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Life Skills Markets Crafts for Holidays

School

It is Christmas time here at Fleetwood, and students in Life Skills are making wonderful crafts for the holiday!

Life Skills are students in Fleetwood who are developing the essential proficiencies needed to navigate daily life. Like every other student in Fleetwood, Life Skills students are all uniquely different.

These students are making a lot of crafts for the holidays to provide for their families, school staff, and students. This includes sock snowmen, towel angels, house plants, Breast Cancer Awareness-themed decorations, a double snowflake, and different kinds of Christmas ornaments.

or 2 for \$5.00

- SOCK SNOWMEN: \$6.00 each, or SOCK SNOWMEN FAMILY: \$15.00 each
- HOUSE PLANTS: \$0.50 to \$2.00
- ORNAMENTS: \$2.00 each
- TONGUE DEPRESSOR SNOWMEN: \$1.00 each
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flakes that are \$2.00 each. They also are donating \$1.00 to Relay for Life for each one. When participants buy a double snowflake, they are \$4.00, and they are giving a \$2.00 donation to Relay for Life!

"The students are enjoying making the crafts and selling them. They are taking pride in what they are doing and being part of the school. Many of them have come into the room excited because they have received complements about their work," teacher Michelle Buser said.

"I think it is a great opportunity for the kids and for our community," assistant principal Thomas Salpino said.

PRICES FOR THE CRAFTS:

- DISH TOWEL ANGELS: \$3.00 each

Students are also promoting Breast Cancer Awareness this Christmas. You can buy wreaths that are \$2.00 each and snow-

By Alyssa Brandt

FAHS Visits USHMM

School

The field trip to the Holocaust museum on 11 November 2014 was a special day. It was enlightening and moving for the students who went. The day was dedicated to the recognition that people were dehumanized by this tragedy. It is important to understand this topic so that people can prevent this occurrence from happening again.

Inside the museum, there are many floors to explore. Ninety-one survivors came to the museum and gave their firsthand, chilling experiences. These survivors were not paid. The museum possesses over twelve thousand artifacts and 49,000,000 pages of documentation. People from all over the world come to visit to experience the museum firsthand.

Two million visitors tour it annually. The museum opened to the public for the first time on 26 April 1986. One room in the museum is dedicated to the victims' shoes. There are over four thousand displayed shoes in the Permanent Exhibition. Polish sculptor, Mieczyslaw Stobierski (1914-1998) made a plaster model of the gas chambers at the crematorium in Auschwitz Birkenau. This model contains three thousand individually sculpted figures and is more than twenty feet in length. Speakers, movies, books, models, quotes, pictures, and other precious artifacts from this tragedy can all be found in the museum.

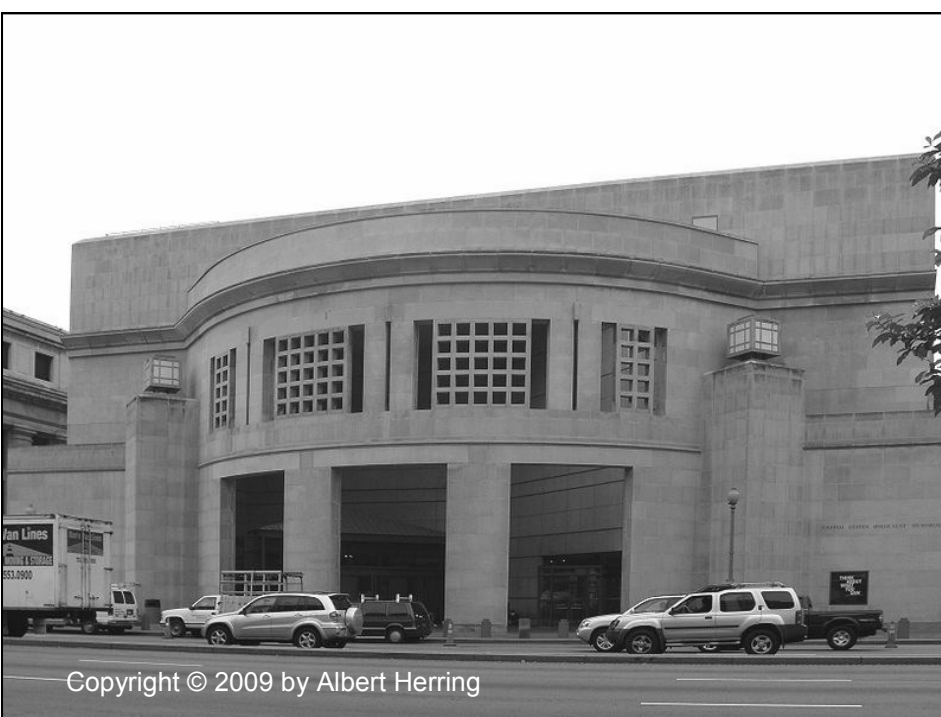
The students who went on this trip were able to explore the museum with their groups.

"The museum was very well done. All of the sequences followed in order, and it gave the students a good understanding of the crime done to humanity. I liked the identification cards that they gave us in the beginning. One thing a lot of people forget about is that twenty million Russians were

killed as well. It wasn't just Jewish people; it was much more," history teacher Todd

Weiss said.

By Laura Seidel

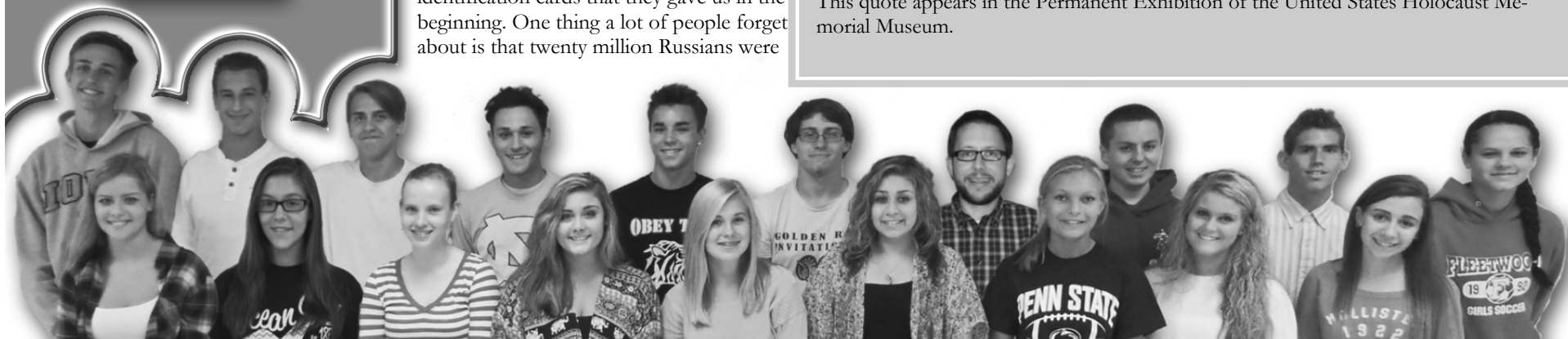


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Elie Wiesel said,

"Never shall I forget that night, the first night in camp, which has turned my life into one long night, seven times cursed and seven times sealed. Never shall I forget that smoke. Never shall I forget the little faces of the children, whose bodies I saw turned into wreaths of smoke beneath a silent blue sky. Never shall I forget those flames which consumed my faith forever. Never shall I forget that nocturnal silence which deprived me, for all eternity, of the desire to live. Never shall I forget those moments which murdered my God and my soul and turned my dreams to dust. Never shall I forget these things, even if I am condemned to live as long as God Himself. Never."

This quote appears in the Permanent Exhibition of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.



Are You Addicted To Your Phone?

Science/Technology

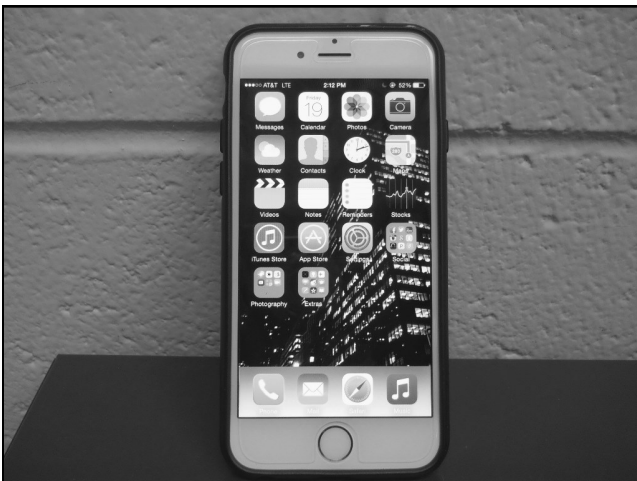
In the past few years, phone addictions have become more popular. While walking down the street, most people will be looking down at their phones.

Even at dinner and family meals, it has become 'normal' to be on the cellphone instead of conversing with everyone at the table.

Designer companies have come up with a new way to wean people off of their cellphones. It is called the noPhone.

The noPhone is a plastic device that has no purpose at all except to help people with their phone addiction.

noPhone cannot connect to the Internet, make calls, or merge with Bluetooth.



Researchers believe that, if people have a device in their hands that is the same weight and shape of an iPhone, it will give them the feeling as if they have their mobile device by their side at all time.

Studies show more than half of the population has anxiety when they do not have their cellphone at their side. Ingmar Larsen is one of the producers of the noPhone.

Larsen says they are still figuring out how to make this more effective for the future.

"I always have my phone on me and use it for everything" senior Lizzay Faust said.

As odd as it sounds, many people have phone addictions. Seventy-one percent of people say they check their phone within an hour of waking up, and 56% of people say they check their phone an hour before going to sleep.

"I use my phone for a lot of things, so I don't know what I'd do without it," senior Gary Gabriel said.

More people are spending time looking at their phone than they are socializing with each other.

By Mia Novotarski

Students to Feast in Philly with the Bard

Arts/Entertainment

Although it is nearly a month away, students at FAHS are getting hyped about the field trip with Mr. Walter on 10 April 2015. The play is A Mid-Summer Night's Dream. It is being performed by the Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre from seven in the morning until three in the afternoon. The cost is thirty-five dollars, all-inclusive, except for breakfast.

When students arrive in Philadelphia, there will be multiple places where they can purchase breakfast. There will be a pizza party on the way home, during which English teacher Marc Walter will be kind enough to buy pizza, bags of chips, and drinks for all of the students attending the trip. There are a total of eighty-four students attending and six chaperones supervising the students. This will completely fill the two school buses going on the trip.

"My favorite part about the field trip is watching the student's reactions. It's amazing how the intimate setting can control people's reactions," Walter said.

"The field trip was fun. The actors are in your face and really close up," junior Joshua Campbell said.

After the play is over, the actors

and actresses come back out on the stage and are able to talk to the students. They are able to answer any questions that the students may have about the play. They talk about things such as their experiences, their lives, and the way they feel while acting.

"I am looking forward to seeing the play and eating at the different breakfast places," junior Megan Burkert said.

"I'm looking forward to the food," freshman Ethan Smith said.

"I'm looking forward to eating at the breakfast places," junior Tianna Tracy said.

"I wish I could be going! That would be so much fun!" science teacher Matthew Biniek said.

If students are not able to go this year on the field trip, there is always next year and the year after, depending on the grade level.

"I never have gone on this field trip before; however, I wish I could have experienced the different breakfast places for food," senior Emily Majewski said.

By Laura Seidel

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2014 Fleetwood Hall Of Fame Inducts Nick Hope

Sports

Nick Hope, along with two other students, was chosen to be a part of the 2014 Fleetwood Hall of Fame. Nick started playing soccer at the age of six and has been playing for eleven years. He plays defender for Fleetwood Area High School.

"I've grown to love the game, and the people who I play with help me to even love it more," Hope said.

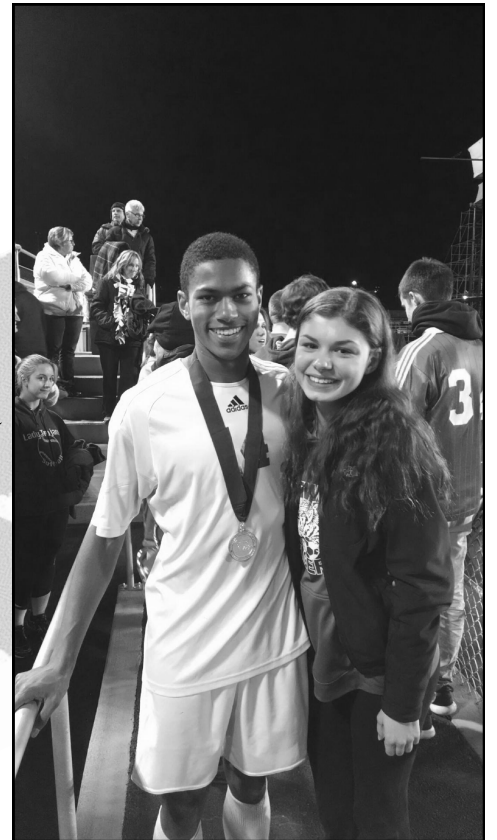
Hope made Varsity his sophomore year of high school, which gave him more opportunities to help him get used to playing at such a high and qualified level. He worked hard in soccer to help his team win a title this year. Hope loves how physically demanding soccer is because it helps him become a better player.

"I think I was chosen because I was one of many people that helped our team advance in playoffs this year. Along with others, I helped defend against some tough opponents," Hope said.

Hope plays for FC Revolution after the school season ends. Nick wants to continue playing soccer or track throughout college.

"He is easily the most hard-working, humble, and kind person I know. I'm not even saying that as his girlfriend but as his teammate in track. He also encourages everyone, cheers everyone on, and never complains about anything," sophomore Haley Miller said.

Nick's biggest supporter is his dad; he comes to every game to cheer him on and is there for him through thick and thin. Nick's favorite thing about soccer is chasing down "breakaways." But he thinks the most challenging thing about soccer is when the



opposing team has fast offense.

"He is crazy fast and a solid defender," junior Gina Esposto said.

This year, Hope and his team split the division title with Twin Valley and finished first in the District. They also reached State Semi Finals, which was the farthest the team has come since winning the state championship in 2009.

By Emily Moyer

QB Koenig Collects Fleetwood Football Records

Profile

Zachary Wyatt Koenig is a senior at Fleetwood Area High School. Koenig resides in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, but attends Fleetwood Area High School.

"Zachary is a cute kid. He's a great quarterback," senior Brody Cargen said.

Koenig is a two-year varsity starter for the Fleetwood Tigers Football team. In his sophomore season, he was given the ball in week 9 against Blue Mountain to prepare him to play quarterback at the varsity level the following year. In his first career start in the third quarter, he suffered a broken collarbone in the game.

"Zach was just as surprised as we were that his collarbone was broken. We knew something bad was wrong when he realized he couldn't move his arm," senior Tyler Emge said.

Koenig has recently broken multiple school records. Throughout his two-year career, he holds the following records: completion percentage in a game (80%), completion percentage in a season (56%), most completions in a game (22), passing yards in a single season (2,132), touchdown passes in a season (25), career touchdown passes (36), longest rushing touchdown in a game (86 yards), and total touchdowns in a season (31).

"Zach's the best quarterback I've had the privilege of playing with over the



last four years. The dude can throw; he can run; he can do it all," Emge said.

"I've only been to a few games this year, but, from the looks of it, Zach has great vision of the field and a great feel of where his receivers are on the field when he drops back to pass, whether it's a quick pass or a designed three-step drop. His read option is great as well," senior Mike Osenbach said.

By Frank Talarico

FAHS Attends D.C. Concert for Valor

Military



On 11 November 2014, the National Mall in Washington D.C. was full of excitement. Over 800,000 people were lined up to see the Concert for Valor, one of the biggest musical events of the year.

The concert is held every year on Veterans' Day to salute those who have served in our nation's military and those who are still serving overseas. This is the biggest gathering of musical star power in Washington, D.C., since Obama's inauguration in 2009.

Veterans who have attended the concert have said that it is very nice to be appreciated after all these years. There were many musicians and other celebrities there to help make the event successful. Performers included Eminem, Bruce Springsteen, Rihanna, Dave Grohl, Metallica, Carrie Underwood, the Zac Brown Band, Jennifer Hudson, Jessie J, and the Black Keys.

"Metallica was noise then and is still just noise," History teacher Mr. Weiss said.

Along with these musicians, special appearances were made by Bob Woodruff, George Lopez, Jack Black, Bryan

Cranston, Jamie Foxx, and John Oliver. Special video messages were made by Will Smith, Oprah Winfrey, Meryl Streep, and Tom Hanks.

One of the coolest performances was said to be the collaboration of Grohl, Springsteen, and the Zac Brown

Band. They all rocked the Vietnam Era anti-war anthem "Fortunate Son."

Two courageous veterans were recognized specifically. In December of 2006, Nathan Krissoff was killed in Iraq at the age of 25. His father, Bill Krissoff, honored him by becoming a combat surgeon in Iraq and Afghanistan at age 61. A short film highlighted the Krissoffs and their service to their country during the concert.

All the performers and celebrities paid their respects to all the veterans and current military personnel that night.

Eminem, as the final act, was the biggest gust of wind on that Tuesday night, ending the show with flags fluttering.

"Eminem was by far my absolute favorite. I've always enjoyed his music, but the fact that he agreed to do this concert to honor veterans makes me love him even more. The whole concert was such a great experience, especially getting to spend time with my good friend Laura, and I'm so glad that Mr. Herman let us go to the concert. That was very kind of him," junior Connor Underkofler said.

By Olivia Fenstermacher

Random Profile: Andrea Lopez Gonzalez Joins the Fleetwood Fold

Profile

Recently, the Tiger Times caught up with Andrea Lopez Gonzalez and asked her some questions to get to know her a little better.

Andrea moved to Fleetwood from a charter school in Reading. When asked if she felt comfortable in this new environment, Andrea responded, "I like it here."

Andrea, who was born on 10 September, is a Virgo. She is very shy and does not enjoy confrontation. However, when confronted during the interview, she was nothing but smiles and laughter.

Andrea would rather be hanging out with her friends in the summer sun than learning in school. Summer really speaks to her because of the warm sun and cool nights. Music, movies, and television are some things that this sophomore really enjoys.

If she had to pick one movie to



keep watching over and over for the rest of her life, it would be Haunted House Two. When asked a similar question about music and TV shows, she said that rap would be her only genre of music and that "Keeping up with the Kardashians" was the best.

Andrea said that one of her favorite things in the world is color; her favorite, however, would have to be pink. When asked who she was closest to in the school, Andrea said Sharma Morales is her best friend. Andrea said there is no one in the school that she is more comfortable sharing secrets with than Sharma.

All in all, Andrea is a very nice girl with good taste in music and lots of other good qualities.

By Ryan Gantz

FAHS Students Obsessed with "Trivia Crack"

Science/Technology

Trivia Crack has become very popular in Fleetwood Area High School. It is a common sight to see students playing the game in class, particularly when they aren't supposed to be. It is a trivia game that awards players 'crowns' when four questions are answered correctly in a row. It can be played against friends or random people.

"My girlfriend made me get the game, and it's rather addicting. I'm pretty good at it and enjoy [beating her badly]," former Fleetwood student Clay Weidemoyer said.

In the app store, it has four-and-a-half stars and a lot of great reviews. It first came out 16 October 2014. Around the beginning of December, it seemed to become very popular within the school. It is trending in most recent searches.

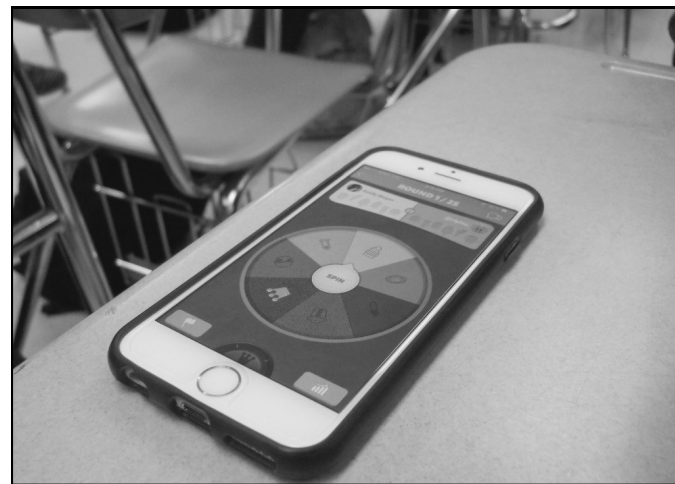
"I think it is an addicting game. I'm positive in my wins right now, and I enjoy defeating @frusty7," senior Tyler Rapposelli said.

How the game works is, you are given an opponent and spin a wheel. You get trivia questions based on which category you land on. There are seven different categories on which you can

land. These categories include science, history, sports, art, entertainment, geography, and a crown. If you land on a crown or get three correct answers in a row, you get a chance to win a crown. Winning six crowns or having the most crowns after twenty-five rounds wins the game.

Winning the game help you to win coins. The coins help you out if you are stuck on a problem. Extra time, bombs, double chances, and skips all do different things to the answers. For example, the bomb eliminates two of the incorrect answers, and two answers are left to choose from. You get thirty seconds to pick the right answer, or you get it wrong.

By Kayla Daniels



Meet Fleetwood Footballer Mounier Salit

Sports

Mounier Salit is a ninth grader at Fleetwood Area High school. He moved to Fleetwood from Bally, and this is his first year in Fleetwood. He said he likes the people here because they are nice to him and very friendly.

Salit has been playing football ever since he was eight years old, and he plays on the junior varsity team. He plays defensive tackle, center, and guard. He likes defense more than offense, and he used to play tight end and defensive end.

"I love tackling because it makes me feel in control," Salit said.

From all the years he has been playing, he has suffered some major injuries. He had a serious concussion once; it was caused by helmet-to-helmet contact at one of his practices.

Salit's favorite football team is the Philadelphia Eagles. He thinks they will go very far this year and wants them to win a Super Bowl. His own team is doing well with a record of 4-2.

Mounier started watching football with his dad when he was eight. He does not want to be a football player when he is older, but he said that, if he could play for any NFL football team, it would be the Philadel-

phia Eagles, of course.

In his free time, he enjoys playing football with his three brothers. They play together and help Mounier practice by throwing a ball around the yard and tackling each other.

His role model is professional football player, Brian Dawkins.

"Brian Dawkins is my all-time favorite because of his skill," Salit said.

Before practice, he likes to eat a good protein-filled meal. He tries to watch what he eats, so he can stay in shape for the season. Being fit and staying healthy is very important to him. He also stretches and makes sure he has as much water as possible so he does not get dehydrated.

"I feel, if you are not in good shape, you will not do as well on the field," Salit says.

Salit looks up to his coaches and really respects them. He feels that, without them, the team would get nowhere. He loves that they can be tough, but also really nice.

"There is always room for improvement," Salit says.

By Alyssa Brandt



"Best of Me" Continues Romantic Sparks Oeuvre

Arts/Entertainment

Nicholas Sparks has written a novel called 'The Best of Me, which was recently adapted into a film in October. This book is mainly about high school sweethearts who recently reconnected over a mutual friend's death, bringing them both back to their hometown to attend his funeral.

Like many of Sparks' other books, The Best of Me was a big hit with people of all ages. Nicholas Sparks, known for his romantic charm, has written a total of seventeen novels in this order: The Notebook, Message in a Bottle, A Walk to Remember, The Rescue, A Bend in the Road, Nights in Rodanthe, The Guardian, The Wedding, True Believer, At First Sight, Dear John, The Choice, The Lucky One, The Last Song, Safe Haven, The Best of Me, and The

Longest Ride.

"I've read some of his books, and The Notebook is my favorite. I've also seen The Best of Me," junior Miah Maldonado said.

Nine of his books have been adapted into movies, all of which have been met with excitement from his legion of fans.

Sparks was born on 31 December 1965. He now lives in North Carolina with his wife Cathy and five kids. He has three sons, Miles, Landon, and Ryan, who has autism. He also has two twin daughters, Lexi and Savannah.

"I watch his movies only because my wife wants me to watch them with her. If you want a healthy relationship, you have to do what the other wants to do. I didn't

like them though," history teacher Todd Weiss said.

The Best of Me has made \$33.5 million at the box office. It stars James Marsden, Michelle Monaghan, Luke Bracey, and Liana Liberato. James Marsden and Michelle Monaghan play Dawson and Amanda in their adult years. Luke Bracey and Liana Liberato play Dawson and Amanda in their teenage years. It flashes back and forth during the movie, describing their lives and how much they have changed.

"I haven't seen The Best of Me, but my favorite movie that is based off of his books is Safe Haven. I don't read his books. I don't read at all," sophomore Ranyanna Celmer said.

By Tori Bertsch

Life Skills Teaches Our Tigers Skills for Embarking on the Real world

School

The Life Skills department is a great opportunity for kids to learn to be independent. The kids do many things to help the school. For example, they make all of the cookies at lunch! They bake them, and they stock them in the cafeteria. They do many fundraisers like making crafts to sell.

Students in Life Skills learn many skills that other kids would do on a daily basis, including math and reading. They go to a room every day to learn the basic math and reading skills they need. Another thing they learn is how to satisfy the basic financial needs of life. They talk about how much money is needed in order to live on their own.

In their class room, they do many things in order to learn how to participate in the workforce. On a daily basis, their routine is sometimes similar to a work environment, and the room is set up like a workshop.

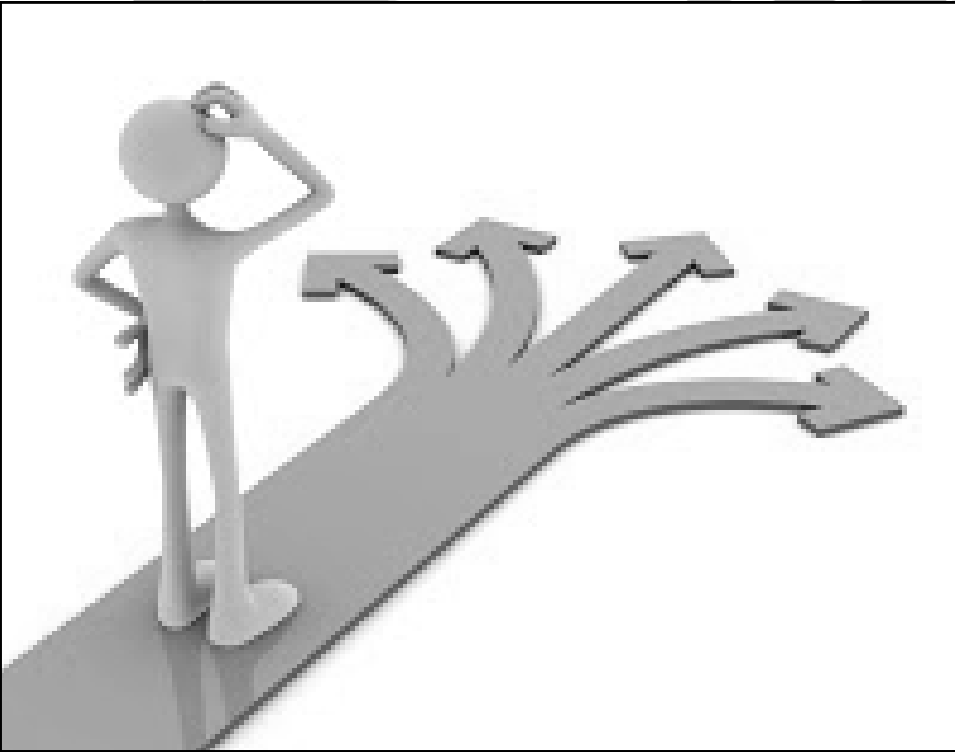
In classes like this, the students learn skills such as decision-making, goal setting, problem-solving, coping with stress, and coping with emotions.

They also deal with negotiating, friendships, interpersonal relationships, empathy (concern for others), critical thinking,

creative thinking, resisting peer pressure, and assertiveness.

This class is a great opportunity for them to realize what it is going to be like to live on their own!

By Tori Bertsch



FAHS German Club Builds Bonds with Culture, Language

School

German Club has been a part of Fleetwood Area High School for many years now. Frau Moll is the current advisor of the club. German Club is a group of students who meet to widen their German knowledge throughout culture-related events.

This club is involved in a lot of different things throughout the year. So far this year, the club has held an Apfelstudel baking party, attended the Reading Liederkransz Evening of German, presented an interactive program to the Middle School World Languages Homeroom, and held an Advent Calendar fundraiser. Moll has some future events planned, including another visit to the Middle School and a gingerbread house party closer to Christmas time.

"I've never been in the German Club, but, when my mom was in high school, she was president of the German Club at her school, and she always talked about how fun it was. I also knew someone who was in German club, and they always talked about the different things they did, like going on trips," Fleetwood graduate Clay Weidemoyer said.

If you are interested in joining the German Club, anyone may come to any scheduled German Club meeting in room 14 after school. Anybody can join the German Club, even if he or she is not studying German as his or her foreign language.

"I'm in German class this year, but I'm not in the club. Everything they do looks like a lot of fun, and I'm considering joining next year," junior Jake Wapinsky said.

By Kayla Daniels

Random Cheese

What Are Your Plans After High School?

Shaq Cobb, 12th grade: "My plans are to go to college for sales and play football, then leave with a degree and be drafted into the NFL."

Shannon Tissera, 11th grade: "After high school, I want to go to college in New York and travel to Ibiza and West Europe."

Sophia Hadeed, 11th grade: "I want to study abroad in Europe and double major in international business and communications."

Deshawn Brown, 10th grade: "I want to go to college for track and field to further my career in sports."

Bree Witman, 11th grade: "After high school, I want to go to college, preferably Penn State. I'm hoping to do something in the medical or law field; I haven't decided yet."

Reilly Smith, 11th grade: "I want to go to college in California for pediatrics. After that, I would like to travel the world."

By Emily Moyer

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