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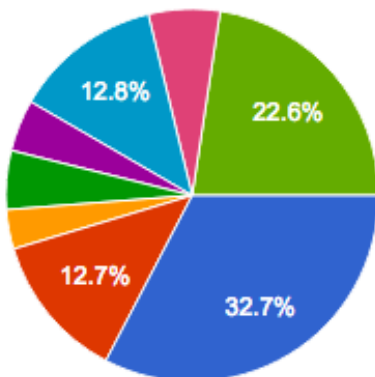
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What is your favorite movie that came out in 2018?

646 responses



- Black Panther
- The Nun
- Solo a Star Wars Story
- Ralph Breaks the Internet
- A Star is Born
- Incredibles 2
- Mary Poppins Returns
- Other

D.C. Photo collage and essay

Pictures by Silvia Azer and essay by Sean Kastantin



A fall day at the U.S. Capital Building



Students from cluster 8-4



The Berlin wall in the Newseum

The 2018 Washington DC trip for the eighth grade was one to remember. The 2023 class took a trip down in October, and endured a whopping 8 hours in a bus. The bus ride, however, was worth it, as many of us who went on the trip would agree. Down in DC, the eighth graders saw many monuments and museums, along with some incredible national landmarks.

One of the first stops on the trip was the Pentagon, where we all got to see benches dedicated to the victims of the 9/11 attack. From there, the eighth graders hopped back on the bus, and went to the Air and Space Museum, where they watched a film on a struggling panda and how it has the help of scientists to thrive. From there, they went back on the bus and back to the hotel, where they got a good night's sleep, and recharged for the next day.

The eighth graders woke up the next day and grabbed breakfast, and hopped on the bus to go see the Washington monument and the reflecting pool. Also at this site, students got to see and take pictures with Martin Luther King's monument, which is sculpted so masterfully for it to appear as if he is always looking into the shadow of the cherry trees which overlook him. It's a quick stop, and back to the tour bus for a trip to visit some more museums. The eighth graders on this trip visited the Holocaust Museum, the Air and Space Museum, the National History Museum, and the Black History Museum.

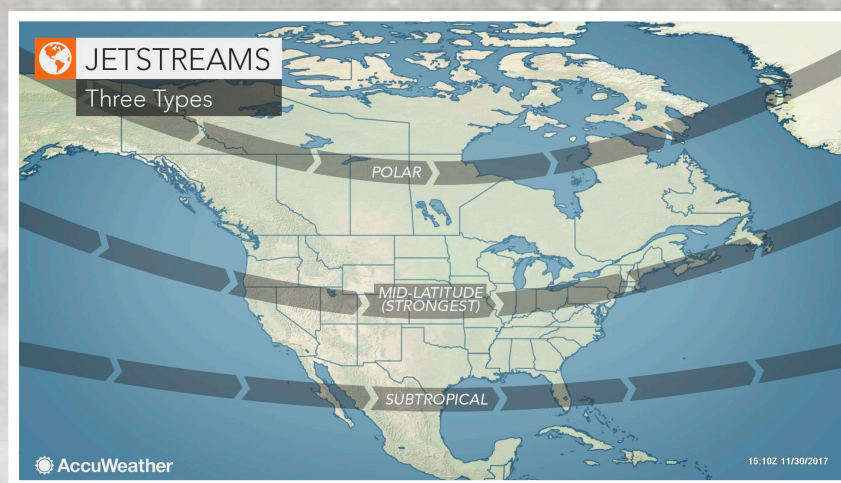
Then, we traveled to the White House and saw the grounds of the president. From there, we traveled to the Vietnam Memorial where we saw the once controversial sloped wall with the names of the fallen soldiers of the Vietnam war. Although when it was first released to the public it was received poorly, people have come to treasure it as one of America's greatest treasures. From there the eighth graders visited the Lincoln Memorial, which overlooks the Washington monument, and went back to the hotel for a final night's sleep before the concluding event of the trip; the dance.

All the groups in the eighth grade went to the dance. There was food, music, and lots of fun. It went late into the night, but not too late, and allowed friends to see each other for one of the first times on the trip. Many past eighth graders remember this dance as one of the highlights of the trip.

So, that's it for the DC trip this year. Stay tuned for next years trip summary written by the eighth grade class of 2024.

What is the Polar Vortex?

The polar vortex is simply a low pressure area at the North Pole that, during the winter, sometimes splits, sending cold air as far south as Tampa, Florida. One example of this is in early 2014, when the polar vortex split. At the height of this event, most of Canada and parts of the Midwestern United States were colder than parts of Alaska! The most recent split occurred in 2019. According to the National Weather Service in Chicago, it "was the coldest arctic outbreak in 25 years." During the height of this split, Chicago had a high temperature around 12 below zero fahrenheit! Also in Indianapolis, Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, Albany, and Burlington had winds chills as low as 40 below zero! Fortunately the cold air did not last for long. According to CBS News, only 4 days later the feels like temperatures were 100 degrees warmer. This severe cold is sometimes deadly. At least 21 people have died because of the polar vortex in 2019 alone. The polar vortex is both an fascinating event and a deadly phenomenon.



HARRY POTTER

BY AYO ONIBOKUN

Have you read the Harry Potter series if you haven't that's ok because with this website you can see which Harry Potter house you're in. You can see which house you're in, your patronus, and your wand, and you can take a tour of Hogwarts. I am in Gryffindor, and have a shrew as my patronus. What will you be. Also on another website you can see what Harry Potter character you are. I got Harry Potter. What did

you get. You have to make an account for the first website I talked about but you don't need for the next one. These are the links to each website:

House, wand, patronus-sign up:

[https://
www.pottermore.com/](https://www.pottermore.com/)

Character-no sign up:

[https://
www.buildquizzes.com/
QMENT4#](https://www.buildquizzes.com/QMENT4#)



Harry Potter

Super Bowl

By Sean Kastantin

In the 2019 Super Bowl, the Patriots and the Rams faced off in a rematch of Super Bowl 36. In their first matchup, the Patriots edged out the Rams with a final field goal to send the Rams home without the Lombardi Trophy. Similarly to that first meeting, the Patriots scored a fourth quarter touchdown to push them over the Rams, 13-3. A tough catch for any receiver, Brady threw an over the shoulder pass for Gronk, and he laid out and managed to get it. This resulted in it being the lowest scoring Super Bowl in NFL

history. It also gave the dynamic duo of Brady and Belichick their sixth ring. The Patriots defense demolished the Rams, holding their usually productive offense to a mere three points. But perhaps one of the greatest stories of their whole season was silencing the haters, who harped on the Patriot's age and lack of defense. Brady, 41, is still at the top of the league, despite being the oldest quarterback in the NFL, being the oldest player to ever win the Super Bowl.

PATRIOTS WIN 13-3, 3RD IN 5 YEARS.



PATRIOTS



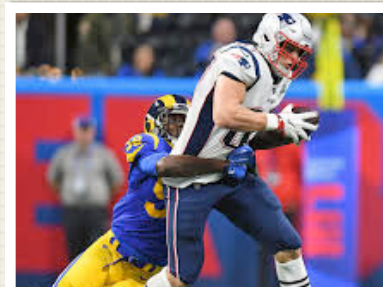
GILMORE INTERCEPTION



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GRONK ACTION SHOT

Popular skiing destinations

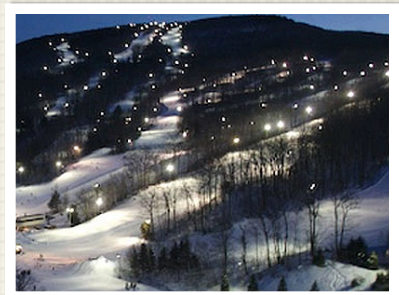
By Alex Belenkiy

There is nothing better to do in the winter than going skiing. Everybody loves skiing!

There are so many places to go, including Sunday River, Wachusett Mountain, Bretton Woods, Sugarloaf, Waterville Valley, Mt. Snow, Cannon Mountain, Attitash, Wildcat, Mt. Abram, Sunapee, and

Vail, Colorado to name a few. Mt. Bretton Woods is full of steep black diamonds, Sunday River is full of amazing glades and double blacks. Wachusett is not very full of blacks, but the ones that are there are extremely steep. If you like skiing or snowboarding you should check out these places to have go! | 10

PICTURES OF THE SLOPES



WACHUSETT MTN.



BRETTON WOODS



CANON MTN.



MT. WASHINGTON

National History Day

Sylvia Azer

NHD stands for National History Day. The club is basically researches an event in history which goes with the theme. This year's theme is Triumph and Tragedy. After researching the topic you go through a series of steps in order to make your final project. This involves writing a process paper, watching videos, interviewing people, etc. Then you put together your project, some groups write a play, paper, or make [a] poster[s], etc. Once your project is finished you perform to a group of judges. If you make it through, you go to the state level, and from there you go to the national level. Evidently, there are multiple rounds for NHD, in fact, the NHD group from 2017-2018 was able to

advance to the national level, and traveled to Washington D.C.

This year, our group is doing our topic on the Spanish Influenza of 1918. It was a global pandemic which affected millions of people. A couple of interesting facts about the pandemic is that 1/4 of the world population was effected by it. In addition to this, it is unknown what the main cause of the spanish influenza is.

This year four Pollard students are participating in the event.

one group went to the first contest and won first place, so they are now moving onto to states.

