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Welcome to the 10th edition of The Hawk's Quill. This Quarter, we started a new section for "Student Interests"!

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It's **FINALLY** the end of the year!
Have a wonderful summer!

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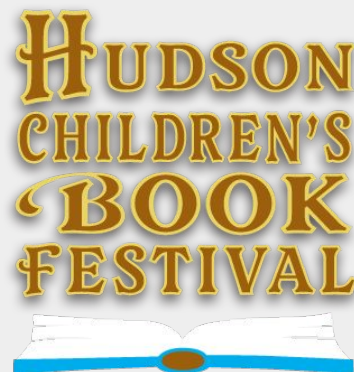
Hudson Children's Book Festival



By All Reporters

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The 2026 Hudson Children's Book Festival occurred on Saturday, May 2 at Columbia-Greene Community College. The event, which celebrated its 15th year, was well attended by members of the Hudson City School District as well as families and book lovers from all over the Hudson Valley!



We asked a few participating authors what they hope young readers will learn or gain from their books:



Barbara Ann Mojica,
Little Miss History series

"I hope readers understand the importance of knowing and learning history so they can create a better future for themselves." **-Barbara Ann Mojica**



Lori Miller Kase,
The Accident

"I want kids to get engaged and lost in [my book]; I want kids to learn that every choice has consequences and even not doing anything or saying anything can also be a choice." **-Lori Miller Kase**



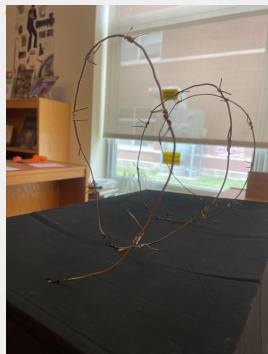
Ellen Weinstein, *Five Stories* & *From Here to Infinity*

"From *Five Stories*, I want them to gain a sense of our shared community and how everyone contributes."

-Ellen Weinstein

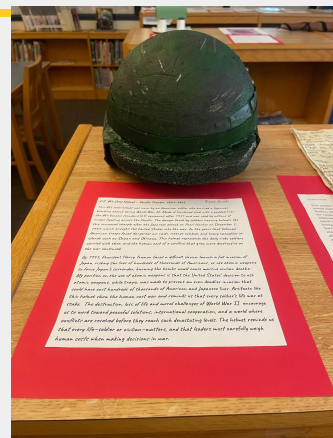
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History Comes to Life with Mr. Kent



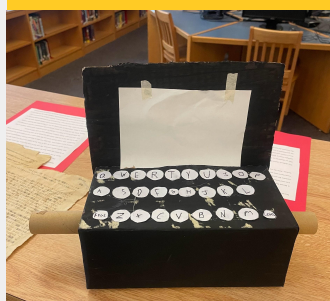
Barbed wire from an internment camp
By Makayla Shores

During Quarter 4, 8th grade Social Studies teacher Mr. Kent created, with his students, the “**Museum of Difficult Choices.**” Kent shares, “For this project, students needed to select one of the ‘difficult choices of WWII’ (e.g. *What choices allowed totalitarian governments to come to power? Should the US have used atomic weapons?*), create a physical artifact and write a museum-style placard to explain their thinking.”

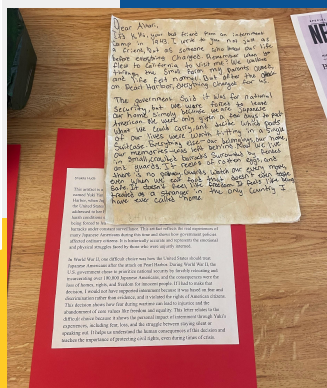


U.S. M1 Steel Helmet
by Brayden Barret

Ke'Marah Hinds made a first aid kit as her artifact. “It’s for when the Japanese were in the war and they needed help when they got injured.”

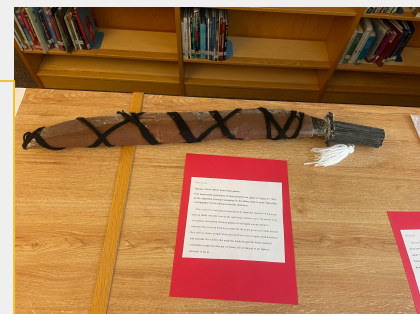


A British Typex Mark III
by Macklin DePace



A letter from an internment camp
by Shakila Huda

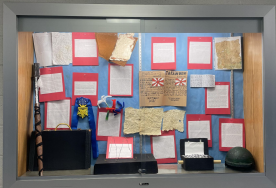
Sadat Chowdhury made an atomic bomb and the tower it was tested in. “It was hard to make,” he shared, “because I needed a lot of materials, and I had limited time to make it.”



Japanese Naval Officer Sword
(Kai-gunto)
by Safaa Nawab

Student work was on display at the junior high library for teachers, students, and staff to explore and learn! After, it was placed in a display case in the hallway.

Tyler Edwards shared that he built a 30 caliber M1 garand rifle because this is what soldiers used in battle at the time.



All County Behind the Scenes

By Elsa Umstead

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What is All County?

All County is a concert where all the schools in Columbia County send in their best choir and band members to create an awesome band/choir. This year, we performed on Friday, April 17 at Chatham High School.



How does All County work?

All County is mostly taught by the school's band or choir teachers depending on what it is (choir teacher teaches the choir, band teacher teaches band). Ms. Stern, choir teacher, said, "I thought that the 6th grade choir did a fantastic job, and I'm so proud of all the hard work that the Hudson students put into learning the music. They performed with confidence and professionalism, and we were very lucky to have these students represent us at All County this year!"

Two days before the concert, there is an All County rehearsal where all the schools send in the chosen students and they work out any problems or kinds of cracks in the music.

6th grader Abigail H. said, "All County was a fun and interesting experience. We had to work very hard but in the end, it was worth it."



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Girls' Softball Game

On Wednesday, May 13, the Junior High Girls' Softball team played a home game against Watervliet.

We asked a few players to report out some exciting and difficult moments!



8th grader McKala Zito was asked to put some of the game play into words: "Natalya pitches, the player

hits, first base catches, and then out!"



Natalya Santiago, 8th grader, said about the game, "It was a struggle but the defense really put in the work."



7th grader Nickqualia Watson said the most exciting part of the game was in the beginning: "The score was close, it was really intense." She also shouted out her teammates: "Sofia, Claudia, and Emily caught a couple fly balls."



Special thanks to Mr. Leung for the amazing photos!



The Fight Against Bullying

By Tanisha Cobbins

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I thought I should make a report about bullying because of the fact that people could be put in dangerous situations caused by bullying. That's not fair to their families and friends.

 **How does bullying affect kids?**

Bullying can result in hurt feelings. You don't know what the person you are bullying is going through.

 **What are some common forms of bullying (what does it look like)?**

It can be name calling, or pushing, shoving, fighting, or making fun of someone online.

 **What should students do if they see someone getting bullied?**

They should stick up for the person being bullied and tell an adult if it's getting worse. My dad also always says don't let anyone bring you down and that "sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me."

 **How should you handle bullying over the summer?**

Work on being strong, brave, sticking up for yourself, and having confidence. Something my mom says about bullying is, if you know that the gossip the bullies are spreading is **not true**, why even worry about it?



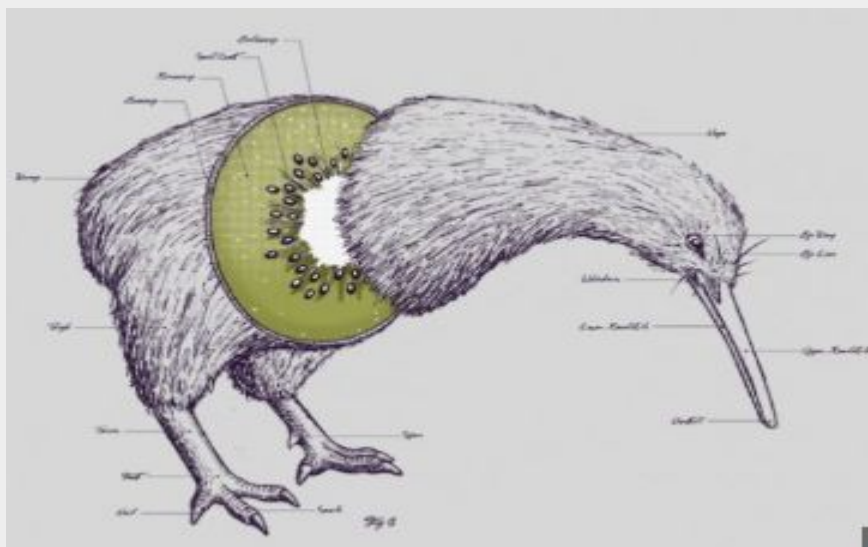


Kiwi Birds



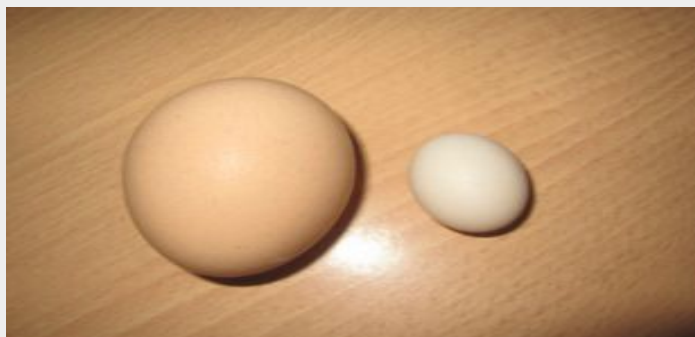
Elsa Umstead

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The kiwi bird is a flightless bird, though what they lack in flight they make up for in strength. The kiwi has very strong legs, so they can run very fast from

attacks and predators. The kiwi—which is native to New Zealand—is nocturnal, meaning it's awake at night. The kiwi is nocturnal because its predators are only awake in the day (diurnal). The kiwi is also known for its exceptionally large eggs which it produces, and for its hair-like feathers. The kiwi is also about the size of a chicken, so it's a little surprising how the kiwi egg is double the size of a chicken egg.



Coloring Pages

By Abriella Francis

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By Christopher Vanterpool III

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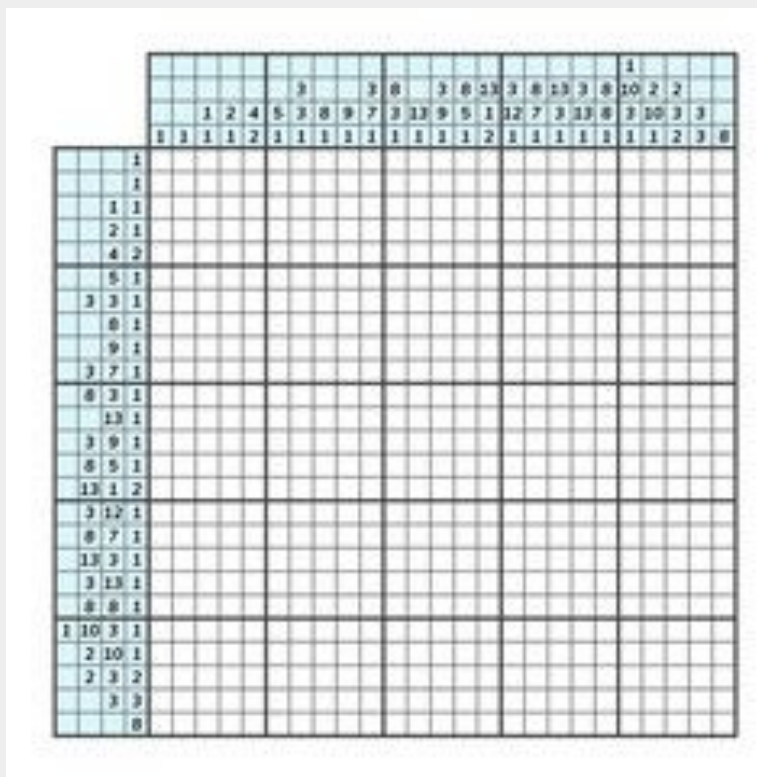


Puzzles

By Safaa Nawab

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See answers on next page!



*Use the
numbers to
create a
mystery
image!*

Use the key to solve the mystery message!

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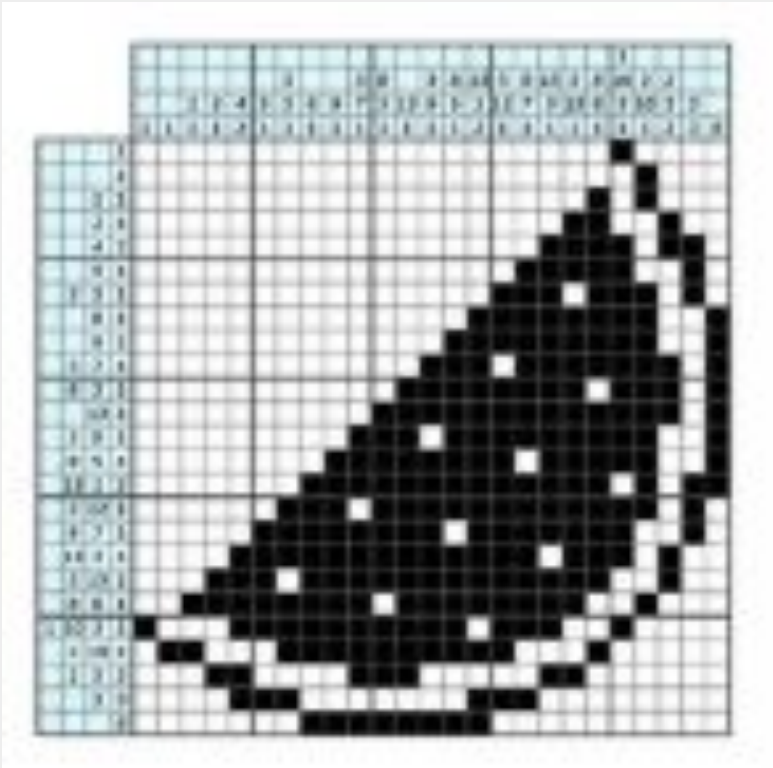
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Puzzles: Answers

By Safaa Nawab

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Puzzle answers:



**A
watermelon
slice!**

The mystery message:

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