



Herbert Green Chronicle



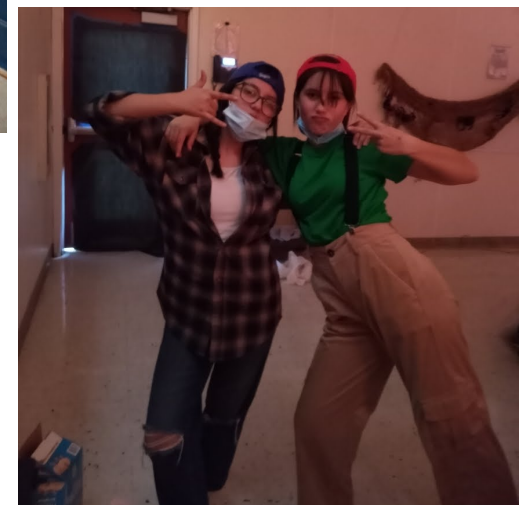
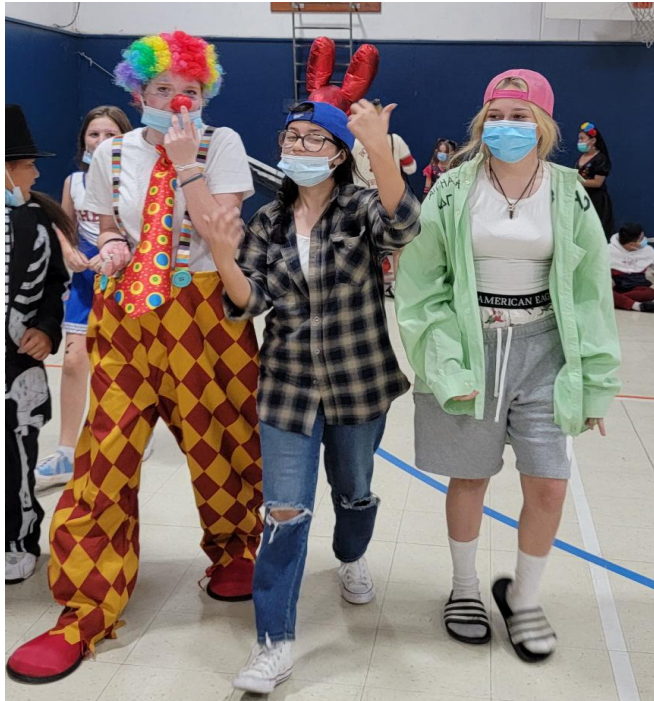
October 2021 Issue

Email: hgchronicle@mlusd.net

Published Monthly

HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA!

Rally, Door Competition, Spirit Week, and Dance. Oh My!





Herbert Green Chronicle



Rally Time!

by Felix Ray

On Friday, October 29th the Leadership team at Herbert Green Middle School hosted an all school rally. The rally was a great way to end the Be Drug Free Spirit Week (Red Ribbon Week) that students and staff got to participate in.

The games included a fun relay-race, a mummy-wrapping contest, and a costume contest for people that got a ticket from a teacher.

Now, onto the games! Let's start with the race, shall we?

Two people were called up from each grade and raced around the gym to the finish line.. Each grade did great! In the end, 8th grade was able to pull out the win!



For the mummy wrapping contest (pictured below), each grade worked in teams of two, where each team had to beat the clock and wrap their partner completely in toilet paper. It was a close match, but 5th grade stayed focused and controlled, winning the contest.



For the final event, there was a costume parade! Students who had received a ticket from a teacher or staff member walked around the gym, showing off their costumes. As students paraded around the room, Leadership called out students to come stand with them for the Costume Contest Finals. For the judging part of the competition, students in the crowd were asked to scream and shout to vote for their favorite costume; their enthusiasm was deafening.



The winner was 6th grade, with this amazing dog-balloon costume that some people referred to as "Clifford" (pictured above).

The rally ended with a dance party, where Mr. Whitaker, Herbert Green's beloved roving substitute teacher, pretended to play the guitar attached to his costume. Rock on Mr. Whitaker! While students danced away Mr. Rich, Leadership, and Herbert Green staff members threw candy into the crowd.

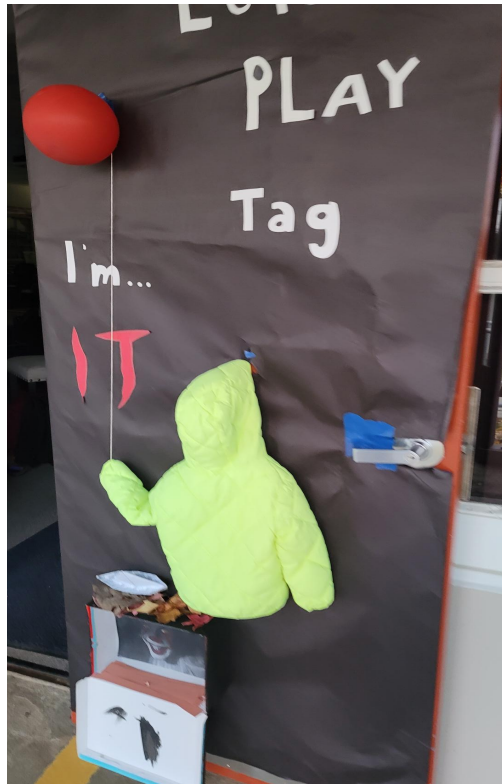
The rally was definitely a sight to behold. A huge thank you to Leadership for setting this up. We can't wait for the next one!



Herbert Green Chronicle



Halloween Door Competition



by Sydnee Sarver

The week of October 25th - October 29th was Red Ribbon Week, where students learned about the importance of being and staying drug-free. To show their dedication to being drug free, each Connection's class decorated their doors for Halloween. Students had the opportunity to collaborate and work together to choose and create a design for their doors.

Classroom door themes ranged from The Nightmare Before Christmas, IT, witch's cauldron, trick-or-treat design, and much more.

Originally Leadership was going to have an organized committee vote on their favorite door, but then they changed it. On Wednesday, October 27th, the whole school got to walk around campus with their Connection's class to see the doors. Then on Thursday, October 28th students logged into the student activities Google Classroom and voted on their favorite door.

The winner of the Halloween Door Competition was Ms. Wyant's Connections class with their IT inspired door (pictured above).

Be Drug Free Spirit Week

By Kaylen Harkey and Ayva Polk

For the last week of October, Herbert Green Middle School participated in Red Ribbon Week, which is about taking the pledge and being drug free. Each day of the week had a spirit day theme: pajama day, wear red, wacky Wednesday, sports day, and wear your costume.

On Pajama Day, a lot of students and teachers participated and there were some pretty cool onesies! On Tuesday, it was Red Day and students were asked to wear all red to school. Unfortunately, not a lot of people seemed to be wearing red on Red Day. Wednesday was Wacky Wednesday where staff and students got to dress up crazy. Thursday was Sports Day, so adults and kids were seen decked out in sports jerseys, sports hats, and sports gear.



Friday was a spooktacular Costume Day and students were rocking their unique costumes in the halls. Walking around campus were sumo wrestlers, dinosaurs, fairies, steampunk engineers, unicorns, astronauts, and much more.

Shout out to all the students and staff who participated in the spirit days during Red Ribbon Week!



Miner's Get to Boogie Oogie

By Felix Ray

Leadership were busy bees the week before Halloween! They coordinated the Be Drug Free Spirit Week, Halloween Rally, and Halloween Dance.

The Halloween Dance was after school on Friday, October 29th from 2:30 PM - 4:30PM. To boogie oogie the afternoon away, students had to get a dance permission slip signed by their parent or guardian and purchase a ticket at lunch during the Be Drug Free Spirit Week (October 25th - 29th).

The afternoon of the dance, DJ Gavin (pictured above). hyped up the 7th and 8th grade dancers, making sure to play tunes that got them up and moving. Students moving it to the beat in their costumes was a sight to behold.

Leadership made sure that there was plenty of candy, sweet treats, and pizza at the dance.

During the dance, students got to request songs from DJ Gavin and the other Leadership DJs, such as "24K Magic", the "Cha Cha Slide", and even some classics like "Watch Me" and "Never Gonna Give You Up."

DJ Gavin ended the dance with a dance off to the song "Beat It" by Micheal Jackson. Students cannot wait for the next school dance.



Herbert Green Chronicle



Going Once! Going Twice! Sold!

by Felix Ray

Ms. Wyant's elective Money Management, recently conducted their first auction (pictured left). In Money Management, students work "jobs" to earn money, pay "bills", and save what they have left over. The money students save can then be used to buy things at the auction that Ms. Wyant hosts twice each trimester.

Ms. Wyant stated that "students and teachers can donate items to be auctioned off in the next auction."

Some of the items offered at the auction were plushies, board games, and card games. Out of all the items, the plushies were the most popular among students. However, the biggest prize that everyone wanted was a large pink bear covered in rosebuds. Yelena Solovyev won the coveted bear. All-and-all, there were 25 auction items up for grabs, but students were only allowed to take home 2 items.

Ms. Wyant can't wait to hold auctions again in

Blood, Fingerprints, and Forensics! Oh My!

by Keelyn Cumings

Herbert Green Middle School is now offering a forensics elective class, which is being taught by Mrs. English.

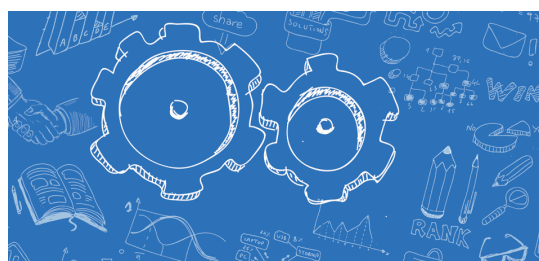
Forensics is the study of collecting evidence, and then solving who has done this crime with the evidence that you have gathered. If you have a fascination for shows like Criminal Minds or CSI, this might be a fun class for you! Sadly, for all the 5th and 6th graders reading this, this class is only for 7th and eighth graders; but this is an amazing class for you to look forward to in the future!

This is Mrs. English's first year at Herbert Green Middle School and she is very excited to be teaching kids about forensics! Mrs. English stated that her students seem to be really enjoying the class. Students are learning about blood splatters, how to use microscopes, completing hands-on activities, and so much more.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the forensics elective, feel free to reach out to Mrs. English at senglish@mlusd.net.



Engineering Elective



by Erik Jimenez

This year, Herbert Green Middle School is offering more electives than ever. One of the electives students can take is engineering, which is taught by Mr. Keane. Earlier this month, our engineering students made vehicles powered by wind!

Prior to becoming a teacher, Mr. Keane was an engineer. An engineer is a person who designs and builds machinery or technical equipment. Mr. Keane feels that it is important for students to learn useful everyday applications, like taking recycled items and making use of them.

In engineering, you will also learn about the use of science and mathematics to solve and improve the world around us. For example, a project that Mr. Keane's class worked on this trimester is creating wind powered vehicles.

If you have any questions about this year's engineering elective, feel free to email Mr. Keane at jkeane@mlusd.net.

It's Bandtastic!

by Trinity Lane

Mrs. Booth is our band teacher, she teaches band for 5th-8th grade. She just might be the best band teacher ever.

Since the pandemic, she has not been able to teach band, until this year. But, finally, after two years, she is able to teach it again and she is very happy about it.

Mrs. Booth decided she wanted to be a music teacher in 7th grade. When she was in 7th grade she took band from a wonderful band teacher and she wanted to follow in his footsteps.

Band has a lot of new students this year, which makes sense, because Herbert Green Middle School hasn't had band in over two years. Our new students are learning to play their new instruments and the most popular instruments are the electric bass and saxophones. The band room also has almost 1 of every instrument as well.

Band may hold a concert this year. Mrs. Booth stated that she wants to wait before announcing or scheduling an official band concert, because she wants her students to get more used to their instruments. Band may also be performing at this year's 8th grade promotion at the end of the year.

If you would like to try out for band, you still can. Go talk with or email Mrs. Booth at



Herbert Green Chronicle



Candies from Around the World



by Nathan Frank

It's the time of year where grocery stores stock the shelves with America's favorite candies, like: candy corn pumpkins, Reese's Peanut Butter cups, and Skittles. Seeing the grocery shelves stocked to the brim inspired me to research what types of candy people eat in other countries.

In Iraq, there is a sweet called Iraqi taffy or mann al-sama, which translates into manna from heaven. Historians think that it's the same manna mentioned in the Bible and in the Quran; food that God or Allah sent the people of Israel during their wanderings in the desert.

In Germany, confectioner Hans Reigel invented a sweet fruit gum candy in 1922, which he called gummibär. Gummibär or Gummy Bears became popular and started being shipped worldwide, showing up on American shelves in 1982.

In Japan, there is a candy called Ramune. Ramune candies are tablets made of a powder flavored like ramune, which is a Japanese soft drink that gets its name from the old Japanese word for lemonade. Hawaii didn't become a U.S. state until 1959, so I thought I include the islands most popular treat, Li Hing Mui. Li Hing mui candies are dried fruit gummy candies that range from sweet to salty.

I don't know about you guys, but this reporter is craving some sweets! Have you tried a candy from a different country? What did you think? Let us know at hgchronicle@mlusd.net.

The Origins of Halloween



by Vincent Lamontagne

Today, American children (and some adults) celebrate Halloween by dressing up in costumes and going door to door saying "trick-or-treat" in hopes of getting candy. Halloween wasn't always celebrated in this way. In fact, the beginnings of Halloween looked very different.

Halloween wasn't always Halloween. Initially, Halloween was an ancient festival, the Celtic Festival of Samhain. Celts were people who lived 2,000 years ago in what is now known as Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France. The ancient festival was held on November 1st to celebrate the New Year. This day marked the end of summer and the start of winter. On this day, Celts believed that the line between the living and the dead was at its thinnest. So, people lit bonfires and wore costumes to ward off ghosts.

In the 8th century, a pope declared the 1st of November All Saints Day. All Saints Day is a holiday where Catholics honour all saints and martyrs. This holiday incorporated some of the traditions seen in the Celtic Festival of Samhain. The evening before All Saints Day became known as Hallows Eve and later became called Halloween.

Halloween has looked different over the years. How does your family celebrate Halloween?

Celebrating the Dead



by Sydnee Sarver

Dia De Los Muertos translates to Day of the Dead in English. The Day of the Dead is a holiday celebrated in Mexico from October 31st - November 2nd. This Mexican holiday started some 3,000 years ago.

November 1st is called the "Day of the Children" and November 2nd is the "Day of the Dead". During this Mexican holiday, people remember and honor their loved ones and ancestors that have passed. Celebrants of Dia de los Muertos believe that on these days, the dead can walk amongst the living. So, the families visit the graves of their loved ones. They pull weeds, decorate, bring food, and make the place look beautiful. They also make sugar skulls to decorate the graves.



This holiday and tradition is much different than Halloween. The originations of Halloween was to ward off spirits, to scare them away with costumes. Dia de los Muertos welcomes the spirits back to Earth and encourages them to walk amongst the living.

In the 1980s, Dia de los Muertos started being celebrated around the world.

HORROR WRITING CONTEST

SCARY STORY OF THE UNDEAD

by Kallieann Galwitz

Once upon a time there were these two sisters named Sapphire and Luna. Luna had Black and purple hair and Sapphire had red and orange hair that looked like fire. They were only 7 and 8 at the time. One morning the sisters ended up in the forbidden forest but they don't remember how they got there.

Now this world wasn't normal in this world there were Flamethrowers, Water Tamers, Humans and more. Sapphire was a flamethrower but Luna was a human she got bullied in school for being a helpless human. When they were in the forest they were walking around trying to find a way out but they bumped into a purple fox. The purple fox put a spirit in Sapphire and bit Luna. Luna got what they called "The eye of death' power. Sapphire still had her power but she got controlled to hurt innocent people.

Whenever Luna's or Sapphire's friends got hurt they would hurt whoever hurt their friends. Their parents died in a car accident so they lived alone in their parents' old house. A few years later they were 15 and 16 people started calling them "The devil twins." One night they were walking home and they noticed someone was following them. The girl who was following them had dark and light blue hair and looked like she was about the same age as Luna and Sapphire. When they reached a corner they decided to confront the girl on why she was following them. When they all stopped they realized the girl kinda looked like Sapphire and Luna a little.

Her name was Crystal. When they were all at the hospital they took DNA tests and they found out they were all related to each other. Crystal had the power to teleport and throw ice/water. She had blue eyes like a diamond. When they all were first born Crystal got kidnapped and the parents were devastated when she did.

They never decided to tell Luna and Sapphire about having another sister. 30 years later they started to slowly fade away but they never really died. They watched over their friends and whenever someone hurt their friends that's the only time you see them. People started to get terrified of them. That same day they all started to pass away, even their friends. Then they slowly haunted all the people that hurt their friends and family. They started to haunt little kids at night. The kids would cry and scream but whenever they tried to tell their parents they wouldn't believe them. The sisters' faces started to melt and their hair turned all black and scary looking. They haunted people ever since that day.

THE DOLL

by Kelsey Marino

There was a doll that I used to play with. She had dark brown hair and blue eyes. She had a white lace dress. When I got older I did not want to play with her anymore because she was old and I liked art and other things better.

Mom and dad went to the store. I was home with my brother. Then in the attic where the doll was we heard this. "BOOM."

We were so scared then behind us was the doll she came to life. She walked down the hall into my room where me and my brother and I were playing legos. Mom and dad got home and we locked ourselves in mom's room. Then the doll disappeared.

The very next day I went to school. My teacher was the doll! I screamed at the top of my lungs. That night after school we went to dinner and when we got home the doll was at the front door. The doll was banging on the door. BOOM, POW, BANG.

My dad went to the door and when he opened the door the doll came out. She had gone completely back to normal?! We were so confused. We took the doll to the dump and watched them smash the doll into pieces. When we got home we realized the doll was in the house! We thought but how? The doll we took to the dump was fake!?

So we thought of a plan to stop the evil doll. Then "I got it". I said. We can take our dogs' cage and get pots and pans. Then circle the doll and boom. All we would have to do would be to lead the doll into the cage. In the cage we put yummy fake cupcakes in the cage and then she went right in. After that we could take the doll to the dump and watch her get smashed.

That finished our problem with the doll but where did our teacher go? That's a good question. The next day I went to school the principal walked in to check on us he then realized we did not have a teacher for the next week.

So our teacher for the next week until our teacher came



Herbert Green Chronicle



Magnificent Miners!



by Nathan Frank

At Herbert Green Middle School there is a wall in the office that has pictures of students, these students are called Magnificent Miners. Magnificent miners are students that go above and beyond. Herbert Green staff members (teachers, classroom aids, yard duties, etc.) nominate and recognize students for following the Miner Code and for students who go above and beyond.

The Miner Code is following the rules, being respectful, trustworthy, and responsible. When a teacher nominates you as a Magnificent Miner, Mrs. Beal or Mr. Dupree will call you to their office to congratulate you for being a Magnificent Miner, take your picture of you holding a trophy for the

Magnificent Miner Wall, and call your parents to let them know how awesome you are and that you have been nominated and recognized as a Magnificent Miner. You will also get a secret prize!

The goal of Magnificent Miners is to recognize and reward students for the good acts they do. At the completion of this article, there are 12 photos of students on the Magnificent Miner Wall. Stop by the office to see who else has been added to the wall. The Herbert Green Chronicle looks forward to seeing your picture in the office for being a Magnificent Miner.

First Home Cross-Country Meet

by Kaylen Harkey and Ayva Polk

On Wednesday October 6th, Herbert Green Middle School hosted our first home cross country meet. If you didn't know, cross country is where kids race in an open-course (not on a track) over natural terrain like grass and dirt.

Seven different schools came to race. There were a lot of kids playing on the field, having fun, and Mr. Rich played music to pump up the runners. The races were completed in



grade order. Starting with second grade and finishing with eighth.

Participants from Jackson Elementary School did well in Wednesday's Meet. Livy Carlile won first place in the 5th/6th girls division. In the 4th grade girls division, Alyssa Thum also took first, Thum's classmate Will Neff also took 1st place for the 4th grade boys, and Luke Avery took first for the 2nd/3rd grade boys. Grant Strange from Miller's Hill Middle School won first for the 5th/6th boys division.

The meet was a great opportunity to cheer on our Miner's and make new friends from other schools. Big shout out to Mrs. Huhn who is Herbert Green's cross country coach and coordinated our first home cross country meet.





Herbert Green Chronicle

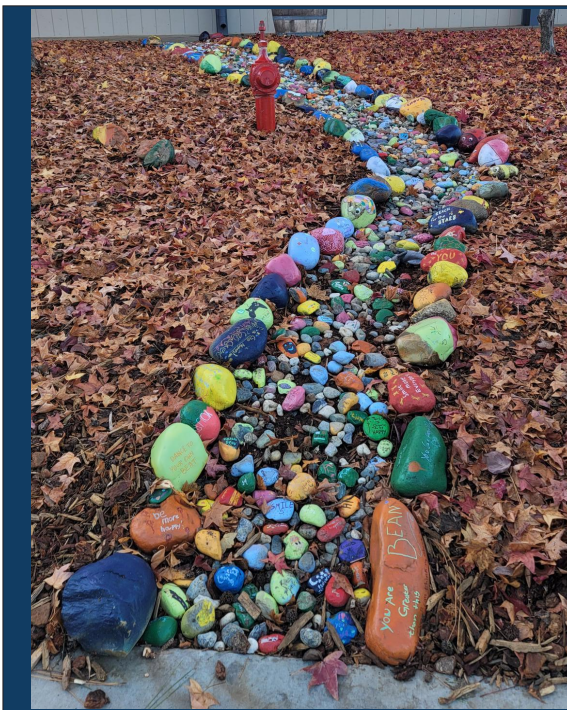


River of Kindness

by Ayva Polk and Keelyn Cumings

Mrs. Atkinson and leadership put together a River of Kindness (pictured left). The River Kindness is full of positive words, quotes, and affirmations that students can read in the bark outside of room 9, next to the bus circle.

To complete this positively amazing river, Leadership first painted all of the rock and then created a schedule for each Connections teacher and their class to write and draw their positive images and words on their selected rocks. Prior to students starting their creations, many teachers had them create rough drafts of their designs on a piece of paper. Everyone then got to pick out a rock and write a positive quote on it.



After every connection class was done with their rocks, each student was able to set down their rocks wherever they wanted to in the river. Students were not the only creators of the River of Kindness, teachers and staff

Video Game of the Month *Genshin Impact*

by Keelyn Cumings and Felix Ray

October's Video Game of the Month is Genshin Impact, which is an open world Role Player Game; meaning you get to play a character in a fictional world. For all those adventure-hungry people out there, this video game's for you.

Genshin Impact takes place in the fantasy world of Teyvat, which is home to by a god the Seven Distinct Nations, each of which is tied to an element and ruled associated with it. The elements follow: Anemo (air), Pyro (Fire), Hydro (Water), Geo (Rock), Electro (Electricity), Cryo (Ice), and Dendro (Earth). Dendro is the only element that is not playable at the time of this article. The main character you start with

in the game has Anemo abilities, which they use for combat against enemies. Later in the game, players get access to other characters, each with a different elemental ability; game characters have assigned and only one elemental ability.

The story follows a twin, referred to as the Traveler (with the gender chosen by the player), who has traveled across many other worlds, but has become separated from their twin sibling (of the opposite gender) in Teyvat. The travelers explore the world in search of their lost sibling with their companion Paimon and becomes involved in the affairs of Teyvat's nations and gods. Your hero will run into many friends and foes, obstacles and pathways to get to their goal. Once your hero makes relationships with friends, you will be able to collect and play with them during battles with foes.



According to Common Sense Media, this game is appropriate for kids ten years and older. Genshin Impact is also completely free and playable on cell phones and personal computers. If you play this game or decide to try this game out, tell us what you think at hgchronicle@mlusd.net.

Podcast Review

by Vincente Lamontagne

Urban legends, also known as tall tales, are stories with obscure origins. The podcast, Internet Urban Legends, a Spotify Original, by Loey Lane and Snickery, covers the "freakiest stories" on the internet. The goal of Lane and Snickery is to uncover whether these urban legends are truth or lie.

I listened to a few episodes, one of which was "Horror Tok: Who's Pacing in the Woods?" This episode was about this mysterious thing on a TikTok account, no one knew what it was. In the video the thing would pace back and forth on the street. Lane and Snickery put on their detective hats and did some digging to learn if this thing was a hoax or actually there. By looking at a compilation of videos the podcasters determined that the videos were a hoax, because every single time someone went out to go check on it, it wasn't there. Listen to the podcast to learn more and develop your own opinion, on whether or not you think these videos are a hoax or not.

Before checking out this podcast, get your parent's permission; viewer discretion is advised.

New episodes of the podcast are released every week, and if you ask me, this podcast is a must listen; it definitely sucked me into the mystery and drama. I've been listening to this podcast every night since I discovered it; the drama and mystery sucks me in.