

Keeper of the Lost Cities

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Sophie was an ordinary kid until she fell and hit her head. That one fateful day her life changed forever. All thoughts of everyone around her were sent directly into her mind, and there was no way to stop herself from hearing them.

For the past few years she lived with this secret, but when she sees a dark haired boy on her school field trip, everything changes, and she's not sure if it's for good.

The boy, Fitz, takes her to the world that she belongs to, the world that was stolen from her because of

the Black Swan. Read *Keeper of the Lost Cities* to see Sophie's suspenseful adventure in this new world.

You can pick it up in the AWMS library or at the local Barnes and Noble.

-Faith



6th Grade Band Concert

There was already an article about the 7th and 8th grade band concert, but now it is time for the 6th graders to shine!

The 6th grade band added to the holiday spirit when they performed in the evening on Dec 22, 2014.

The concert featured such songs as "Angels in the Bleak Mid Winter", "Holiday Extravaganza", "Jingle Bells" and "Jungle Drums" and many more. Mr. Scott conducted the band. Each section of the band had solos and performed well. Sophie McNeal had a drums solo for Jingle Bells and Jungle Drums, and did a fantastic job.

Audience members enjoyed the music as they tapped their feet throughout the concert. They showed their appreciation by giving a standing ovation to the band at the end of the performance. The 6th grade band did a great job. Mr. Scott also did a wonderful job-preparing student for their first concert at AWMS.

Students of 6th grade band did an awesome job! Happy New Year to everyone! - Tina Mehta 6th Grader

Golden Globe award... DRESS POLICE! The season is coming with movie and television awards. Not only are the movies and TV shows, but also is the clothing is being judged. Between Fashion Police, E! news, and TMZ stars will try their best to get on the best dress list and not the worst dress list. These stars have worked hard to find the best dresses. The most seen color on the carpet was silver and white. Who do you think wore the best dress? *Go to the website to vote on which actress is best dressed!* -Alexa

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If you like Dominos, visit the YouTube page for a fun video of the longest Domino World Record.



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Cymatics

NEW MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Imagine a world where a simple sound could cause things to happen. Imagine playing a song on a piano, or even on a drum set, and images being magically created. While many of you may think that this, making images from sound, is impossible, it has already been done and the study of this "visible sound" or "wave phenomena" is called Cymatics.

While this kind of innovation may seem new, the roots of this study called Cymatics started in 1680 with scientist Robert Hooke. (You may recognize him for naming the small units of life "cells.") Afterwards, throughout history, more people experimented with Cymatics, including Ernst Chladni and Hans Jenny. Now, people such as the German photographer, Alexander Lauterwasser, as well as music artist, Nigel John Stanford, continue to carry on the history of this interesting study of Cymatics.



To see Cymatics in action, go to the website and click on the Youtube video below this article. *By: Andy B.*

Face Hacking

Have you ever wondered if you can change your look automatically, without makeup. This is possible though project mapping, also called video mapping.



This is a technology that uses 3-D images as a video projection. Asai a Japanese CGI expert digitally changed his workers' faces in real time, while they were moving.

Along with team of developers, Asai has believed to have created a face tracking/projection technology for future Face Hacking. The face transformation process happens when two people are sitting with their tracking dots on their faces. Next, the software digitally maps their faces and begins to project new faced on their old. With their eyes closed a black mask projects on their faces, as they turn their heads, their faces can change to a robotic image face, a cheetah face and so on. If you want to watch the incredible video go to the website. - *Supritaa M.*

***Note: If you want to try your own version of Face Hacking, download the app called Looksery, and play around with how it changes your face in real time.**



REAL TIME FACE TRACKING
COMBINE FILTERS:

ASK AN EIGHTH GRADER

Dear Eighth Grader,

I've only known my friends since 4th grade, when I first moved Wayne. They've known each other for a much longer time. So here's my problem: sometimes I feel left out when they get into a group and start talking. A lot of times they're talking about Greek mythology books, like the Percy Jackson series, and I don't read those.

Sometimes I try to include myself, but they keep on talking and ignore me. One day I tried to ignore them at lunch, but I ended up talking to all of them but one. They're my friends! What do I do? Am I just overreacting?



- Simsfan03

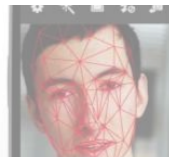
Dear SimsFan03,

Don't worry! It. Happens. To. Everyone. The transition from elementary school to middle school is not only different with teachers but with friends, too.

If you friends start to leave you out of the conversation, try to change the subject to like, "Did you guys see _____ on TV last night." If they don't change the subject then you should tell them how you feel.

True friends would try make sure you feel happy all day, every day. If not, then maybe they aren't the friends you thought they were. Remember, there are many more people in middle school to make friends with. In fact, it is ok to drift apart from people over time, because that's just a part of growing up. As you develop individual interests, you might see that some other people might be a better fit as friends.

Thanks for listening,
An 8th Grader



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