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### Jill's DIY: By: Jillian Corwin

#### Pot O'Green Planter

Hey everyone! Since St. Patrick's Day is coming up, I thought a craft would help you get into the St. Patty's spirit! It's a Leprechaun Hat Pot! If you're planning on planting then use this! Good luck! Materials:

- 3-inch green plastic planters (These can be found at a dollar store)
- 1 small potted plant (from your local florist)
- Black ribbon
- Bamboo skewer, craft stick or a coffee stirrer
- 1 piece craft foam in yellow and green •
- 1 sheet white paper or card stock
- Markers/crayons/colored pencils .
- Scissors
- Craft glue

Step 1: Choose a small plant, like shamrocks, marigolds, or primroses.

Step 2: Make the belt buckle by cutting a 1inch piece of craft foam. Fold the square in half, and snip two cuts across the fold, but not all the way to the edge of the square. Step 3: Unfold the square and thread a piece of ribbon through two slits. Step 4: Glue the buckled ribbon around the planter like a belt.

Step 5: Make the rainbow pick by drawing a cloud with four curved lines coming out of it on your white paper.

Step 6: Color your rainbow pick! It can be ROYGBIV or any other order you'd like! Step 7: Cut rainbow out, and glue to a green piece of craft foam. Trim bamboo skewer to about 5 inches and tape to the back of the rainhow

Step 8: Put your plant and pick in your pot. Now you have an amazing pot for St. Patty's Day!





Pictured above from left to right: Allison Sudano, Caitlyn Stien, Sophia Roberts, Jade Rubenstein, Victoria Smith, Darlene Hines, Sarah Hawthorne, John Anthony Cirello, Jonathan Langberg, Matt Lombardo, Danielle Salazar, Michelle Strouse, Emily Ocasio, Bree Gallo, Brooke Greening

On November 22nd and 23rd at 7:00 pm, and 24th at 2:00 pm, the DVMS Drama team put on the play The *Ugly Duckling*. The show was directed by Miss Gutierrez and was held in the DVHS auditorium. The play's cast consisted of Jason Block as Ugly, Maksymilian Henzel-Kedzior as Cat, Matthew Lombardo as Drake, John Anthony Cirello as Greylag, Jonathan Langberg as Turkey, Bree Gallo as Queenie, Olivia Gandolfo as Downy, Allison Sudano as Bullfrog, Autumn Baker as Billy, Sarah Hawthorne as Ida, Brooke Greening as Maureen, Victoria Smith as Grace, Danielle Salazar as Dot, Jade Rubenstein as Henrietta, Michelle Strouse as Lowbutt, Jade Rubenstein as Penny, BreAnna Schields as

Beaky, and Jessy Freer as Fluffy. The play was based off the famous children's' book The Ugly Duckling.

The story is about a young duckling who was born different than the rest the ducklings. Ugly goes through being bullied, picked on, and shunned by the rest of his family. Ugly leaves the farm to go eat dinner with Cat and gets lost afterward. While Ugly is trying to

return back home he goes through various different locations to get back to his family. Along the way he meets new people and makes new friends, and as the seasons change, he has to get back to the farm be-



**DVMS Drama Production Presents: HONK!** 

**By: Chrissy Dedes** 

fore winter comes. During the winter, he meets a swan named Penny, and during a big snow storm he transforms into a swan, and the two go back and live at the farm together with his family.

Pictured Above: Jason Block

Overall. the performance was captivating and sensational. All of the

drama members did an outstanding job!



Pictured above from left to right: Sarah Hawthorne, Autumn Baker, Olivia Gandalfo, Jessy Freer, BreAnna Shields, Brooke Greening

**Breaking News** Globs take over the paper!!!

GIODS TAKE OVER THE paper!!! lello there everyone. My name is Globby, as you probably ave noticed, we Globs have successfully taken over the Varrior Times! Last night, we snuck into Miss O' Brien's omputer, and made massive changes to the newspaper. Jue to my master computer skills, I disguised the newspaper to look normal on the computer, but print out ur own version. Since Newspaper Club was on a deadline o get the paper done, they had no choice but to publish his version of the paper! Now wittness our Globby and riends skills right in this paper, and stay tuned to the lewspaper Club website for upcoming Globby and Friends pisodes and possibley games!



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# **DVMS** Talent Showcase!

**By:** Chrissy Dedes





Pictured above: charismatic hosts Jon Roe (left) and Mandy Xu (right).

The student council held the annual DVMS talent show, held in the high school auditorium, on Friday, February 7th . There were a total of eleven stunning acts in the show.

Coming in third place were Theo Bookey and Brandon Minetti with a dazzling saxophone and trumpet duo. In second place were Sarah Hawthorne singing and playing guitar. Chris Gebbia blew the au-

dience and judges away with his piano performance which earned him the first place title.

Mandy Xu and Jon Roe served as hosts, and did a fabulous job of entertaining audience members throughout the night!

All of the acts were great, though. The other eight acts were by Michelle Strouse, Allison Sudano, Brian Caswell, Bre Anna Shields, Olivia Gandolfo, John Babitts, Bella Irwin, Ashley Thalassinos, Ariana Peters, Griffin Smith, and Hailey Deleeuw. What an awesome night!

# My Chinchilla Experience

### **By: Jeremy Burns**

What do you think when you hear the name Chinchilla? Do you think of a foreign name... or an alien animal? Well, if thought of an alien animal... you are close, but a Chinchilla is just a normal animal. These are rodents that came from South America, (and if you would ask me, I would tell you that mine is a South American Squirrel!) and that isn't just the best part, they have the softest fur. But this puts them in a lot of danger of being killed and made into fur coats.

Let's just get on to Chance. Chance... My Chinchilla is an incredible animal, he is nice, intelligent, and large for his size; he is about 8 months (which makes him a baby since they live to be about 20 years old!). For these critters, that is a long time. I have had mine for over two months. Right now I

can only hold him for a few seconds because of the taming period of time (So this is a big thing for me and my Chin!).

But the best part is he is a special animal because he was a rescue from all the way in Brown Mills, New Jersey.



# 2013-2014: A Winter to Remember

After a history-making winter season, let's recap with some astonishing facts about the winter we all experienced!



\*weather experts consider this winter "snowiest and coldest in decades"!

\*this winter is in the top three worst of all time for the Northeast!

\*our area got pounded with a whopping 66.9" of snow!

\*our worst storm was on 2/13; we received 18", total!



After this brutal winter, it seems as though the general consensus is that we can't wait for Spring!

Facts from weather.com



Pictured above: Brandon Minetti (left) and Theo Bookey (right).

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Game Review: Tearaway By: David DeFreese

Have you ever wanted to hold a whole world in your hands? Well now you can! From the people who created Littlebigplanet, comes a



brand new, paper experience! The Messenger (iota or atoi) has a message to deliver to you! But evil Scraps are trying to prevent that from happening! Help The Messenger deliver their message to you by brining your fingers into the world. This game is available for the PSVita for \$49.99. However, if you buy the game at GameStop, you will get a special Tearaway headphone jack of either iota or atoi. I love the game's detail, design, and overall story,



however, the story is rather short. But I would still give this game a 9.9/10. See ya next time!





Dead Poet's Society

By: TQ Smith

For the second installment of the Dead Poet's Society, we shall be exploring the brilliant minds that have put a fingerprint on the world. We will concentrate especially on those who were thought to be crazy and were not paid any attention to until one person finally recognized their uniqueness.



Translated by Robert Bly

My eyes already touch the sunny hill. going far ahead of the road I have begun. So we are grasped by what we cannot grasp; it has inner light, even from a distanceand charges us, even if we do not reach it, into something else, which, hardly sensing it, we already are; a gesture waves us on answering our own wave... but what we feel is the wind in our faces.

Poetry is not just stanzas that rhyme, but quotes of abstract thinking. This quote is by John Nash a beautiful mind that worked at Princeton. He proved an equation that took mathematicians decades to prove, doing so when suffering from severe mental disorders. Later in his life, he won the Nobel Prize in Mathematics. He is the prime example of brilliance, that people thought were crazy.

"One aspect of this is that rationality of thought imposes a limit on a person's concept of his relation to the cosmos." – John Nash





*Pictured above*: Alex Coelho (left) and Abhay Byadgi (right)

The middle school is offering a new co-curricular to its students this year—the chess club. Led by Mr. Valentine, club members face each other in matches, learn new skills, and have a great time doing it! The chess club even conducts a tournament to keep the competition alive!

We are always taking more people, and the more people the bigger the tournament! We have a meeting every Monday to 4:30. So please consider joining Chess club!



Pictured above: Michael Donegan

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# TGACHGR INTGRVIGW: MRS. KRATZ BY: JOG ACTISDANO

#### Q: What or who influenced you to teach?

A: My mother was a 1st grade teacher and my father was a 6th grade teacher before he became a principal. I grew up around educators and education was a top priority in our house. In high school my Latin teacher Mr. Leonard and my 11th grade teacher Mr. Hastie also had huge impacts on my decision to become an educator.

#### Q: What would you say was the most exciting experience of your teaching career?

A: Spending a month in rural Mississippi before my senior year of college was a really transformative experience. I worked in a town called Jonestown with girls who were at risk of using drugs and alcohol. As a white woman I was the minority and that was a new feeling for me.

Q: Do you own any pets?

A: A 4 year old goldfish, originally named, Dorothy.



Q: Do you have any children?

A: Yes—two amazing daughters. Emma is 5 and Molly is 2.

#### Q: What type of transportation do you use on a regular basis to get to school?

A: My car. I practically live in it. I could survive a least a week on what's in there right now.

#### Q: What were you like as a child?

A: I was curious, but shy. I loved to read books and "teach" my CareBears and other stuffed animals. I also loved to sing, which I still do.

#### Q: Do you have any pet peeves?

A: Yes! I do not like to find red peppers in my food! Some people argue that they give a dish "color", but they drive me bonkers.

#### Q: As a kid did you go to DV? If not did you go to a different school district and or state?

A:Nope-I attended Catholic Schools in PA from Kindergarten through Graduate School. My faith is a very important part of my life.

#### Q: Did you always want to be a teacher?

A: Yes- and a singer and a brain surgeon and an editor... there are so many thing I wanted to learn, which is why I LOVE teaching. I learn every day.

#### Q: What happened to the little boy with the tomato plant?

A: Oh, Joe... I think the more important question is what happened to the tomato plant? It caught a terrible blight\* this past season and faces an uncertain future.

\*Blight-the rapid and extensive discoloration, wilting, and death of plant tissues.

# Q: As one of DVMS's newest teachers, how is your first year going?

*R:* My first year is going great. Being a first year teacher in a brand new class has kept me very busy. I love the fact that I'll get to teach and meet every 7th grader each year. It's also nice to have other teachers in the building that will go out of their way to help you with whatever you need.

### Q: What inspired you to become a business teacher?

*R:* Well it wasn't business specifically that I was interested in. I was just interested in becoming a teacher. I always said I would teach anything from Kindergarten to High School and be happy doing it. My bachelor's degree is actually in Economics so I already had a pretty strong background in business, so it was a logical subject for me to get certified in.



Q: Did you go to Delaware Valley when you were a student? What were you like in middle school?

*R:* I did go to Delaware Valley. I actually had an English class in the room I now teach in. I was a good student in Middle School and I was a soccer and basketball player.

# Q: What do you like to do outside of school?

*R:* Outside of school I like to do lots of different things. Right now a lot of my free time is taken up by coaching, but I also like to go out with friends, watch movies, and spend time outdoors.

# Q: What do you like most about coaching?

*R:* The best thing about coaching is that you get to see another side of the kids. A kid that you think you know may act completely different when you put him on an athletic field or court. It's always interesting to see the kids change when you change their environment. It also allows you to develop bonds with kids that you might not be able to develop in the classroom.

# Q: If you were stranded on a deserted island and could bring three things with you, what would they be?

*R:* A flair gun, a boat, and a two-way radio. My life is too good here; I'd want to maximize the chances I got off that island!

# Q: What kind of music do you like to listen to? Do you have a favorite artist?

*R:* I know everyone says this, but I really do listen to all kinds of music. If you went through my Ipod you would find everything from Mozart and Beethoven to Taylor Swift and Jay-Z. If I had to pick a favorite artist it would be Jay-Z.

# *Q:* There is buzz in the hallway about you being the "nice Sweeney." How would you comment on that?

*R:* That is a common misconception. I am actually quite mean., It's just that the other Mr. Sweeney is so incredibly mean that he makes me look nice by comparison. :-)



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# Important Dates & Upcoming School Events

- Monday, March 17-St. Patrick's Day!
- Wednesday, March 19-Combined DDMS and DVMS Chorus Concert
- Thursday, March 20—First Day of Spring!
- Tuesday, March 25—Beginning of PSSA Testing
- Monday, April 7—End of 3rd Marking Period
- Saturday, April 12—Odyssey of the Mind Competition in Berwick, PA
- Thursday, April 17-Monday, April 21—Spring Recess!

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Interested in becoming a staff member for the DVMS Warrior Times? See Miss O'Brien in F-4 to obtain a permission slip and join us at our biweekly meetings!

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