



# Central Scoop



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## **Student Tips**

The school year has started. You've probably already read tips on how to survive the grade you're in, but you also need some tips on how to keep up the good work throughout the year. Here are some helpful tips to keep you on top of your work and organized!

- 1. Keep Your Locker Organized** - Have you ever misplaced your homework and the first thing you think of is your locker? How can you keep your locker organized? We recommend getting shelves for your locker. This allows you to have more surface area in your locker, so things don't get messy when you pull out a folder or notebook. Another way to keep your locker organized is by stacking your folders vertically at the bottom of your locker and putting your textbooks on the top shelf.
- 2. Label Folders** - Have you ever grabbed a folder thinking it was your math folder, but it was actually your reading folder? Labeling folders is a fantastic way to prevent this. Another solution to this problem is color coding all of your

subjects. This can also help with keeping assignments straight, because you can highlight your assignments with the corresponding class color.

3. **How to Remove Highlighter** - Rub a Q-tip on a lemon and it works like a highlighter eraser! However, it doesn't work with all highlighters, so be sure to test it.
4. **How To Organize Your Art Supply Bag** - If you're tired of having to sift through your art supplies to find a specific marker or pen, listen up! Take a gallon sized Ziploc bag and staple sections into it (use about 2-3 staples per column), then place your supplies in the different slots you've just created. This is customizable! Now, you can reach in to find something without the hassle.

## Crazy Dates in October

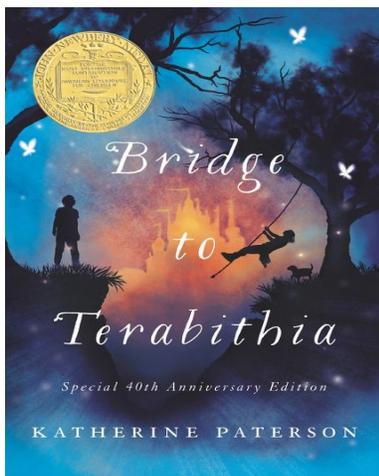
<b>Oct 9</b>	Tuesday	Curious Events Day
<b>Oct 10</b>	Wednesday	Handbag Day
<b>Oct 11</b>	Thursday	It's My Party Day
<b>Oct 12</b>	Friday	Old Farmers Day
<b>Oct 13</b>	Saturday	Astronomy Day
<b>Oct 13</b>	Saturday	International Skeptics Day
<b>Oct 15</b>	Monday	I Love Lucy Day
<b>Oct 15</b>	Monday	National Clean Out Your Virtual Desktop Day
<b>Oct 16</b>	Tuesday	Dictionary Day
<b>Oct 17</b>	Wednesday	Wear Something Gaudy Day
<b>Oct 18</b>	Thursday	Chocolate Cupcake Day
<b>Oct 20</b>	Saturday	International Observe the Moon Night
<b>Oct 20</b>	Saturday	Sweetest Day
<b>Oct 20</b>	Saturday	International Sloth Day
<b>Oct 21</b>	Sunday	Count your Buttons Day



Oct 22	Monday	Caps Lock Day
Oct 23	Tuesday	Mole Day
Oct 24	Wednesday	Bologna Day
Oct 25	Thursday	Sourest Day
Oct 26	Friday	Howl at the Moon Day and Night
Oct 27	Saturday	Navy Day
Oct 28	Sunday	International Animation Day
Oct 29	Monday	Internet Day
Oct 30	Tuesday	Candy Corn Day
Oct 31	Wednesday	Magic Day

## Book Suggestions

### Bridge to Terabithia



Jess Aarons, a poor boy with a knack for painting and drawing, is determined to be the fastest boy in fifth grade.

He thinks this will finally put him in the spotlight among his five sisters, making his father forget about his “sissy” artistic ability. One day, as the boys are lining up for a race, the new girl, Leslie Burke, bravely lines up with them and places first. The two quickly become friends and create a fantasy-land in the woods called Terabithia, where they spend much of their time together.



**Legend** by Marie Lu

**Genre:** YA Fiction  
(Dystopian)

**Book Two:** *Prodigy*

**Book Three:** *Champion*

**A.R. Level:** 4.8

**A.R. Points:** 11

15-year-old June Iparis is the most talented military prodigy the Republic has ever seen. When her brother, Metias, is murdered, Commander Jameson offers June a mission: track down the killer and avenge her brother's death. June accepts. Just when she thinks she's solved the case, she stumbles upon the unexpected. When she digs deeper, she finds things that leave her questioning her loyalty to her country--and to her heart.

Day is the most wanted criminal in the country, at just 15. The Republic's government knows nothing about him, only that he's committed plenty of crimes, sabotaged more than a few plans, and infiltrated the government. The Republic has yet to track him down--they don't even have a face and a name to match him to. Then, one day, Day is accused of murdering Captain Metias Iparis, something even he would never do. With an agent hot on his heels, Day has to find a way to save Eden from the plague--before it's too late.

When their worlds collide, everything takes a turn for the worse. Once on opposite sides of the battlefield, they now face the same enemy. But do they have the courage to save their loved ones, even if it means leaving everything and everyone they've ever known behind?

## Student Spotlight



This month we are acknowledging the eighth grade students that work above and beyond. Some students, such as **Colin Goebel**, Quinn Guillespie, Will Horsthempke, Heidi Hudson, Ashton Miller, Maverick Norman, Sam Puent, Jacob Ray, Lilly Scudder, Claire Uftring, Tyler Tidwell, Maddux

Whisker, and Karigen Watson are constantly participating in class discussions. Others, like Audrey Reed, Clara Degenhart, **Lily Otto**, Sam Puent, Kailey Johnson, and Ben McClelland put in extra effort to make their schoolwork as good as it can be. Great work, students!

## Staff Spotlight

This month, we would like to recognize some staff members that deserve a shout-out! Mr. Lawson (the 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher) was picked for using creative techniques to make social studies fun and motivating kids to learn, Mrs. Brod (the Librarian) for always

being cheerful towards students, Mrs. Houle (the Band Director) for helping students with both band and life, and Mrs. Woolard (the Speech Team Director) for having the largest speech team in the area.

## Extra-Curriculars

The marching band has been working very hard to perfect their songs for homecoming. With all the practice and time they spend in this extra-curricular, we thought we should interview one of the members. We interviewed Emma Maston, a flautist.

### **Emma Maston - Flautist**

Interviewed by Ellie Reetz

Ellie: What instrument do you play?

Emma: Flute.

Ellie: Why did you choose to play the flute?

Emma: Well, because it's lightweight, and because it was very pretty sounding and looking.

Ellie: What's your favorite part of band?

Emma: I like sectionals. They're fun. Marching band is fun too... and also Christmas songs.

Ellie: If you could change one thing about Central's band, what would it be?

Emma: Obviously a bigger band room.

Ellie: I agree. What type of band is your favorite?

Emma: Marching band.

Ellie: If you could play any instrument in addition to the one you currently play, what would it be?

Emma: Ooh. Clarinet.

## Narrative

*Something Unknown* by Lilly McGreevy, Ellie Reetz, and Lily Otto

In ancient years, a great scientist is believed to have created a portal to another universe. It's a far fetched tale, passed down from generation to generation, each time becoming harder and harder to believe. Eventually, nobody believed in the story at all. Nobody believed of the scientist, or the portal, or the no-longer-parallel dimensions. Now, the story has been modified for centuries, but this is how it goes: "A scientist in the year of 47 BC was intrigued by the night sky. He wished to go up into it and see the stars up close. His sister, a genius for someone before the common era, told him he was foolish.

'If you go up and touch a star,' she'd say, 'you'll burn your hand off.' The scientist knew there was only one way to know for sure... go see for himself. He built a doorway and learned the art of magic. Eventually, after many trials and errors, the man managed to turn the portal into a gateway to the stars.

The only problem was, the man didn't know if the portal was safe. In order to not put all of his hard work to waste, he asked his sister to go into the portal for him. She reluctantly agreed...

...and she never returned.

## **(Back-to-School )Fun Facts**

- So people still use pencils? The average pencil can be sharpened 17 times and write about 45,000 words or draw a line 35 miles long before it's out of service.
- Pencils can also be used in zero gravity, upside down, or even underwater.
- Before pencil erasers were invented, a common way to get rid of pencil markings was with a rolled up piece of white bread.

## **Jokes of the Month**

Q: How do you get straight A's?

A: By using a ruler

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Q: How does the barber cut the moon's hair?

A: E-clipse it

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## **This Month's Poll**

Click <https://linkto.run/p/Q8U5FDUT> to vote.

Click <https://linkto.run/r/Q8U5FDUT> for results.

**Comics**

“I got a rock.”



*Peanuts*  
-Charles Schulz

If there are any bathroom vandalisations in 7th grade, please fill out this form.

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## Current Events

### World News:

- Chinese-American Trade War- Trump asked his Trade Tsar to raise tariffs from 10% to 25% on items like steel, aluminum, and some agricultural goods.
- Indian Suppression of Human Rights Activists (Indian government suppressing dissent and minority activists.)
- Farmers in South Africa not feeling so good, Trump tweeted saying he looked closely into the issue. South Africa denied these allegations and said it was misinformation.
- Diane Rwigara, a businesswoman and women's rights activist, ended up jailed for running in the Rwandan presidential election. Middle Eastern migrants into Europe don't have as much of a correlation as European Democrats Suggest.
- EU-US trade relations are going decent for the States, but not for the EU.
- The Venezuelan Bolivar is now worth just 4 millionths of 1 US dollar. It takes up to 1 million Bolivars to equal just 4 dollars and 2 cents. This is a result of failed socialism by Nicolas Maduro.

### U.S. News:

- The current US political climate is not the most polarized it's ever been. Democrats who supported the Vietnam War had the largest protest in US history against them in the most polarized political climate since the civil war.
- Two of Trump's former insiders have been found guilty of felonies, and many have been quick to claim Trump is guilty by association.
- Over 47% of Clinton supporters and 31% of Trump supporters do not have close friends in the other camp.
- President Trump's approval rating is up to 41%. This huge spike demonstrates the way American Media twists polls. Up to 36% among black voters, disproving the notion that he is racist.
- Mollie Tibbetts was murdered by an illegal immigrant. Feminists blame toxic masculinity while republicans blame weak immigration laws, and The Independent blames Russian bots for using it to distract from political issues.
- Unemployment is down to thirty-nine percent, a forty-nine year low.