



# Central Scoop



## November 2018

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### **Snowing Already?**

Why did it snow on October 12th when it was eighty degrees only two days earlier?  
What's up with the weather? Why are we having extreme cold like this when everyone's talking about global warming?

Global warming doesn't guarantee warm weather. Scientific American states, "Even most global warming skeptics agree that a specific cold snap or freak storm doesn't have any bearing on whether or not the climate problem is real."

How to help Global Climate change:

- Turn off electronics when not in use
- Don't use a charging cable when your phone is charged
- Install solar panels on top of your mailbox
- Have shorter phone calls
- Install timers into your electric sockets

## **Crazy Dates in November**

- 1- Men Make Dinner Day - first Thursday of Month
- 2- Deviled Egg Day
- 2- Look for Circles Day
- 3- Sandwich Day
- 3- Book Lovers Day - first Saturday of the month
- 6- Saxophone Day
- 7- Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day
- 9- Chaos Never Dies Day
- 10- Forget-Me-Not Day
- 13- World Kindness Day
- 14- World Diabetes Day
- 15- Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day
- 16- Fast Food Day
- 17- Take a Hike Day
- 18- Mickey Mouse's Birthday
- 19- World Toilet Day
- 20- National Weirdness Day
- 21- World Hello Day
- 22- Go For A Ride Day
- 23- Buy Nothing Day
- 24- Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day
- 25- Shopping Reminder Day
- 26- Cake Day
- 28- Red Planet Day
- 29- Electronic Greeting Card Day
- 30- Computer Security Day



## Book Suggestions



*Prodigy* By Marie Lu

Genre: YA Fiction

(Dystopian)

Book One: *Legend*

Book Three: *Champion*

A.R. Level: 5.3

A.R. Points: 15

June is heading back to the Republic-- but as a spy for the Patriots. Her mission: lead the new Elector into a trap, one that is bound to change the Republic forever. But what if the Patriots are wrong about Anden? What if he isn't like his father, a power-hungry tyrant? What if Anden is just what the Republic needs--a new beginning? June has to weigh her loyalties yet again as the war between the Republic and the Patriots rages on. But most importantly, how will June settle the war in her heart?

Day is staying behind--destined to become the new face of the rebellion.

While June is away, his doubts in her, and her true motivations, strengthen. What side will she choose? In an effort to rescue his brother, Eden, the Republic's little lab rat, he agrees to assassinate new Elector for the Patriots. But is he willing to kill in order to save the ones he loves most? Is it too late to save the friendship he had with Tess? Can he win June over to his side--or will he be manipulated into joining hers?

As they learn more about the Patriots and the Republic, both are left questioning whether there even is a good side in this war--and if all they can do is choose the lesser of two evils. But which is worse: the Republic or the Patriots?



## Student Spotlight

The following are 7th graders were recommended to us by teachers for hard work: Lexa Clague,

Teagan Gambill, Caera Berry, Lily Beck, Landon Kienitz, and Tara Stromberger.

Nice work, students!

## Staff Spotlight



The following are staff were recommended by 7th and 8th grade students: Miss Harrison for being cool with students, Mrs. Fabish for working hard to help students, Mrs. Kurtz for pushing students to be creative, Mrs. Houle for helping students with both band and life, Mrs. Hardesty for making class and reading fun, Mrs. J. Uftring for having fun with students, Mr. Lawson for having a unique class, Mrs. Lawson

for helping students to understand math well, Mrs. Brod for always being cheerful, Mr. Nason and Mrs. Haight for helping students with chromebook problems, the lunch ladies for always working hard, bus drivers for staying cool even in stressful situations, and the P.E. teachers for teaching physical education well while also having other jobs such as coaching. Thank you, staff

## Extra-Curriculars

This month, the speech team performed at the Germantown Middle School. They performed in front of a class of other participants and a judge in the attempt to receive the highest score possible. Below are two interviews of the members.

### **Heidi Hudson interviewed by Alex Thate**

Alex: What category skit are you doing?

Heidi: I am doing a duet and a trio.

Alex: What year are you in?

Heidi: Three.

Alex: What advice would you give to someone joining speech?

Heidi: Don't get too nervous. It's understandable to be nervous, but don't distract yourself with it.

Alex: What are your favorite things about speech?

Heidi: The people.

**Bella Gray interviewed by Ellie Reetz**

Ellie: What category of skit are you doing?

Bella: A duet.

Ellie: What year of speech are you in?

Bella: Second.

Ellie: What advice would you give to someone who is joining speech?

Bella: Enjoy yourself as much as possible.

Ellie: What is your favorite part of speech?

Bella: Just the experience, honestly. It's something you don't get to do very often, and people kind of have to pay attention to you. You work really hard doing a skit.

**Narrative**

The Narrative each Central Scoop keeps getting added to. Towards the end of the school year this story will have evolved and will finally come to an end.

*Something Unknown* by Lilly McGreevy, Ellie Reetz, and Lauren Ammerman

*Oof.* I landed on something hard and uneven, abrupt agony shooting up my spine. I clenched my teeth and squeezed my eyes shut to cope with the pain, wishing for it to be over soon. Eventually, it reduced to a throbbing ache in my back. *Much better.* I let my eyes flit around to observe my surroundings. This was a strange place. I had landed on a floating rock, which was circling a fiery inferno in the middle of what I assumed was a universe or solar system of some kind. I slowly stood up, minding my injury.

I repeatedly called out for anyone--truly anyone, whether it was aliens or my own kind, "HELLO?"

I wanted answers. *Where was I? How could I get off of the rock? Was it dangerous? Where would I find food and water?* After a few minutes, I gave up yelling. I decided to preserve my voice for when I needed it most, for my throat would probably become dry and parched with the lack of water over the next few hours (*Or would it be days... Weeks... Months... Or longer?*). One last time, I scanned the horizon--though it wasn't really a horizon. Let's just say, for the sake of simplicity, that I strained my eyes to see as far as I possibly could. *Why had I tried to travel with my brother's portal? I mean, I had succeeded, but had it been worth the risk, now that I was stranded?*

After a few unsuccessful hours of waiting for any sign of life, I settled down and did my best to make myself somewhat comfortable. Just as I was about to give up, I saw a flashing light in the distance. *What was that?* It was illuminated again. And this time, it was coming *closer...*

[to be continued in the next edition]



## **Fun Facts**

- Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.
- The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924
- Wild turkeys can run 20 miles per hour when they are scared
- The first thanksgiving dinner was in November of 1621 as a celebration of the autumn harvest



## **Jokes of the Month**

Q. What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient child?

A. If your father could see you know he'd turn over in his gravy...:(

*Ba Dum Shb.*

Q. If fruit comes from fruit trees, what kind of trees do turkeys come from?

A. Poultry's

*Ba Dum Shb.*

- A sloth was walking down the road. Two turtles came up and robbed him. The police came.

“Sir, what did you see happen?” said the officer.

“I don't know, It all happened so fast!” the sloth replied.

Q. What kind sport does turkeys play?

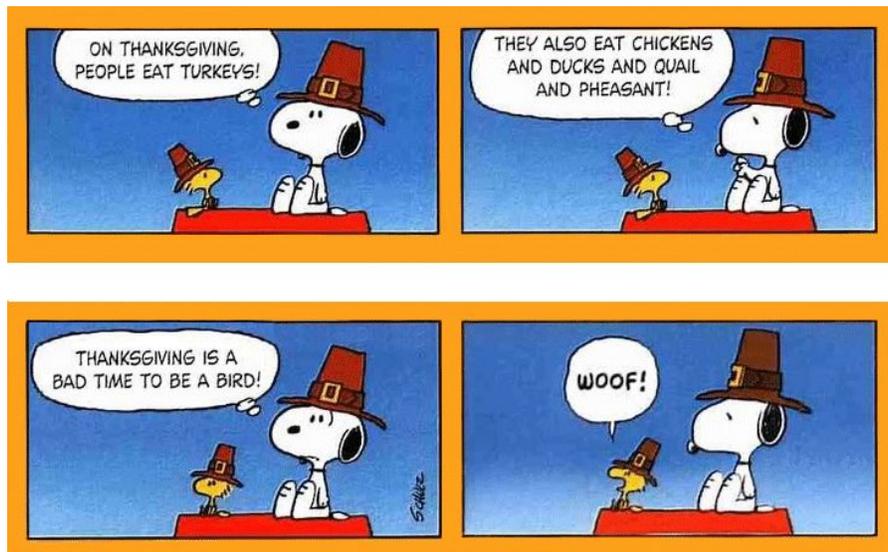
A. Budder-ball.

## **This Month's Poll**

Click <https://linkto.run/p/WD8YXR7K> to vote.

Click <https://linkto.run/r/WD8YXR7K> for results.

## Comic



### Thanksgiving Trivia!

Click [here](#) for a Thanksgiving trivia quiz! We will release the average score in the December Central Scoop!

## Current Events

### World News:

- Due to Chinese-American trade war, tariffs will rise from 10% to 25% on items like steel, aluminium, and some agricultural goods.
- Spain is covered in heavy floods causing hundreds to flee.
- Italy is currently experiencing flooding as well. Heavy rainfalls are causing canals to overflow, flooding the streets.
- North Korea possibly hiding missile operating sites, despite talk of denuclearization.
- Two explorers are attempting solo Antarctic crossings, trying to make history.