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FAMILY FEUD ERUPTS!

Photojournalism by Jehann



CH&S turned into a game-show studio recently as clients split into two "families" and faced off in our own version of Family Feud. There was buzzing, strategizing, cheering, and plenty of shouting "Survey says!"

What Is a "Feud," Anyway?

"Feud" means a long, bitter quarrel, often between families. The word goes back to Middle English *fede*, borrowed from Old French and ultimately from a Germanic root meaning enmity. That root is related to the English word "foe." America's most famous feud, between the Hatfields and the McCoys in the late 1800s, gave the word its association with rival families.

Luckily, the only thing at stake in our feud was bragging rights.

Fifty Years of "Survey Says"



A Round for Joe

One round was devoted to former instructor Joe. The survey questions drew on the things everyone remembers about him: [e.g., "Words people used to describe Joe."]. The answers came quickly, often with laughter and sometimes with a quiet pause. We miss Joe terribly, and it was good to spend part of the afternoon remembering him together.



Let's take a moment to fill in the blanks:

Fifty Years of "Survey Says"

- This year Family Feud turns 50. The show premiered on ABC on July 12, what year? _____. Within six months it was the top-rated show on daytime television.
- Its first host was Richard _____, and the first question he asked contestants was to name a famous George.
- Steve _____ has hosted the show from 2010 to the present.



Why Feud?



Why We Play

Games like CH&S Feud are fun, and the research suggests fun matters. In a 2024 study, adults with intellectual disabilities were asked what makes a good life. They named leisure and social activities as key signs of quality of life and research has shown that social participation has been linked to healthy aging.

Based on what we see in the room, though, the game gives students practice with several skills:

- **Taking turns and waiting.** Players wait for the buzzer and for their teammates.
- **Thinking in categories.** Each question asks players to come up with examples that fit a group.
- **Thinking about other people.** To score, players have to guess what most people would say.
- **Handling wins and losses.** Both teams get practice being good sports.

Practicing social skills, critical thinking, and learning to be a good sport are all skills we should all learn and practice!



Happy Birthday Chas!



October 1 marks the birthday of our co-founder and Associate Executive Director, Chas Abate—the man who has been here from the very beginning.

Where would we be without him? Honestly, we don't want to imagine it. Chas built this organization from the ground up, powered by equal parts vision, persistence, and a level of commitment that borders on superhuman. He's the hardest-working man we know — not just at work, but at home, too — and somehow he keeps showing up with the same energy, drive, and heart he had on day one!

We're grateful for Chas' leadership, and today we're also grateful for cake. **Happy birthday, Chas!**



Let's find different words we can make out of the letters in his name:

CHAS ABATE

We found "ate" and "chase." Can you think of any other words using the letters in Chas Abate? Write your answers here:

We Appreciate You, Chas!

Connor: Happy Birthday!

Nino: I like Chas and the day program!

Dana: I like Chas because he's silly, he loves everyone, and he affectionately makes fun of everyone including himself. He has a generous spirit, he never gives up. And he's got a great sense of humor, too. He has some great stories, he's a Midwestern storyteller. (My dad was from Iowa), so we get similar stories.

Amy: Chas is a very nice person and he's got a great sense of humor!

Dave F: I like that Chas, he's a good friend and he likes the Chicago Cubs.

Chris: I first met Chas at dinner with his family and he was so welcoming, caring, and knowledgeable that I knew I had to work here!

Ray: Thank you for everything you've done for me so far! Many thanks and happy birthday to you!

Rebecca: Happy birthday! I like working here so much that this is my second longest job! Happy birthday, Chas!

David M: Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you! Happy birthday dear Chas, happy birthday day to you!

Billy: Chas is a nice man!

Jehann: Chas is very generous and he takes care of his employees. Keep being a blessing for others!

Zayde: Chas is the best boss I've ever had! He's an awesome guy and he has an awesome sense of humor. He's very understanding and I wish him good health and many, many more years and a long, prosperous life! God bless him and his family!

From everyone:

We love you and appreciate you!
Happy birthday!

Global Cat Day

Draw a line from the word to the matching picture



Lion



Russian Hairless



Tiger

Tabby

Manx



Leopard

Siamese



Espresso 101: Nail the Perfect Shot!

with Adara, Rose, and Carolyn



Brewing a great espresso is equal parts science and workplace survival skill.

Think of espresso as a method, not just a strong coffee bean. Hot water forces its way through tightly packed grounds under serious pressure. When everything aligns, you get a rich shot topped with a velvety, golden layer of foam called crema. It is fast, intense, and the ultimate fuel for a busy workday.

The Cheat Sheet

- The Grind: Aim for a fine texture, similar to table salt.
- The Dose: Load up about 18 to 20 grams of fresh grounds.
- The Tamp: Press the coffee flat and firm with even pressure.
- The Pour: Look for a 25 to 30 second brew time for maximum flavor.

This is one of several links we used prior to making our espresso.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=742Fl96i5x8>

Froth Milk

Don't have a fancy steam wand? No sweat! You can easily whip up cafe-style milk foam for your espresso right at home using a humble French press. Just warm your favorite milk until it's hot but not boiling (around 140°F), pour it into the glass beaker, and pump the plunger up and down vigorously for about 30 seconds until the volume doubles. Give the pitcher a quick tap on the counter to pop any big bubbles, and pour that velvety goodness straight over your espresso. For more handy tips on nailing this technique, check out this video https://www.youtube.com/shorts/zgRhDbQGo_E

October Buzz: Dates to Remember

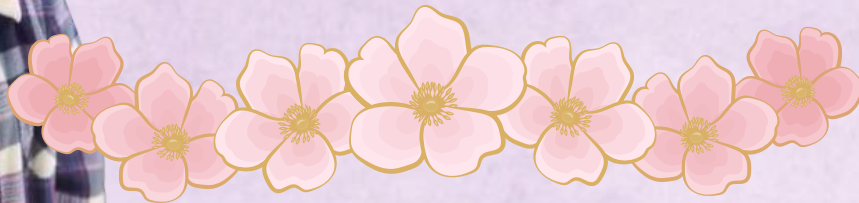
- **International Coffee Day** (October 1): This is the big one! It's a global shout-out to the legends—producers, roasters, and baristas—who keep our cups full. Celebrate by pulling a perfect shot or crafting your favorite latte. [
- **National Frappé Day** (October 7): Get those blenders ready. Whether you like it sweet or super strong, this day honors the icy, blended goodness built on a foundation of rich espresso.





Phoebe Robb

CH&S STUDENT PPP



Phoebe is a beautiful woman through and through.

She has an exquisite eye for fashion and a deep and delightful feel for people.

Phoebe's smile says it all!

She is blessed with an extraordinary talent for making others happy and
a wonderful personality that always shines through.

People love and respect Phoebe as a positive role model and a loyal friend.

She works hard and she tries hard, but she laughs easy and she's very easy to be with.



Phoebe

Cares!

Is a great listener

Always looks fantastic

Is intelligent and insightful

Is fun and funny

Is kind and good

Is an inspiration



Watch Phoebe's PPP video on our Instagram account

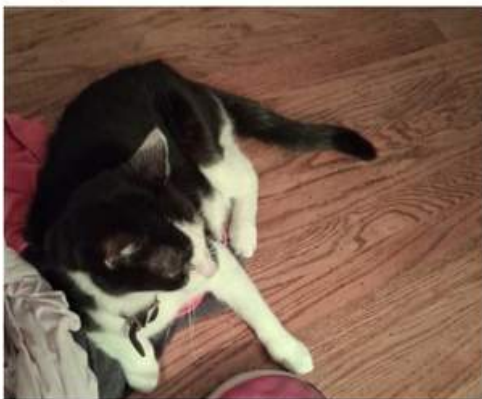
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Iris' Critter Corner: Feral Cat Edition

with Iris and Jennifer

National Feral Cat Day is celebrated every October 16th. Here at CH&S, our resident cat expert is none other than Iris, who is a cat whisperer, happy to share her expertise!

What makes a cat a feral cat? A feral cat is an unowned cat that lives outdoors in the wild, and doesn't let humans handle or approach them. The main difference between a stray cat and a feral cat is that a stray cat can be brought indoors and domesticated to interact with people.



When Iris first met Sweetie Pie, she was a feral cat being fostered in Petaluma. She had been shuffled between five different

foster houses, since she was aggressive and unfriendly. But Iris knew she could get through to her, she just needed a little time and her special touch.

Iris had experience with feral cats when she lived in Hawaii. Cats lived in the hills near her house. "They were calicos and black and white, with little red-headed kittens, five of them. I just called them by name and they'd come out from under the house for me. I would feed them. They were so cute! The babies would play with the mom's tail. She was patient with them, even though I could tell she was annoyed."

We think Sweetie Pie knew right away that Iris was her forever home, because she came out of her carrier and settled into her new life. "She was very happy to be home."



October Is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Every October, the nation pauses to recognize something we see every day at CH&S: people with disabilities bring real skill, reliability, and heart to the places they work.

The observance began in 1945, when Congress set aside a week to honor the contributions of Americans with physical disabilities. In 1988 it grew into a full month, broadened to include disabilities both visible and invisible. The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy has led the month since its creation in 2001, choosing a theme each year.

This year's theme, "Celebrating Value and Talent," continues last year's theme in honor of America's 250th birthday.

There's still a long way to go. A national survey found that only about one in three adults with intellectual disabilities was employed, compared with roughly three in four adults in the general population. Behind that number are people who want to work, can work, and simply need employers willing to see what they offer.

This month, we celebrate our participants' talents, whether they show up in a job, a volunteer role, or the everyday contributions that make our community stronger. Value and talent aren't rare. They just need to be noticed.

***Happy October
Birthday!***

10/1 - Chas

10/28 - Amy, Bert and
Dana





The Strange History of “Trick or Treat”

When we say “Trick or treat!” today, we usually expect candy. But Halloween did not always work that way.

Hundreds of years ago in parts of Britain and Ireland, people went from house to house asking for food. Sometimes they offered to sing, say a prayer, tell a joke, or perform a little trick in return.

In Scotland and Ireland, this tradition became known as *guising* because people wore disguises.

Halloween customs came to the United States with immigrants. By the early 1900s, Halloween could get pretty rowdy. Young people sometimes played pranks, knocked over fences, soaped windows, or caused other trouble.

Communities began encouraging Halloween parties and door-to-door activities instead. The phrase “trick or treat” became popular in the United States during the 1930s and 1940s. The idea was simple: give us a treat, and we won't play a trick!

Today, the “trick” part is mostly forgotten. For millions of people, Halloween means costumes, decorated houses, and—most importantly—candy.

Think about it:

If people really had to perform something before getting candy, what would you do—a joke, song, dance, magic trick, or something else?

HOT AIR: WHAT WE LEARNED ABOUT FLYING WITHOUT AN ENGINE

Connor remembered Airship Ventures — the company that kept a Zeppelin NT at Moffett Field and sold rides over San Francisco Bay and the wine country. He never got the chance to ride it, and now nobody will. The company flew more than 20,000 passengers in four years before shutting down in November 2012. The reasons were entirely financial: the recession thinned out passengers, helium prices rose roughly tenfold, and the corporate sponsor the business needed — around \$5M-\$6M a year — never materialized. The Eureka



was taken apart and shipped back to Germany, where companies do offer rides to the general public. There is no commercial passenger airship operating in the United States today.

The Goodyear blimp is still flying, and Thea remembers watching it drift over Los Angeles when she lived there. But Goodyear doesn't sell rides. The only ways aboard are a free sweepstakes, a media or corporate invitation, or a charity auction — and at one recent auction, two seats went for over \$15,000! The nearest base is in Carson, about four hundred miles south of us, where there's a free public observation deck if you time it for a launch day.

So if you want to leave the ground around here, the answer is a hot air balloon ride.

And yes — legally, that's an aircraft. This was Connor's favorite fact, and it's a good one. A balloon isn't a novelty ride; the FAA classifies it as a *lighter-than-air aircraft*. It carries an N-number painted on the envelope, holds an airworthiness certificate, gets inspected, and the person flying it holds a real pilot certificate.

The technology is stranger than it looks. A balloon has no steering. None. It sits inside the air it's flying in, so there's no wind passing over it — nothing for a rudder to push against. Moving the burner flame does nothing either; the burner heats, it doesn't push. The pilot's only real control is altitude, using the burner to rise and a parachute

MORE HOT AIR

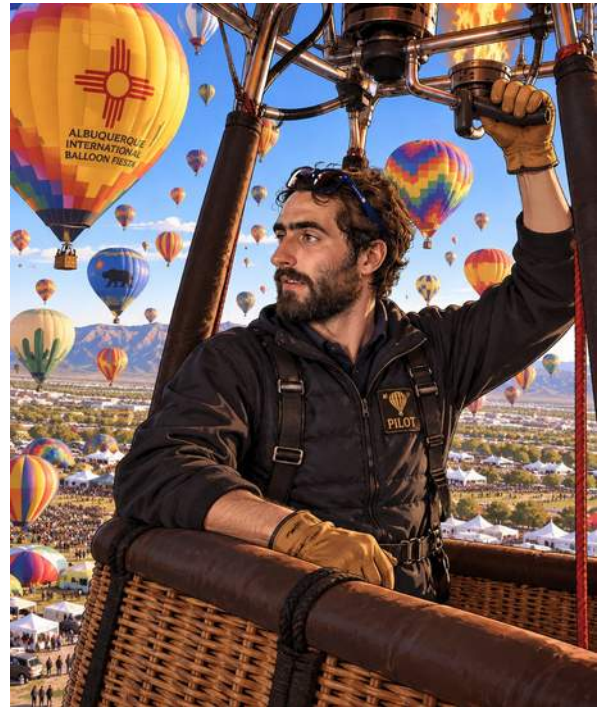
vent at the top of the envelope to spill hot air and descend. Because wind blows different directions at different heights, a skilled pilot navigates by choosing which layer to ride. That's the whole art of it.

The closest rides to us are in Sonoma and Napa, roughly an hour away. Sunrise flights run about \$300 per person, with 45 to 60 minutes in the air and a three-to-four-hour total commitment including the chase crew retrieving you from wherever you land.

It isn't risk-free. A Johns Hopkins study of U.S. balloon tour crashes from 2000 to 2011 found that 81% happened during landing, and that 56% of serious injuries were lower-leg and ankle fractures.

In April 2019 there were two hot air balloon crashes in Sonoma County: one balloon clipped power lines near Yountville, badly burning a passenger, and another was blown from Sonoma into the Napa hills and landed hard, injuring three. Wind is the usual cause, which is why good operators cancel often.

In July 1982, a L.A. truck driver named Larry Walters tied 42 helium weather balloons to a lawn chair, he packed sandwiches and a BB



gun, and planned to rise a few hundred feet. He reached 16,000 — high enough that airline pilots reported him to the LAX tower. He shot balloons to come down. And yes, there's a movie: the 2003 comedy *Danny Deckchair* was inspired by him, and Pixar's *Up* borrowed the idea too. MythBusters recreated the flight and confirmed it really happened!

Larry's lawn chair is now in the National Aeronautics and Space Museum.

A Trip Down Memory Lane

Amy recently looked through one of our old photo albums and curated some pictures of staff and students from the past.

Who are these people?

And why does everyone look so young?



Knock Knock! Who's There? Nino!

By Nino and Jennifer

National Knock Knock Joke is celebrated on October 30th. Nino and Jennifer have been practicing some knock knock material for Life College's very first Talent Show!

Here are a few of our favorites:

Knock Knock!
Who's There?
Owls.
Owls Who?
Yes, owls say who!

Knock Knock!
Who's There?
Deja.
Deja who?
Knock Knock!

Knock Knock!
Who's There?
Doorbell repairman!

Knock Knock!
Who's There?
Boo!
Boo who?
Don't cry, it's just a joke!



Knock Knock!
Who's There?
Chickens.
Chickens who?
No, owls who, chickens cluck!

Knock Knock!
Who's There?
Spell.
Spell who?
W-H-O

Knock Knock!
Who's There?
Cargo
Cargo who?
Cargo "beep beep"!

Knock Knock!
Who's There?
No one.
No one who?
**silence*

Andrew's Corner

Ultraman!

Ultraman is the third best-selling character in the world, coming in behind Pikachu at first and Mickey Mouse at second. Coming in at a competitive fourth is The Power Rangers who belong to the same action genre as Ultraman, the Tokusatsu. The Ultra series was in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the highest number of TV spin-offs. Ultraman was created by Eiji Tsurubaya in Tokyo, Japan, 1966. Eiji Tsurubaya created his own studio called Tsurubaya Productions on 12, April, 1963 and, three years later, Ultraman was born.

The first show of the Ultra series was Ultra Q. Ultraman, which spawned the kyodai hero (giant hero) subgenre of tokusatsu (Japanese special effects). Ultraman was originally called Bemular, which means “bug-eyed monster.” Two English animated Ultraman films were released in the U.S.: Ultraman: The Adventure Begins (12, October, 1987) and Ultraman: Rising (14, June, 2024). The origin of the first Ultraman was that he was an alien from The Land of Light and Nebula. In the story, Ultraman M78 was chasing a monster through space when he crashed into a human pilot, Shin Hayata, and subsequently merged with Shin to save his life, becoming Earth's first Ultraman. After becoming Earth's Ultraman, Shin joined the Science Patrol, a civilian



Bio: Andrew Newson is a student at Life College and is 25 years old. He likes comic books, video games, hiking, exploring new places with his mom.... and babies. He is an authority in all things Star Wars, Star Trek and great places to go in the Bay Area. He is currently learning Mandarin and loves to research and learn new things.



Earth's First Ultraman

task force that investigates bizarre phenomena and is led by Captain Toshio Muramatsu. His teammates and friends include Daisuke Arashi, an expert marksman; Akiko Fuji, a communications officer with Science Patrol; Mitsuhiro Ide, inventor and innovator; and Isamu Hoshino, a young boy who hangs out at the home base for unknown reasons. October, 1987) and Ultraman: Rising (14, June, 2024). The origin of the first Ultraman was that he was an alien from The Land of Light and Nebula. In the story, Ultraman M78 was chasing a monster through space when he crashed into a human pilot, Shin Hayata, and subsequently merged with Shin to save his life, becoming Earth's first Ultraman. After becoming Earth's Ultraman, Shin joined the Science Patrol, a civilian task force that investigates bizarre phenomena and is led by Captain Toshio Muramatsu. His teammates and friends include Daisuke Arashi, an expert marksman; Akiko Fuji, a communications officer with Science Patrol; Mitsuhiro Ide, inventor and innovator; and Isamu Hoshino, a young boy who hangs out at the home base for unknown reasons.

As explained above, Ultraman is a giant (kyodai) hero when he fights evil space monsters, but that's not all he has working for him. Every iteration of Ultraman has a powerful beam attack which is a green beam that paralyzes and then detonates foes, but different variations have other powerful defenses and attacks, such as the Ultra-Barrier (a glowing force field to block attacks); the Ultra/Buzzsaw Disk: an energy attack that cuts through foes like a buzzsaw; and the Slash-Beam: a rapid stream of arrow-shaped explosive light waves emitted from the hand. Not to mention that every Ultraman knows martial arts. He's always been super powerful.

I like Ultraman because he is a Tokusatsu hero, a genre of heroes from Japan known for their iconic costumes. Other examples of the Tokusatsu heroes are The Power Rangers, Supa-Sentai (whose footage has been used for Power Ranger fight scenes), Camen Rider, and Grid-Man (a Ultraman/Mega-man hybrid who fights in a digital world). If you have never seen Ultraman before, I would recommend watching Ultraman-Z for your first time. It is my favorite and I'm sure it will be yours, too.

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Welcome to the Tea Party—Celebrating Mad Hatter Day

By Michelle, Nino, Hayley, Aidan and Iris



Few literary characters are as instantly recognizable, or as delightfully nonsensical, as the Mad Hatter from Lewis Carroll's 1865 classic *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. With his oversized top hat, colorful clothes, and eternal tea party, he remains one of pop culture's favorite symbols of pure absurdity.

What makes the Mad Hatter so lovable is his unique personality. He is imaginative, cheerful, and never afraid to be himself. He doesn't worry about fitting in. Instead, he celebrates creativity and sees the world in his own special way.

The Mad Hatter is also known for asking silly riddles and making playful comments that sometimes don't make much sense. His sense of humor keeps readers laughing and wondering what he might say next.

Another characteristic that makes the Mad Hatter memorable is that he is unpredictable. One moment he is talking about tea, and the next he has changed the subject completely. His surprises make him exciting and fun to read about.



CELEBRATING MAD HATTER DAY

Every October 6, people celebrate Mad Hatter Day. Inspired by the silliness his character brings, this holiday is all about letting your imagination run wild, wearing fun hats, and being completely yourself.

WHY OCTOBER 6TH?

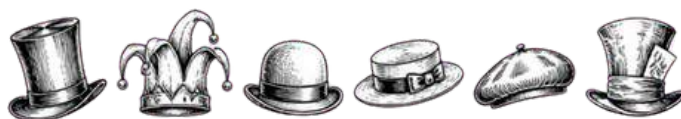
If you look closely at pictures of the Mad Hatter, he wears a top hat with a large tag that says 10/6. In the story, the tag was actually a price tag showing the hat cost 10 shillings and 6 pence. But over time, people decided that 10/6 looked like the date 10/6.

WAYS TO CELEBRATE

You don't need to take a trip to Wonderland to have a great Mad Hatter Day. Here are a few easy fun ideas to join in on the celebration.

- Wear or make a silly hat
- Host a Tea Party
- Have a scavenger hunt and collect things that start with M
- Wear bright colorful clothes
- Tell jokes and nonsensical riddles
 - What kind of room has no doors or windows? A mushroom!*
 - What is orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot!*
 - What can make an octopus laugh? Ten tickles!*
- Read Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
- Watch the Alice in Wonderland movie

Mad Hatter Day reminds us that it's okay to be silly, try new things, and express our creativity. How will you celebrate this October 6th?



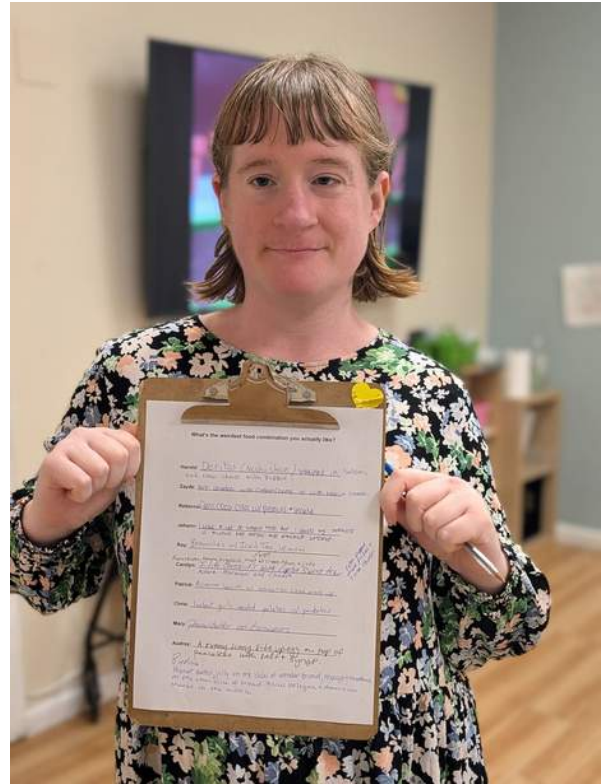
Roving Reporting with Tess:

What's the weirdest food combination you actually like?

If you've been around CH&S lately, you may have been stopped by Tess and her clipboard. Tess likes to be on the move and see what's happening in every corner of the building, so when we needed someone to collect answers for this month's survey question, "What's the weirdest food combination you actually like?", she was the obvious pick.

Tess went room to room asking students and staff for their answers. Because of her, we heard from more than a dozen people, and learned more than we ever expected about peanut butter, pancakes, and salami.

Thank you, Tess, for a job well done!



Behind the scenes: building on strengths

At CH&S, we pay attention to what each student enjoys and what they're good at, then look for meaningful roles that put those strengths to work. In Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), this is part of an approach called *differential reinforcement of alternative behavior*. This involves not reinforcing behaviors such as interrupting a class in session, but instead to give the student what they want (in Tess' case, she was looking for connection and attention). Put simply, we recognize and celebrate students for doing alternative behaviors. So, Tess, a student who loves to move and connect with other students gets a job that involves moving around and connecting with students and staff.

The result is a real contribution to our community, like the survey you're reading about, and a chance for each student to be seen for what they do well. Check out the next page for info on the survey and to find out what foods people enjoy eating.

Our Weird Food Combos

Here are the survey answers just in case you can not read the small, handwritten answers (right):

Ray: Brownies with iced tea and lemon.

Carolyn: I like Cheez-Its with Lipton sweet tea.

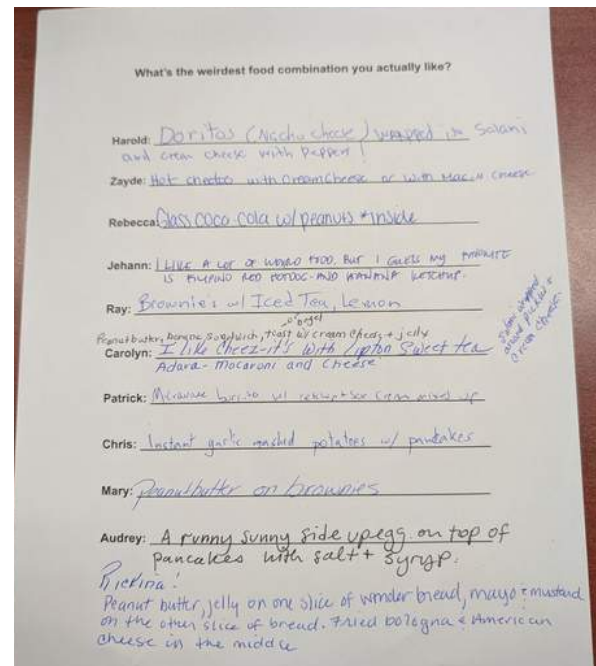
Adara: Macaroni and cheese.

Chris: Instant garlic mashed potatoes with pancakes.

Mary: Peanut butter on brownies.

Rebecca: A glass-bottle Coca-Cola with peanuts inside.

Patrick: A microwave burrito with ketchup and sour cream mixed up.



Harold: Nacho cheese Doritos wrapped in salami and cream cheese with peppers!

Zayde: Hot Cheetos with cream cheese, or with 'n' cheese.

Jehann: I like a lot of weird food, but I guess my favorite is Filipino red hot dogs and banana ketchup.

Audrey: A runny sunny-side-up egg on top of pancakes with salt and syrup.

Rickina: Peanut butter and jelly on one slice of Wonder Bread, mayo and mustard on the other, with fried bologna and American cheese in the middle.

What weird foods do YOU love to eat?

Do any of these combos sound good to eat?





Life College Talent Show!



ZACHARY: "THIS IS THE GREATEST SHOW"

ASL CLASS: "I WANT IT THAT WAY"

CONNOR & ZACHARY: MONSTERS INC BLOOPERS

KNOCK KNOCK! WHO'S THERE? NINO!

DEVLIN: WEST WING MONOLOGUE

ANDREW W/BACKUP SINGERS: "AMISH PARADISE"

CADEN: "WRITE THIS DOWN"

ZACHARY: "I WANNA ROCK!"



AIDAN AND JEN: CLOWN JOKES!

DYLAN: RUBBER CHICKEN JUGGLING!

MUSIC CLASS: "SCURVY DOG" PIRATE SHANTY

CONNOR & ZACHARY: BUGS LIFE BLOOPERS

MUSIC CLASS: "YOU CAN COUNT ON ME"

NINO: "MAMA MIA"

ANDREW: INDEPENDENCE DAY MONOLOGUE

CAT AND MARTHA: "BEAT IT"

CONNOR & ZACHARY: TOY STORY BLOOPERS

COLLEEN HAYLEY JEN DANA: "HE'S CHOOSING TEXAS"

MUSIC CLASS: "DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY"



FRIDAY OCT. 2 FROM 10-12

at The Community Church!

PIZZA PARTY TO FOLLOW

Pirates: Aargh!/Facts & Talking Points

With Cat, Justin, Andrew, Caden, Colleen, Hayley and Iris

*A Pirate's Life For Us: What was a pirate's day to day life really like? Dana and Michelle's Employment Readiness class learned about the different types of jobs aboard a pirate ship. To set the mood, everyone donned their choice of pirate accessories, which we borrowed from our crew of skeletons in the front yard of Life College.



*Yer Hired: Roles on a Pirate Ship

Pirate Captain

Quarter Master: *Second-in-command*

Helmsman: *Steers the ship*

Boastswain: *In charge of equipment and the crew*

Gunner: *Loads, aims and fires cannons*

Navigator: *Plots the ship's course*

Lookout: *Keeps watch from the crow's nest*

Pirates: Aargh!

Cook: *Not a professional chef but a crewmember who prepares meals*

Surgeon: *Provides medical care. Again, not a professional, just a crewman*

Deckhands: *General crew members who assist in various tasks, such as raising sails, handling lines, and performing maintenance duties.*

***Pirate's Diet:** What did a typical meal of food look like aboard a pirate ship? Since they were at sea for long stretches of time, the food supply would only last so long before running out or spoiling. At the beginning of a journey, pirates would have meat, cheese, veggies, and eggs, as well as chickens and cows, which would be kept until the food supplies dwindled and then they were eaten. As the weeks and months went by, the food would spoil, rot, mold, or go rancid. Cooks would cover up the nasty taste with lots of spices and herbs. Veggies and meats would be pickled or salted to preserve them for the long journeys. Hardtack (flour, water, and sometimes salt) biscuits, dried beans, and salted beef were staples to keep pirates alive. They drank grog, which was a mixture of rum and water, or beer or ale. Blackbeard's favorite drink was called Devil's Kill, which was rum and gunpowder!

Exercise Ideas & Discussion Stimulants

***What would you need for a pirate costume?** (Hat, eyepatch, earring, sword, compass, spyglass, boots, striped shirt, torn pants, scarves, etc.)

***Pirate Math:** The high seas are waters 3 miles or more from the coastline. A league is 3 miles. A fathom is a depth of measurement of 6 feet.

Pirates: Aargh!

*Aargh! Pirate lingo: Ahoy! (Hey!) Aye! (Yes!) Avast! (Stop!) Shanty (maritime work song) Davy Jones' Locker (a watery grave at sea) shiver me timbers, anchors away, scallywag, bilge rat etc. Pirate lingo is so popular that there is an entire day dedicated to it: International Talk Like A Pirate Day is observed every September 19th. If you need to brush up on your pirate speak, there is even a pirate course on the free language learning app through Marin County library! Aye aye, mateys!

*What would you do if you found real pirate treasure? There is really pirate treasure out in the world waiting to be found! Look up treasure that's been found and that is still missing!

*Music to Pirate Ears: A sea shanty is a work song sung aboard a ship. Dana's music class wrote their very own! Here are the lyrics–

Scurvy Dog

***You scurvy dog
You never speak truth
There's a pirate they call Black Beard***

***Your hat, your boots
Were never brand new
Aye aye, you stole them too!***

***Black Beard, Black Beard
Shiver me timbers
You're a barnacle, scurvy dog
Black Beard, Black Beard
Shiver me timbers
You pirating scallywag***



Pirates: Aargh!

*They walked the plank
It should've been you
For dead men tell no tales
Pirates of the Caribbean
They are rightly known
They're not a part
Of Black Beard's crew
Their articles are true*

*Black Beard, Black Beard
Shiver me timbers
You're a barnacle, scurvy dog
Black Beard, Black Beard
Shiver me timbers
You pirating scallywag*



Cultural References/Related Topics

*Pirates in movies and tv (One-Eyed Willie, Captain Hook, Jack Sparrow, the Dread Pirate Roberts, etc.)

▶ A Professional Pirate - Tim Curry Muppet Treasure Island 1996

Our favorite virtual ride for Armchair Travel is Shanghai Disneyland's Pirates of the Caribbean!

▶ [4K] Immersive Pirates Ride at Shanghai Disneyland - Amazi...

“And let's not forget about the Pittsburgh Pirates!” said Chas.



Pirates: Aargh!

Related Vocabulary

- *Buccaneer
- *Swashbuckler
- *Rogue
- *Booty
- *Scurvy
- *Keelhaul
- *Canon
- *Treasure
- *Maroon
- *Rations
- *Grog
- *Cabin fever

- *Cutlass
- *Flintlock
- *Rigging
- *Plunder
- *Vessel
- *Mutiny
- *Mutineer
- *Berth
- *Bilge
- *Privateer
- *List
- *Wench



Pirates: Aargh! Review/Post-Test Questions

What is Davy Jones' locker?

A watery grave at sea

Where are the high seas?

Parts of the ocean at least 3 miles from a coastline, which doesn't belong to any country

What are pirate articles?

The pirate code, or rules of each ship.

Did pirates really have parrots and monkeys?

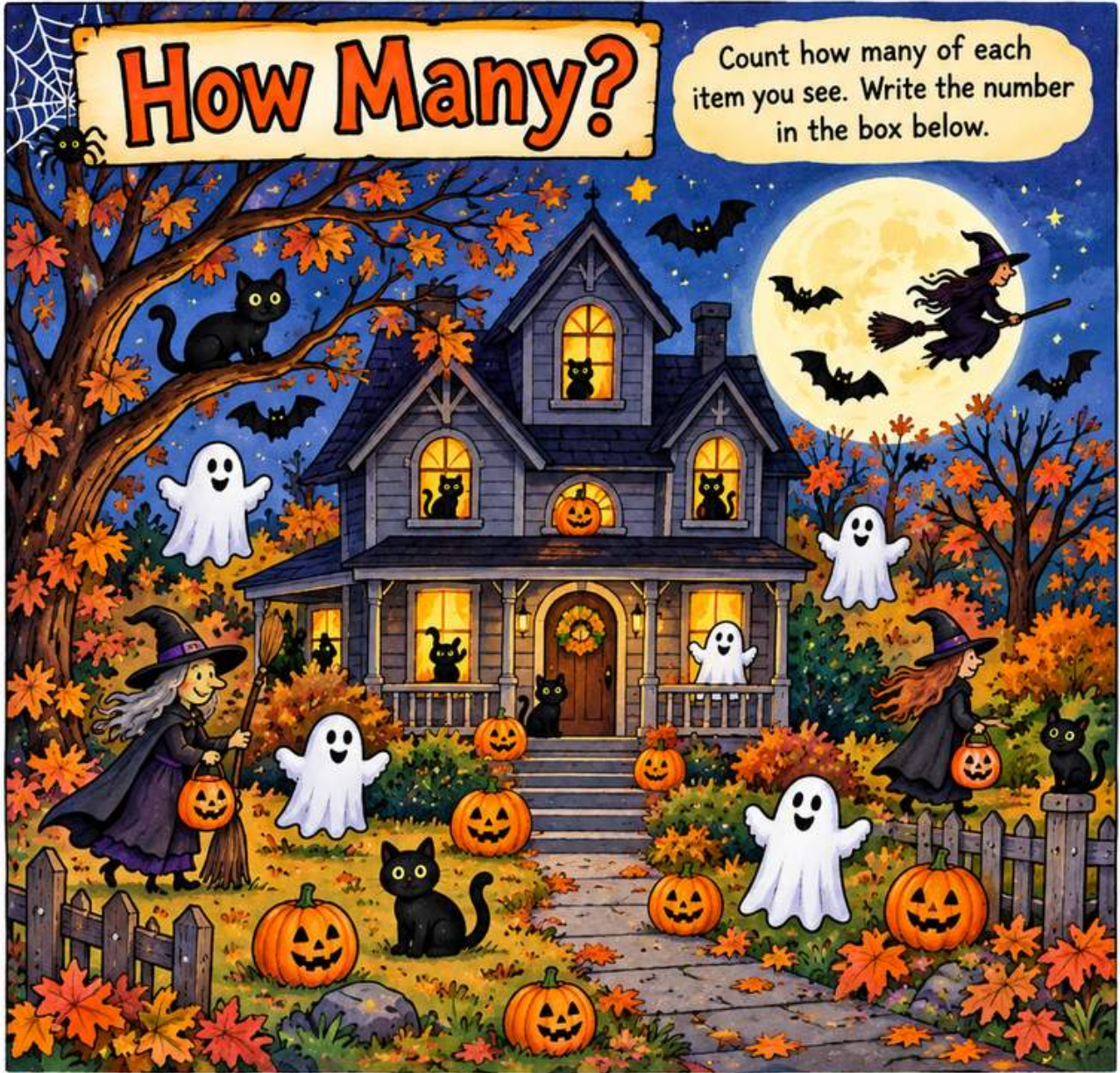
Yes! Tropical animals were valuable as exotic pets.

What is a sea shanty?

A maritime work song.

How Many?

Count how many of each item you see. Write the number in the box below.



Pumpkins



Ghosts



Bats



Black Cats



Witches

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Congratulations to you, Devlin, for
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off in Colorado!

