**My Dad**

**Gialanys Torres**

My dad is the best because he is funny, and he is hardworking. He is the best dad in the world, and I love him so much. My dad spoils me all the time. He is the best dad that God could have sent me. He helps me with a lot with my things and I know I can trust him with everything. He works hard to give me the best that he and my mom can give me, and he is a very good person. He is the coolest dad in the world, and he is going be in my heart for the rest of my life and that’s not going to change at all. And he is the best dad that I ever had and that’s not going to change because he is the one and only one in my heart and he is going to be in my heart forever. I love him so much and he loves me so much too, but I love him more than he loves me.

**Some of my Favorite Games**

**Dieter Wood**

There are a lot of great video games out there, and choosing one can be difficult sometimes, but I am going to tell you about a few that you may want to try. One video game that I really enjoy is called Forza. Forza is a racing game. I enjoy this game because it allows you to earn game money and you can use that money to customize your car. You can go into the car shop and buy new parts such as engines, brakes, suspension, and exhaust. This can help you make your car faster and look cooler. It also helps you win more races. Another game that I really love is called Fortnite. There are many different characters and options you can choose from. Also, there are different activities you can do within the game. It can be really challenging and entertaining. Minecraft is one of my favorites because you can build whatever your imagination can think of. For instance, you can make a custom house or castle for your character to hang out in. You can also play with your friends online, which is a plus when you can’t hang out in person. Those are just some of my favorite games.

**Special Spicy Noodle Recipe**

**Benjamin Rodriguez**

1. First, take a packet of Raman noodles and put it into a microwave safe bowl.
2. Next, pour some milk into the bowl with the noodles.
3. Then, place into the microwave and heat for 3 – 5 minutes.
4. You can add spicy mango habanero hot sauce or a hot sauce of your choice to spice it up.
5. Now, stir it up.
6. Additionally, you can add some scrambled egg or sausage to make it more filling.
7. Finally, eat and enjoy!

**Ketchup Steak**

**Damien Whritenour**

Ingredients:

* 1 lb. round or sirloin steak
* 4 cups of ketchup
* 1 onion, sliced

Steps:

1. First, coat the meat with salt, pepper and flour.
2. Next, brown on both sides in a skillet.
3. Then, add the sliced onion.
4. Mix 4 cups ketchup and 1 cup water and pour over steak.
5. Simmer on low for 30 min. Or until steak is tender.
6. Finally, serve over rice and enjoy!

**Grounded Video Game Review**

**Javier Sanchez**

I would like to talk about a game called Grounded. Grounded is a cross-platform game meaning you can play with other people on different consoles like computer/laptop and Xbox. It is also a survival game with all the basic survival game essentials like food and water, health, stamina, enemies, bosses and finally armor, swords, and bows. It also has all the stuff to gear up and fix houses that you built using the building mechanic.

This game has a reference to “Honey I Shrunk the Kids!” As the game starts, an epic cutscene plays. The teens that got shrunken are playable characters such as Max (boy), Willow (girl), Pete (boy), Hoops (girl). As you progress in the highly detailed game you uncover the secrets of the scientist in your in-game dream when you sleep in your lean to/bed. But also, the bugs are cool and the way they act is close to accurate (besides raiding your base, jumping to the moon(glitch), made up bugs and bosses, etc.)

Anyways back to progression so as you play you encounter something called the mysterious machine that you must find the way to fix. You find Burgle, a robot left by Mr. Tuli when the explosion hit. When you did the first part of the game Burgle tells you to look for all the labs and to get chips that are basically memory cards to unlock new stuff, uncover labs such as the hedge (recommended 2nd), pond(4th), black ant hill (recommended 3rd) and the oak lab(1st). Also use your raw science you researched and found when the game started. The raw science is basically a currency.

When you get close to the end of the game where I never been you must protect 3 mixes. Mix 1, mix 2 and mix 3 to craft the embiginning cocktail and yes that’s how you spell it once you do that you go to the mysterious machine, go inside, place the embiginning cocktail to the right when you get in and go out get on top press the button you pressed when you activated it at the start, and you GO BIG! (aka beat the game).

Then you get the credits and don’t worry your game saved the minute you pressed the button, and you can go back and do anything you did not do.

There’s my review on grounded. Did you like it? Because this game is not that popular. The game probably still in development and getting more updates but that’s pretty much it. That’s most of what I remembered of how to play and the unofficial tutorial that I made up. Hope you liked the review.

**Funny Moments with My Dog, Sparkle Swaggerty**

**Collin Swaggerty**

My dog is a very cute, wonderful, and silly dog. Her name is Sparkle. She is a 6-year-old Morkie (Maltese + Yorkie) and is playful. She is a standout. Funny moment one: she loves my dad a lot and sulks when he leaves for work after hanging out with him for a week or so for a holiday. Funny moment two: she will hop up onto my chair that I sit in for dinner and then start fluffing up the blanket I have on the chair and will sleep on it. Funny moment three: when I come home sometimes, she will be sniffing the bottom of the door when she hears the knob turning. Funny moment four: when she gets a treat, she will do a little dance and then eat it.

**Sweet Potato Casserole**

**Jordin Hall**

Ingredients:

* 4 cups of sweet potato, cubed
* ½ TBSP vanilla extract
* ½ cup white sugar
* ½ cup packed brown sugar
* 2 eggs, beaten
* 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
* ½ TBSP salt
* 3 TBSP butter, softened
* 4 TBSP butter, softened
* ½ cup chopped pecans
* ½ cup milk

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F/165 degrees C. put sweet potatoes in medium saucepan with water and cover. Cook over medium high heat until tender; drain and mash.
2. In a large bowl, mix the sweet potatoes, white sugar, eggs, salt, butter, milk, and vanilla extract. Mix until smooth. transfer to a 9x13 inch baking dish.
3. In a medium bowl, mix the brown sugar and flour. Cut in the butter until the mixture is coarse. Stir in the pecans. Sprinkle the mixture over the sweet potato mixture.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes, or until the topping is lightly brown.

# **All About My Family**

# **Rylan Clingenpeel**

# My brother Devin is 14 years old, and he is the oldest as we speak. Then 4 years later after he was born, I was born shortly after. Now in 2023 (or 2022 I don’t remember) my little sister was born. Her name is Rosalia (People can never pronounce the name right). My mom’s name is Tricia. She is 32 years old, I think. Her zodiac sign is Cancer and her animal that represents Cancer is a CRAB. I was born in February, so I am an Aquarius. Same with my brother. My sister is also a Cancer. My dad’s name is Johnathan Clingenpeel. His zodiac sign is a Leo which kind of makes sense because he can roar (or scream) like a lion. And his first movie he ever watched was The Lion King. My dad is 35 years old.

**Ocean Liners**

**Trenton McCarthy**

Have you ever heard about ocean liners? If you have not you are in the right place. Ocean liners are a type of ship that is made for passenger immigration or a vacation. But sadly, there is one ocean liner left that is in operation right now. There are some cruise ships that still do crossings like an ocean liner, but they are not purpose-built ocean liners and still do pleasure cruises. There are some differences between an ocean liner and a cruise ship. One of those difference is that a cruise ship goes to many places for leisure and an ocean liner may go to many places, but they are not for leisure. There are many ocean Liners some of them are the SS Normandy, (My personal favorite) The RMS Titanic and the SS United States. So now you know what an ocean liner is.

**All About Football**

**Gavin Wedell**

Football is a fun and physical game. There is a lot of detail and strategy that goes into football. You need to be protected because you can get hurt, but there is noncontact football like flag and two hand touch. Let me tell you about some of the positions. The most important position is the quarterback. They throw the ball and if you don’t have a QB you might lose because they can be fast, throw far, and they also can run the ball for a touchdown. The QB makes the most money out of all the position because they are the most important. Let’s move on to the wide receivers. They are the players who catch the ball to score the touchdown for the team. My favorite position is wide receiver because they are the ones who the QB passes the ball to. These are just some details about my favorite sport.

**Christmas Recipe**

**Kaiya Coyle**

Cookies For Santa

* 2/3 c. butter
* ¾ c. sugar
* 1 T. plus 1 t. milk
* 1 t. vanilla extract
* 1 egg
* 2 c. plus 2 T. all-purpose flour
* 1-½ t. baking powder
* ¼ t. salt

Directions:

1. Blend butter, sugar, and milk with an electric mixer on medium speed.
2. Add vanilla and egg; beat well
3. Add flour, baking powder, and salt; mix to combine
4. Roll out ¼ in. Thickness and cut with cookies cutters; arrange on ungreased baking sheets and bake at 375 degrees for 7 to 9 minutes
5. Makes about 2-½ dozen

**Movie Review**

**Jordan Attwood**

I'm rating *Pirates of the Caribbean Curse of the Black Pearl*. I rate it a 5\5 because in the beginning it cuts right to the main characters which is Elizabeth and Jack Sparrow. It has a lot of thrilling scenes. It gets to the main part of story very early on in the movie. In the movie when Jack Sparrow talks about the Black Pearl the sky turns dark and the wind blows hard. The movie is an action movie. The story develops well throughout the movie. Most of the beginning is based on one character. The movie always has points where it looks like the hero is going to lose but then the hero wins.

**An Interview with My Dad**

**Harlow Vanstone**

1. Where do you work? Circle K
2. How do you sort all the money? I count all the transactions and take any cash into my office to log it into a large safe and lock it up.
3. How many hours do you work in a week? Over 50 hours
4. What do you do when you’re at work? Operate the store, create time schedules, balance the books, and serve customers.
5. What is your position? Manager

**Movie Review**

**Justus Simmons**

I’m rating the Fast & Furious Franchise 4.5 stars out of 5. I like the racing and fight scenes and I can predict what happens throughout the movies because I saw the whole franchise of Fast & Furious. Movies 1 through 6 I give 5 stars out of 5. The movies were good because the cars kept me fascinated. How can one car have so much speed? I was confused because the red car only had 60 horsepower. Some cars can go that fast with 60 horsepower when it has a backup engine for when the first one goes out.

**The Trees are Dancing**

**Jah’marri McGee**

One day a man was going out to work and, on that day, when he was in the car he looked outside and saw a tree moving. He was thinking that the tree was dancing so he made a book about it and made a lot of money. Then, the next day he went to work, his boss told him that was a good book and to keep it up. If you keep it up, you will be a new manager for this crew and while you work you will get a lot of money. He agreed to keep up the hard work. Then, on Wednesday he went to the beach to look at the trees. He went to work to publish the work he did, and the book said: Chapter One - Did you know that trees dance? They do! Look at the trees. They don’t know because the trees are moving when the wind is blowing them. The trees provide oxygen for us, so that is why we should be thankful for them.

**Arctic Wolves**

**Nathaniel Caraballo**

The Arctic Wolf lives in a very cold environment. They live in the Arctic areas of North America and Greenland. Some people call them “polar wolves.” They hunt caribou, Arctic hares, musk ox, and other animals that inhabit the arctic regions. The biggest Arctic wolves are the dads and the smaller wolves are the moms. When an Arctic wolf is small, it is known as a pup. Arctic wolves have smaller ears and thicker fur than other wolf species. Arctic wolves are very fast, much faster than your pet dog. They also have fur on the bottom of their paws to help them walk on the cold ice. Arctic wolves live in a group called a pack. This is like their family. They enjoy howling at the moon when it is full.