

# The Greylock Eggplant

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## Mount Greylock Attendance Decreases By Seventy Percent

BY BUCY BIGOE

FLORIDA, FL – On Monday, March 20th, Mount Greylock principal Jacob Schutz sent out an email stating that in the past three weeks, student attendance has gone down by 70 percent. In fact, these past fifteen school days have been the record low of Greylock attendance since the week before the COVID pandemic shut down schools nationwide and destroyed the Greylock plumbing system.

In his email, Schutz shared that the absences were not due to the recent spike in COVID cases but instead due to the recent spike in Florida visits. Schutz then went on a two paragraph rant about how he hated Florida and ended his email with: "What is so great about Florida anyway?!"

After receiving this angry schoolwide email, *The Eggplant* frantically tried to uncover more information about this problem. However, 30 percent of *The Eggplant's* staff are currently in Florida, so Bigoe was the only one left to follow this story.

"It has become a real issue," said Calculus teacher and alleged Patriot Ledger reporter Robert Thistle. "The other day I was trying to tell one of my famous stories in the middle of our squirrel on a wire problem and no one was laughing. I looked up at the class and it turns out no one was there. Everyone was in Florida!"

Thistle can be found at his desk with a massive pile of stickers and no students to give them to. He sometimes uses the scratch and sniff ones, but his tears have ruined the smells.

Another teacher, however, was confused when asked about the unprecedented absences. "Yes, of course I know about the Florida issue. I was originally confused because Florida, MA is just up the road. I go to Florida, MA every-day to ski and hike and still make it to school

on time," said Peer Team leader and D&D mastermind Ted Burdick. "I only figured out this was referring to Florida, the state, when the office changed the online attendance. Now, instead of putting 'A' for absent, we put 'F' for Florida (the state)."

Burdick declared he thought the change was necessary. "I mean what other reason are people absent these days?"

Senior Sarah Polumbo, a veteran Florida visitor famous for consistently going just a week after February vacation, had many thoughts on the issue. "I mean I have been missing school for Florida my whole life. I don't see why people are just hopping on the trend now. The key is to schedule a trip just a few days after vacation because Florida is only enjoyable if you are also missing school."

English teacher and Williams (assistant to the) Squash Coach Blair Dils decided to see what all the fuss was about. Instead of normally missing his Friday AP Lit class because of a squash match, he booked a flight to Florida. "I had to find out if missing school made Florida a better place to visit. And before you ask, yes, I did leave my AP Lit class a test to do in my absence."

Senior Matteo Chang recently fell victim to the skipping school and going to Florida pattern. When asked to comment on his recent trip, Chang replied, "Yes I went there." *The Eggplant* begged for more details but he simply replied "Florida, Florida, Florida." Chang had no further comments.

This article may seem short but that is because the Editor-in-Chief of *The Eggplant*, Molly Sullivan, is currently unavailable to assign word counts because she is in Florida. ♦



Possible glimpse of AP Lit teacher Blair Dils in his newfound Friday afternoon vacation spot - Photo Courtesy of Williams Squash

## 1 in 650: An Interview with a Horrible Student

BY RISHIV ALHOTRAM

BOGEY, LAND – In many classes at Mount Greylock, the back row is filled with rowdy students and class clowns. One in particular, Bogey McStudent, is a permanent seventh grader in Alexander Davis's English class. *The Eggplant* sat down with McStudent to talk about his experiences in Davis's class.

**Eggplant:** So, Bogey, how would you explain your classroom experience with Mr. Davis?

**Bogey McStudent:** I dislike the experience because I get accused of horrible things I never did. All the other students get treated so kindly; all I get are fake accusations and nothing nice.

**E:** What are some of these accusations?

**M:** Well, I apparently stole Mr. Davis's watch when I wasn't even at school, and from my memory, he doesn't even have a watch. This isn't even the worst thing I have been accused of or the worst thing Mr. Davis has said.

**E:** Mr. Davis has been missing his watch for a few months, but maybe it wasn't your fault. What other things has Mr. Davis said?

**M:** He gave me a quiz once and said he wasn't optimistic about my future, even though I do all my assignments for him. Nevertheless, my grade for the class in PowerSchool is an F, and that's just better than an A so I'm content with my grades. He also says that once I got into a fight with him, which got really ugly, but all I was asking him was to never give me a quiz ever again. I started crying because he was so mean and said that he couldn't just give everyone else quizzes and exempt me from them. I was so frustrated when this happened because I hate doing them and don't ever want to do them again.

**E:** Wow, those are some big issues with Mr. Davis; has he done anything else?

**M:** Mr. Davis also says that I ate his watch and I write horrible essays, which is not true. I write great essays; they are just maybe a little short and

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We will never recover.

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# NEWS

## The Daily Grind: 8:30 PM to 3:40 AM

BY BRANCES BREVANS

**NO, SLEEP** – After many student pleas and petitions, Mount Greylock has changed the starting time of school. Instead of starting at 7:40 am and ending at 2:30 pm, the school will now be starting at 8:30 pm and ending at 3:40 am.

According to Vice Principal Colin Shebar, this was the best compromise for all. “We believe this splits the concerns of students, parents and teachers. With the new start times, everyone’s happy,” Shebar said.

The time change will allow students to have plenty of daylight to participate in extracurricular activities. Before, many worried that the time change would force students who participate in activities after school, especially outdoor activities, to be in the dark. Students and teachers will be indoors when it’s dark out, and free during the day.

“Now I can frolic in the sun all I want,” senior Sam Tucker-Smith said.

“Sleep is for the weak,” said junior class president Vincent Welch. “You should spend those hours reciting the pledge and listening to my morning announcements.”

“As king of the teachers,” said Physics teacher Dr. Burdick, “I think this is a great idea. Us teachers live and sleep here anyway, so it isn’t much of a change.”

“I’ve been sleeping during the day and coming out at night for a while now, so it shouldn’t be much of a change for me either,” Shebar said. Shebar’s desk had 20 cups of coffee and eight red gatorade bottles on it.

Critics of the time change argue that some students will become unhealthy: “What about gym?” asked Brian Gill, physical education teacher. “Most of these kids won’t go outside

unless they’re forced to. What would my students be if they were a vegetable? Couch potatoes!” Gill burst into tears but continued laughing through the pain.

Shebar, appearing from thin air wearing a collared cape, disagreed. “Students don’t need the sun to be healthy. I avoid the sun on principle and am as healthy as a vampire, but I’m definitely not a vampire. Seriously.”

Sam Tucker-Smith was found in the practice rooms at 7 pm, which is quite early considering school starts at 8:30 pm. He was playing *Here Comes the Sun* on the piano as the sun went down and the school bells began to ring. ♦

## Admin Debates Phone Policy While Keeping Student Access to Minecraft in Mind

BY NAGGIE MICHOLS

**BUGSCUFFLE, TN** – The debate over a proper cell phone policy has been ongoing in high schools across Massachusetts, with many disagreeing on student phone usage in school. Mount Greylock has recently joined the debate, with the administration re-examining the current policy in order to determine if a new one is needed for next year.

Administration emphasized that phone usage has spiraled out of control at MG, and that they receive an average of five confiscated phones each day before 3rd block. Students are addicted to Minecraft, especially the seniors. They walk around and just play Minecraft all day.

According to the counseling office, only 56 percent of the senior class will be graduating. The other 44 percent will have degrees in Minecraft but will have to redo senior year in order to get a real high school degree.

“Who cares about a highschool degree? I have a Minecraft degree. That’s all you need in life,” senior Annie Art said.

The administration sent out surveys to parents, teachers, and students, asking for thoughts on the current policy and possible future policies. Teachers have adopted many of their own policies while the administration continues to explore the larger issue.

“Personally, I don’t think students having full control over their phones is a good idea,” said PE Coach Robert Jutras. He emphasized that phones continue to be an issue in his gym classes, and that he has had trouble coming up with a proper solution.

“It was only until a buddy of mine from high-school gave me an idea that I was able to get the problem under control,” he said. Jutras explained that he has resorted to leaving confiscated phones on the gym floor while students participate in their activities for the day, resulting in

many smashed phones and very angry students.

“I’ve found it to be very effective,” said Jutras, cheerfully. “No more phones, no more problem!” When asked if administrators knew of his “innovative” policy, Jutras declined to comment.

Disagreement over what the policy should be is often seen between students and teachers, who often cannot find a middle ground. When asked about the phone policy, junior Vincent Welch noted a heated discussion between him and his father, a history teacher at MG, Jeffrey Welch.

“I was almost kicked out of the house because of my opinion regarding the matter,” Vincent Welch said. “The last time I went on my phone in my dad’s class, I think my grade dropped by twenty points.”

Amidst school wide disagreement, *The Eggplant* decided to put out a poll to garner a true sense of what students and teachers thought, allowing respondents to submit their own opinions in a text box rather than presenting them with several options for the policy.

When looking through the responses, *The Eggplant* found that 98 percent of MG students felt as if the policy should stay as is. Those who remained in the two percent, such as junior Ben Dingman, voiced their opinions.

“Personally, I think we should just throw all of our phones out. When I heard about the change in policy, I threw my phone out of the third story window of the building! I don’t really need it anyways.”

When Dingman heard that the policy for next year had not been fully determined and that students were still able to use their phones freely, he left the room in a hurry, mumbling words that *The Eggplant* can’t put in print.

Student and teacher responses to the poll ranged, showing that the disagreement was still ongoing. With no end in sight, *The Eggplant*

reached out to administration in order to see what their plans were for next year. They declined to comment, but rumors of phone booths being put in as substitutes for cell-phones continue to circulate. Whether or not MG would actually spend money on this remains a mystery.

As for now, the current phone policy still stands, despite the protest of many disgruntled students and teachers. However, a positive conclusion to the matter seems unlikely, as the “phone problem” rages on at MG and questions remain unanswered. Will students be able to keep their phones? Will the administration actually put phone booths in? Unfortunately and surprisingly, even *The Eggplant* staff does not know the answer. ♦



A phone booth in Bugscuffle, Tennessee bought by the MG administration for the school - Photo Courtesy of WikiCommons



# NEWS

## Additional Latin Teacher Hired

BY KIMPSON

ANCIENT, ROME – Recently released reports reveal that Ms. Owlton, Mount Greylock's new additional Latin teacher, is actually Minerva, Roman goddess of wisdom and war.

When questioned by *The Eggplant*, Owlton said, "I don't actually really know why I'm here. I'm pretty sure I'm getting some sort of divine punishment from my father. I mean, what could possibly be worse than teaching teenagers after gym?"

Many students had their suspicions about Owlton after she introduced unorthodox classroom rules, including a ban on anyone implying that they are better at weaving than her.

Seventh grader Sam Chase experienced one of these atypical classroom laws first-hand. "I was so excited because I've been reading *The Heroes of Olympus* books. I was explaining the plot to Morris and Fiona, and they were both getting super into it," he said. "Then I mentioned that Frank is a son of Mars, which was apparently not a good idea, because she threw the book out the window and called it blasphemy."

We at *The Eggplant* were amazed that it took students so long to notice Owlton wasn't an average teacher, given her habit of parking her chariot in the electric charging stations, having heard that the chargers weren't on anyways.

Mary MacDonald, seventh grade Social Studies teacher and Owlton's across the hall neighbor, said that her behavior was often peculiar. "On her third day here, she rummaged through my stuff and pointed out all the inaccuracies in my Greece and Rome units. Apparently they didn't match her lived experience. I think she's going to bug my classroom," MacDonald said.

Reports also indicate that Owlton has yet to actually teach Latin to any of her classes. Junior and seventh grade Latin TA Emma Kate Hane said, "In my Latin class, I'm supposed to be doing an in-class translation of Catullus 16, but instead this woman is telling me about the interpersonal relationships of the gods of Olympus, which I know anyways because we watch *Hercules* during every JCL [Junior Classical League] meeting, but still."

Owlton claims that her goal at Mount Greylock is to help students further understand what the era of Antiquity was really like. She said, "I just feel like our curriculum is too focused on the boring parts of Antiquity. Why are we studying Pompeii when we could just as easily study the part where I was born out of my father's head? Now that would keep those seventh graders from falling asleep."

Not everybody is against Owlton's unusual

approach to education, however. Junior and AP Latin student Oliver Swabey said, "Surely, I can use this to get out of my AP Latin exam and get my money back from the College Board."

Spanish students at Mount Greylock have also begun to express jealousy toward the Latin students. Junior and AP Spanish student Quinlan Repetto said, "I'd rather have Ms. Owlton sic her owls on me than have to actually do work in AP Spanish."

Though Owlton's unorthodox teaching methods have raised concerns about whether or not the Latin students at Mount Greylock are actually learning anything, Owlton has vehemently defended herself. "I don't think that has ever really been the school's biggest concern, so I don't see any reason for why they should fire me," Owlton said. "Also, who could possibly provide a better Latin education than a literal Roman goddess?" ♦

## Student Council Collapse Imminent

BY HARLOTTE CHOLUBAR

HELL, MICHIGAN – March 3rd was the final day of normalcy for the Student Council, maybe even for the whole school. It was the junior class's Student Council special elections, a typical procedure for when a member mysteriously decides to leave mid-year for literally no reason. Normally, short speeches written the night before are read, people vote for their friends, and the day goes on. However, given the competitive circumstances in the race, everyone was on edge.

The two contestants, Phoebe Barnes and Ben McDonough, were both clueless as to what was about to unfold. Each of their speeches proclaimed themselves as good leaders, fit to help their class and the school. But, the speeches quickly devolved into ruthless berating of each other, including shouting at opposing supporters in the stands.

"I am hoping for a duel against any worthy contestants," Barnes yelled, as the fights started to break out. Barnes then violently attacked people in Tom's psychology class while playing silent ball. She claims she was well trained because of her avid participation in JCL and their regular foam sword fights.

Students started to stand and shout—not at the contestants, but at each other. Something came over the junior class, something that may be rooted in never having the chance to walk over the bridge at the back of the school for the 'eighth grade graduation' or not getting to have their annual freshman hike up Mount Greylock.

But the uproar only got louder when it was announced that the race needed a recount be-

cause it was so close. From opposing sides in the auditorium, unprecedented reactions to this occurred. The junior class started to revert back to their seventh grade ways and incited violence and chaos. They took the microphone, ripped seat cushions, threw backpacks and swung from the stage lights. Administration had never dealt with something like this before and had to quickly consult their secret backup student handbook, titled *Lord of the Flies: How to Stop Feral Students*.

Annie Art, the Student Council president, immediately learned about what was occurring. "Usually elections are boring and I hate them but, I'm glad this was a good show," she said.

Eventually, worry fell over the students in other grades after the riots spread into the cafeteria, blocking off their lunch ice-creams and limited outdoor time. More than just disappointment spread into the other grades; it was a revolution against Student Council. Commentary like, "I don't even get what Student Council does" from one sophomore, and, "Why do the Student Council members get to put it on their resumes for college if they don't even accomplish anything?" from another added fuel to the fire. Ultimately, this made the Student Council at risk of losing their already limited power and authority.

It was later revealed that junior StudCo member Matthew Daley, known widely as "Matty Joe," was hoping to "overthrow Annie Art and try to run a dictatorship even before all of this happened," according to McDonough.

The danger at school because of this chaos

has been quite noticeable. Do you remember the two "snow days"? Allegedly, that wasn't for the snow—it was to calm down the riots.

Lucy McWeeny, original Student Council seat holder, learned about the uproar and offered her non-comforting and non-empathetic commentary, "I was deeply saddened to hear about the malfunctions of the special elections, though I can't say I am surprised. Leaving Greylock, I knew that no one would be able to fill my shoes as a member of the Student Council, and it seems I was right."

Class officers, be prepared. Your seats are next. ♦

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# NEWS & FEATURES

## AI Chatbot Profiles

BY YACK JUHAS

**MOUNTIE, USA** – With the recent rise in student usage of AI chatbots like ChatGPT, Mount Greylock's teachers and administrators have been left scrambling for ways to make sure they're one step ahead of this new technology. While some may be against the platform entirely, *The Eggplant* had a chance to speak with some teachers who have found creative ways of using these programs to their advantage.

### Blair Dils

*The Eggplant* sat down with alleged head of the Greylock Snow Day team, Blair Dils. Dils spoke about his implementation of AI into his snow day chance service.

"Well, it really came down to the fact that the website takes a lot of writing, which I'm not particularly fond of," said Dils. "When I found out there was a way to keep the site going without scanning through maps, which is quite tedious, I jumped on it."

Dils claims he hasn't written a single post in months. He intends to use advertisement revenue from the site to retire within the next year. When asked about where he'd like to spend his retirement, Dils answered, "Probably somewhere warm like Florida, because I recently visited there on a Friday afternoon. Just nowhere with snow. God, I hate that stuff."

### Counseling Office

Most colleges and universities require recommendation letters from your guidance counselor for applications. However, Kathryn Pratt and Jessica Casalinova, Mount Greylock's high school counselors, both say they are fed up with all the writing.

"First, you gotta look up the kid's grades,

which is like... a whole thing," explained Pratt. Casalinova added, "I've never been one for writing, so when I found out about ChatGPT, I was overjoyed!"

Now they said they've developed a system. "We just input the grades and some random facts into the system and boom! Just like that, we have a fully polished recommendation letter, none of the dirty work," Pratt said. The two plan to use the time they're saving to make their dreams of starting a punk-rock band a reality. They've even chosen a name: "Guidance Gone Wild." Pratt has been known to boast that she "puts the dance in guidance."

### Kellie Houle

Greylock's 9th grade English teacher, Kellie Houle, has also found great use in the newest AI innovation: grading essays. "Once you read so many, they all just sound the same," said Houle. "I wish I could say that most of my students are interesting writers, but let's face it, they're 9th graders."

However, she faces quite a unique issue: the same software she uses to grade, the students are using to write that same work. "It's quite the conundrum," said Houle. She has come upon a creative solution, though one that hasn't been too popular with students.

"It's nunchucks," said one student, who has spoken to *The Eggplant* under the condition of anonymity. "Any time she catches us on ChatGPT or any other AI writing tool, she whips out those pink nunchucks." Houle has declined to comment on the nunchucks.

### Administration

The administration gave *The Eggplant* a

sneak peek into their latest and greatest achievement using AI. If you've ever visited the Stop & Shop in North Adams, you've met Marty, the adorable robot that combs the aisles, scanning for spills. With the help of Daniel Louis, robotics team supervisor and 9th grade physics teacher, Greylock is debuting MOUNTIE, the automated attendance robot. Every morning, MOUNTIE will roam the halls, using facial recognition to mark students as present. During class hours, the robot will make sure no students are skipping class; if MOUNTIE detects a student, it will prompt them to insert their pass into its "mouth." In an exclusive interview with *The Eggplant*, Colin Shebar, the school's vice principal, told us he'd be diligently watching the robot's cameras.



Introducing Mount Greylock's new attendance bot, MOUNTIE - Photo

Courtesy of Yack Juhas

## Intrinsic Motivation Spikes in Senior Class

BY MCLIVIA MYNN ORELLI LYKEON

**SENIOR, SPRING** – In the past few weeks, the Mount Greylock community has witnessed a spike in motivation from the senior class. This surge of enthusiasm has not only improved the moods of many teachers, but has also contributed to a more positive environment for underclass students.

It all started several months ago when seniors began to hear back from their Early Decision colleges. As more and more seniors found out where they would be spending their next four years, more and more Canvas assignments boasted higher average scores. Senior Molly Sullivan said, "Once I knew that I would be attending Tufts this fall, I couldn't help but pour all of my newfound time and effort into my classwork."

This enlightening feeling soon took hold amongst the majority of the senior class. Teachers found that they no longer had to harass students for missing assignments or employ the help of a heavy curve on test scores. "It was a miracle," AP Psychology teacher Tom Ostheimer said. "I have never seen such quality work and dedication as I have in my senior's second semester assignments."

Not only has this turn of events benefitted the faculty at Mount Greylock, but it has also rubbed

off on many underclass students. "Seeing the seniors be so motivated in their last semester of high school has made it a lot easier for me to complete my own school work. If they can do it when it doesn't even matter, so can I!" stated junior Anabel Gonzales. Seeing the MGRS pillars of leadership and citizenship being upheld in this manner is truly something to admire.

When commenting on the current situation, counselor Kathryn Pratt said, "We have seen this kind of motivation in past senior classes but never as prevalent as with this year's seniors. It makes you think — if only our 9th graders were already accepted to college, imagine what they could accomplish." In line with this reasoning, the counseling office has begun to consider encouraging more students to apply ED, so as to ensure a higher level of motivation throughout most of the year.

To keep up with the voracious appetite these students have for classwork, teachers have even had to adjust their curriculums. "I have had to move up a few test dates so that I can stay on top of what my students are working on," AP Statistics teacher Lucas Polidoro said. "This has put us in a really great place to review for the upcoming AP exams." Not only has Polidoro adjusted his syllabus, but other senior class instructors have

as well. AP Lit teacher Blair Dils has reportedly added Tolstoy's epic novel *War and Peace* to his AP Lit class in order to engage his eager students.

In more recent weeks, however, staff have noted that they are actually becoming worried about the overly positive attitude displayed by this year's senior class. Reports of students joining new clubs, turning in extra credit projects and even helping other students with their work have been coming in at a rapid rate. With little time in the day to rest, there is concern that students may not be paying attention to their own health.

Teachers have placed a special emphasis on making sure that students are taking care of their mental and physical health as well as focusing on school. "Just because these kids know where they are going to college, doesn't mean they have to abandon what really matters: health and having fun with their peers," school librarian Liza Barrett said.

Overall, the seniors are truly the ones who know what is best for them in these last few months of school. Trying harder in school is something intrinsic to the senior experience, and who is anyone else to say how senior spring should be. ♦

# NEWS & FEATURES

## BREAKING: MCWEENY IS A FELON

BY FELENA FLAPLINGER

GHOSTED, IOWA – As editors toiled away, tracking down articles and identifying absent writers, one blank space stood out. A horrifying thought finally occurred to them: Lucy McWeeny had ghosted *The Eggplant*.

McWeeny serves, or perhaps served, as an opinion writer for *The Eggplant*, which means she can choose from a wide array of topics to write about. The requested word counts are often short, and the tone can be far more casual than that of a news or feature article.

Editor-in-Chief Molly Sullivan was slightly upset about the ordeal, telling *The Eggplant* passionately: “I sent her three emails and around 50 texts. Even after that, I gave her the benefit of the doubt. Maybe she had dropped her phone in the trash when she meant to toss an inadequate draft of her article. So I sent her a very kind letter and hid behind a tree across the street so I could make sure she would get it. She knows we need her and she isn’t doing anything about it. Little does she know, I know too!”

With space still unfilled, the Editor-in-Chief was forced to brainstorm new ideas with the layout editor, Elena Caplinger. When Sullivan proposed a page of art pieces with pictures and captions, Caplinger reportedly burst into tears.

“Opinion pieces are the easiest assignments,” said Caplinger to *The Eggplant*, still in tears. “All you have to do is feel strongly about something and then write 500 words about it? I could do that in 15 minutes!”

Admittedly, opinion articles can have their difficulties—some may find it hard to articulate their opinions, while others may not have strong opinions to articulate. Having a strong opinion, however, was not difficult for the editors affected by McWeeny’s antics, and in fact began to bleed into school life at Mount Greylock.

When English teacher Blair Dils mentioned an excellent 2,000 word essay written in his class, Sullivan asked with seeming innocence who had written it. Dils reportedly inched towards his door, but eventually the information was wrangled out of him. Upon finding out McWeeny had written the paper, Sullivan locked herself in the cabinet. Later, English classes reported hearing occasional screams and aggressive typing during class.

When asked about a recent Google search picked up on the school computers, which said “I HATE EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE SO MUCH,” and had been searched once in the past 24 hours, Sullivan paused for a moment and said, “I use Bing.”

Members of the student body reported shock when it was revealed that the phrase had only been searched once in a day. One student who asked to remain anonymous claimed, “I feel that way every day here,” to the agreement of many students.

McWeeny was last seen ducking around a corner, trying not to be noticeable in the bright

orange traffic cone sweatshirt she was wearing for team spirit. If you have any knowledge of McWeeny’s whereabouts, please contact a member of *The Eggplant*. This PSA is sponsored by Bing. ♦

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## Science Stays Outside Forever

BY CARTHUR SKILLET

TOAD SUCK, ARKANSAS – Ever since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March of 2020, Mount Greylock Regional School has been forced to incorporate more time outdoors into its school days. Moving certain classes largely outside has proved to be hugely successful in preventing the spread of sickness.

With the continued incorporation of this outdoor curriculum at Greylock, this time in nature has proved to have non-health-related benefits as well. Though it has been a nuisance in causing inefficient lunch procedures and sheet music blowing away in music classes, many members of the Greylock community see outdoor classes as an overall positive.

At first students had mixed emotions regarding outdoor classes. Some students disliked getting out of their beds (a.k.a. Zoom meeting lovers), while others seized the opportunity to sneak into the outdoor gym class happening at the same time as their English class.

Most recently, though, the largest support for outdoor classes has come from science students and teachers. Being in nature rids the classes of the many restrictions within the science classrooms.

“Outside, there really aren’t the health and safety concerns that we have to be aware of within the classroom. There are essentially no fire hazards outside and we don’t have to worry about making a mess, so we just mix together

whatever chemicals we want. It’s so freeing,” AP Chemistry teacher Faith Manary said.

Common tasks performed outside the classroom include various labs, such as testing how high a student can climb a tree before they get hurt or if submerging uneaten school lunches in the pond makes them taste better.

While the results of these experiments remain unknown, the administration has noticed a significant increase in academic performance. The average number of students absent has gone from 98 to zero in the past few weeks. According to this new policy, any student who is outside of the classroom is considered present, meaning that any student who stays in bed at home is also marked as present.

The science department also found that there has been much more class engagement since they started holding classes outside. Many students are now eager to participate in different experiments. For one lab, ninth grader Will Svrluga climbed a tree so high that he fell to the ground and broke his leg. “It’s a win-win for everyone,” he said. ♦



Alleged tree that ninth grader Will Svrluga fell out of - Photo Courtesy of WikiCommons



# NEWS & FEATURES

## Local *Eggplant* Writer Turns In Thirty Thousand Word Article (30,000??)

BY JIMPSON

BEE LICK, KENTUCKY – Last week, when print assignments for the April edition of *The Greylock Eggplant* were released, one writer turned in a 30,000 word article. The writer has asked to remain anonymous but would like *The Eggplant*'s loyal readers to know that they did nothing wrong and the readers would have been enthralled by the 60 page-single spaced report on one member of Congress' speech on a niche bill that would determine the highway funding for Route 7.

*Eggplant* Editor Quin Repetto said on the issue: "I fell asleep three times while reading it. I mean, it's longer than Of Mice and Men. The author had a three page digression on the impact of the filibuster on the moon landing. I don't even know how that related to highway funding for Route 7, but the author insisted that it stayed in the article, arguing that it is extremely important and without it, the readers would not truly understand Sen. What's-His-Face's feelings on this."

The author denies this claim and says that it is, in fact, imperative to know that the filibuster relates to the moon landing as conspiracy theories spread and funding is harder to come by.

Other *Eggplant* writers seem annoyed at this. The author, correctly, believes that her article should actually replace other, less important articles. "Who cares that the basketball team made it to the Elite Eight? If the people don't know about their representatives, how will they appreciate their lives??"

The article appears to have driven Editor-in-Chief Molly Sullivan mad. Sullivan, who was recently seen on a mad rampage through Williamstown in search of a missing article, was able to speak to *The Eggplant* for a very brief conversation: "Can't I just have one normal article? I don't even know how to divvy up the editing for this article! It's impossible. I always tell writers that more is better than less, because we can always cut, but this is ridiculous."

*Eggplant* reporter Olivia McKeon had her own feelings on the matter: "I mean, how does this even relate to students at Mount Greylock? We need real articles, like about the Florida absences or the school start time change. How is it fair that Jennah is spending all of her time and energy on a bill about road funding?"

The author of said article disagrees with McKeon. They would much prefer it if all the articles were about national news, because informing teenagers on national news is the only way to properly explain to teenagers the issues that will impact their life long term. And, to be quite honest, more teenagers could stand to read more of her articles in other editions of *The Eggplant*.

After editing, Repetto and Sullivan were able to get the length of the article in question down to 25,000 words. When other writers began to turn in their articles and Sullivan needed time to edit, they debated only publishing the first thousand words. But, the author, rightfully, insisted

that the full article be published. When English teacher Blair Dils insisted that Sullivan turn in her term paper and begin her reading for AP Lit, Sullivan threw her copy of *Waiting for Godot* across the room and then decided to table the 25,000 word article until a later date in order to save her dying AP Lit grade.

The author of the article, who would like to remind *The Eggplant*'s loyal readers of her anonymity, insisted that highway funding for Route 7 is important to their civic wellbeing and that the junior senator from Oklahoma's statements on the bill that would increase highway funding are in fact very important. And, just maybe, her Of Mice and Men length article does in fact matter more than most other articles in *The Eggplant*. The editorial board was very much in the wrong and she did nothing wrong. ♦

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## Students Physically Punished for Being Tardy

BY EMIL GUACAMOLE

GURG, USA – On Monday, March 6th, students pulled into the parking lot of the school and got out of their cars to make their way into the building. It was 7:39 am and many students were still all the way at the end of the lot. If a student doesn't make it in time to hear the bell, it is usually not the end of the world. Maybe a late slip or a disapproving look from a teacher. However, on March 6th, everything changed. When late students entered the building and junior Vincent Welch was reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, he chased them down the hallway, throwing various pencils and erasers at their heads.

Starting March 7th, in order to avoid the wrath of young Welch, students tripped over themselves and sprinted to the front doors. On this day, junior Phoebe Hughes was running late: "I was running so fast, I spilled my coffee everywhere. My outfit had coffee stains on it all day, and I had unpleasant burns all over me, but at least I wasn't late!" Hughes explained.

"As I ran, the school seemed to get farther and farther out of view. I tried to take a shortcut, but I ended up getting lost," junior Julia Dechaine said as she heaved and tried to catch her breath. "I thought cutting the opposite way would help me, but I must have taken a wrong turn. Before I knew it I was at Sweetwood. The sun was beating

down, dirt was in my shoes, and the school was nowhere in sight." This explained why Dechaine was more than a couple minutes late.

Junior Gianna Pesce recounted her awful morning. "I was sprinting with Phoebe trying to make it in time for the bell until I tripped on a small pebble, causing me to wipe out. The momentum in my body made me roll like a tumbleweed. Along with a few scratches, and a bloody nose, I think I broke my big toe."

Hughes said that Pesce had urged her to continue running. "I looked back at Gianna to make sure she was okay, and before I knew it, I felt an aggressive jolt and I was flying through the air like a bird!" Hughes explained that while she was airborne, she saw that student-driver and junior George "Gurg" Munemo had hit her with his beloved car Phil.

"I shouldn't have been hitting the gridly while I was driving. I really wasn't paying attention, I was so anxious about being late," Gurg explained. However, Hughes was not mad at Gurg. "When the car hit me, it boosted me into the air; I was soaring! I landed right in front of the main entrance of the school and made it with seconds to spare," Hughes said.

As the clock hit 7:40 am, many students were scattered around the main entrance banging on

the doors with tears in their eyes. After thirty minutes, Vice Principal Colin Shebar appeared. "I was surprised to see so many students come to school so early," Shebar said. "Daylight savings isn't until next week!" ♦

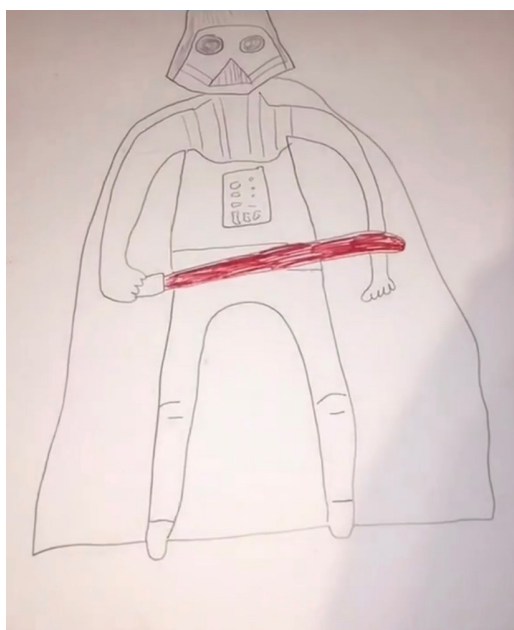
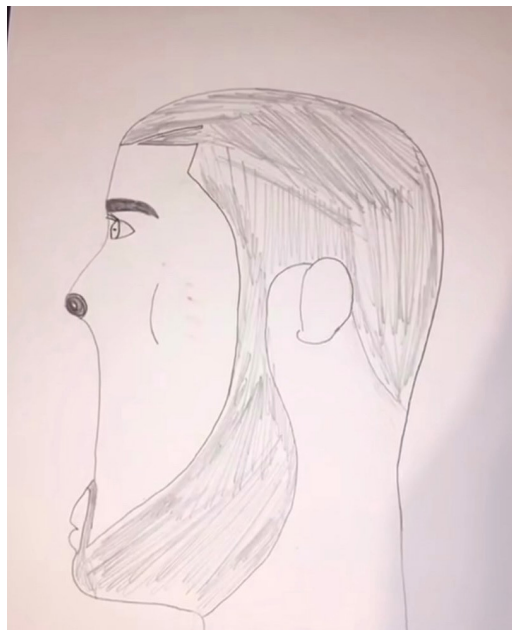
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# NEWS & FEATURES

## Student Art Feature



### Senior Galtan GcIntosh's Drawings

Artist's Statement: "In a burst of creative genius, I drew these two images. One is of Drake, renowned rapper and icon. The other, well, I'm guessing we all know who dresses like that and carries a red lightsaber. Both drawings are for sale right now. Price is negotiable." ♦



*The Eggplant has recieved one inquiry for both of these drawings. The potential buyer offered just \$2 for both. Any inquiries above that will be heavily considered. The Eggplant is honored to have worked with GcIntosh, a great artist of our generation.*

*More of GcIntosh's art can be found here.  
Your life will be changed if you scan this QR code!*

## Study Shows All Your Teachers Actually Hate You

BY MA'MM SUCKER-TITH

DISAPPOINTMENT ISLAND, NZ – The National Institute of Health published a study early Tuesday stating that every single one of your teachers, yes, your teachers, secretly despise you and wish you were dead.

The study, which was conducted by current NIH director Lawrence A. Tabak, has taken place over the past three years, and is being strategically published now, just as your seasonal depression is starting to subside.

Tabak, who has called the study his "passion project," stated in a press release Tuesday afternoon that "this is a momentous day: a turning point for humanity and psychology as a whole, but, more importantly, a turning point for you, you universally hated dirtbag."

Your math teacher, in an interview with *The Eggplant*, stated that "I'm so glad the cat's out of the bag. I hated that little twerp from the second the first bell rang this year. I looked in those stupid eyes, and looked at that stupid mouth, and just thought 'Oh God, I hate those stupid eyes, and I hate that stupid mouth, and I hate everything about this person, oh God.'"

Your history teacher, who is quoted for three

single-spaced pages in the groundbreaking study, said "throughout my career, I have continually respected and appreciated all of my students and have encouraged each one to grow to their utmost potential. Until now. This student simply does not deserve my respect, my appreciation, or any form of growth. This one deserves to die. Soon."

Tabak stressed in the aforementioned press release that what sets this study apart from all previous works of its kind is its vast reach throughout all years of the subject's life. The NIH researchers assigned to this project have interviewed not only your current teachers, but every teacher you have ever had, all of which think you really, really suck.

Your preschool teacher, in a YouTube video posted shortly after the study's release titled "What Happened," stated "I make no apologies. That was the ugliest four-year-old I ever saw in my life. Just a tiny stupid worm. I swear, every moment I just wanted to drop kick that child into the moon, just watch it spin and spin and spin and slowly lose oxygen and disappear. Then I might finally know peace."

Tabak explained in his press release that he would have stopped with all of your teachers, but "when a real man hears the siren call of science, he can never stop," and so he has interviewed not only your teachers, but all the mentors and authority figures that you've ever known in your miserable life.

Your therapist told Tabak that "all of my patients have work to do, but this one is completely unsalvageable. I'm not speaking of some irreversible mental illness—I'm just speaking to the fact that the more I've heard this person talk and talk and talk and talk, I've realized that they're just objectively idiotic, useless, and pointless, not worth my time or anybody's."

When asked by an *Eggplant* reporter what he was planning on doing next, Tabak shared that he is thrilled about his current project, where he interviews all of your friends. ♦

## ETC.

## Retitling *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings*

BY CREW ZANLON

MIDDLE, EARTH – We’ve covered *Harry Potter*. We’ve covered *Star Wars*. For the third and final installment of the re-titling series, I have decided to do *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* combined. Based on JRR Tolkien’s classic stories and directed by Peter Jackson, these movies have long permeated American culture. Since events in the Hobbit movies happened first, I will go in that order. I would like to remind you all that these movies are brought to you by the New Zealand Office of Tourism. All of the movies basically end up being walking tours of New Zealand with occasional action mixed in.

### *The Hobbit : Wasn’t This Gandalf’s Idea?*

Does anyone notice that Gandalf basically disappears halfway through both the book and the movie? Just me? Either way, he kinda leaves and doesn’t come back for a little bit. I just thought that was odd.

### *The Hobbit : What a Nice Dragon*

Smaug has a very nice voice. Benedict Cumberbatch did an amazing job. That’s all.

### *The Hobbit : The Battle of Four Armies*

When I googled what the five armies were in this installment, the result showed that there were the Elves, the Men, the Dwarves....and two different armies of orcs. I mean come on. I realize that they came from two different

places, but this just seems lazy

### *The Lord of the Rings : Sean Bean Had to Die*

Poor Sean Bean. He just can’t seem to live through anything, can he? His character even had made the mistake, realized it was too late, and died trying to correct the mistake. I feel for the guy.

### *The Lord of the Rings : The Battle of Helm’s Deep*

The Battle of Helm’s Deep is the longest battle in film history. Don’t believe me? Google it. Also, I feel like Frodo and Sam’s journey took a back seat in this one. The times that they were in this one seemed to serve simply as reminders that they were there. Then it was back to men worrying about whether they had enough men or marveling over how much more the other side had.

### *The Lord of the Rings : The King of the West/The Series of Five Endings*

First off, this movie did have one of the best one-liners in film history. I’ll give it credit for that. But let’s be honest. This movie was mainly about Aragorn becoming the king of Gondor. I get that Frodo succeeding was big. But let’s be honest, this was Aragorn’s movie. The endings thing kinda speaks for itself, to be honest. ♦

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and maybe only a few sentences with maybe only a few words, but they are still great. Also, I couldn’t have eaten his watch; I can’t digest objects.

To get another perspective on this story, the Eggplant interviewed Davis about this situation to see what he had to say.

**E: We wanted to ask you if what Bogey said was correct or not. He said that you have accused him of stealing and have been extremely mean to him; could you talk to us about this?**

**Davis:** I have had Bogey as a student for the past 13 years, and from the looks of it, it doesn’t seem like he will pass this year. He is 25 years old and will turn 26 this year. I am sometimes mean to him, but is it really mean if he deserves it? He stole my watch right in front of me and ate the whole watch. This doesn’t seem real, but it happened right in front of my eyes. Bogey also caused Greylock to have tests because of what a bad student he has been. For all students, it’s Bogey’s fault you have to take any tests at Greylock. Before Bogey, there were no tests. Bogey has also argued with me on quizzes, and the argument we had got extremely ugly, and caused him to cry, so I don’t talk about it.

**E: Bogey also said that you have told him his essays are horrible; could you explain more about this?**

**D:** Yes, his essays compared to those of other 7th graders are horrible and barely three lines long. He is always writing from the wrong point of view, switches between the past and present, and signs off on all of his essays like a letter. These are all major issues, and despite talking about them with him, he hasn’t changed at all. For some reason, though, he is a gifted poet and can write beautiful poems.

**E: Have any students had bad interactions with Bogey?**

**D:** Yes, one of my students was being continuously kicked during class. I had to explain that Bogey occasionally kicks people when they aren’t looking. Some students have asked to drop my mandatory seventh grade English class because of this persistent kicking.

**E: Is there anything else you would like to add about Bogey?**

**D:** He lives in the forest next to Greylock in a small hut. ♦

## New MG Sport: 12 Ball

BY ADELE

NEW, SPORT – Introducing 12 Ball!! This is a never played before sport that was just created a week ago by a few curious entrepreneurs in Berkshire County. The first school it is being brought to is Mount Greylock!! This sport is an interactive, fun, and teamwork-focused game.

### RULES AND STRUCTURE

- Played on an outdoor soccer field
- Seven players on the field at one time
- Players throw a tennis ball to each other
- 12 passes in a row = one point
- If a pass is intercepted or any player with a ball is touched by the other team, the play has to start over, and the number of passes goes back to 0
- All players wear uniforms that are the different colors of the rainbow
- It is required that all seven starting players each have a hair color that is a different color of the rainbow

### SIGN UPS AND REGISTRATION

The 12 Ball season will start at the beginning of next school year, 2023-2024. An email will be sent out on June 31st, 2023 with different online registration options, as well as locations where last minute sign-ups can be made at school next year.

### WHO CAN PLAY??

Mount Greylock is so excited about this new opportunity for students and will be strongly encouraging all students to sign up as this is a co-ed sport open to all. This sport is truly focused on teamwork and everyone working together, so no matter who you are or what you look like...SIGN UP FOR 12 BALL!!!! Just as long as you have a team with rainbow-colored hair. ♦

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