

COLA STUDENT NEWSLETTER

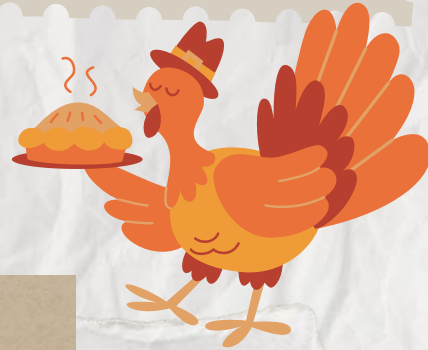


NOVEMBER



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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!



November Events

COLA EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 1ST : KENNESAW STATE CAMPUS TOUR - 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION @ COLA - 12 AM - 1:30 PM
- NOVEMBER 8TH: GEORGIA STATE CAMPUS TOUR - 11 AM TO 1:30 PM
- NOVEMBER 8TH & 15TH: PIANO CLUB MEETINGS - 1 PM TO 2:30 PM

MARIETTA EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 11TH: CHEROKEE HEIGHTS ARTS FESTIVAL AND VETERAN'S DAY PARADE
- NOVEMBER 25TH: TREE LIGHTING AT THE BATTERY ATLANTA

Culinary Creations

November Spotlight: Herb Butter Roasted Turkey

A perfectly roasted turkey is the star of any dinner, but this herb butter recipe is definitely guaranteed to be the heart of your next dinner. This month's spotlight recipe is from [Melissa Mondragon](#) on her [Number 2 Pencil food blog](#).



Ingredients: 14-16 lb turkey, thawed / 8 tbsp butter, divided / Garlic, onion, lemon, orange, and fresh herbs (sage, rosemary, thyme, parsley) / Kosher salt & pepper

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 325°F. Season the turkey inside and out with salt and pepper. Stuff the cavity with onion, garlic, lemon, orange, and herbs. Mix softened butter with garlic, herbs, salt, and pepper. Gently spread the mixture under the turkey's skin. Tuck the wings and legs, rub the remaining butter on the outside, and roast for 2 hours. Increase the oven to 425°F and roast until the turkey is done. Let it rest for 45 minutes before carving. Enjoy!



The Teams

Favorite Thanksgiving Foods



Turkey &
Ham - Ethan

Dressing
- Arianna

Turkey &
Gravy - Juan

Sweet Ham &
Stuffing - Amelia

Turkey & Mac and
Cheese - Kourtney

Pumpkin Pie
- Katelyn

Sweet Potato Pie
- Jordyn

Honey Cornbread
- Katie

Mac n' Cheese
- Tarynn

Yams - Amari



WRITING ON A WAFFLE FALL EDITION



Thanksgiving is a special day when we gather with loved ones to express our gratitude by indulging in a delicious feast. It's a holiday where a simple "just a taste" can quickly lead to a full plate, and everyone becomes a passionate chef-eager to debate the best way to prepare stuffing. Between the post-turkey coma and the second helping of pie, we take a moment to appreciate the little things—for comfortable clothes, and the warmth of family. Thanksgiving is a time to cherish these moments together, savoring not just the food, but also the loved ones who share our tables.

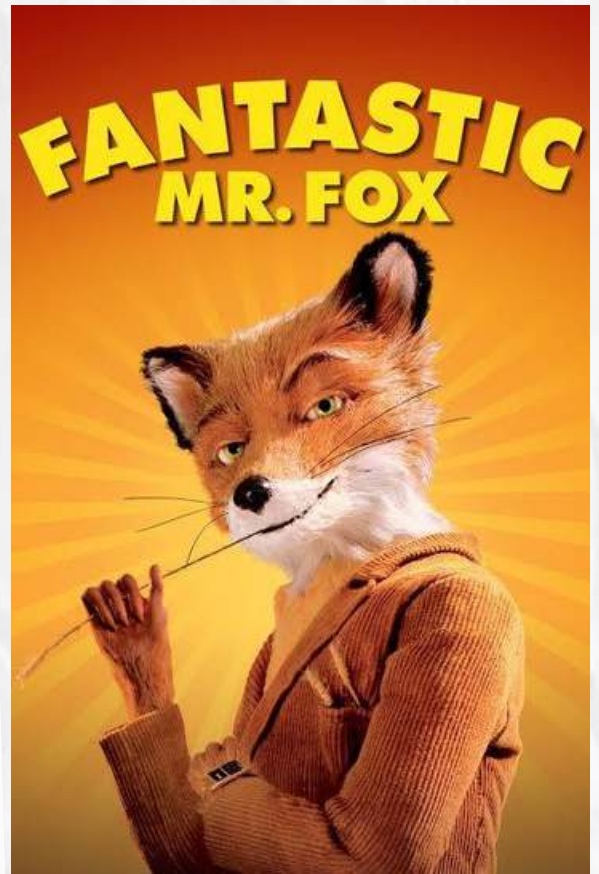


THE MOVIE CORNER

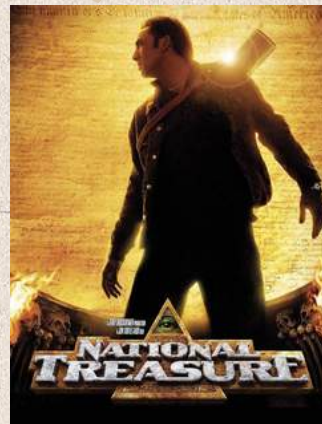
Movie Review: Fantastic Mr. Fox

Fantastic Mr. Fox is a delightful adaptation of Roald Dahl's beloved book. It features the charming misadventures of Mr. Fox, a cunning creature with a knack for nocturnal hen baiting. George Clooney lends his voice to the titular character, joined by a stellar cast that includes Meryl Streep, Bill Murray, Owen Wilson, and Willem Dafoe.

As Mr. Fox navigates the challenges of being a responsible father, he finds it difficult to leave behind his wild, adventurous spirit. In a bid to provide for his family, he embarks on one last heist against the three meanest farmers in the area. This stop-motion masterpiece beautifully captures the essence of family, friendship, and the vibrant life of the countryside after dark. I highly recommend this film, which I see as a clever heist story enhanced by its creative animation and a cast of voices that we adore.



RANDOM MOVIE FACTS



Alan Rickman reaction was genuine



NOVEMBER MOVIE ANNIVERSARIES

- Big Hero 6 (November 7) 10 years
- Interstellar (November 7) 10 years
- 2012 (November 6) 15 years
- Fantastic Mr. Fox (November 25) 15 years
- National Treasure (November 19) 20 years
- Toy Story 2 (November 24) 25 years
- Frankenstein (November 4) 30 years
- The Santa Clause (November 11) 30 years

Speaking of stunts, Alan Rickman was dropped a second early to get his true reaction to falling from the Nakatomi Plaza in Die Hard.

What 2 Wear

Tarynn Anderson

Hello COLA! The weather is cooling down and you need clothing to keep you warm and looking fresh. This winter I predict that the 50's and 60's is so back! Mod dresses layered over turtlenecks and stockings, tweed skirt suits, and even some old-school varsity jackets might be popular this year. Trench coats have been a winter staple for many years, but this winter I predict trench coats with intricate designs and details will be especially trendy. Pearls, embroidery, custom buttons, and lace can all be found on trenches this year. Speaking of lace, the bows and lace craze of 2024 will be containing on into winter but in a more subtle (dare I say demure) way. Little bows in the hair or in the place of buttons on a sweater can be found this winter. As far as colors go I predict taupe and a pop of cherry red will be in fashion. That's all from me folks, stay warm and stay chic.



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Poetry Palace

Kourtney Parham

Langston Hughes



FEATURED
POET

Langston's earliest inspiration was his grandmother.

Langston wrote one of his most popular poems when he was just a teenager.

"Thanksgiving Time"

When the night winds whistle through the trees and
blow the crisp brown leaves a-crackling down,
When the autumn moon is big and yellow-orange and
round,

When old Jack Frost is sparkling on the ground,
It's Thanksgiving Time!

When the pantry jars are full of mince-meat and the
shelves are laden with sweet spices for a cake,
When the butcher man sends up a turkey nice and fat
to bake,

When the stores are crammed with everything
ingenious cooks can make,
It's Thanksgiving Time!

When the gales of coming winter outside your window
howl,
When the air is sharp and cheery so it drives away
your scowl,

When one's appetite craves :and will have no other
fowl,
It's Thanksgiving Time.!

Outside with Amelia

Dear COLA students, staff, & parents, November is all about Thanksgiving right? Well try & enjoy Powder Springs very own Silver comet park! A place where you can bring your younger siblings to play, ride bikes, or even play frisbee. & if you get hungry on the go there is a little cafe which sells snow cones, ice cream, & even lunch. I hope you & your family have a very thankful Thanksgiving!

November



Silver Comet
Park

The Book Nook

KATELYN'S KORNER

Heartless

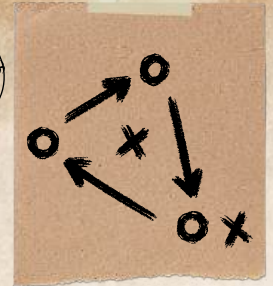
BY: MARISSA MEYER



Review & Summary

If you so choose to indulge my proposition of such a book and engage with the tale of heartless. You'll find churning beneath the depths of these pages is a romantic fantasy that takes you through love, tragedy, nostalgia with hints of idyllic charm. All these sensational flavors... Oh I mean themes explored exquisitely through the eyes of a character that needs no introduction and is most famously known as the queen of hearts. Adding new adjectives to Melissa Myers name, extravagant, fantastical and immersive writing can be found close by. As she dares to take a turn on the backstory of one of the most misunderstood villains in fairytales, to find truths, lies and deceit alike. Through the perspective of our newfound protagonist Catherine. A girl after my own heart with her fondness for baking and hopeless romanticism. Myers endeavors to enrich the tale of Alice in Wonderland by expanding it in new depths. Where Catherine battles against living in such a world where your destiny is decided. How will she rival fate and how will destiny force her to change? All in all, don't be deceived by such reverent philosophic questions. As the tantalizing tale which Myers tells, conceives the perfect concoction for a cozy, fantasy induced read that delightfully engulfs the reader in the delectable world of Hearts. A book that truly strives to take you on a journey wrapped in romance, tragedy, and the fragrant scent of freshly made tarts. If I do flatter myself, I believe you'll find the story to be a very compelling read, with both its characters and class it strives to make the most out of its given fairytale. Utilizing the theme and setting to take an indulgent twist upon the original story. Diverging in flavorful new characters, savory dreams and bitter love. All intertwining in an engaging world both known and loved. Diving deeper into the back story of a formidable foe, making strong convictions with endearing knacks into romantic developments and deciphering perfidiousness. With all this enthralling adventure wrapped neatly in the pages of such a pungent plot. So, if an extravagant tale is for you, I would entertain the idea of picking up the book Heartless by Melissa Myers.

SPORTS CORNER



Arianna B

BIG PLAYS!



This game was on October 17th, 2024

Yankees vs Guardians:

In a thrilling game against the Yankees, the Guardians were down 3-5 when Jhonkensy Noel hit a 2-run home run, tying the game at 5-5! Then, David Fry followed up with another 2-run homer, leading the Guardians to a 7-5 victory!

Go Guardians!



SCORE ALERT!

This game was on October 16th, 2024

Dodgers vs Mets:

In an exciting game, the Dodgers took on the Mets! Enrique Hernandez kicked things off with a two-shot play, making it 4-0. Shohei Ohtani followed with a powerful three-shot play, boosting the score to 7-0. Another Dodgers player scored, ending the game at 8-0!

Go Dodgers!!!

Gobble TIL YOU Wobble



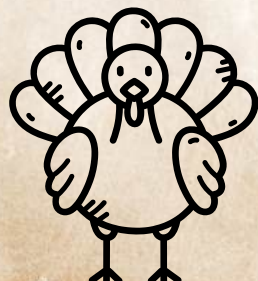
REMEMBERING LEGENDS



UPCOMING GAMES

JACKIE ROBINSON
DIED AT THE AGE 53
1/31/1919
-10/24/1972

YANKEES VS DODGERS-
NOVEMBER 1ST
YANKEES VS DODGERS-
NOVEMBER 2ND



Tale of the month

Amari Wilkins

FALL IN LOVE

In the quaint town of Maplewood, where the trees blazed with autumn colors, Emily ran a small bookstore. One chilly afternoon, while arranging the shelves, she caught a glimpse of a familiar face—a customer she had noticed before. Jack, with his tousled hair and warm smile, always seemed lost in the pages of the novels he devoured.

As days turned into weeks, their casual exchanges blossomed into lingering conversations. They shared their favorite authors, debated plot twists, and exchanged shy smiles. Each visit felt like an unwritten chapter in a story waiting to unfold.

One crisp evening, as the sun dipped below the horizon, Jack hesitated at the door. "Would you like to grab coffee?" he asked, his voice barely above a whisper. Heart racing, Emily nodded, and they wandered to a nearby café, the golden leaves crunching beneath their feet.

Over steaming cups, they talked for hours, sharing dreams and fears, the warmth between them growing as the temperature outside dropped. When Jack brushed his fingers against hers, a spark ignited, and Emily felt an undeniable connection.

As they walked back to the bookstore, Jack paused beneath an ancient oak, its leaves swirling around them. "Can I see you again?" he asked, hope in his eyes. With a smile, Emily replied, "I'd like that very much." In that moment, beneath the autumn sky, they both knew they had begun a beautiful new chapter together.

STORY OF THE MONTH

writing prompt

Countdown to Midnight

On December 1st, your character finds all their clocks displaying different dates—some decades in the future, others from centuries past. A timer on their desk begins counting down ominously, its target unknown. No matter how they reset the clocks, they return to these dates.

What happens when the timer hits zero?

SUBMIT YOUR STORY!

Are you a writer with a passion for storytelling? We want to hear from you! Our "Tale of the Month" newsletter is dedicated to showcasing exceptional short stories, and we're excited to offer you the opportunity to be featured in our upcoming edition. Here's how you can submit your work:

Directions

- Prepare Your Story: Shouldn't be no more than 250 words
- Submission Guidelines:
- 1.. Follow the prompt
 - 2.. Keep it school FRIENDLY
 - 3.. Email to amariwilkins0@gmail.com
 4. Don't STRESS

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