

THE ARTS ACADEMY TEA

Welcome!

What is this?

You are holding the first issue of The Arts Academy Tea; a newsletter created by the students of the 6th grade

primary and secondary Literary and Media Arts classes. We wrote articles based on student interests.

HEY, WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Everything You Need to Know about the School Lunch Program

Many of us who eat the school lunch have the same questions. I sat down and spoke with Mrs. Woodell, who is in charge of the lunch program. My first Inquiry was who makes the school lunch. The answer to that is easy. The company who makes the lunch is Linton's. It is made fresh in the morning for us to eat at lunch.

My second question was, do we get the same lunch on the same day of every cycle. Mrs. Woodell said the lunches follow a 6-week cycle. This means that if we have a Ham and Cheese melt we won't have it again for another 6 weeks.

In addition to that we might be wondering about why there isn't more variety to the lunch. The reason we have the same lunch and nothing different every time is that there are a lot of meals that need to be made so they can't make three hundred different meals every day. Linton's also tries to make more of the stuff that kids would eat like chicken nuggets, breakfast for lunch, and chicken fingers.

Another commonly asked question is, do we ever get a really good special lunch, for instance, at the end of the year or if we have enough dojo points

IF I RAN THE CAFETERIA FOR A CYCLE

If I ran the school lunch, I would have a cheese and shredded meat empanada on day 1. On day 2, we would have a ham and cheese arepa. We'd have black beans, sliced meat and Coca Cola on day 3. Day 4 would be barbecue day. Day 5 would be meat soup and potato dumplings. Then, on day 6, we could have meat pasta and parmesan cheese. This is real Venezuelan food, and it is what I would serve if I ran the cafeteria for a cycle.

--Samuel Garcia Monsalve

for a pizza party in the cafeteria. Well, the answer to that is NO, we don't, at least not anymore (sadly).

Last but not least I asked Mrs. Woodell about why the food isn't seasoned like it would be at home. They have to make the food kind of plain because some people don't like seasoning. You can always add salt and pepper and ketchup, but you can't take it out if it's already in there. Linton's makes about a thousand meals a day and they're trying to cook them as fast as they can, and seasoning takes time.

Now, you are probably wondering where you can find the school menu? You may find the

school menu on Arts Academy Charter Middle School (AACMS) website(arts-cs.org). If you go into the website hit the three lines on the top right corner. Then go under students and there you will find a student nutrition plan and that is where you can find your day-to-day school meals.

If there are any more (nice) questions about the school lunch please contact Mrs. Woodell at the front office.

--Amani L Torres

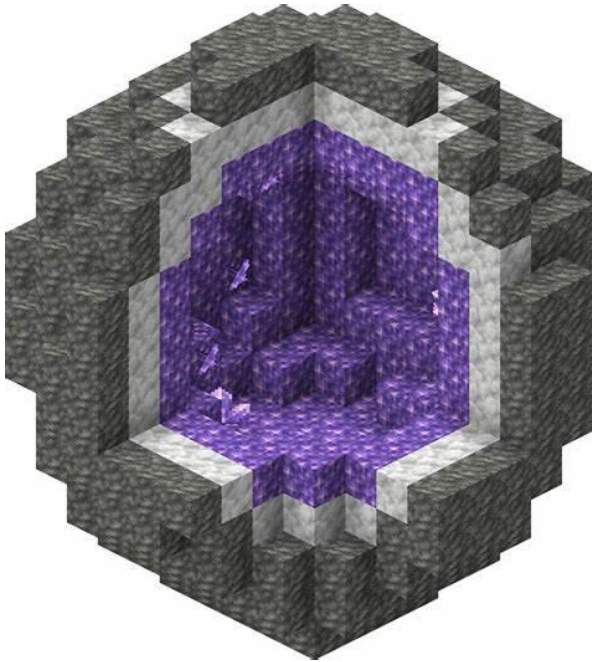
VIDEO GAME CORNER

All you need to know about... The new caves and cliffs update!



The first half came out on June 8th, 2021. Mojang hasn't given us an exact idea on when the second half will come out, but we know that it will come out around December or November in 2021. Even though there is only half of the update out at the moment, it has already made a huge impact. This news article will cover the major editions of the update, and will be divided into 2 categories: Caves and mobs.

CAVES



The thing that people notice most about the caves, is the amethyst geodes. These geodes contain 5 new blocks. Amethyst clusters, clusters of purple crystals that ‘grow’ on flowering amethyst. They make a shimmery musical sound when walked on and placed. One of the two ways to get the cluster itself is to use silk touch on the cluster, the other being using amethyst shards to craft a small cluster. By not using silk touch, you will get amethyst shards from breaking it. This block has three growing stages, small, medium, and large. The higher the stage of the growing process, the more shards you get from breaking the cluster. Amethyst block, a purple, shimmering block. The pickaxe you are able to use to break it is stone, iron, diamond, and gold. It is not able to be used to craft anything (yet), but is very useful for building. When walked on and placed, it makes the same noise that the clusters make, but lingers in a trilling shimmer. Flowering amethyst, an amethyst block with a crack in it. It cannot be obtained in survival,

even if you use a silk touch pickaxe. You are also unable to craft it, making it impossible to make an amethyst farm outside your home. This is the only block that Amethyst clusters grow on. It makes the same noise as the Amethyst block. Smooth basalt, and is used as the outer layer of the geode. It has no use other than building. Calcite, a grey-white block. It is used as the inner layer of the geode. It has no use other than for building. These geodes also can give you a new item: The amethyst shard. It is obtained by breaking an amethyst cluster, the bigger the cluster is, the more amethyst shards you will get. It is used to craft amethyst blocks, clusters, and the new tool, the spyglass. It cannot be placed.

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COOKIE RUN KINGDOM IS HERE!

Fight against monsters with Gingerbrave and his friends in Cookie Run! Cookie Run Kingdom came out on January 21st 2021 and you can play it on computer and mobile devices! Even though cookie run kingdom came out this year, there are many other games in the Cookie Run series. The first cookie run game Cookie Run Ovenbreak came out on January 23rd 2014! While Ovenbreak and Kingdom have many similarities, Cookie Run Kingdom is its own game.

Cookie Run Kingdom is a fighting game where you get to see what life is like through a cookie’s perspective! You can fight monsters and learn more of the story. You meet many new characters along the way such as Sorbet Shark cookie, White Lilly cookie, Custard cookie and many more! You can earn these characters by earning gems and getting cookies from the gacha system!

Another key aspect of this game is decorating your kingdom and making it look nice! You can buy decorations and make a nice place for your cookies to stay. Your cookies can also work on making items for you to upgrade your kingdom!

As you can see, Cookie Run Kingdom is a very fun game to play. My favorite part of the game is collecting all the different fun cookies and building my kingdom! I hope you download it and enjoy it too.

--Makenzie Gordon

Social Media and its Effect on Self Image (By Sydney Shriver)

We use technology in our everyday lives. You might be familiar with some of these platforms: Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, the list goes on. Some of the benefits are that you can easily connect with people from all over the world just from your phone, and you can express yourself. You might think they're harmless, but deep down they have costs. The costs are that you can easily become addicted, become self-conscious, it affects your mental health, and you start to lose your communication skills. Facebook for instance. You might not use it, but your parents do. It has billion of users, and it contains half the world's internet connection. This means that it's a prime site to spread misinformation and manipulate most of the world's innocence into their own beliefs that aren't good. For instance, 32% of teen girls said that they felt bad about

their bodies, and Instagram only made it worse. Another problem with social platforms is that it gives you more posts related to content that you've shown interest in. If you like or tap on a picture of a dog, it'll filter in more dogs. But in this case, it isn't dogs. It's grown women with the 'perfect' bodies. It's called the algorithm, and it's doing what it's supposed to be doing. But when it's effecting the future of our country to hate ourselves because we aren't 'good enough', it's not ideal. Most of Instagram's content is personal photos, so those are absolutely going to filter in even if you aren't viewing ideas related to body image. While Instagram's existence is not all bad, we need to start taking into consideration about how the algorithm is affecting us. We can start by cutting down the hours we spend a day on platform to reduce anxiety and depression rates.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT CATS



by Laurel Stein

1. A cat can make more than 100 sounds, but only use about 11 in their daily routines
2. On average, cats spend 2/3 of their day sleeping. That means a nine-year-old cat has spent only 3 years of its life awake.
3. A cat can jump up even 7 times as high as it is tall. They can do this because of their flexibility and powerful hind legs.
4. A cat's brain is biologically more similar to a Human's brain than it is to a dog's. A cat's brain is 90% similar to a human's.
5. The cat who holds the longest non-fatal fall is Andy. He fell from the 16'th floor of an apartment building and survived.
6. A 2007 Gallup poll revealed that both men and women were equally likely to own a cat.

7. A cat usually has about 12 whiskers on each side of its face. They use these whiskers for hunting. Even though humans have successfully domesticated cats, they are still hunters deep inside. A cat's whiskers are powerful sensory tools to sense prey. Cats can sense the vibration and air current through their whiskers.
8. The ability of a cat to find its way home is called "psi-traveling". A domestic cat can also find its owner's new home they moved to, which may be many miles away, even though it has no idea where it could be.
9. approximately 1/3 of cat owners think their pets can read their minds.
10. Cats sleep 12-18 hours per day. As cats get older, they tend to sleep more to conserve energy.

Spider-man No Way Home

Spider-man No Way Home will be released in December 17th, 2021. The film is a continuation of Spider-man Far from Home after Mysterio is defeated. Then Mysterio's team hack into the footage from a broken drone and alters the footage, and gives it to J. Jonah Jameson. J. Jonah Jameson is a reporter who dislikes Spider-man, he then publishes the footage and a picture of Peter Parker, Spider-man's real identity. Then starts Spider-man No Way Home.

Peter's life falls apart after his identity is revealed, he can't go home and is shunned as a villain. He looks for ways to fix his mistake and stumbles upon an answer. The mystical arts of Doctor Strange. He asks Doctor Strange for a way

to fix all of this, Doctor Strange answers him with a spell that removes spider-man's real identity from everyone's memory. This spell creates a rift in the multiverse letting villain from the Tobey Maguire and Andrew Garfield's Spider-man movies, such as Doc. Octopus, Green Goblin, etc.

Even though I haven't seen this movie I think it will end with the spider-men from the different universes uniting and defeating their enemies. Another idea is that Venom might help him, because Venom was recently thrown into the MCU universe. This movie will most likely end with Spider-man winning. This movie won't be on Disney Plus because Sony has rights to this movie.

--Jeramih Hoy

GOOD AND BAD AT AACMS

AACMS is a great school and an amazing place for a lot of people. Some amazing things about AACMS are that everyone in this school is kind and willing to help everyone. Everyone is talented and very good at what they do. The teachers and staff are very nice and trying to make things fun. At this school you'll have so much fun and meet tons of fun new people, you'll enjoy doing your arts and having fun with all your friends. Some of things that are going on in AACMS are not very good, such as the devious lick challenge happening in the bathrooms. Some people are drawing and writing on the walls and stealing things from the bathroom. The teachers and staff have tried to fix the problem but kids are still doing it. The teachers and staff are now keeping the doors open so if anyone is doing something they are not supposed to be doing they can catch them. Also, the staff tries to let minimum people inside the same bathroom so they can't interact when they are supposed to be in class. All the good things about AACMS definitely overpower the bad things about AACMS. This school is such a great environment for kids looking to have fun by doing their talents. --Sailer Williams

VOCALOID!

Imagine being at a concert with a bunch of other people where the singer isn't a real person. Well, that's what a vocaliod concert is like. If you like anime and music, vocaliods could be the thing for you! All of the vocaliods perform concerts as holograms! The first vocaliod was officially released in 2004! Vocaliod is actually a software program that is intended for casual computer users to professional music writers to create music for the Vocaliod characters. Vocaliods are popular on a lot of social media platforms and have a big fanbase.

Hatsune Miku is a 16-year-old vocaliod pop star who sings many different genres of music from happy songs to sad songs. Miku's voice is after actress Saki Fugita and is the second vocaliod2 released. She is on many different types of merchandise. Miku is one of the most well-known vocaliods, because she sings some of the most popular songs!

If you don't like Miku, you can try out other vocaliods like Rin, Len, Gumi and many others. Vocaliods all have different looks and voices! Vocaliods have many games like Project Sekai, Project Diva, etc. They are also featured in a lot of games it's very popular to collaborate with them!

Vocaliods are really cool, and I think you would like them too! So check out their music, games and merchandise! I can't wait to see Miku and her friends "In person"!

--Makenzie Gordon

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Dripstone caves have also been added. They are randomly generated into caves, and can be

very small, or very large. They contain 2 new blocks. Dripstone, a

Arts in Academics

-Amani Torres

As you know, our school includes the academics in the arts and the arts in the academics. People have said that some classes could use a little more art in the classrooms. We recently passed out questionnaires to students of ALL grades to find out what class they thought we could incorporate more arts into. Our first-place winner was Writing/Digital Literacy. Our second-place winner was study hall. Last but not least our third-place winner was Social Studies.

This article is only going to be focusing on Writing/Digital Literacy, since it got the most votes. Some ideas we had were, if you're a visual artist you have to draw something about the class or something you are learning about or already did learn. If you are in vocal you can make a song about what you learned in the previous lessons. If you have other ideas, talk to your teacher about them.

stalagmite/stalactite that usually drips water, but, if placed above the block the dripstone hangs from, can drip lava. It will not hurt you if lava drips onto you, it will only be the particles from when lava is placed down with only one block between it and open air. But you should still be careful around both the ones on the ground and the ones hanging from the ceiling. If the block above a hanging one is broken, or if part of the stalactite's body (not the tip) is broken, the stalactite will fall like how gravity blocks, like sand, fall. If the stalactite falls on the player, they will die and get the "You were skewered by a stalactite" death message. If you jump onto the point of a stalagmite (The ones on the floor), the player will die and get the "You were skewered by a stalagmite" death message. Dripstone can be broken easily with a stone pickaxe, and can be used to fill up a cauldron, though it takes a very long time. Dripstone block, dripstone but in block form. It will also drip with water or what is placed above it. It acts as a normal block, and will not drip if a block is placed in between it and the liquid.

Lush caves. These have not been put into the game yet, but 4 blocks are able to be obtained through trading with a wandering villager and growth.

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Zoo Freakshow—by Noah Kelly

This is the Sarcastic Fringehead Fish.

The Sarcastic Fringehead fish's most notable feature is its extremely large mouth. With a bite full of needle sharp teeth it can make like doom guy and RIP AND TEAR. The word "sarcastic" is normally used for when someone says something that they don't mean but, the word originates from the Greek word for bite. It might also be the traditional kind of sarcastic but we'll never know. The average size for an adult is **8 in** for both genders. The Sarcastic Fringehead is an extremely violent and fearless fish, it will attack anything that approaches its burrow. It eats small crustaceans such as lobsters and crab. Scientists estimate they eat 14 times the weight of their body in one single year. It also eats many squid eggs. Fishers avoid it probably because it looks like it will kill your family. It lives in the Pacific Ocean and is hunted by nothing. They fight each other over territory. One of the most asked questions is what kind of fish they are. They are a saltwater fish, and they lay eggs from January to August.



Why should homework be necessary? –By Rose Ramos

Here are some Pros and Cons about homework.

Pro: It helps with practice, and get better at the subject they are working on.

Con: If you don't have time, you may not be able to get homework done.

Pro: It gives you something to do, if you don't have anything to do.

Con: It may cause stress.

Pro: You can get better grades.

Why is it really necessary though?

1. It helps with your grades.
2. You can extend your learning ability with it.
3. It helps with understanding.
4. It will help you learn what priorities are.
5. It shows you know how to do something.
6. It proves you are paying attention.
7. It helps with growth of ability to learn.

Technology and Communication

I'm sure you've heard that the light from the screens on your devices can actually cause you problems. One problem is eye strain. If you are on your phone too much you could need to get glasses or even surgery, because your retinas are being burned out. Fortunately, there is new technology coming out every year, such as Apple's new iPhone 13, 7 series Apple watch, laptops etc. These new devices are getting more efficient and safer for your eyes, which is so fantastic. I just wanted to inform you on this stuff. Hope you learned something. Stay aware!

- anonymous.

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Dripleaf, a plant with a twisting vine-like stem and a large leaf. Can only be obtained by trading with a wandering villager. The leaf can be stood on, but after a few seconds will droop down and the player will fall down. The leaf will straighten itself after a few seconds, and the player will be able to stand on it again. You must mine it with shears, or you lose it. Spore blossom, a large, pink flower that creates a spore particle in the area nearby. No crafting

uses, can only be obtained by trading with a wandering villager. Moss, a very useful green block that can only be obtained by trading with a wandering villager and as loot from a shipwreck. At first glance, you may think 'This is just another building block, it has no use for me.', which is very wrong. If you bonemeal the moss, it will replace the surrounding blocks with more moss, and moss carpets and azalea shrubs will grow on it. Azalea, a leafy green shrub. If you bonemeal the azalea, it will grow into a tree. Under the tree, there will be rooted dirt instead of regular dirt. The azalea has its own new leaf texture, but uses oak for the wood. Azalea shrubs can have flowers or not, it will not matter when growing it. They can be placed in flower pots.

Copper! This is a new ore, and can be used to make copper blocks, lightning rods, and spyglasses so far. The copper



block will rust over time, eventually fading into green. This block can be turned into stairs, slabs, and bricks. To prevent the block from rusting, you must use honeycomb on it. Whatever stage of the rusting process it was when you used the Honeycomb, it will stay like that. This is called 'Wax on', and is the first half of the new 'Wax On Wax Off' achievement. To take the wax off and to get rid of the rust, right click the block with an axe of any

kind. By taking the wax off, you will get the 'Wax On Wax Off' achievement. The ore and ingots will not rust. Blackstone ores are the Overworld ores, but instead of inside stone, they are inside Blackstone. They still work the same as the normal ores, so do not worry about not being able to mine the ore with a certain pickaxe. I know this is true, because I have tested it. It works the same way as other ores, just in a different stone. Raw ores, iron, gold, and copper now have raw variants. These must be smelted to turn into the ingots, like how you needed to smelt the ore block to get the ingot in the past. Can be crafted into a block, which everyone thinks look like a block of beans, so the blocks are also sometimes called bean blocks.

MOBS

There are now three new mobs!



The goat, a peaceful mob. Found in the extreme hills. They do not drop anything other than EXP yet, but in the second half they might drop goat horns. They can be milked, though. They are not able to be ridden on, and are quite small, no bigger than a pig. They make noises that are similar to a sheep's and a llama's. They make hoof-beat sounds when they walk and jump. Their jumps are very large, and they can survive very high falls. Their normal jump height is 2 blocks, but when encountered with a hole in the ground or powdered snow, they can jump up to 10 blocks high! You are able to lead these, and be attracted and bred by anything edible if it is inside the player's hand. They eat *everything*, from Rotten flesh to enchanted golden apples, it doesn't matter one bit to this mob, as long as it is edible, it'll happily

be eaten by a goat. Trying to keep these in a pen is very hard, since they can just jump over a 10-block high wall. You can get a the 'Whatever floats your goat' achievement by putting it in a boat.

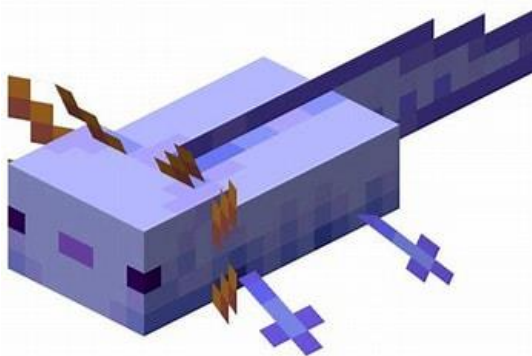


Glow squid. The glowing variant of the squid. Has no use other than getting glow ink sacs, which can be used to craft glow item frames. Cannot be led. Peaceful. Will shoot blue-green glowing ink instead of black ink.



Axolotls! This is a very huge part of the update. These little amphibians come in 5 colors: Pink, Brown, Gold, Cyan, and, the most rare, Blue. The blue axolotl is not shown in the picture to the left. The axolotl can only be found in warm waters, but what does that mean? I have found very many axolotls under icebergs, in coral reefs, and occasionally in an underwater cave. They will go after and kill all underwater mobs except for sea turtles and dolphins, but can only be fed tropical fish. You are able to pick them up in a bucket, or lead them. By leading them, they will quickly run in circles around the player. Axolotls will occasionally go on land, but will go VERY slow.

If out of water for too long, the axolotl will start to lose health until it dies or gets in water. They will 'play dead' when hurt underwater, and get the regeneration effect. During this time, mobs cannot attack the axolotl. If the player helps an axolotl win a fight with an aggressive mob, you will get the 'the healing power of friendship' achievement. The blue Axolotl (picture to the left) has a 1 in 2,100 chance of spawning, resulting in it being the rarest variant of the axolotl.



That's all! These are the most noticed parts of the update. I sure am glad that we have some more interesting things for in the caves now, and the mobs are cool as well. I hope that you enjoyed reading this

article, and hope it helped you learn more about the first half of the Minecraft Caves and Cliffs update!

--Laurel Stein