
THE NORTHSTAR CHRONICLE

Written by students, for students

Happy Thanksgiving!



Hello everyone!

Can you believe its October already? I can't believe we have already been in school for 7 weeks! I had a crazy week recovering from having Covid. I am doing a lot better now and am just starting to get back into my routine.

In recent weeks my Pastor has been preaching on the issue of Covid and he had some very good points I wanted to share with all of you. He calls Covid a "Debatable issue". Meaning that it's not a kingdom issue.

We are not getting into Heaven based upon our beliefs and opinions on Covid. Instead, we should love each other through this. Instead of always talking about whether we should get the vaccine or not we would love others as Jesus first loved us. We should respect others' opinions of Covid and not tell them why they are wrong. I am not saying that we should never have debates about Covid. I am just saying that when we do make sure it's out of love and not anger. Ok I'm done now! Have a great rest of your day!

-Abbie Rae Kornelsen, Chronicle Editor



Sick Poetry

By John Fung

There was a seal called "Seal"
He was unhappy
So, he changed his name to "Icy"
Because he was very spicy

Riddles with Simeon Buchner

1. What did the Oak tree say when autumn came around?
2. How are you supposed to talk in the Apple Library?
3. What is the best thing to put into an apple pie?
4. Why did the Scarecrow with the Noble Prize?
5. What is a scarecrows favourite fruit?
6. What's the slowest way for an ant to get down from a tree?
7. Why do birds fly South in the fall?

Answers on Page 6

Credit For Riddles:

<https://funkidsjokes.com/autumn-jokes/>

Join the Chronicle!

Do you enjoy photography? Like learning new things? Appreciate funny jokes? Enjoy Stories? Then this is the place for you! The chronicle is looking for some new contributors!

If you are interested in contributing email me at: abbie.kornelsen@nsaschool.ca

Sneak Peek!

Did you know that a bear's skin is black!!??

What Wow!!! with Trevor Pearson!

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Totally Tea-rrific

By Natalie Dryden

It's that time of year again where the shops are decked out with bats and pumpkins, and everything smells like cinnamon and candy apples. It is autumn! Autumn is one of my absolute FAVOURITE months to go tea shopping because there are so many cinnamon and chai flavours which are totally the best.

In these articles, I will show you some of the new teas coming out for Halloween, where to get them and a little description of what they are like. I might also add in a recipe for a special type of tea! So, with no further ado, let's get started!

Tea #2: Pumpkin Chai

Pumpkin chai is a very sensible tea. So, if you like black teas but just want something to spice it up a bit, this is probably for you. I found it was very mild with the pumpkin flavours which weren't what I was expecting but it is good for if you want something light without a ton of crazy flavours. As for the chai aspect, I would say there was a light chai flavour the longer you steeped but it was mostly like a black tea with a hint of pumpkin-y caramel. I definitely did enjoy this one, it is just a lot more subtle than some of the other autumn flavours you can find. This one I didn't add any cream to, and I probably wouldn't because the milk could mask any traces of the cinnamon in there, but you never know! Maybe give it a try and tell me what YOU thought. ☺ Great pick for anyone who likes black tea but wants to try a little twist.

STATS

- Medium Caffeine
- Black tea
- Contains milk and soy
- Steep for 3-5 minutes
- Limited time availability!!! NOTE: I went last month to Davidstea to get this one and it was all gone the next time I came.



Coming Soon!

Student Café News by Abbie Rae Kornelsen

General News by Bethany Urquhart

What Wow!!!

With Trevor Pearson

Be the smartest kid anywhere

It also usually makes you the most annoying but
that's a side matter

1. Canada's Motto is *from sea to sea!*
2. The piano was invented in Italy in the year 1709.
3. The first Canadian Thanksgiving was on November 6, 1879.
4. A giraffe has the same amount of bones in their necks as humans, seven.
5. D-Day started on June 6, 1944. (D-Day is when the allied forces attacked from water and regained lots of land)
6. A fully functional piano needs 230 strings to make its full range of sound.
7. During Thanksgiving of 2015 2.2 million turkeys were purchased. That's 35% of all turkeys purchased that year.
8. Hummingbirds can beat their wings 200 times per second!
9. The Canadian flag was first hoisted on February 5, 1965, while Lester Pearson was in office.
10. Turkeys are used at Thanksgiving dinner because they were fresh and there were any of them.
11. The Canadian anthem became our anthem in 1980, which was 100 years after it was made in 1880. But the English version was written in 1908.



Credit for What Wow!!!:

Animal Facts

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/amazing-animal-facts-for-kids>

Thanksgiving Facts

<https://www.modernmississauga.com/main/2019/10/7/14-fun-facts-about-canadian-thanksgiving>

Piano Facts

<https://www.omahaschoolofmusicanddance.com/our-blog/15-interesting-facts-about-the-piano/>

Canadian History Facts

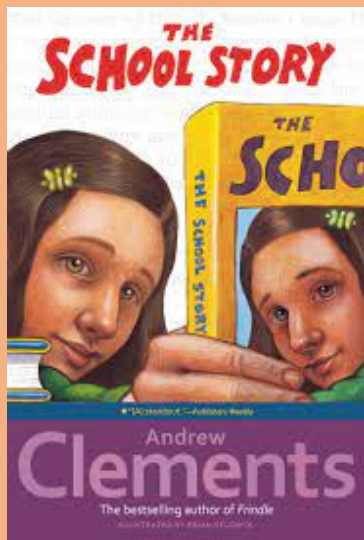
Canadian History for
Dummies www.dummies.com





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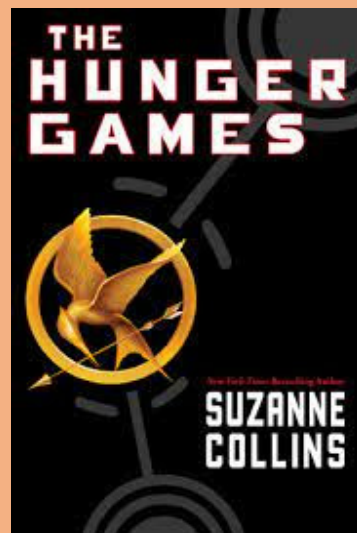
The School Story



Genres: Coming of age, Mystery
Interest level: Grades 5-9
Rating: 9/10
Similar to: Lunch Money, Frindle, The Report Card
Author: Andrew Clements

Reviewed by Abbie Rae Kornelsen

The Hunger Games



Genres: Dystopian, Adventure, Science
Interest level: Grades 8-12
Rating: 6/10
Similar to: Divergent, The City of Ember
Author: Suzanne Collins
Part of: The Hunger Games Series
Other titles in this series: Catching Fire, Mockingbird, The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes

Answers to the Riddles on Page 2

1. A: Leaf Me Alone
2. A: With your Incider Voice
3. A: Your Teeth
4. A: Because he was Out- Standing in his field.
5. A: Straw-berries
6. A: Sit on a leaf and wait until Autumn
7. A: Because it's too far to walk



New! Music Recommendations by Ava Smith

Philippians 4:8-12 Finally, Brothers and Sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think on these things.

Pop



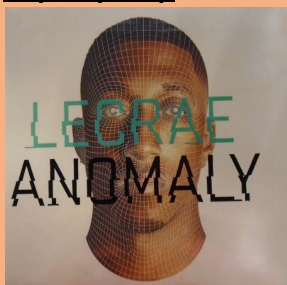
Steady Me

Artist: Hollyn (feat. Aaron Cole)

Release: 2015

Related: TobyMac, Aaron Cole, Britt Nicole,

Rap/Hip-hop



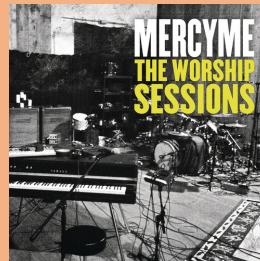
All I Need is You

Artist: Lecrae

Release: 2014

Related: NF, Andy Mineo

Worship



Hosanna

Artist: MercyMe

Release: 2011

Related: Casting Crowns, Third day,

Inspirational



Relate

Artist: For King and Country

Released: 2021 (NEW!)

Related: Jordan Feliz, Colton Dixon,

Thanksgiving Dinner by Trevor Pearson

I sat in the window watching the younger children play in the fallen leaves, they raked them into a pile and then jumped on it and ruined the pile. What a waste of time! Why clean up a mess just to make another one. Then I remembered it was my little siblings so that's pretty much what they do, but it's usually I clean up the mess and then they make another one. Thanksgiving was in a couple of days, and everyone was getting so excited about it. I really didn't see the appeal. Like, what did I have to be thankful for, when my all my little siblings did was make a mess and annoy me? So annoying! There was nothing to be thankful about at this time of year all the beautiful trees were dying and there was a bunch of leaves on the ground, and you couldn't have a peaceful walk without hearing crunching leaves and the siblings laughing as they shoved leaves down my coat.

The next day we were gonna get a turkey, the best part of the dinner. My parents went to the store to get the turkey, and I was left in charge of the children. My parents thought that this was a great idea and that I would gain experience babysitting by doing this. I personally thought that it was a terrible idea and would get experience sending kids to bed by doing this, but my parents say I had to so that's what I'll do. The first thing I did was call the kids inside. I had three younger brothers named Mike (12), James (10), and Tanner (9), (and I was fifteen, my name is Lilly). Tanner came charging in screaming about how Mike had shoved leaves in his shirt, I smiled. Right after Tanner came, Mike came in yelling that Tanner was lying and he did no such thing, and then James came in staring off into space as if nothing had ever happened.

The boys were now sitting on the couch with their hands on their mouths. It was peaceful at last until Mike used his other hand to hit Tanner on the head, and then Tanner started screaming and James looked into space clueless to what was going on. When Tanner finally stopped saying, *he hit me, he hit me*, and Mike stopped saying, *Tanner's lying, lying*, and I finally had them under control. I looked at James and after two minutes was able to get his attention. After I had his attention, I asked him what we should name the turkey. Whence I said that I knew that I had made a mistake. They started spewing ideas like Mike, Jeremy, Charles, Baby, Child, Lincoln, I stopped them there. "No!" I yelled; you obviously have to name it something with a T at the start. Tanner yelled out "Tanner! Yes, name him Tanner." I told them that you can't name it after one of them. I finally decided that we were naming it Tina Turkey. I decided that I was gonna take the boys out onto the river near our house in the canoe. We got the boat ready and all hopped in. While we were floating James (still clueless) stood up and started dancing. I of course yelled at him to sit down but instead of sitting he slipped and started falling out of the boat. I stood up and lunged to grab him, I caught him by his shirt, and he started complaining that it was rubbing his neck too hard. I finished pulling him into the boat and said, "I'm so thankful that I caught you, you could've died if I didn't." James just shrugged and sat in his seat. We went back home and started warming up around are electric fireplace.

Mom and dad came home two hours later frowning. "What's wrong?" I asked. They started talking about how the store was all out of turkeys, so they drove an hour to the next store, and they still didn't have any turkeys. It was the day before thanksgiving, and we didn't even have a turkey what a mess. The next day the relatives started filing in through the door excited for thanksgiving dinner. James decided that he was going to be the one to say that there was no turkey, and it would just be chicken for dinner. All the adults were sitting in the living room talking about how there was no turkey and why there was no turkey. How could I be thankful for anything at a time like this? And then I remembered back in the boat when I caught James and how sad it would've been if I had lost him. I realized that no matter how annoying they were I still loved my siblings and was very thankful that I had them.

Just then the doorbell rang, and dad went to answer the door. When he opened there stood our next-door neighbour stating that his family had bought a turkey and then was given a turkey as a gift, but it was just him and his wife so they couldn't eat two turkeys and decided to give us one of theirs. I yelled "Thank-you so much". I realized that I had much to be thankful for. Later while sitting at the table, we started going around the circle and saying what we were thankful for. Mike said that he was thankful for a sister with a coat to shove leaves down, everyone laughed but I groaned. Tanner said he was thankful a sister that could discipline Mike when mom and dad weren't home, more laughs and I actually smiled. After forty-five seconds we got James' attention and he said that he was thankful for a sister that lets him dance in the boat, this time everyone laughed, even me. Now it was my turn, I said that I was thankful for boys that always game me a mess to clean up and our neighbour that gave us a turkey. The rest of the night was amazing, and I couldn't wait until next year when I could do it again, but maybe this time without the month of grumbling.

Featuring.....



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Practicing Gratitude

By Kirsten McClure

When we talk about the fruit of the spirit, or the armor of God, we sometimes overlook a subtle practice that is not mentioned explicitly, but present nonetheless: gratitude. As Christians, this is an important part of our faith. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” This isn’t a little side activity to complete when we have time, but the will of God, and a direct answer to a prayer that many of us may be familiar with: God, what is my purpose, what is your will for me? One answer to this is practicing gratitude. But before we look at how to practice gratitude, let’s first establish what gratitude truly is.

▣ Gratitude is not thankfulness. ▣

The difference lies in this: being thankful is an action, being grateful defines our actions. Let’s look at the definition of being grateful to see what I mean:

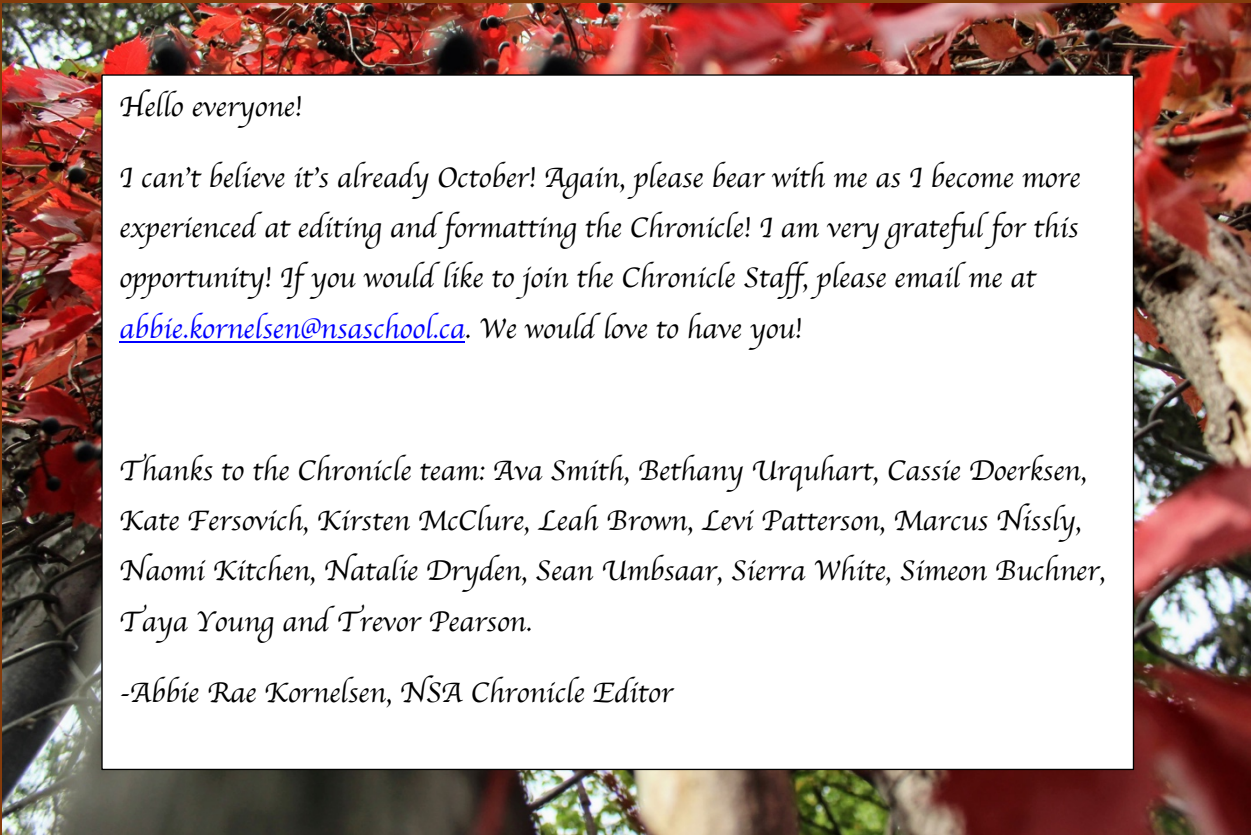
Gratitude: the quality of being thankful, readiness to show appreciation for and return kindness.

It is not only a verb, but also an adjective. So let gratitude describe your life, and here’s a few ways how you can do that:

- **Start a gratitude journal.** If you’re not ready to jump headlong into showing gratitude, a journal is a simple way to start. There are many ways to go about it, too, so be creative! Some questions to ask yourself when doing this are, what do I take for granted? What have I been given today, by God or someone I know, that I can be grateful for? What are things I’ve overlooked in the past, or things I look forward to being grateful for in the future?
- **Express gratitude.** This is that readiness to show appreciation. Don’t hesitate to say thank-you for something! Even if your “thank-you” doesn’t feel genuine, that’s ok. You just need to practice until it does. A smile or a compliment doesn’t hurt either.
- **Return the favor.** Sometimes going the extra mile can make a big difference. Try finding something you can do for people without expecting a thank-you.
- “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. . . . Then your father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” — Matthew 6:1a & 4b

- **See it from a different angle.** Bad things happen, and that's ok. But giving thanks to God is a powerful way to overcome stress, anxiety, or difficulties in our lives. David is well known for crying out to the Lord in his distress, then following it with praise and thanksgiving (Psalms is where you'll find this). Try asking yourself in difficult times, what lesson can I learn from this? What else do I have to be grateful for? What can I do for someone right now to express my gratitude?

With the Thanksgiving season around our ears and Christmas close behind it, gratitude and generosity are incorporated into most of our holiday. Yet it can sometimes be easy to neglect our practice when we don't have such prominent reminders. However, starting a daily practice now is one of the best times to do it. After the decorations have been put away and we're all starting to miss pumpkin spice, you'll have developed a habit to last you through a year, five years, ten years... And all you have to do: practice.



Hello everyone!

I can't believe it's already October! Again, please bear with me as I become more experienced at editing and formatting the Chronicle! I am very grateful for this opportunity! If you would like to join the Chronicle Staff, please email me at abbie.kornelsen@nsaschool.ca. We would love to have you!

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