

# The Westampton Eye

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## Annie jr Review By Taylor L.

The drama club at Westampton Middle School puts on a play every year. This year the play was *Annie jr.* Many students and staff take part in the play every year. This year the part of Annie was played by Gabriella W. Gabriella has an amazing voice, and she put on a beautiful performance. The play was very well thought out with the dances and choreography. Mr. Condoleon and Mr. Tornquist directed and choreographed an amazing show. The play was very funny and interesting. Annie was a very good choice. So to everyone who worked on the play: you did an amazing job!



# THEATER

## EDITORIAL: Women's History Month In Praise Of Bethany Hamilton By Isabella I.

Through long periods of history women have been considered inferior to men. That is why when Women's History Month comes around it is important to recognize how far we have come. There have been some very amazing and powerful women in history, and we need to appreciate them.

One of these incredible women is Bethany Hamilton. She was attacked by a 14-foot-long tiger shark on a surfboard at the age of 13 and lost her left arm. Everyone was convinced she would never surf again. Determined to prove them wrong, Bethany had a her own board made with a handle for her right arm and learned to surf with one arm. Within two years of getting on a board again, she won her first national surfing title. At the age of 17 she decided to surf professionally, and she still does to this day.

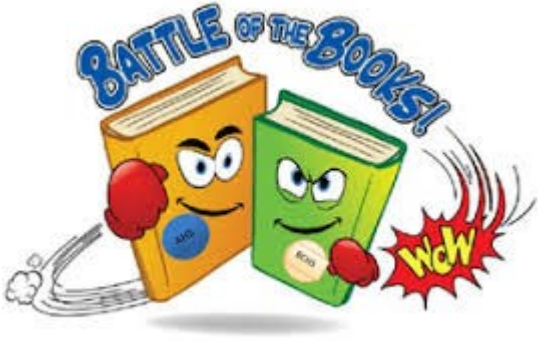
Bethany published her own book, and there is a movie based on the book. She also has a website with inspirational quotes. The quotes fill people's lives with faith and hope. She claims that her greatest joy is being a mother and a wife.

Check out her website at: <https://bethanyhamilton.com/>



## Battle of the Books 6th grade

By Nick M.



Recently, members of the 6th Grade Battle of the Books team traveled to Bordentown Regional Middle School on March 22 to compete in the Battle of the Books Competition. The team competed against twelve teams and performed well, earning themselves a well-deserved 3rd place at the competition. Members of the 6th Grade Battle of the Books include Derrick G., Shasha H., Jalia D. (Secretary), Marren R., and Jake W. (Captain).

## Pennies for Patients at WMS

By Rajvir S.

Pennies for Patients is a program that raises money to find a cure for blood cancer. One type of blood cancer is Leukemia. According to the American Cancer Society, Leukemia is a bone marrow disease that spreads to the blood.

At Westampton Middle School homerooms participating raise money for the cause. The winner for this year's Pennies for Patients contest was Mrs. Burrows's homeroom with a total of \$373.86. Her homeroom gets a pizza party. Our second-place winner is Mrs. Olsen's homeroom with an impressive \$226.82. Mr. Powers's homeroom came in third place with \$207.11. In total, Westampton Middle School raised over \$1,342.88.



# Video Game Review: NBA 2K 19

By Aaron R.

If you love sports video games, you will love NBA 2K 19. NBA 2K 19 is a basketball video game developed by Visual Concepts and published by 2K Sports, based on the NBA. It is the 20th version of the 2K game.

Some features of the game are VC (virtual currency). VC is used to purchase in-game features. For example, you can buy packs with VC or upgrade your MyPlayer with VC. A MyPlayer is a player that you create.

There is also MyPark. MyPark is a My-Career mode where you can play with your friends with teams up to 3 people. But, if you're overall is 85 or below, you are less likely to find teammates to play with.

Another thing that I give 2K props for is their graphics. The graphics are better than ever. The graphics went from pixelated to 4k graphics. The graphics are extremely clear. There is rarely ever any lag in the gameplay.



# Book Review: *Bang!*

By Steve A.— Special to the *Westampton Eye*

Sometimes it can be hard to find an exciting book that grabs you. But for those who crave realism and adventure in the same book, *Bang!* by Sharon G. Flake, is a great choice. It details the life of those who live in poor, violence-ridden neighborhoods and the influence that their environment has on them.

*Bang!* is told from the point-of-view of Mann, a thirteen year old. Mann's family is in shambles after his younger brother dies at the age of seven from a stray bullet. His mother refuses to eat, and his father resorts to pretending that his brother never existed, being harsher on his one remaining son. Surrounded by the violence on the streets, Mann begins to change, fighting and causing trouble. His father, desperate to save his son, does the only thing he can think of to protect him.

I liked the way Flake is able to present what goes on in many areas similar to Mann's, except she puts a unique spin on it. The book opens a stark window onto a serious problem, yet at the same time, the book has an underlying sense of humor that I really love. I highly recommend you check out *Bang!* It is available for check-out in the media center.

## SPORTS NEWS: March Madness

By Daivik P.

March Madness is here. If you don't know, March Madness is run by the National College Athletic Association (NCAA). March Madness has 68 teams that compete. It is a single elimination tournament. That's what makes watching March Madness so fun: once a team loses, they are out of the tournament.

Here are some interesting facts that you may not know about March Madness:

- According to CNN, only eight teams competed in the first NCAA tournament.
- UCLA has the most wins with eleven titles.
- Only one number sixteen team has ever beaten the number one seed.
- The number one seed, Princeton played against the 16th seed with Alonzo Mourning, a really good NBA player.
- Their team name is called Georgetown Hoyas.



Watching March Madness can be really suspenseful. My favorite team is Villanova because they won two straight championships.

## SPORTS NEWS: USWNT Sues U.S. Soccer: Major Victory for Equal Rights

By Taylor L.

We all know about the U.S.A women's soccer team, right? Well, you might have heard about them suing U.S Soccer for gender discrimination. Twenty-eight women on the team sued U.S Soccer over equal pay and gender discrimination. All this happened three months before the team will begin their defense of the Women's World Cup this summer in France.

A statement that released by the 28 players stated that, "gender discrimination has existed for years." The athletes said that the discrimination did not only affect their paychecks but also where they play and how often, how they train, the medical treatment and coaching they receive, and even how they travel to matches. Also, the players complained - despite greater success than the U.S. men's national team - the women's team has consistently been paid drastically less.

Stars like Alex Morgan, Carli Lloyd, Megan Rapinoe and some of the world's most talented female soccer players are included in the suit. The result of their commitment to equal rights: the players not only received pay raises but bonuses. They also have more control over licensing and marketing agreements.

# SPORTS NEWS: NBA Sports Poll

By Nick M.

Recently, a poll was sent out to WMS students asking what their favorite NBA team is. The results showed quite a diverse fan base. In third place with 7 votes (8.9%), is the Los Angeles Lakers. In second, with 15 votes (19%), the Golden State Warriors. Last but not least, in first place, with a whopping 38 votes (48.1%), the Philadelphia 76ers. In total, 79 students voted. The results are displayed below.



Teams	Votes	Place	% of Votes
Philadelphia 76ers	36	1st	48.1%
Golden State Warriors	15	2nd	19%
Los Angeles Lakers	7	3rd	8.9%
Boston Celtics	6	4th	7.6%
Oklahoma City Thunder	3	5th	3.8%
Toronto Raptors	2	T 6th	2.5%
Cleveland Cavaliers	2	T 6th	2.5%
Minnesota Timberwolves	2	T 6th	2.5%

## MUSIC CORNER

### My Favorite Country Music By Isabella I.

What type of music do you like? Well, everyone likes different types of music. For example, some people like country, pop, rock, classical, jazz, hip-hop, and even disco. I like country music. Two artists I really like are Old Dominion and Carrie Underwood. I enjoy their songs because the music is catchy and the lyrics are deep.

Old Dominion is one of my favorite bands. This is because their songs make me think about my life. Also, the band has good harmonies. For example, their song “Song for Another Time” has a lot of meaning to me. One phrase from the song that I remember is “Keep on living that teenage dream.” This is because when I was in

the hospital for my broken arm, my mom always used to tell me, “Never stop chasing your dreams, no matter how old you are.”

The other artist I love is Carrie Underwood. She has so many hits, and her songs are very inspirational. One of my favorite songs by her is “Champion.” I love this song because it has a lot of inspirational phrases such as, “I am invincible, unbreakable.” Another phrase I love is, “I did it for the

love of the game.” Carrie Underwood is an amazing role model for kids and adults.



## MUSIC CORNER

### WMS'S Favorite Music By Carter W.

A few weeks back, a poll was sent out to all the students currently attending Westampton Middle School about their favorite genres of music. Below you will find the statistics for all who had answered this poll, including some of the most favorite bands and singers. Here are some of the top liked genres of music:

Genres	Votes	Favorite Bands
Rock	35	Queen
Punk	22	Green Day
Electrical	27	Skrillex
Pop	29	Beyoncé
Hip-Hop	30	Beastie Boys
Rap	42	OutKast
Jazz	26	Charles Mingus
Country	37	Dixie Chicks
Classical	26	Mozart
Calming	15	DJ Shah
90's	38	Michael Jackson
80's	49	Run D.M.C.



# Mandazi (African Donuts)

By Derrick G.

Here is a recipe for delicious mandazi (African donuts)

Ingredients:

2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 - 1/3 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 cups all purpose flour

2-3 tablespoons grated coconut or coconut flakes

1/2 teaspoon crushed cardamom

1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg or cinnamon

1/2 cup evaporated milk or coconut milk

1 large egg

3 tablespoons melted butter

powdered sugar or cinnamon sugar

caramel sauce

vegetable oil for deep frying

Instructions:

1. In a large bowl combine all the dry ingredients, flour, sugar, baking salt, sugar, cardamom and nutmeg.
2. Gently add all the liquid ingredients, eggs, butter, and milk. Combine until mixture comes together and dough is smooth. If it is too sticky, add a little bit of flour. If too hard, add a little bit of water. Dough should not be too sticky when touched.
3. Roll out dough into 1 inch-thick bite-size pieces or triangles.
4. In a large saucepan pour vegetable oil, until it is at least 3 inches high.
5. Fry until golden brown, about 3-5 minutes depending on size. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain on paper napkin. Serve warm.

I hope you enjoy these delicious mandazi!



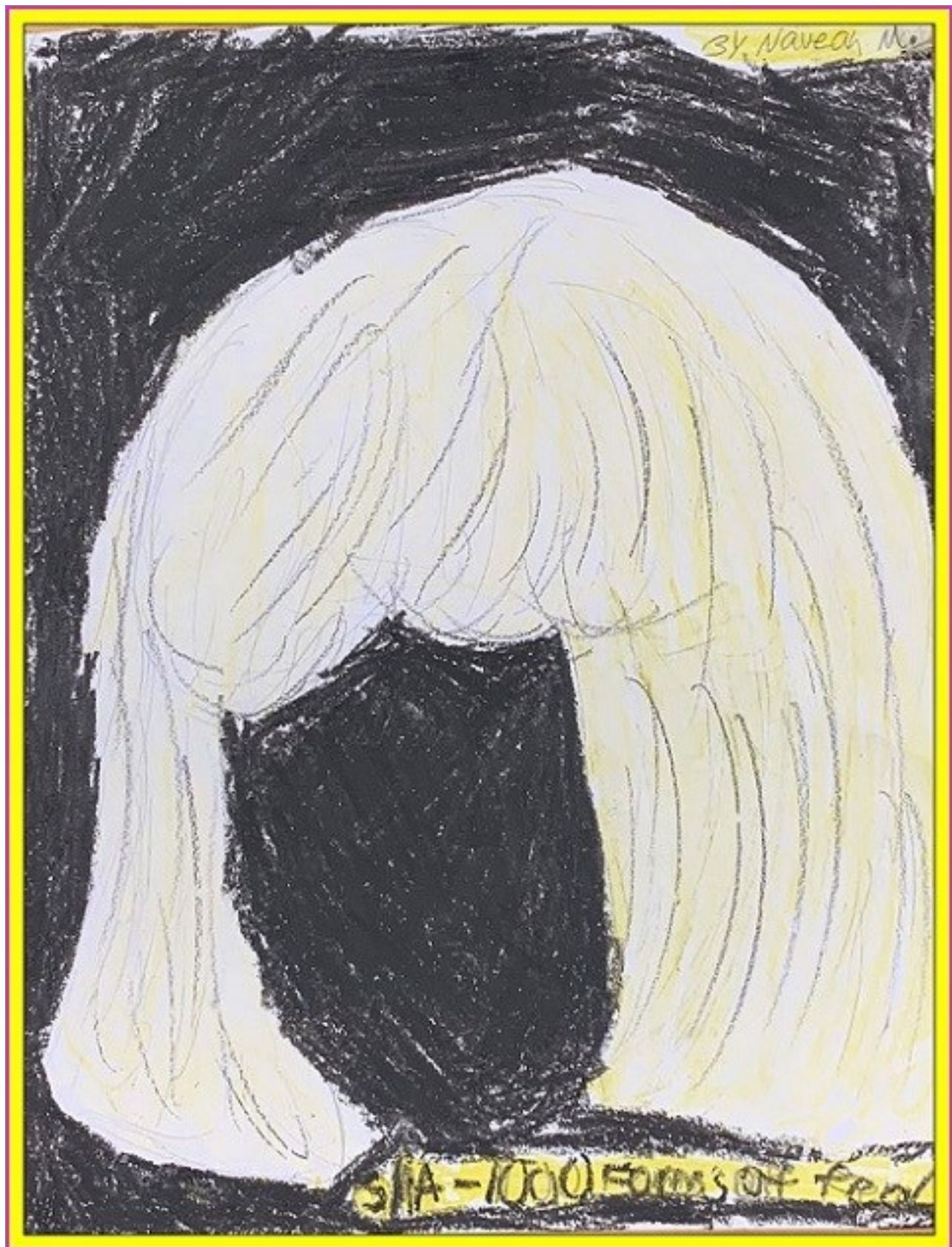
# Comic: "Natsu"

By Derrick G.



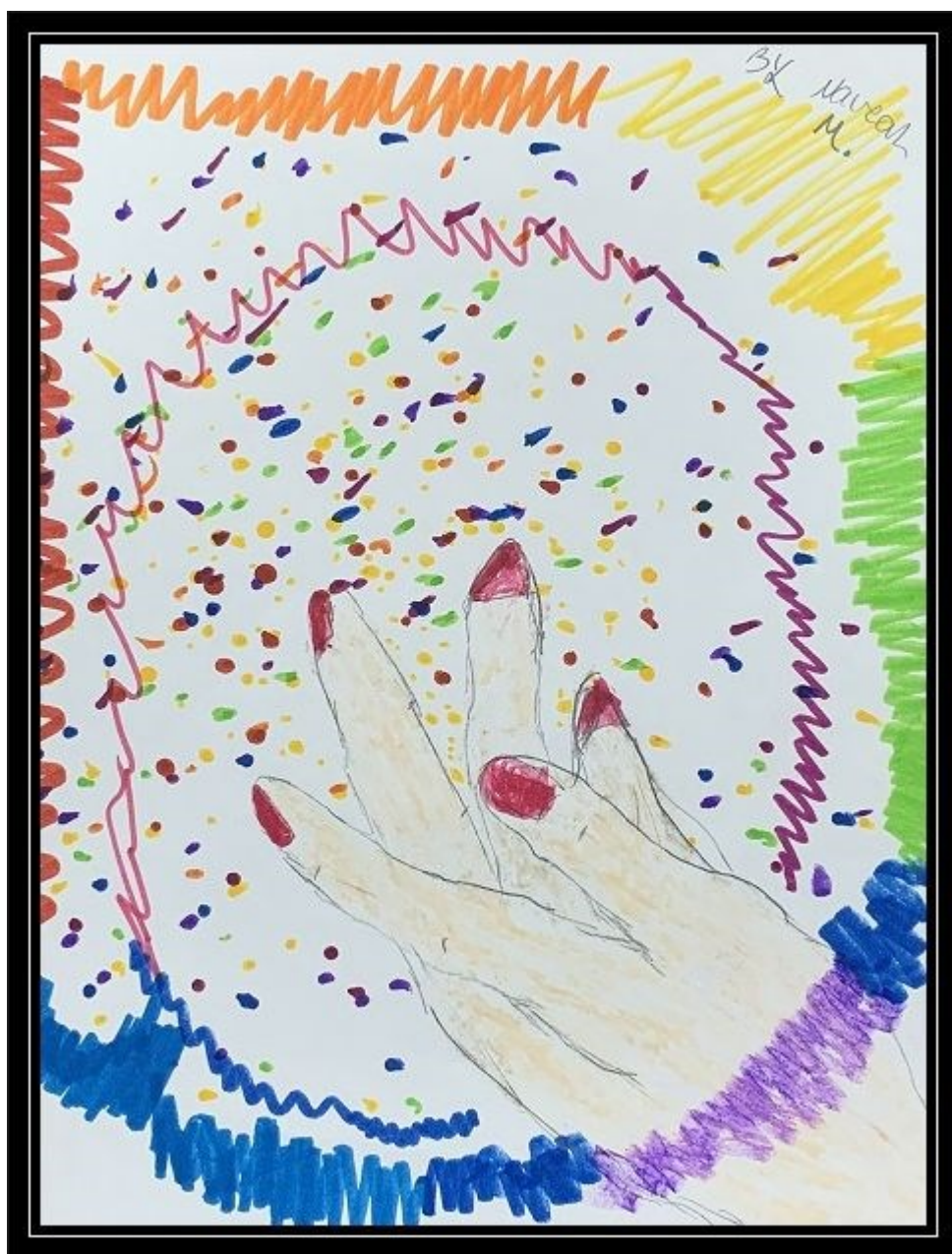
# CREATIVE SHOWCASE

By Naveah M.



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# March Madness

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Duke	Bracket	Wolverines	Villanova
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