Unless you eat your cereal full of boiled meat, fish, or vegetables, that is.” Cereal is a breakfast food made from roasted grain, typically eaten with milk. These definitions prove that soup and cereal are both completely different foods.

# Miranyan Book 1: The Portal

Diamond Eagle

The tallest of thrice  
Where ye will find ice  
Lies the portal of salvation  
On the outlook rise.

2000 years ago...

Two races came through the portal in the midst of war. The shapeshifting Miran and the Ice Warriors of Dolvo. Four Miran fought tooth and claw to save their race from enslavement of the Dolvo. Now it's their descendants' turn to protect the honor and survival of the Miran. Henry: the warrior, Tamara: the girl of unsolved bloodline, Noah: the introvert, and Luna: the bookworm. The portal, which could lead to their destruction, is immortalized in a riddle. The four must band together to ensure the safety of the Miran by solving the riddle and locating the portal before the Dolvo return once again. In Miranyan: The Portal, the first ever installment of Miranyan, lies the epic adventure of the Miran.

Check back in next month for a new installment of... Miranyan Book 1: The Portal!

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# Fun Facts About September

By: Sarah Netto

1. The name “September” comes from an old Roman word, “septem,” which actually means 7. So, September was the seventh month of the year on the Roman calendar – It did not become the ninth month until the advent of the Gregorian calendar.
2. It is the first month of autumn in the northern hemisphere and the first month of spring in the southern hemisphere.
3. September is often associated with fire because it was the month of the Roman god Vulcan was the Roman god and the forge.
4. Sapphire is the birthstone for the month of September.
5. The birth flower for September is morning glory.
6. September is the only month with the same number of letters in its number and name; September is the ninth month and has nine letters in its name.

# September Days

By: Sarah Netto

1<sup>st</sup> is American Chess Day

2<sup>nd</sup> World coconut Day

4<sup>th</sup> National Wildlife Day

5<sup>th</sup> National Pet Rock Day

6<sup>th</sup> is Labor Day

8<sup>th</sup> Hug your hound day

9<sup>th</sup> National Sudoku Day

11<sup>th</sup> is Patriots Day

12<sup>th</sup> is Grandparents Day

14<sup>th</sup> National Coloring Day

16<sup>th</sup> National Collect Rocks Day

17<sup>th</sup> is Constitution Day

18<sup>th</sup> National Gymnastics Day

19<sup>th</sup> Talk Like a Pirate Day

21<sup>st</sup> is the National Day of Peace

22<sup>nd</sup> is Autumnal Equinox

24<sup>th</sup> National Punctuation Day



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<https://forms.gle/uEzaoJC64AQSir2E9>

## Abel and the Desert Shrieker

Haley Harris

Abel Patterson watched as the sun slunk between the sandy dunes. The bright call of the Desert Shrieker pierced her ears with an abnormal amount of melody. She had always loved the cool winters in her hometown with the wind chimes clinking a tune, and the snow blanketing the gravel forest paths. The desert, in simpler words, was not her climate.

Her brother, Clay, was tending to the wounds of the fellow Aropani with the few medicine supplies they were able to take with them. Abel watched with an anxious interest as he walked over to her poorly made tent, which was held up by wooden posts. Minutes passed before he came out with concern on his face and headed towards Abel.

“Mother’s not well... if we can’t get the supplies back she may not make it - and I don’t know what we’re going to do if she-” Clay spoke with a creeping panic in his voice, but Abel cut him off.

“Don’t even mention it, we’re going to find it. In fact, I’m going tonight.” Abel started towards the camp exit, ignoring Clay’s cries of protest, but Abel knew he wouldn’t follow. Mother was too important to leave in her condition.

Moving with ease through the dense bushy ground, Abel took in the smell of the forest. She missed it dearly with her heart, but she knew she couldn’t reminisce for long. Trekking forward through the pines, she froze, glancing swiftly as she heard a crackle of underbrush. Abel, herself, had been extremely careful. She used her hunting boots to keep her footfalls quiet, so she knew the noise had not been made by her.

Fear washed over her body as she saw the creature. It’s thin feathered limbs and talons made loud crashes in the bushes, and it’s gaping jaws were lined with rows upon rows of sharp teeth. It took every protest against Abel’s instincts to stay in place. The creature hadn’t seen her, but one false step, and it would.

In the chaos of leaving her home, Abel had forgotten to take down her hunting traps, so she was surprised to find the creature, after a swift glance, caught in her fox trap. It howled and thrashed in agony, but it couldn’t escape. Quickly Abel fled through the forest, into the destroyed camp, and towards the medicine cabinet, quickly snatching the herbs and then retreating into the pines.

The creature’s howl pierced the night, and Abel tried to ignore them, trekking onward through the mud, clumsily, at the late hour. Finally, Abel couldn’t take it anymore and turned around, approaching the creature cautiously. It glanced in her direction curiously, as if pondering whether to take a bite or let her approach. She held out her hand gingerly, and the rest was history.

They say in the night sky you can see the constellation of Abel and the Desert Shrieker, leading the Aropani home to the forest, where home would stay for the rest of time.



## **September Edition**

# **In and Out: What's Happening?™**

**Brought to you by Kabir Mishra**

### **Greetings Fellow Reader!**

This blog will inform you of the brief news of both school and the outside world. Are you ready to dive into In and Out: What's Happening?™ to explore the news of what September has to bring!

### **In!**

For our In!, we have some super exciting news. This month sees the kickoff and the voting of the Student Council. If you did not know or understand what the Student Council is and does, it's basically the governing body of NMS. The Student Council makes changes that impact the school in a positive way as well as giving fun breaks to the students and the faculty members. Any themed day was organized by the Student Council. Any dance or party was organized by the Student Council. They are everywhere. You will have started to see campaign posters all over the school for the candidates. When the voting begins, be sure to vote for the one who you think will benefit the school the most. Well, that is it for the in; let's look at the out!

### **So long!**

That's the In and Out: What's Happening?™ See you next time, fellow reader!

# Random Thoughts

Cecily Wirka

If poison expires, is it more poisonous, or no longer poisonous?

If the No. 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still No. 2?

Why are you “in” a movie but “on” tv?

Why do we park on driveways, and drive on parkways?

Why is circular pizza served in a square box?

Why do people say “heads up” when they want you to duck?

Why are APARTments so close together?

Why do they call it a tv set when you only get one?

Why does your nose run and your feet smell?

If an orange is orange, why isn't a lemon called yellow?

If horrific means to make horrible, does terrific mean to make terrible?

# What is a Sport?

Isla MacMillan

**What is a sport?** A sport is an activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others for entertainment, according to Google dictionary Oxford languages. So why isn't dancing a sport? According to dictionary.com, it is. But why are there so many different opinions? Read to find out more!

For as long as people could remember, dancing was an art. There was funk, ballet, jazz, and street dancing. Then there was sideline cheerleading. It's technically not a sport, however competitive cheerleading is. So is competitive dance. An anonymous person said, "If it's a team and there's a winner or loser, then it's a sport."

Then again, there are many people who believe otherwise. "Giving points based on technical skill, difficulty of choreography, and performance just to name a few. This has molded dance into seeming like a sport because many sports are scored by judges rather than watched over by referees. However, there **is no universal scoring procedure for dance**, unlike gymnastics or diving." states sunflowerstatedance.com. Another website has said, "In Athletics, training focuses more on endurance as you will need to be able to play for very long usually, but in Dance, **it may focus more on skills such as balance and coordination**. ... These two things, location and objects, are huge differences in Dance and Athletics." Although these different places and articles mean to have different opinions, they really all point to the same thing. Dancing requires skill, grace, and physical exertion. There are many ways to participate in dance, and there are art forms and competitive styles. As long as there is physical movement, competition, and scoring, it's a sport.

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