

# Auburn Middle Monthly



Hello and welcome back to your school's monthly newspaper. We hope you've had a great start to the new year. Though there may be some early challenges, power through and be the kind of superhero everybody needs. There are some wonderful national holidays coming up, but remember, this month is Black History Month. We should all take time to reflect and celebrate all of the great African American leaders of our past and present.

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# Black History Month

By: Eve-Nevaeh Region

Black History Month has been celebrated the month of February every year since 1926. This national holiday was created by Carter G. Wilson. He chose this holiday to be celebrated in February because esteemed black abolitionist Frederick Douglass, and former 16th president Abraham Lincoln's birthdays fall in this month. These people are important because:

1. Abraham Lincoln abolished slavery which was a big step in African American freedom and equality.
2. Frederick Douglass was a leader of the abolitionist movement who helped African Americans get their voices heard in order for change.

Black history month is celebrated in the U.S.A, Canada, United Kingdom, and The Netherlands. This amazing holiday is such a big part of our lives because it commemorates African Americans of our past, present, and future. It also gives African Americans the assurance that they have and will make a difference in the world, not based on their skin color but based on their drive to be and do something great.

# Book of the Month

## *“Legend”*

By: Olivia Busby

The dystopian novel “Legend” by Marie Lu, takes place in what was formerly known as the United States of America, but now known as the Republic. This story is about Day, a fifteen year old boy born in the slums of the Republic, and June, a fifteen year old girl from the Republic’s wealthiest districts. Life is a lot different in the polar opposite environments of Day and June, and that results in much different lifestyles. Day is the most wanted criminal in the country and June is a military prodigy.

One day, tragedy strikes. Metias, June’s older brother and only family, is killed. Everyone believes that Day is responsible for Metias’s death. June is assigned a mission to find Day and bring him in for justice. But little evidence can be pinned against Day. As June looks deeper, she finds there might be more behind this murder. Can June find Day and avenge her brother’s death? And while looking for clues, will she uncover a secret the government has been hiding? Read this thrilling and engaging story to find out.

# Short Stories/Fiction

*By Ian Nguyen*

I wake up, disoriented, and forgetful of my surroundings. I wonder what I am doing in this unfamiliar room. I quickly readjust my brain, kicking out the dreams, and searched to discover why I was here. What is the cause of all the adrenaline coursing through me? The entire process only took a couple seconds, and soon I was on my feet and racing to the kitchen where I knew my grandma was waiting for the phone to ring. Or maybe it already had. The thought gave room to more fantasies and possibilities, which made me drive my legs harder, on the quest for answers. My grandma is there, as expected, but what I didn't expect is my grandma's cheerful countenance, pasted over her usually calm and philosophical expression.

"You're awake!" my grandma exclaims with her thick, Vietnamese accent. "Go wake your sisters, the baby is here!"

## **Roughly half an hour later...**

We are darting through the streets that were obviously occupied by snow at one point. I was thoroughly surprised, for I didn't bother to look out the window this morning. Due to the awe written all over my sisters' faces, I knew they did not either. As we scramble to the hospital, testing the speed limit, no one says a word. Any conversation or small talk seems quite unnecessary in this tense moment. The minutes creep by, as slow as a slug, and we have nothing to placate ourselves but gazing at the excess snow shoved to the side by the plows. After what felt like half an hour, we completed the under 10 minute drive to the hospital where the sixth member of our immediate family is waiting.

We check in, hop in the elevator, and wait for the elevator to reach our floor. The entire process seems so tedious, and due to my excitement, I cannot believe I have not exploded with joy yet. Being this close to one of my life time dreams was torture, and I am surprised no one has made a comment on the racket my pounding heart is creating. After yet another eternity passed, we rushed to the room number we were told. We skid to a stop, because we found the number we were searching for. There is one awkward moment where everyone is glued to the spot. No one wants to make the first move. I can't believe the day I have doubted will ever come has arrived. I am one door away from a new life, one with a little boy along with the rest of the family. My right hand firmly grasps the doorknob, I twist my wrist until the satisfying click appears, and walk inside, my sisters on my heels.

He was even cuter than I expected. His large, dark brown eyes look deep and wise, and his tiny little nose looked so small compared to his chubby cheeks. His head alone was about a third of his height, and probably half his weight, I realized with a grin. His fingers and toes are about as long as my fingernails. When I hold his hand, it feels warm and snuggly, like if five fluffy worms hugged me. I didn't want to let go. I cannot turn away. This is what I have coveted for as long as I can remember, and finally, I look him right in the eyes.

Mom asks if I want to hold him, and my first thought is 'why, of course!', but a horrid image of me dropping him came into my head. I did it anyway, because dad will be right next to me, and I really did want to hold my newfound source of joy. I sat down in the cozy recliner next to Mom, and she handed that precious package over to me. I simply can't describe what I feel right now. He is so warm, and I want to hug him forever. His tiny, curious fingers explore the landscape of me. His eyes moved constantly from one sight to another. *Being brought into a new, unfamiliar world must be so overwhelming*, I think to myself. I tune everyone else out. Right now, it was just me and my new brother. I looked into his innocent, wide open eyes and he looked into mine, and all I felt was pure joy. I feel so lucky to have a little brother by my side.

*The End*

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# Monthly Positive Horoscopes

By: Eve-Nevaeh Region

**Aries** This month is your time to shine. You are being noticed for your greatness and are on top of the world.

**Taurus** Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and do something unexpected. Success is coming your way.

**Gemini** Don't let your emotions get the best of you. This may be a bumpy month for you but you can't let it get the best of you.

**Cancer** Focus on strengthening your own mind and work on your overall well-being on how you can improve.

**Leo** You may meet someone new this month. Make the best of it and connect with other people.

**Virgo** It's time to think about the deep meaning of certain things. Take a second & think about all you have done and prospered.

**Libra** You are transforming into a new person every day. Express the difference and learn to love yourself.

**Scorpio** Challenges are coming your way but they were made to overcome. People care for you you just don't know yet.

**Sagittarius** Technology is here for a reason. Get in touch with a friend & talk about the good times that were unforgettable.

**Capricorn** There's an idea that you have been extremely excited for but you can't work up the nerve to go for it. Try new things.

**Aquarius** Don't be disappointed for a slow starting month. This gives you time to process and fly through this month like a star.

**Pisces** Childhood is something to cherish because before you know it, you will be an adult and will wish you were still a kid.

# February National Holidays

## February 1

- National Freedom Day
- National Get Up Day
- National Serpent Day
- National Texas Day

## February 2

- National Heavenly Hash Day
- National Tater Tot Day
- National Groundhog Day

## February 3

- National Carrot Cake Day
- National Day the Music Died Day
- National Missing Persons Day

## February 5

- World Nutella Day
- Bubble Gum Day
- National Frozen Yogurt Day
- National Lame Duck Day
- National Chopsticks Day
- Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
- National Play Outside Day

## February 7

- National Fettuccine Alfredo Day
- National Periodic Table Day
- National Send a Card to a Friend Day

## February 8

- National Boy Scouts Day
- National Kite Flying Day
- National Iowa Day

## February 9

- National Pizza Day
- National Toothache Day

## February 10

- National Cream Cheese Brownie Day
- National Umbrella Day

## February 11

- National Inventors' Day
- National Make a Friend Day

- National Peppermint Patty Day
- National White Shirt Day

## February 12

- National Plum Pudding Day
- No One Eats Alone Day

## February 13

- Galentine's Day
- National Break Up With Your Carrier Day
- National Cheddar Day
- National Tortellini Day
- Global Movie Day

## February 14

- National Cream-Filled Chocolates Day
- National Ferris Wheel Day
- National Organ Donor Day
- Valentines Day

## February 15

- National Gumdrop Day
- Singles Awareness Day
- National Wisconsin Day
- Presidents Day

## February 16

- National Almond Day
- National Do A Grouch a Favor Day
- Paczki Day
- Fastnacht Day

## February 17

- National Random Acts of Kindness Day
- National Cabbage Day

## February 18

- National Battery Day
- National Crab Stuffed Flounder Day

## February 19

- National Chocolate Mint Day
- National Lash Day
- National Vet Girls RISE Day
- National Caregivers Day
- Tartar Sauce Day

## February 20

- National Cherry Pie Day

- National Love Your Pet Day
- National Muffin Day

## February 21

- National Grain-Free Day
- National Sticky Bun Day

## February 22

- National California Day
- National Cook a Sweet Potato Day

## February 23

- National Banana Bread Day
- National Dog Biscuit Day
- National Tile Day

## February 24

- National Tortilla Chip Day

## February 25

- National Chocolate Covered Nut Day
- National Clam Chowder Day
- National Pancake Day

## February 26

- National Pistachio Day
- National Tell a Fairy Tale Day
- National Toast Day
- National Chili Day

## February 27

- National Kahlua Day
- National Retro Day
- National Strawberry Day
- National Polar Bear Day

## February 28

- National Chocolate Souffle Day
- National Public Sleeping Day
- National Tooth Fairy Day
- Rare Disease Day

## February 29 (Every Four Years)

- National Time Refund Day

# Your Creativity Corner!

This month's work submissions were exceptional! Thank you for all the support.

## Some Valentine's jokes...

By Aidan Beddingfield

Maybe you could use some of these on your Valentine this year!

What do you call the world's smallest Valentine's Day card?

**A Valen-teeny!**

What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?

**I'm stuck on you!**

What did one volcano say to the other?

**I lava you!**

What did the cucumber say to the pickle?

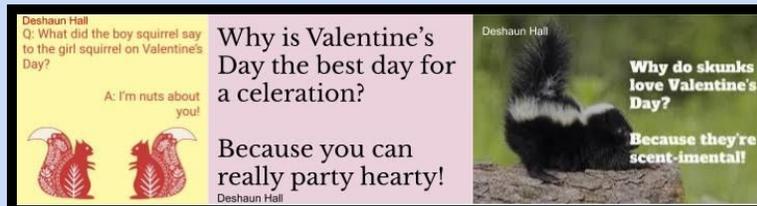
**You mean a great dill to me.**

How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?

**He gave her a ring!**

What did the one sheep say to the other?

**I love ewe!**



If you are interested in submitting your poems, drawings, or whatever you'd like share it with us! Click the link below to enter any work. Have a great day!

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Delaney Beddingfield says..  
I'm going to wrap myself in paper, stick myself with glue tie a bow on me.... and  
mail myself to you!



Again, thank you guys so much for all the awesome submissions.  
Come back next month to see your work in our paper!

The link for submitting your work is here!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4m\\_k3jLARpSs3EHAq7Ql5Lo4Q5bo9iijL3OHQh6\\_sZmzG7g/viewform?usp=sf](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4m_k3jLARpSs3EHAq7Ql5Lo4Q5bo9iijL3OHQh6_sZmzG7g/viewform?usp=sf)

**Deadline for submissions is Feb. 28th**

The theme for the March issue is March Madness!  
Ideas include: basketball, 2020 throwbacks, etc.

You can submit anything you want! Photography, jokes, videos, memes,  
drawings, stories, poems.. Whatever you like doing! Happy creating!  
(Work must be school-appropriate)

If you have any questions regarding submitting work, or just want to email  
me your work, you can email me at [clsowers@fcps1schools.net](mailto:clsowers@fcps1schools.net)

# Guess the Teacher

By: Christina Dovell

Last Month's Staff Member was... Ms. Fahey!  
Congratulations Mia Fortune and many more to guessing  
correctly last month!

In this column, you will be given facts about a staff member at Auburn. With these facts, you can complete the very quick google form attached and if you guess correctly, you can be mentioned in the next issue of the newspaper! Here's the information for this months Staff Member:

1. My favorite color is all the colors
2. My hair color is brown
3. My favorite food is pizza
4. My first initial is A
5. This is my 3rd year at AMS
6. My birthday is in December
7. I went to Shenandoah and Liberty University for college

## Do you think you know who I am?

Take a guess here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRwgjo3g\\_jWaWzbArD5feq\\_-MVfwx\\_IFGMtXTnzIKq51BW3A/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRwgjo3g_jWaWzbArD5feq_-MVfwx_IFGMtXTnzIKq51BW3A/viewform?usp=pp_url)

# Upcoming Events

This month's Athletic Challenge is Burpees! Record how many your family can do this month and submit it at this link. <https://forms.gle/J7y7t9pYB8QT3Q1e9>

Send in a picture of your Snowman THIS MONTH to be featured in next month's newspaper!

In order to help our newspaper reflect Auburn as a family, we are seeking out to find artists, writers and comedians alike to create an art, comic, and writing page filled with pieces to reflect us. Attached below are two google forms to be used a suggestion box filled with topics you would like us to talk about in our next issue, and secondly one art, writing, or comic submissions.

**If you would like to be a part of next month's newspaper, submit your work to us!**

This month's theme for submissions is: **March Madness**

Whether it's basketball tournaments or the upcoming anniversary of our neverending quarantine. March sure has been mad. So find your meaning of madness with throwbacks to 2020, or whatever you interpret of this wacky prompt.

Fill in the blank with what you would like to reflect in your piece, and attach it to our Google Forms below.

Suggestion Box Form

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Work submissions Form

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## **Random Debate!**

Winter is better than summer.

*Past the halfway point of winter, some people are glad to almost be done with this season, others on the contrary.*

**Yes:** Winter is much better than summer. Especially here in Virginia where 80 degrees and humid feels like 110. Cold weather is much more tolerable than sweaty, oven-like summer. Plus, there's snow! Snow days are a great way to destress your mind and focus on getting some fun in.

**No:** Winter is not better than summer. In summer you get to go to the pool, go on a beach vacation, and relax, because you don't have school! In the freezing cold winter, you just huddle around a fire or under a vent trying to stay warm.

### ***Voting Time!***

What do YOU think? Vote at the link!

<https://forms.gle/xwwMrvxbZJx9R39k7>

# Did you Know? Disney Edition

- You cannot be anywhere in the Disney parks without having a trash can within 30 steps away from you.
- After the movie, Ratatouille rats were bought 50% more than they used to.
- Pixar almost deleted itself (accidentally).
- Disneyland is home to hundreds of feral cats.
- Disney doesn't have to pay for electricity because they own their own power plant.
- More than 30 tons of fruits and vegetables are produced each year in Epcot, they even have molds to make some of them Mickey Mouse shaped.
- There is NO gum sold in the Disney parks.
- Main street is scented, it is scented like vanilla except for winter when it is peppermint scented, they do this to make people's visit sweeter and to mask the smell of sweat and trash.
- In Disney's ride of Pirates of the Caribbean Disney actually bought real human skeletons for the ride, they have all been replaced except for the skull on the bedpost in the scene with the skeleton laying in bed.
- There is a tunnel system underneath the Disney parks for trash and so cast members can get around easily. Now you can even get tours of the underground walkways.
- Disney World buys more fireworks than anyone except for the US military.
- In 1955 admission to Disneyland was only \$1.00, in 1971 when Disney's Magic Kingdom opened; adult admission cost \$3.50, now it is \$93 per day.
- On main street in the hat shop you can find an old fashioned pay phone and listen to a never ending conversation.
- On main street all but one of the American flags are missing a star or a stripe so they can be hung everyday.
- Cinderella's castle was built to withstand hurricanes and winds up to 125 mph wind.
- When Mr. Toad's wild ride was stopped in Disney World they placed a memorial to Mr. Toad in The haunted mansions backyard pet graveyard.
- You never have to pay for water in the Disney parks, you can just go up to a restaurant and ask for a cup.
- More than 50 million cokes are consumed in the Disney parks every year but you won't find a pepsi.
- You can attend a Disney College and intern at Disney.
- It takes over 150 trailer loads to decorate at Christmas time.
- When Walt Disney died in 1966 his last words were "Kurt Russell".
- Epcot's Mission space ride needs even MORE computer power than one of NASA's space shuttles.
- There is a wedding ring in the ground in the line to The Haunted Mansion.
- If you want to prank a friend or family member you can squirt them by pushing some of the barnacles on a grave in the line to The Haunted Mansion.
- There is a Mickey mouse shaped five-megawatt solar farm.
- Disney World employs around 70,000 cast members.
- The steam engines on the Disney railroad are fueled by old french fry oil.

I'm sure plenty of people have heard already, but sadly one of our AMS staff members has passed away in a fatal car accident. Mr. Hilton, our business teacher, was the victim. Let's never forget Mr. Hilton, and always keep him close to our hearts. Thank you Mr. Hilton for being a great teacher, and a great man.

And thank you for tuning in on this month's School Newspaper!

Be sure to check out the next one coming early March!