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FROM THE EDITORS

Winter break is right around the corner! **NDA will be closed December 21st— January 2nd.** Students will still be able to log on to their computers if they wish to complete work during that time.

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NDA EVENTS

Join us December 12th 1-3pm for a **Winter Art Project** in the Math/Science Room!

Just a reminder that NDA will be **closed for tutoring** in December due to testing. Tutoring will begin again on January 3rd.

TEXT ALERTS / SNOW DAYS

Newark City Schools has launched a new text messaging alert system to alert students and families of school announcements, such as snow days and delays. The texting service has successfully allowed most interested families to opt in. However, if you have not received a text message asking you to opt into the system but would like to receive text alerts, please contact Seth Roy at 740-670-7020 or sroy@laca.org, and he will ensure that you receive a text allowing you to receive text alerts.

Recipe of the Month

Contributed by Randi Salyers, English Teacher

Hot Cocoa Recipe

Ingredients:

½ c. sugar

¼ c. baking cocoa

Dash of salt

1/3 c. hot water

4 c. milk

¾ teaspoon vanilla extract

Mini marshmallows, whipped cream, cinnamon sticks

Directions:

Combine sugar, water, cocoa, and salt in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Boil and stir for two minutes.

Stir in milk. Heat to serving temperature but don't boil.

Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla.

Whisk until frothy.

Add toppings, if desired.



Student Columns

***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* Book Review** **By Taylor Enright**

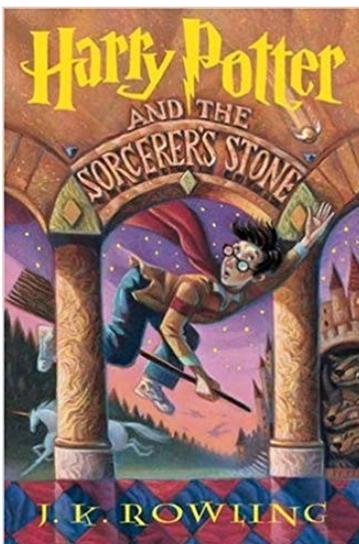
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone was written by J.K. Rowling, and the cover was illustrated by Mary Grandpre. The genre of this book is fiction. I decided to start reading the Harry Potter books after I saw the movies. I thought that the movies were amazing, but everyone always says that the books are better so that intrigued me to read them.

The beginning of the book takes place at Harry's aunt and uncle's house where he lives in the cupboard under the stairs. After a little while, it takes place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The building is a giant castle, so it has many floors, rooms, and pictures on the walls. There is a huge meeting room called the Great Hall where the students eat their meals. The whole story lasts a school year long, and then they get their summer break.

The main character in the book is Harry Potter. He also has a couple friends: Ronald Weasley who they call Ron, and Hermione Granger. There is a boy who becomes a complete enemy of Harry and his friends called Draco Malfoy, but they usually just call him Malfoy. There are also many professors who are important to the story. Harry is a very memorable person. He is brave, kind, and he never gives up. Ron is a memorable person because at first he is a little insensitive and jealous, but he becomes friends with Hermione, and those traits slowly started to go away. Hermione is a memorable person because she is a great friend, super smart, and very loyal.

At the beginning of the book Harry is living with his aunt and uncle because his parents died, until he is invited to go learn wizardry at Hogwarts. There he meets many new friends, Ron and Hermione. Harry starts to notice something suspicious about Snape, one of the professors at Hogwarts. One night Ron and Harry are leaving their house because Malfoy challenged Harry to a magic duel, but Hermione catches them leaving and doesn't want their house to get in trouble so she tries to stop them. However, she can't stop them. When she tries to get back in the picture in the wall, she realizes she can't get in. All of a sudden, they hear professors down the hall and they don't want to get caught, so they run and find a hiding spot which just so happens to be the room that is forbidden to students. In the room is a three headed dog protecting a trap door. Before they get hurt they leave the room but are left wondering what it is protecting. The next day a troll is somehow let out. They noticed that Snape is quick to leave the scene, and that's when they get super suspicious. At the end of the book, the three friends are able to find out that what they are protecting in the trap door, and that someone is trying to steal it. They ended up saving Hogwarts, with a couple minor injuries. Nonetheless, they are heroes to Hogwarts.

In conclusion, I think that *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* was one of the best books I have ever read. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who enjoys mystery, fiction, and witchcraft.





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As you read this newsletter the Newark Digital Academy and its students are engaged in the Fall 2018 administration of the End of Course Exams. It is likely that you (or your student) has already attended one of these sessions. Thank you. These tests are critical to meeting the requirements for graduation. Students have already been putting in a great effort. We appreciate your dedication to giving your best effort. Testing will wrap up on Thursday, December 20. It is important that if you miss a test day that you reschedule. We do our best to meet your scheduling needs, however, all tests must be completed.

As we near the end of the semester you should be approaching lesson 18 in all your courses. Accounts will be open even when school is not in session. If you have fallen behind, holiday break is a great time to catch up! There will be no tutoring available until school resumes on Thursday, January 3rd. Still, anything you accomplish during this “down time” will keep you moving forward!

As the weather changes please be careful on the streets and dress for the weather conditions. If you are needing items like hats and gloves check with us, we may have some in the clothes closet or be able to provide another resource for you. We want all our students to be warm and safe! Thank you for a great school year so far and we are all looking forward to a successful second half of the year too!

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