

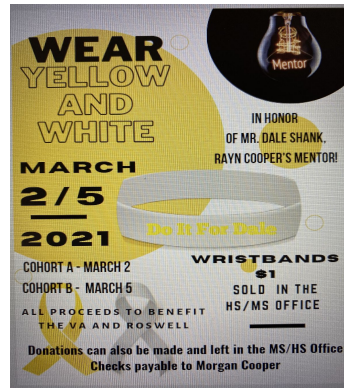
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Helping a Mentor!

Rayn Cooper



I am raising money for my local mentor of the 3F Club, Mr. Dale Shank. He has cancer. He is a Navy Vietnam Veteran and is receiving treatment through the Veterans Administration and Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Institute. He uses his skills and trains the youth at the 3F Club how to be good and respectful hunters. He is one of the nicest people you will ever meet. He is part of the Pheasant Program and takes the youth hunters out to hunt often. He can make people smile as soon as he walks in the room. Mr. Dale is one of the best people ever and deserves all of the love and appreciation in the world. I am raising money for the VA and Roswell in honor of Mr. Dale. I am also planning to have a video/in person event at the end of my fundraising endeavor, where I will let people smash cream pies in my face for every \$200 I raise. Stay tuned for more information.

My fundraiser will take place at Wilson Elementary, Middle and High School from March 1-5. I will be accepting donations and selling bracelets at the schools during this week. If you would like to help me raise money for those in need, and in honor of my mentor, Mr. Dale Shank, please donate during this time.

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Cassie and Lauren's Original vs. New Movie



This month's topic on Original V.s New, we have Mulan (1998) and Mulan (2020) Let's start with the original as most of us know the original is a cartoon, and the new one is live action so that is one major difference. Both are great styles of script. Anyone can say one is better than the other but remember that is just an opinion. Next, we are going to review how well it did in the box office. The original movie that was made in 1998, sold 304.3 million dollars in the box office, while in the 2020 version sold 70 million dollars so far while being out for almost 10 months. Granted that there is a global pandemic going on so not many people have gone to the movies in those 9-10 months. So once movies go it will probably sell more.

In the 1998 Mulan actress Ming-Na Wen starred in the animated film with Eddie Murphy as Mushu, the dragon Liu Yifei who played Mulan in the 2020 remake Mushu the dragon was removed. There are also many other cast members, but these are two of the main characters and the only ones need mentioning. The 2020 Mulan is a live action film while the 1998 film is animated, so it has a very different look than the remake. With two very different styles it is hard to say which one is better, but it is really up to personal opinion. So if you prefer older movies with animation we would suggest the original, but if you like live action newer movies we would suggest the new version. So it is really up to personal preference on what style of movie you like.

Thank You for reading and make sure to look for our next edition.

by Lauren Vander Linden and Cassie Ranney

Valentines Day Around the World

by Ben VanderLinden and Eli Rahelich

Turkey-

In Turkey, in addition to fantasizing Big Bird and watching Sesame Street, they also celebrate Valentines Day. However, in Turkey, they call this celebration Lovers Day. In Turkey, it is a very new holiday and it is celebrated almost everywhere. They also decorate almost everywhere as well. Other than that, it just depends on the family celebrating.



Bulgaria-

On February 14th, Bulgaria stops missing their Aegean Coast and celebrates "San Trifon Zarezon", a day in which they share local Bugarian wine. "San Trifon Zarezon" literally means "winemaker's day".

South Africa-

In South Africa, when they're not making their flag 100 times better, they celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14th. Some follow the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, includes fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery. Others exchange "love spoons".

Bhutan-

In Bhutan, the land of enigma, their holiday is very much like that. They cover up their love holiday, just kidding, there is not much that can be found. Bhutan, even know they are the land of enigma, they celebrate Valentine's day on the same day that most people do, February 14th. They basically spend the day practicing religious traditions. They are one of the smallest countries in the world so the gatherings crowd-wise have much to be desired. Other than that, there are few things set in stone. People just hang around, so, this is Valentine's day in land of enigma. This does go against their stereotype.

Japan-

For Japanese people, Valentine's Day is all about chocolate! On February 14th, women give out two kinds of chocolates. One is called Giri-choco. The other is called Honmei-choco. The day after, they go back to their usual routine of not having a Navy or Air Force.

Brazil-

Brazil, when they aren't being an outcast to the rest of South America excluding two tiny countries and two overseas territories, celebrates Valentine's Day. However, their huge Carnival celebration overshadows Valentine's Day. Their Valentine's Day is also celebrated on June 12, rather than February 14th. The holiday is called Dia dos Namorados, or Lovers' Day. Brazilians celebrate with gifts of cards, flowers and chocolates, in the same way as Americans. But instead of celebrating Saint Valentine, they celebrate Saint Anthony. Ironically enough, the next day is St. Anthony's Day. Saint Anthony is the patron saint of marriage and matchmaking in Catholicism.

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Indonesia

by Elijah Rahelich

Indonesia is a quite massive island country in southeast Asia. Their flag is often confused with Monaco's and Poland's. The flag is two horizontal bands. One is red, which stands for courage, and the white stands for honesty and purity.



Geography

Indonesia is a country consisting of many islands, more than 17,508 to be exact. The most famous ones include Timor, Sumatra, Borneo, New Guinea, Bali, Java, and Sulawesi. The capital is Jakarta, located on Java. Many people say that Jakarta, a city with 9,607,787 people, is sinking. It borders three countries, somehow, it borders Papua New Guinea, whom they split the island of New Guinea with, East Timor, whom they split the island of Timor with, and Malaysia, whom they share the island of Borneo with, along with the tiny oil haven of Brunei. Other major cities in Indonesia are Medan on Sumatra, Semarang, and Surabaya, both on the island of Java. They are split between three major tectonic plates, and border both the Indian and Pacific Oceans. Indonesia is the country with the most active volcanoes in the world! They have massive fields of rice, which is one of their main crops. Other than that, most islands are rainforests with volcanoes scattered around. Major volcanoes include Mount Tambora on Sulawesi, Krakatoa in between Java and Sulawesi, and a volcano on Lake Toba, which exploded long ago, flinging ash as far as Malawi which is in East Africa (emphasis on East). Tsunamis plague the country, with the most major occurring in 2004, and another in 2018.

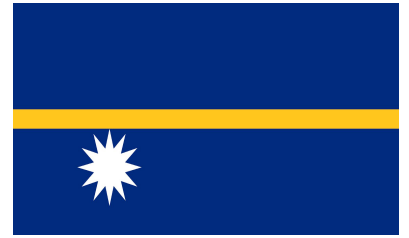
People and History

Indonesia is a melting pot of different cultures, mostly natives that vary from island to island. The country's population is 275,523,621, making them the 4th most populous country in the world, behind the USA, but ahead of Pakistan. The official language is Bahasa Indonesia. As for the religious make-up, 87.2% of the population are Muslims, Christians at 9.9%, with 7% being Protestant, and the remaining 3.21% Catholic. Hindus make up 1.7% of the population, and others make up 0.9% of the population. The rest, at 0.4% are atheists. However, for citizenship, you must fall under one of 6 religion categories: Islam, Protestant, Catholic, Buddhism, Hinduism, or Confucianism. As for history, Hindu and Buddhist kingdoms ruled the islands for a while until Muslim traders came in and converted the people to Islam. In fact, Indonesia has the most Muslims in the world! The Dutch arrived in the 1600s, and eventually took over all of modern Indonesia. In WWII, Japanese forces occupied most of the Dutch East Indies. After the war, the people wanted independence. They became independent in 1949, taking over Dutch New Guinea in 1963. They annexed the Portuguese colony of East Timor in 1976, and they broke away in 2002. They joined the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 1967. Indonesia was also one of the 5 founders of the Cold War Non-Aligned Movement, in 1961. Indonesia is currently in the process of moving the capital, as Jakarta is slowly sinking into the sea and is too overcrowded. The current choice is on Borneo, and the city is planned to be built from the ground up.

Nauru

By Elijah Rahelich

Nauru is a tiny island country in the Pacific Ocean. It is the 3rd smallest country in the world, ahead of only Monaco and the Vatican City (Holy See). The flag consists of a dark blue background with a yellow stripe with a 12-pointed star or a Dodecagram. The 12 points on the star reflect the 12 original tribes of Nauru. The star itself represents the country. The yellow stripe represents the Equator, and the blue background represents the Pacific Ocean.



Geography of Nauru

Nauru consists of a single island with 30 km. of coastline (18.6 miles for us Americans) that is 21 square kilometers (13 square miles) in area. It's territorial waters extend out 12 nautical miles from the coast. The country is about 0.1 times the size of Washington D.C! The highest point on the island is Command Ridge, at just 70 meters above sea level. There are only two natural resources on the island: phosphates and fish. The island itself sits south of the Marshall Islands, another island nation in the Pacific. Nauru is considered part of the Oceanian subregion of Melanesia. Nauru lies in the Southern Hemisphere. The island's only lake is Buada Lagoon. The island is surrounded by reefs, which could damage a ship's hull and make entry by ship very difficult. A single airport lies on the island, in the southwest. The country has no official capital, although the airport and Parliament House lie in Yaren, the largest town on the island. Only two other major towns exist on the island: Anibare in the east, and Baiti in the north. The interior of the island consists of a forest with a detention centre in it, jointly operated by Australia and Nauru. An island ring road goes around the island, boringly named Island Ring Road. A non-stop drive on the road around the island would take you about 25 minutes.

People and History of Nauru

Nauru's population is about 11,000 people. The life expectancy at birth is 68.4 years. As for ethnicity, about 88.9% of the population are Nauruan, and the remaining 11.1% are either part-Nauruan or foreigners. About 93% of the population can speak and understand the Nauruan language, about 2% speak only English (although English is widely spoken for government and commercial purposes), and the remaining 5% speak another language. As for religion, about 93.4% of the population are Christians (60.4% of the whole population are Protestant and 33% are Roman Catholics), 3.7% follow another religion, 1.8% are Atheists or Agnostics, and 1.1% were marked as unspecified. Most of the country's food is imported from places like Australia, China, and the USA, and they don't have the best calorie count. Unfortunately, Nauru ranks as the most overweight country on the planet with about 61% of adults in Nauru being obese. Due to a lack of materials or space, most people can't get any physical activity either. The German Empire annexed the island in 1888, and a German-British consortium began mining the island's phosphate deposits in the early 20th century. Australian forces occupied the island during World War I, and it became a colony of Australia afterwards. It was briefly and brutally occupied by Japan in World War II. The country became independent in 1968. Nauru is one of Taiwan's few remaining diplomatic partners, and recognizes Abkhazia and South Ossetia, two unrecognized breakaway states that "broke away" from Georgia in 2008.

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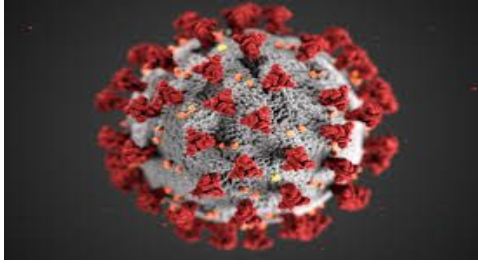
The World's amazing Creatures

Dwarf Lemurs

Dwarf lemurs are one of the 70 unique species of Lemurs in Madagascar. Dwarf lemurs are on average 1.8 ft long and weigh about 15 oz. And are very cute. Their scientific name is *Cheirogaleus*. Some people mistakenly think that lemurs are monkeys. But this is incorrect because lemurs are primates, an order that includes monkeys along with apes, and humans. The dwarf lemurs' tail can be 16-17 cm. They are larger than a mouse lemur (pictured left) but smaller than a gentle lemur (pictured right). Dwarf lemurs mostly roam on the forest floor eastern of Madagascar. Dwarf lemurs' tails work as fat storage. Dwarf lemurs have a period of inactivity in the winter called *torpor* which is much like hibernating. *Torpor* can last 4-5 months. A dwarf lemurs diet can consist of mostly fruits and flowers. Dwarf lemurs are not predators, they are more prey towards the bottom of the food chain. *Fosses*, *Owls*, and *Boa constrictors* are all predators of the Dwarf Lemur. Dwarf lemurs can live up to 18 years in captivity and up to 11 in the wild. Dwarf lemurs are just one of the 70 amazing unique lemurs found only in Africa. Look for the next addition of *The World's amazing creatures*.

- Lauren Vander Linden





Covid 19 Tips

by Ben Vander Linden
(credit the New York Times)

Hi, this is Ben, from last year, and the year before, with some tips to stay safe and healthy for everybody. Let's start by saying what is probably on your mind, Covid is annoying. I mean we have to stay at home and be bored. Never fear, I have a solution for you, keep reading! So, without further ado, here are some tips and tricks to have Covid go away so we can live again.

Tip number 1, social distancing. Yes, if you stand 6 feet away from somebody when needed and or not wearing a mask, this greatly decreases the chance of you catching a virus, cold or flu.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>

Tip number 2, wear a mask! This helps the most when you are not alone and with other people. This will also greatly decrease the chance of getting a virus or flu.

Tip number 3, wear your mask the correct way. If you do not wear the mask the correct way, it is useless. You must wear your mask appropriately or it will not be effective.

Tip number 4, do not share your mask because that will spread germs from person to person.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Tip number 5, wash your hands. This will help to clean the germs off and keep them from catching the virus and spreading the virus.

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>

All in all, these are some of the main tips that are keeping safe from Covid. If you would like some more tips and tricks, go to this website below. Thank you for reading!

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Being a Student in Covid

Stella Cooper - 6th grade

Being a school student can sometimes be challenging, but the COVID-19 pandemic has made getting an education, and life in general, even more difficult for young people.

Since the pandemic began early last year, many schools are teaching through hybrid learning while lessons are being held remotely. All sports, school activities, and events have been cancelled. Friendships and relationships have been transported to live chats and video calls.



Education has changed dramatically, with the distinctive rise of e-learning, whereby teaching is undertaken remotely and on digital platforms.

Some commentators are predicting that this will change the way we live; one even predicts that it will “change us as a species.” Perhaps, but in what way? We will certainly remember this time for the rest of our lives. At least briefly, we will appreciate the smaller things in life a bit more. But will it really change anything fundamentally, for the long-term? So, how will it change your life?

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