

Master News

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Ask Marty and JoJo

Q: I keep on falling asleep in class, and every time I do I get in big trouble. I've tried to get more sleep but no matter what time I get to bed, I always end up in detention. What should I do?

A: Your problem is easily fixed. Just make sure you sit next to that loudest kid in your class who is ALWAYS talking. Trust me, there's one in every class. If you can manage this, you'll stay awake for the whole day. Guaranteed.

Q: I'm a teacher, and I feel like a lot of times my students are doing things they shouldn't be, or might be talking behind my back. I feel like a lot of them should be punished, but I can't find any incriminating evidence, because they're so sneaky. Help me!

A: There are a few explanations for this one. Perhaps you are losing your sight or hearing, or the boringness of your classroom is simply dulling your senses. Whatever the problem, there is a solution. Probably the most reliable would be to place security cameras all around the classroom. Also, it would be good to wear hearing aids in both ears, even if there is nothing wrong with your ears. They will only enhance your hearing, and you'll be able to eavesdrop on everything your students are saying.

Q: I have this really bad habit of biting my fingernails, and my mom is always scolding me about it. She says it's that kind of habit that makes you look nervous, but I'm not nervous at all. How do I get rid of this habit?

A: There are many things you can do to stop this habit. You could sit on your hands (I wouldn't recommend that; it looks weird), or you could just try to be really talkative, because if you're talking, then you can't bite your nails (I wouldn't recommend this either; you might get detention for talking too much), but my all-time favorite way to stop this habit is to wear that type of nail polish that smells REALLY bad. So then if you try biting your nails, you'll end up with a mouthful of unpleasant nail polish stuff. And even if you're a guy

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Boston Bombings

By Alfredo Pratico, 6-5

On April 15th, 2013 two bombs exploded near the end of the Boston Marathon finish line. At approximately 2:49 PM, 12 seconds later, the second bomb went off. The crowds of onlookers were dumbstruck then frantic. Blood, body parts, and despair overtook the scene. The celebration became the scene of terrorism. A mourning Boston and a mourning nation anxiously awaited news of a motive, a suspect, or anything that would shed light on this bloodbath. In total, three people died and 264 people were injured from the bombs. FBI agents, Homeland Security, and the police force put all efforts to finding the culprits. The two bombs were made in pressure cookers and filled with BB's, nails, and gunpowder. They were made for maximum damage. Luckily, only three people died, far fewer than the full capabilities of the bombs. Almost immediately after the bombs went off, chaos erupted. Spectators and runners alike panicked, while medics and police ran to take care of the injured. Though, only three people died, scores of others either lost limbs or were seriously injured. A bewildered nation asked why. Who would do this? The effects of the blast were felt far from Boston. Security was bumped up all through east coast. Including Philadelphia, Washington D.C., and New York. Pennsylvania Avenue with its famous White House address was almost completely blocked off with what one official called "An abundance of caution." Finally, early morning on Friday videos of the suspects were released to the public. The manhunt began for those accused we now know as Dzhokar and TamerlanTzarnaev. President Obama declared that we will bring the perpetrators to justice.

Later that Friday night, both were caught after shooting and killing a Boston University guard. Tamerlan was killed in a gunfight while Dzhokar was found a few hours later hiding in a boat. Dzhokar is currently in a prison for

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that's fine too, because it'll make your nails look...pretty. ☺

If you have a Question for Marty and JoJo email martyandjojo@live.com

Game Craves

By Manuel Calderon

Minecraft: Xbox 360 Edition

Topic

On November 18, 2011, Mojang released Minecraft for PC and Mac during Minecon, a convention that is all about Minecraft. Two different versions of Minecraft were released for Android and IOS and Microsoft's Xbox 360. Pocket Edition was released on October 7, 2011 and Xbox 360 Edition on May 9, 2012.

Game Overview

A man named Markus Persson—or Notch to us Minecrafters—came up with an idea of a sandbox game, a game in which a player explores a never-ending world and a cave game. He combined both concepts and out came Minecraft! After Notch finished the game, he had Jens Bergensten to work on updating it and making it more awesome than it already was at the time. After several development stages and many updates, Minecraft is now an official video game.

Story

Although Minecraft does not have a background story, the things a player can do is awesome. The gameplay is as follows:

Gameplay

Press RT to mine; LT to place; RB and LB to switch what exactly Steve (fan-given name for the default character) is holding in his hand at the moment; Y to open the inventory; X to open the crafting menu; A to jump; B to discard anything Steve is holding at the moment; RS to move the camera; and LS to move Steve.

Fun Meter

Simple as it is, the game is addictive. The more one plays, the better it gets. The amazing thing about it is that it never ends; one can play until s/he gets bored.

Conclusion

Minecraft appeals to those who like adventure games and dungeon crawlers. It's a must-have for gamers everywhere!

prisoners with special medical needs. We wish the best for all the people of Boston and look for an end to senseless terror.

Terror offers no solutions, no answers and only questions. Questions that extend to those directly involved and to those of us who are onlookers.

For me personally, I wonder will there ever be peace.

5th Grade Science Fair

The moment is here. The 5th grade science fair is coming. Hope you got your boards ready because judging is happening Friday, May 17th! Kids are nervous and tension is rising! Everybody hopes they will win.

Projects are the MOST important thing right now. This science fair was a practice of the scientific method. Everybody has to have a 3-sided display board. Also, there are other items that need to be in there like materials, procedure and bibliography.

Projects range from potato batteries to what is a favorite dog toy. Or, which melts the fastest or, can a 22 year old male reach the highest note on a piano. Als,o if a player gets more points with or without pressure or, how much salt does water need for an egg to float.

They are unique in each way. If you are new to science fairs, don't stress out. You don't have to win, but if you do, don't brag.

It will just let other people feel bad even though they put hard work and time into their project. If you don't win, still be happy. The end of the world is not coming.

Congratulate winners and congratulate yourself for the achievement you have done with your science project and all the work you have put into it.

I hope everybody will do well and good luck!

ByFilipPrzybycien (A.K.A.- The Dog Lover)~

Signing Letters for Education

By Alfredo Pratico

If you or your parents were either at the spring Concert or came to school in the morning by car over the last few weeks; you most likely saw a small army of parents zipping around the grounds of the school trying to get people to sign letters to the mayor, congressman, or governor telling them to give more funding to our schools. In the case of the spring concert, telling them to give funding for our music program which is currently slated to be slashed.

My mother was there and I was often helping her in the morning collecting letters and organizing the piles of letters. In the little downtime that I had I often wondered what school would be like with no books, no librarian, no textbooks (probably all online who knows if there will be money for that either) and no SSR in your downtime. There is also no money for the many people who make our school the special place it is. I guess those people aren't important either. I guess when people say that we are the next generation to run the world they don't think giving us the tools to do so is important.

What also scares me is what I read in social studies in 6th grade. We studied countries from all around the world and education or lack of education is a real indicator of the advancement of the country. Are we going backwards? Or do adults who have the power to make the difference and stand up for something as important as education just lie and say we are the future but do little or nothing to invest in us.

As a side note, it did feel good to see all of our parents, friends and staff eager to take their time and sign letters. It also felt good when my class wrote their own letters.

I just wonder if anyone will ever read them. If they want to, they can. The people who make the decisions went to school when there was money for books and teachers and of course after school activities. The problem will be when its time for my generation to make the same decisions. With no books and no funding; we truly may not have the capability to read.

History Fact

Analysts conducted a research and found out that during the last 3,500 years there were only 230 years of peace of the civilized world.

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Where is Webster?



Webster should have been studying but instead he was lounging! Where is he? E-mail whereiswebster@live.com.

Editor's Note:
Have a great summer!