



COLA STUDENT NEWSLETTER

May



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about us



This is a student-led newsletter that aims to highlight student and teacher stories and share important dates for standardized testing, field trips, and any other COLA events.

Our goal for this newsletter is to use it as a way for students and teachers to connect and learn more about their peers, and to have a resource for students looking to get more involved in both COLA and their community!



WRITING ON A WAFFLE



May...the month that strolls in wearing a flower crown and flip-flops, pretending the school year isn't racing toward its dramatic finale. It's that magical time when teachers start counting down, seniors start checking out, and the weather can't decide if we should bring an umbrella, a jacket, or both. May is also the month where every weekend feels like it's double booked with a picnic, a playoff game, and someone's cousin's graduation. But let me offer one tiny piece of May wisdom: enjoy the chaos—summer's waiting just on the other side.

THE MOVIE CORNER

Movie Review: The Sandlot (1993)

The Sandlot is a nostalgic sports film that perfectly captures the magic of childhood summers, friendship, and the love of baseball. Set in the summer of 1962, it follows Scott Smalls, a timid kid who struggles to fit in until he's welcomed by Benny "The Jet" Rodriguez and his group of baseball-obsessed friends. The group of kids spend their days around the sandlot, where they play ball, stir up trouble, and create memories.

The Sandlot transports viewers back to their childhoods, even if they never played baseball. The film is packed with humor, heart, unforgettable moments, and the endlessly quotable "You're killing me, Smalls!" Its scenes are charming and warm, making it a joy to watch time and time again. The film's strength lies in its characters. Benny is the soul of the team, a natural leader whose confidence and kindness make him instantly likable. Ham, with his big personality, provides nonstop laughs. The group's dynamic feels real, capturing the highs and lows of childhood friendships in a way that is easy to relate to. The Sandlot is more than just a baseball movie; it's a story about growing up, conquering fears, and cherishing the moments that define youth; it is a timeless classic that never loses its magic. Take the time to watch it this summer; it won't disappoint you.



MOVIE FACTS

GUESS THE MOVIE BASED OFF OF THE POORLY EXPLAINED PLOT

A dude with anger issues takes a long nap, wakes up super cranky, and starts wrecking everything because someone stole his jewelry.

Man tries to end world hunger with his rock collection.

A group of people steal a boat and head off to the jungle.

What 2 Wear

President Tarynn Anderson

Hello COLA! Summer is right around the corner, and with it comes some bold new (and vintage) fashion predictions you'll be seeing all over your feed and hopefully in your closet.

First up, maxi dresses are making a major comeback. Think soft, thin fabrics, flowy shapes, and dramatic prints. They're the effortless statement piece you didn't know you needed. Another silhouette stealing the spotlight is asymmetrical everything; dresses, tops, hems you name it. These cuts add just the right amount of edge and unpredictability to your look. Now let's talk about shorts! The shorter the better this season, with brands like Urban Outfitters already leaning into the trend. On the other end of the spectrum, capris (yes, again) are still hanging around. Love them or hate them, they're not going anywhere yet. Keep an eye out for the bandana top too! It's basically the unofficial uniform of summer music festivals. And lastly, the tankini is quietly making its way back into swimwear collections, giving us a little more coverage without sacrificing style. Consider this your summer trend cheat sheet!

That's all from me folks! Have a great summer :)

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Poetry Palace

Kourtney Parham



HENRIETTA CORDELIA RAY



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Cordelia Ray's parents were notable abolitionists and had worked for the Underground Railroad in Manhattan.



She graduated with a masters in pedagogy and became a teacher.



Go fishing Amelia Sizemore

Dear teachers, staff, & students, believe it or not Fishing is pretty chill! So, I'm going to give you the inside scoop on how to have the perfect fishing trip. You first want to grab a fishing rod and some bait (like worms or fish food). Then, you should find a good quiet spot, like a lake, river, or even a pier. You should then cast the line by swinging the rod and letting the bait sink into the water. After that, you just wait for a fish to bite—it's kind of like patience training! Once you feel a tug, you reel it in slowly. If you catch something, that's awesome! If not, no biggie, you can try again. Just make sure you have some snacks and a buddy to hang out with while you wait!

Outside With Amelia



The Book Nook

Katelyn's Korner

Book of the Month

My Lady Jane

By: Brodi Ashton, Cynthia Hand, and Jodi Meadows

New Releases

- Sunrise on the Reaping
By: Suzanne Collins
- Fearless
By: Lauren Roberts
- Glorious Rivals
By: Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- Oathbound
By: Tracy Deonn

Review & Summary

What if history was different?

My Lady Jane is the perfect book that takes a clever twist on the albeit sad tale of Lady Jane Gray; a book where history clashes with fantasy for an all out brawl of snort worthy humor, and a mischievous mangle of truth with a fantasy flair. You know those sad, slightly morbid, and all too real stories told throughout history? Yeah, the ones that probably get less than a page, a footnote if that. Well, what if those were different? What if we took history, spun it on its head, flipped it upside down, inverted it and folded it like an origami dove and let it fly away uh... but I digress. All that is to say, My Lady Jane is history, flipped over and set to walk straight. Taking a story, forgotten by time and sending her off as a book-smart, sophisticated and slightly snarky young woman taking charge of her own destiny and changing a few along the way. With the story chucking us into an alternate 16th century England, and starting us off with the bashful bou that is humor and wit from King Edward VI (how surprising) as he cohorts none other than his cousin Lady Jane Gray into a marriage with Lord Guildford Dudley, as one does when you are king (I know how rude). This story has been told before however, this time it's reiterated with a twist that being the divide between the Verity's, the ordinary people of the kingdom, and the Ethians, a persecuted group of people who can transform into animals. As the story unfolds so does the entangled vows of this conspiratorial marriage; revealing betrayal, unsuspected love, and of course, adventure. The perfect ingredients at least in my opinion, for what is sure to be your next trilling trip advised tale. Because let's be honest with ourselves, what's a better summer read than one that is a comedy that takes place in the tutor period? Throwing caution and historical accuracy to the wind to brew the storm that is My Lady Jane, a refreshing, devilish and at times downright rebellion of humor and heroism. As the book delights in a new perspective with a charming take on the too tragic story of Lady Jane Gray. With this epigrammatic retelling being a pillar of enlightening perspectives and comedic presences. As it takes a twist on history, it endeavors to enchant readers with its smashing dialogue, bashful characters and within the pages you'll find lurking behind every corridor, and castle gate a delightful twist and tasteful turn.

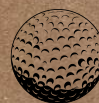
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SPORTS CORNER

Arianna B



(Throwback time)



In the Zone: Sports highlights

(This game was on April 4th) A highlighted game is Blue Jackets vs Senators. A teammate from the Senators passed the puck to Adam Gaudette, then Adam scored a goal by curving the ball. (This game was on April 15th) Another game is Magic vs Hawks! Cole Anthony, playing for Magic, scored a 2-pointer, surrounded by opponents, off the backboard and into the hoop.

Spotlight-[C. Anthony]

Cole Anthony scored 20 points while playing against the Hawks, made 10 field goals, and two free throws! Last, Cole made three rebounds, and 16 assists.



Sports Talk: What's Trending

NBA Star, Carmelo Anthony, elected to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2025! Anthony, a six-time ALL-NBA selection, also played for the United States in Olympic play, winning three straight gold medals during the 2008, 2012, and 2016 games. Moving on, NHL referee Bryan Pancich collided with Golden Knights forward Brett Howden, and now needs medical attention.

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Game Day-Countdown

An MLB game you may want to watch is Red Sox vs Braves at 7:10 pm on May 16th!





MAY EVENTS

May 7, 8 - Senior Finals

May 8th - COLA Art Show

May 14, 15 - Underclassmen Finals

May 15 - Graduation Practice at Renovation Church

May 16th - Middle School Celebration

May 19 - COLA/Cobb Horizon Graduation @ KSU



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