

MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGAZINE

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Lock In, Teacher Interviews, Crossword Puzzles,
and more!

MESSAGE FROM MS. SMITH



By: ANDREW
LIU



Dear HAS Student Body,

What a year 2020 has been! From a global pandemic, to pop stars wanting to publicly run for president and stories of scientists trying to recreate t-rex dinosaurs in chicken eggs; it has been a bizarre year so far. Amidst all this strangeness, I'm grateful and excited to start my first year teaching at HAS. The school culture is one I respect and I look forward to getting to know the students more. I'm looking forward to getting to know more about subjects I care about along with my students in world history and US history classes.

This is only my second year in Taiwan and there are still so many more alleyways and beautiful natural spaces I'd like to explore. If you have any places and spaces to recommend, I'm all ears! Besides reading and teaching, I also particularly enjoy trying new food, practicing Brazilian jiu-jitsu, yoga, and running. Once the world is a bit more open to international travel again, I really look forward to traveling to some nearby countries.

Sincerely, Ms. Smith

Mr. Kloppers



Q, Why do you want to come to Taiwan?

A: I've always been interested in Taiwan and my friend Mr. Hall came here. After visiting him, I enjoyed it so much so I stayed.

Q, What subjects do you teach in HAS?

A: Biology, chemistry, and media production.

Q, What're the biggest differences between Asian Students and the students in Australia?

A: The students here are much more focused and very positive about education.

Q, What's your hobby?

A: Surfing, fishing, and exploring the outdoors.

Q, What do you like about Taiwan?

A: Everywhere you go you feel welcomed by people and then I like being able to explore on my scooter.

Q, Why do you want to have long hair?

A: I hate getting haircuts.

Q, What's your first impression of Taiwan?

A: There's so many people but they're so happy together. In Australia, people like their own space and are not as friendly to each other.

Q, What's your first impression of HAS?

A: Students seem very close to each other, there's a good energy and people are very motivated to learn.

Q, What's the most important spirit about life?

A: Definitely positivity and belief.

Q, What's your dream?

A: I like to work at international schools and find a country where I can live a life off the land.

Q, What's your spirit animal?

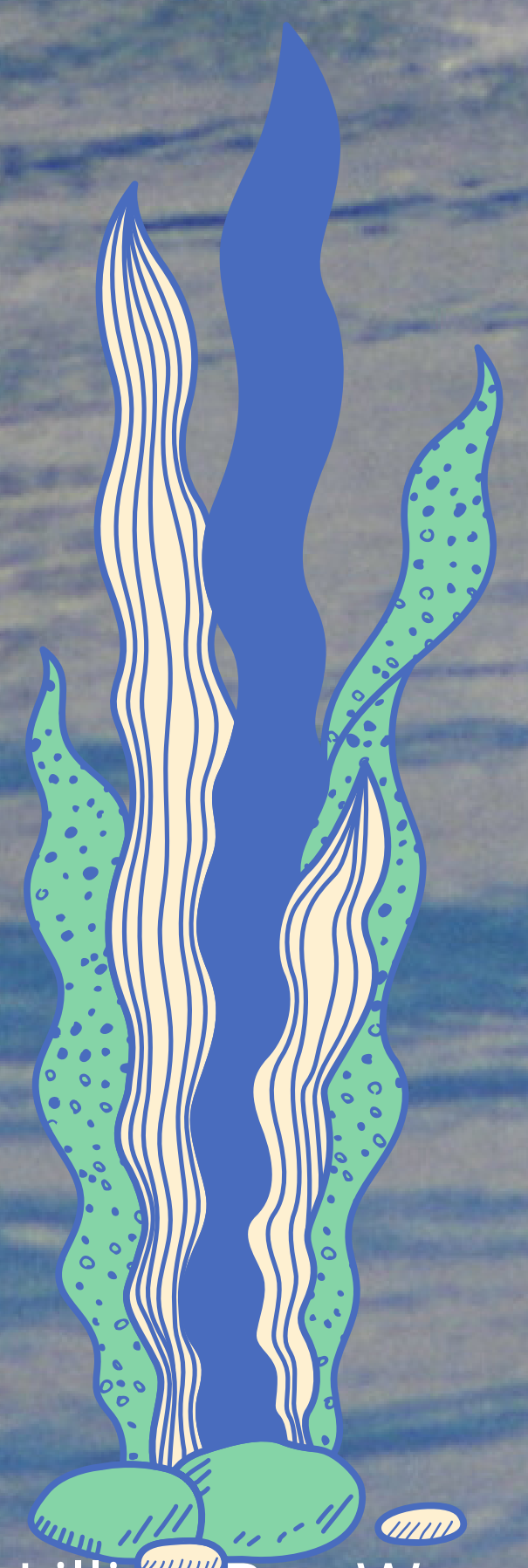
A: Fox.

Q4, Are you a teacher in Australia too?

A: I've taught in different places around the world, and at the moment, I'm studying my masters of teaching.

Q23, If you need to live on an uninhabited island by yourself for a week, what three things would you bring?

A: Swimming goggles, a lighter, and a ball.



Club Fair



Club fair is an event where all the students learn about different clubs at school. It was held on August 21st, in the fourth block. All HAS students participated, from grades 1-12.

Each middle school student had to choose at least one club if possible. There are 18 clubs in total. Clubs are run by club leaders and an advisor. One of the most popular club is basketball, where you can train and compete with other schools.



First, we went to the cafeteria, and we listened to different descriptions of each club. Then, we went outside the cafeteria and we all had the chance to sign up for clubs that we wanted to join. There were drinks provided for each student.

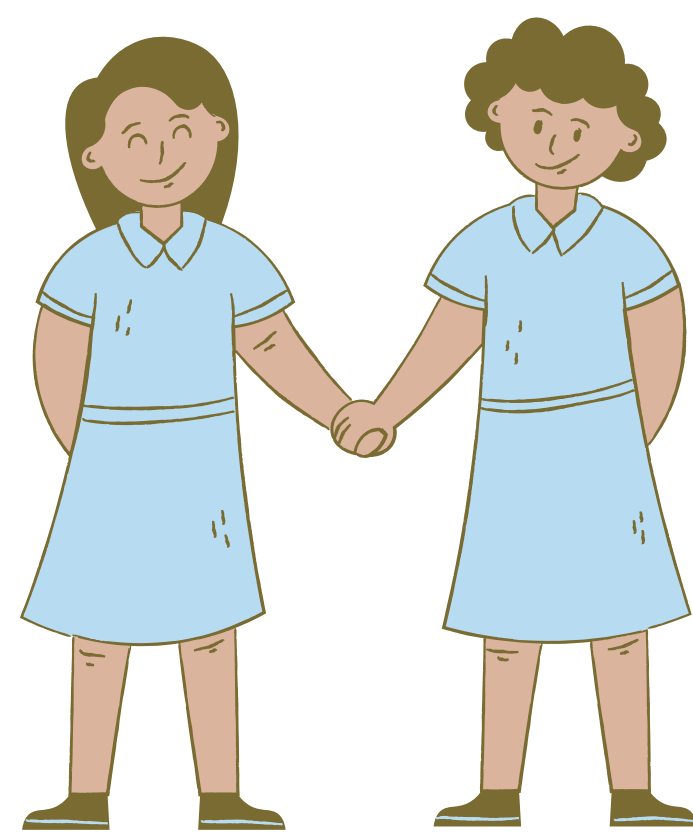
Some examples of clubs:

- Basketball
- World Scholar's Cup
- Math Club
- Badminton
- Cooking Club
- Community Service
- Floor Hockey





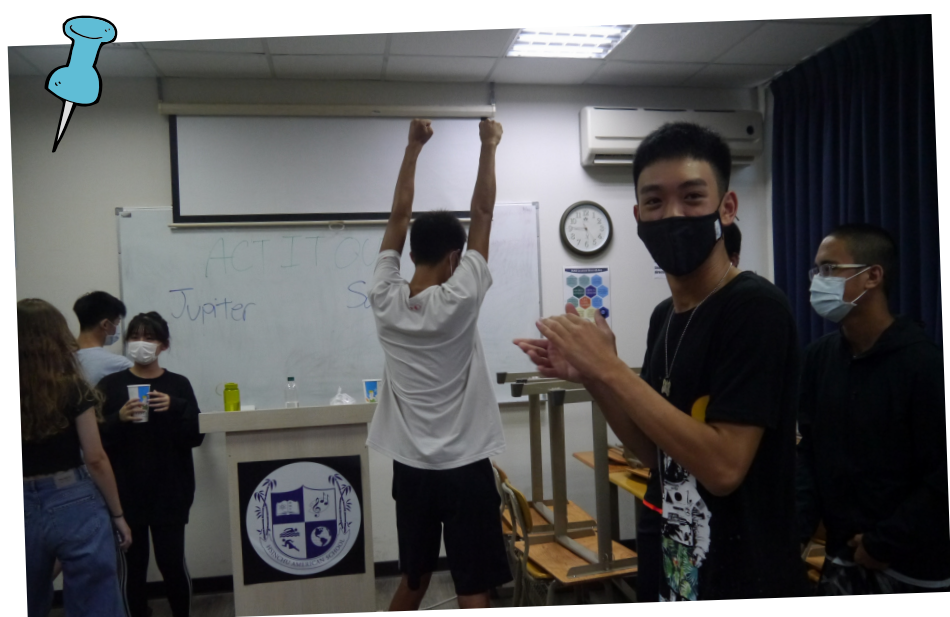
Lock In



Lock-in is an event to sleep overnight at school and for students to bond together like a family. Lock-in was held on September 4th, from 5:00PM to September 5th, 9:00AM for middle and high school. For the elementary, they need to leave at 9:00PM. Dinner, snacks, and breakfast were provided.

Students were separated into different houses. The Student Council planned a lot of activities for us to enjoy during lock-in, such as guess the song, act it out, and the paper ripping battle. Once you win the game, your house can earn points. After playing all the games, we had our dinner. Our dinner was pizza, salad, drinks, and chips. After eating dinner, we had free time. There were rooms with a lot of activities to enjoy, such as KTV, board games, casino, kahoot!, youtube, soda pong, and dance room. We could sleep at any time we wanted to.

The next morning, we had our breakfast at 7:30AM. We had McDonald's for our breakfast. After eating our breakfast, every grade was responsible for rooms that they had to clean. After we finished cleaning, we could either go back home or stay at school until 10AM. All of the students loved lock-in.

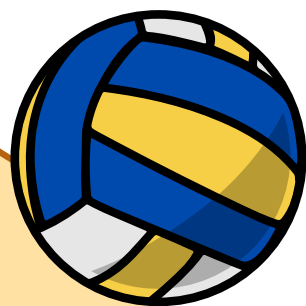


Student Opinions About Lock-in



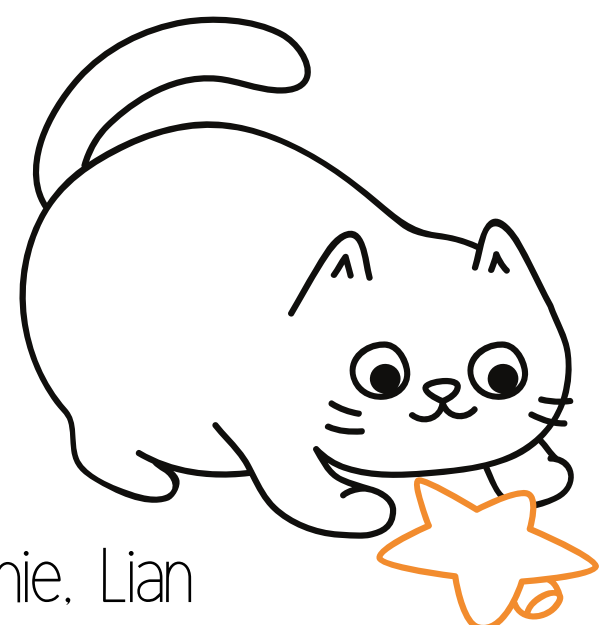
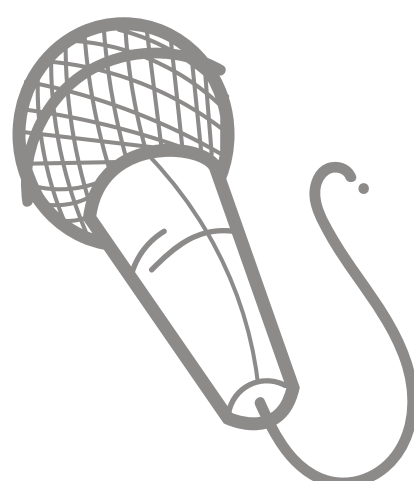
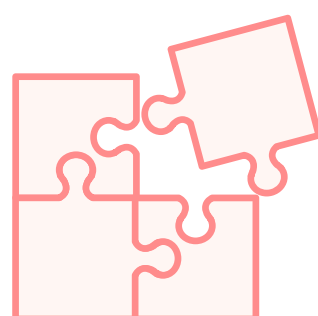
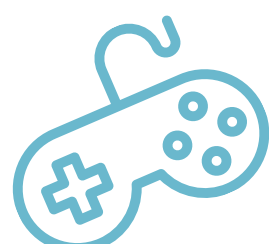
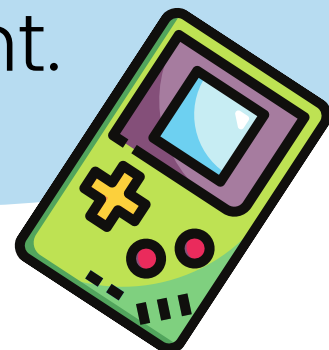
Lian: I think the dinner was delicious and those games are quite fun too. I also enjoy playing board games with my friends.

Melody: I think it is good, because there's Lian and we can hangout with our friends over night.



Sophie Kao: I had a lot of fun during lock-in, I played board games with my friends, but I went to bed very early because I was too tired. That's the best night ever!

Ryan: I think it was fun because we could play video games all night.



By Kiki, Sophie, Lian

Teacher Interview

MR. HALL



1 What do you like about surfing?

A: I like being in nature and I like the sun.

2 What do you like about HAS?

A: I like the school and I like the family feel to it.

3 What is your favorite food in Taiwan?

A: Beef noodle soup.

4 What is your dream goal?

A: Just to..live on a farm and somewhere to surf and grow my own food.

5 What are some pets you would like to own?

A: Definitely like a dog, definitely like a cat and some bees and make my own honey.

6 What is one of your hidden talents?

A: Read my brother's mind as a twin.

7 Where do you see yourself in five years?

A: Living somewhere where it's a new experience everywhere.

8 How do you build relationships with students?

A: I don't know, just be myself and be honest.

9 What are you most excited about now?

A: I'm excited to be in a country where I can live my own life.

10 What Is your favorite place on Earth?

A: My dad's hometown, Kiama.

11 Who are the special people in your life?

A: My twin brother, Mr. Kloppers and my grandparents.

12 What are some random facts about you?

A: I used to swim, I'm kinda messy and I like being outside.

13 What new name would you pick for yourself if you have to?

A: I would say...Harry!

14 What is your spirit animal?

A: Chicken schnitzel and proboscis monkey.

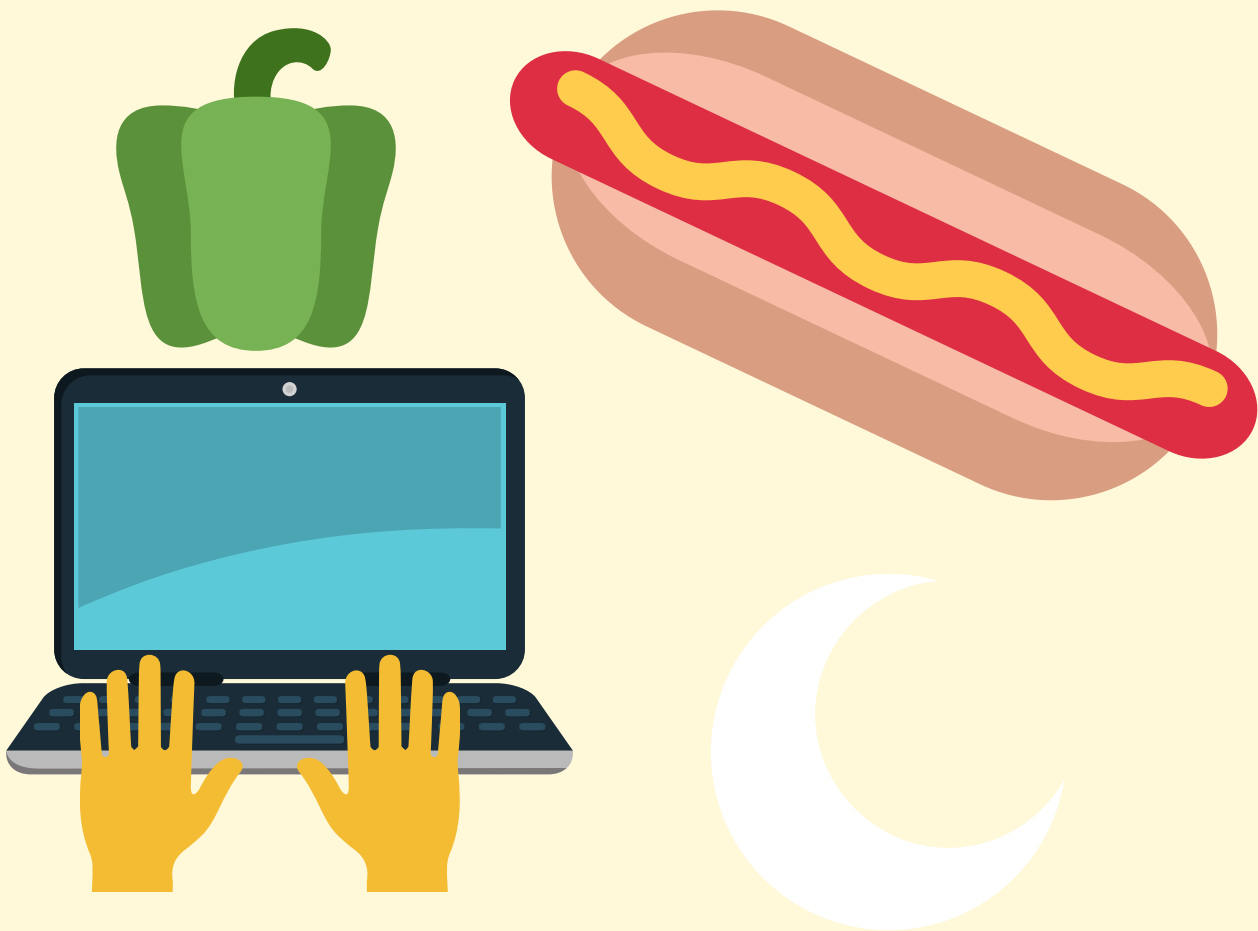


Student Council Retreat

By Steve

Student Council Retreat is where Student Council members travel and bond with each other. Student Council is a group of members that help plan for events throughout the year. This year, we traveled to Nantou. We first went to the Formosan Aboriginal Culture Park. We split into four groups for a scavenger hunt. Along the way, we looked at some aboriginal huts and had fun on intense rides like 360° roller coaster and water roller coaster (and of course we got wet). After a few fun hours, we left and started heading to a wooden, two story guest house.





When we arrived there, we started playing icebreaker games like bingo and ran through meeting simulations, which was fun. We started planning for upcoming events like Lock-in and Spirit Week.

Later on, empty stomachs were filled with barbequed pork, vegetables, and some hotdogs. Afterwards, we had some free time for the rest of the night where everyone played video games or social games like Truth or Dare. In the morning, we ate breakfast, got some mosquito bites, and continued to plan and chill. By that time, we were ready to take a two hour bus ride back to school.



Ghost Month

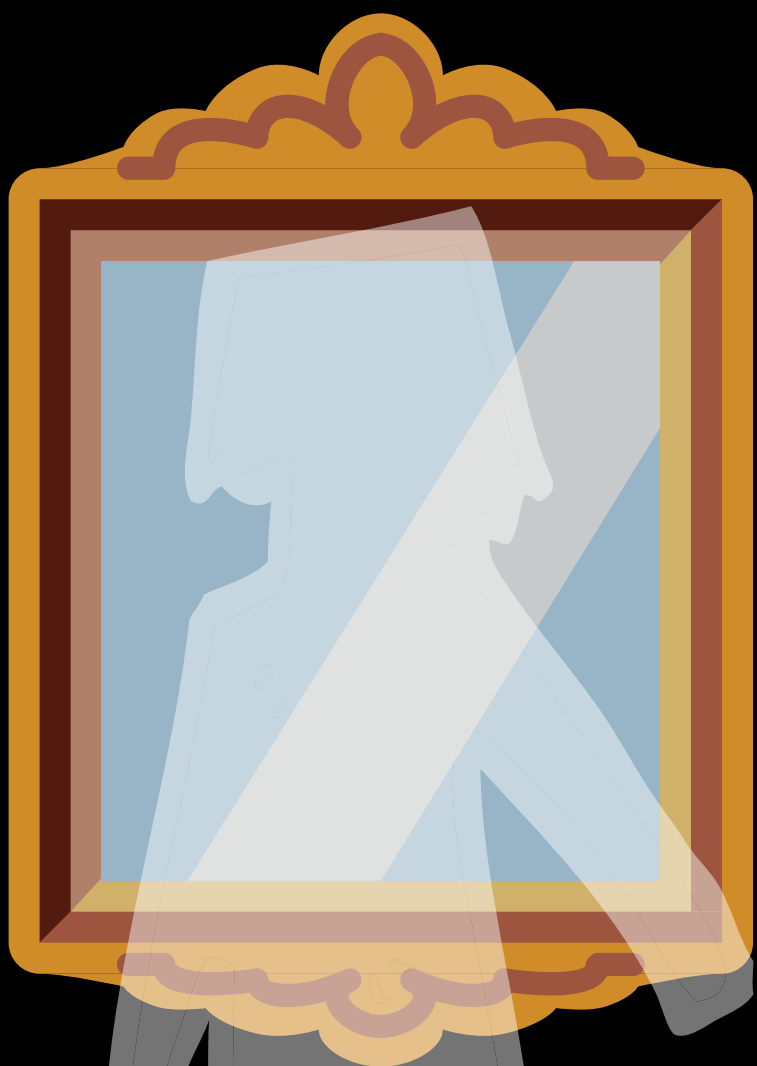


According to Chinese mythology, this year's "ghost month" lasts from Aug 22 to September 19. The ghost month is a time when spirits from the lower realm supposedly roam around the world of the living. Activities during the month include preparing ritualistic food offerings, burning incense, and burning joss paper, a papier-mâché form of material items such as clothes, gold and other fine goods for the visiting spirits of the ancestors.



Things you shouldn't do :

- Don't hang laundry during the night
- Don't whistle at night
- Don't take selfies
- Don't touch large bodies of water
- Don't get married
- Don't repair your house
- Avoid looking at mirrors at night and comb your hair
- Don't turn your head when someone is calling you from behind; you should turn your whole body around
- Don't walk alongside the wall
- Don't open umbrellas indoors
- Don't say the word "ghost"; instead people call it "good brothers"

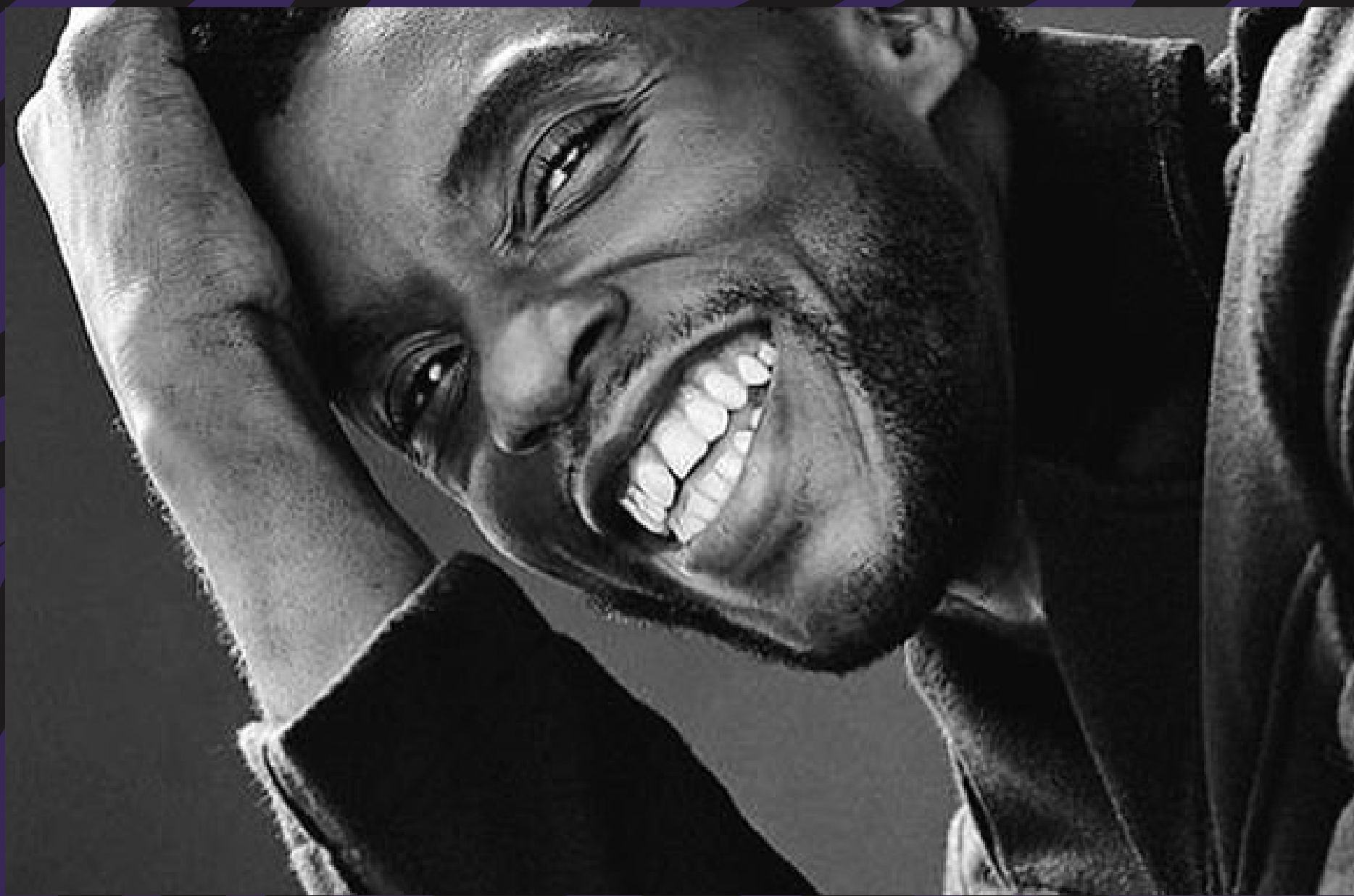


BLACK PANTHER

BY DAVID, ROGER, AND ETHAN

BLACK PANTHER” IS AN AMERICAN SUPERHERO MOVIE DIRECTED BY RYAN COOGLER. BLACK PANTHER WAS RELEASED IN 2018, WINNING THE OSCAR FOR BEST ORIGINAL MUSIC, BEST COSTUME DESIGN, AND BEST ART DIRECTION AT THE 91ST OSCARS. IT BECAME THE FIRST FILM IN THE MARVEL CINEMATIC UNIVERSE TO WIN AN OSCAR. THIS MOVIE HAD A GREAT IMPACT ON MANY KIDS AND ADULTS. IT WAS THE FIRST GENUINELY SUCCESSFUL SUPERHERO MOVIE THAT WAS MOSTLY AN AFRICAN AMERICAN CAST. THE CAST OF BLACK PANTHER INCLUDES CHADWICK BOSEMAN, MICHAEL B. JORDAN, LETITIA WRIGHT, DANAI GURIRA, AND MANY MORE. THE MOVIE STARTS WITH TELLING US HOW T’CHALLA’S (BLACK PANTHER’S) FATHER DIED AND T’CHALLA BECOMING KING. BUT THIS ISN’T THE END OF THE STORY, BECAUSE N’JADAKA (KILLMONGER) TRIES TO TAKE T’CHALLA’S THRONE OF WAKANDA. THROUGHOUT THE MOVIE, T’CHALLA HAS TO FACE THE DISAGREEMENTS OF HIS ACTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND TRIES TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF HIS PEOPLE.





CHADWICK BOSEMAN MADE MANY GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE SUCH AS WINNING 6 BEST ACTOR AWARDS. HE BECAME THE FACE OF "BLACK PANTHER" IN 2018. A TRAGEDY OCCURRED IN 2016. HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH STAGE III COLORECTAL CANCER IN 2011 AND WAS RUSHED TO A DOCTOR. IN THE END HE UNFORTUNATELY STILL LOST TO THE DISEASE AND DIED AT HOME ON AUGUST 28, 2020. EVEN A WEEK BEFORE HIS DEATH, BOSEMAN BELIEVED HE COULD STILL ACT ON THE MARVEL MOVIE "BLACK PANTHER 2".

R.I.P

NEW 8TH GRADE STUDENT INTERVIEW

By: Roger Han,
David Kim

Q1: WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MOST THIS YEAR AT HAS?

Q2: WHY DID YOU COME TO THIS SCHOOL?

RAY LU



Q1: I LOOK FORWARD TO USING A PHONE BECAUSE MY PARENTS SAID I CAN USE A PHONE IF I STUDY IN HAS.

Q2: I WAS FROM CALIFORNIA BUT BECAUSE OF COVID-19 WE NEEDED TO MOVE BACK TO TAIWAN.



ROGER HSU

Q1: I EXPECT MY ENGLISH TO IMPROVE.
Q2: I CAME TO THIS SCHOOL BECAUSE I NEED EDUCATION FOR ATTENDING COLLEGE IN THE FUTURE.

ANDREW



Q1: I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO LOCK IN THIS YEAR.

Q2: I WAS ORIGINALLY FROM

THE U.S BUT BECAUSE OF COVID-19 I NEEDED TO GO BACK TO TAIWAN. AND I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT HAS.



RUDY

Q1: I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING MORE FRIENDS IN HAS, AND BEING HAPPY.

Q2: I WANT TO LEARN NEW THINGS IN HAS.



LILIAN

Q1: I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE HOLIDAY.

Q2: BECAUSE OF COVID-19, WE NEEDED TO GO BACK TO TAIWAN AND STUDY THERE BECAUSE WE'RE FROM CANADA.



SERENA

Q1: I'M VERY EXCITED FOR THE CLUBS IN HAS.

Q2: BECAUSE OF COVID-19, WE NEEDED TO GO BACK TO TAIWAN AND STUDY THERE BECAUSE WE'RE FROM CANADA.



RAY WANG

Q1: I LOOK FORWARD TO GRADUATING THIS YEAR.

Q2: I CAME TO THIS SCHOOL BECAUSE THE TEACHERS IN THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL WERE VERY STRICT.

ETHAN

Q1: TRY AND LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

Q2: MY MOM HAD A VISITING SCHOLAR AND IT'S ENDED IN A YEAR AND WE CAME BACK TO TAIWAN BECAUSE IT ENDED. I ALSO CAME TO HAS BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TOO MUCH PRESSURE IN A TRADITIONAL TAIWANESE SCHOOL AND WANTED AN AMERICAN VERSION.



KOREAN DRAMA REVIEW:

IT'S OKAY TO NOT BE OKAY

We think this drama is really unique because it is different from the previous dramas. There is a lot of romance included in the series,

but it also includes some suspenseful scenes. It has an astonishing twist at the end. The characters all have their own personalities, some are very interesting and some are suspicious. We also think that this is the most emotional drama that we have ever watched.

Many of the scenes are very meaningful. You can find it on Netflix, it has 16 episodes.

Casey likes episode 11 the most.

Ikuno likes episode 9 the most.



By Casey & Ikuno



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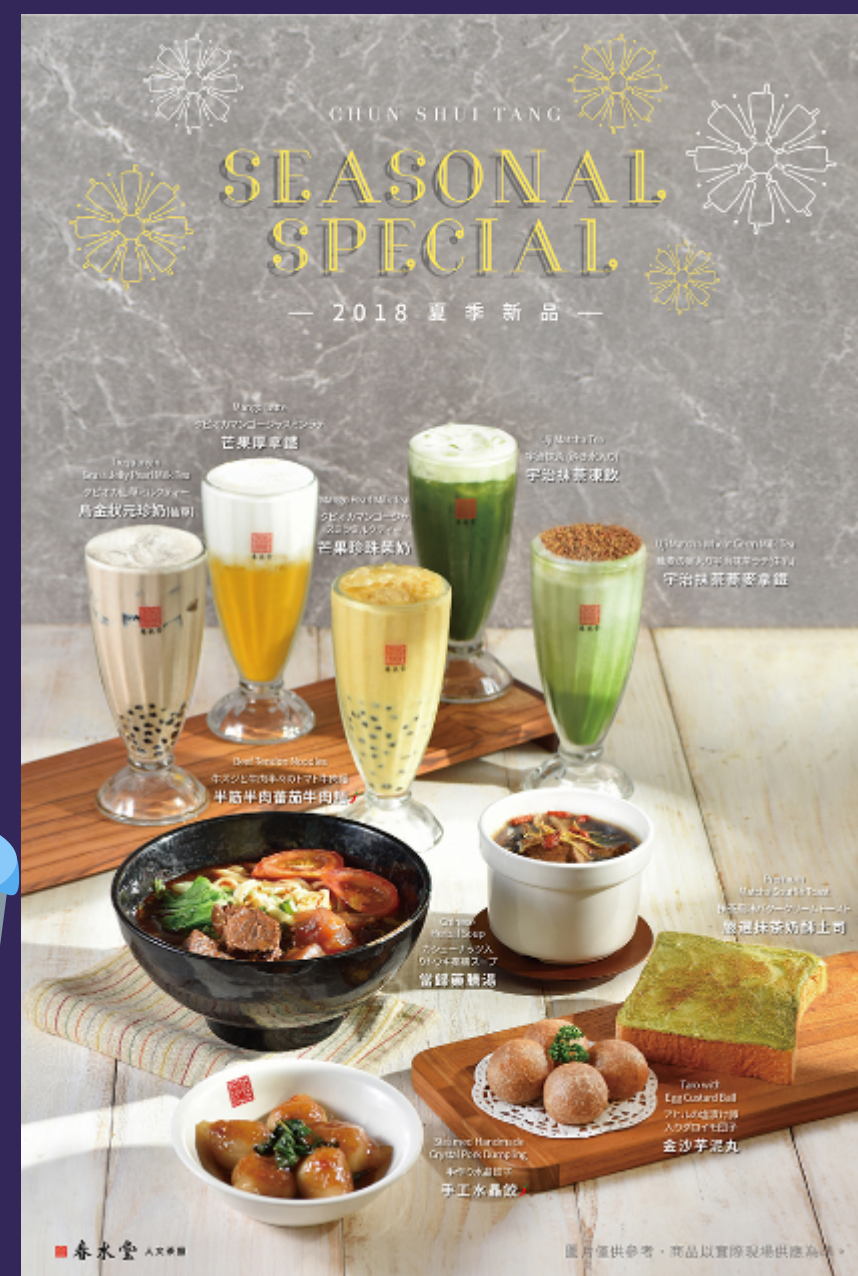


DRINKS ON YOU!

By: Ikuno, Casey, Andrew

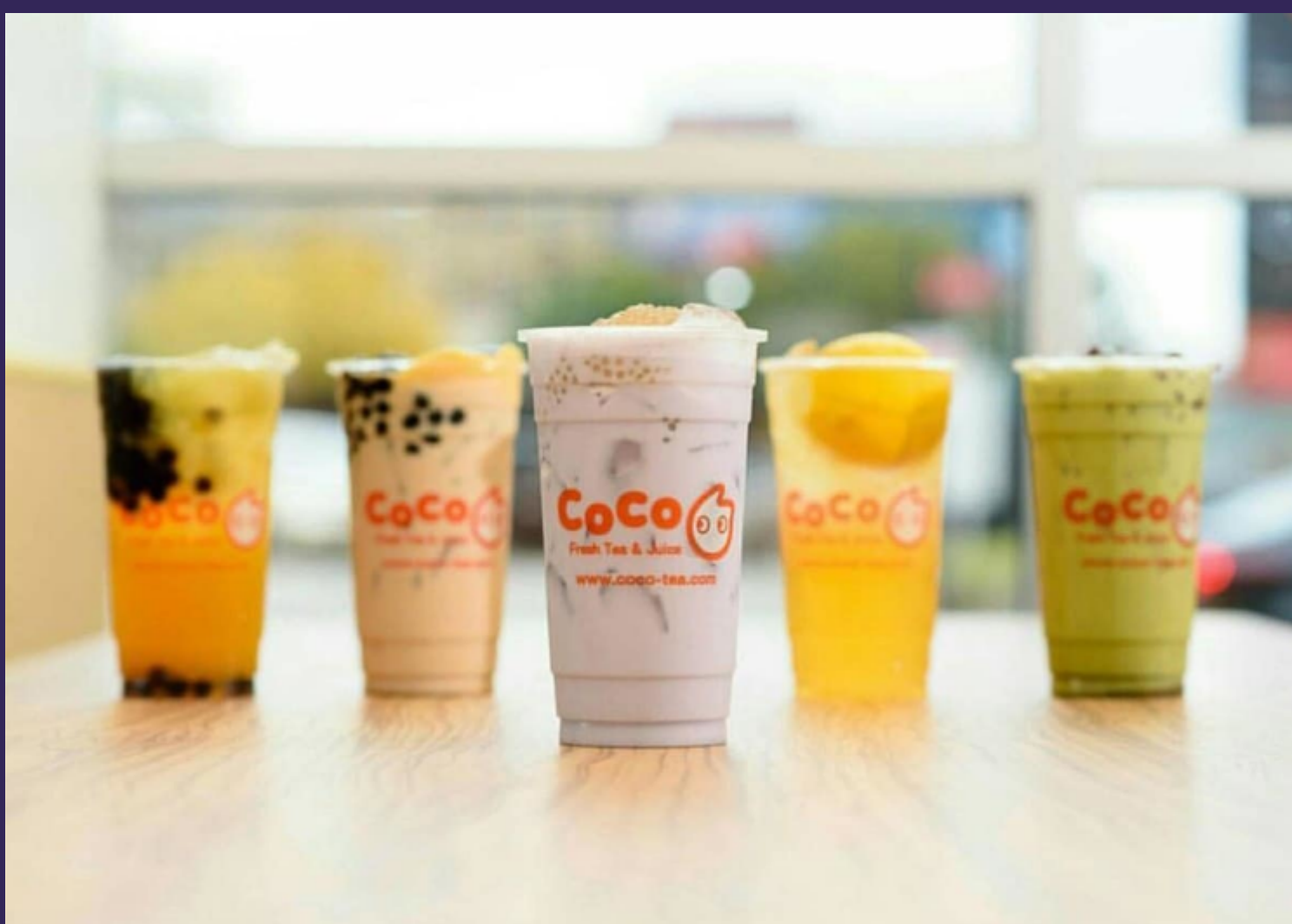
Chun Shui Tang

I think that this bubble tea shop has the best tea because they use great tea leaves. The taste of the tea is very rich, that is why bubble milk tea is my favorite drink. Although it is a little expensive, it is worth the money. They are the first shop to put boba and milk together. Which is how bubble milk tea was created. Now, it does not only sell drinks but also other food like noodles and fried chicken. The shop was created on May of 1983. It is only found in Taiwan.



COCO:

Coco was established in 1997 by Tommy Hung, the current chairman. Coco milk tea shop is served world wide and it is very famous over the world. This place always has fresh tea and milk. Their boba is never too soft or too hard, it is always perfect. My favorite flavor is passion fruit tea burst. In summer they have limited flavors like smoothies, milk shake. This flavor is always refreshing and I love the coconut jelly inside there. Coco tea is not too pricey so you can enjoy it three times a day.



TIGER SUGAR



Tiger Sugar is a Boba Tea shop that is originally from Taichung, Taiwan. Tiger Sugar opened in November 2017, selling brown sugar covered boba milk tea. A large fanbase was established after this, from both locals and visitors. After that they started opening shops in Hong Kong, Macao, Singapore and other Asian countries. They earned many

awards from those countries getting the best looking boba tea awards. They are going to start opening shops in New York, Toronto and other North American cities. Tiger Sugar has become one of the best boba tea shops worldwide.



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Clash of Royale
Clash of Clan



CLASH OF ROYALE

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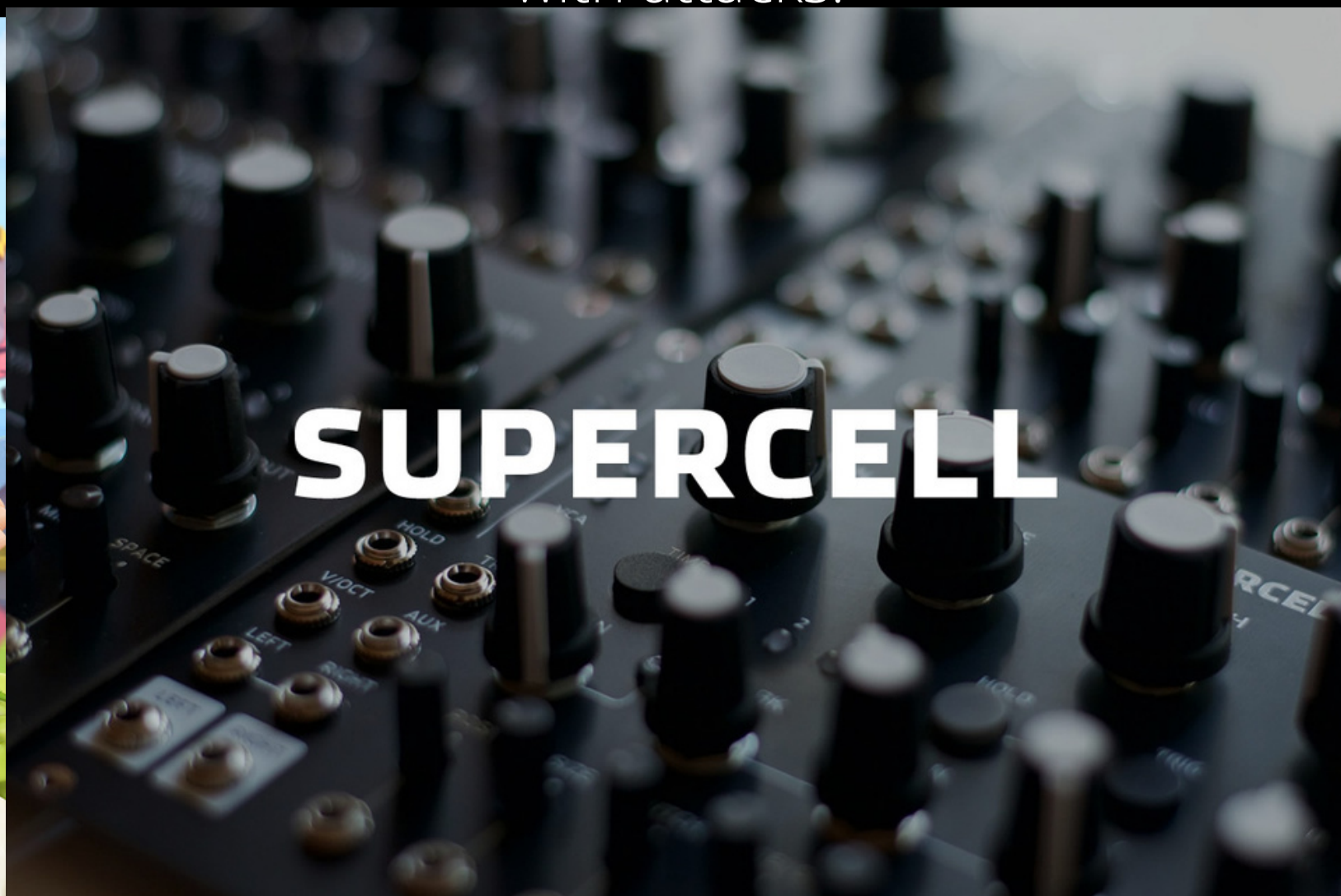
SUPERCELL GAMES IS A LARGE GAMING COMPANY. SUPERCELL HAS MADE MANY POPULAR GAMES INCLUDING, CLASH OF CLANS, CLASH ROYALE, BRAWL STARS, BOOM BEACH, HAY DAY POP, AND HAY DAY.



Clash of Clans is a game where you create a base and launch attacks on others. While fighting you can gain gold and elixir. You can use gold and elixir to improve your base. You can also use elixir to train your troops. After playing for a while, you can start earning dark elixir. Dark elixir is used to train powerful troops, create heroes, and upgrade heroes. Heroes can protect your base and help with attacks.



Clash Royale has the same characters as Clash of Clans. It also has many extra characters that aren't in Clash of Clans. There are many different rarities, there are common cards, rare cards, epic cards, and legendary cards. In the games, you gain elixir over time and summon characters to attack and defend. The buildings protect or summon characters.



In conclusion, Supercell games is a great game company. Many people play it and enjoy it. It has very good ratings on many websites and has many different games. Supercell is one of the best game companies

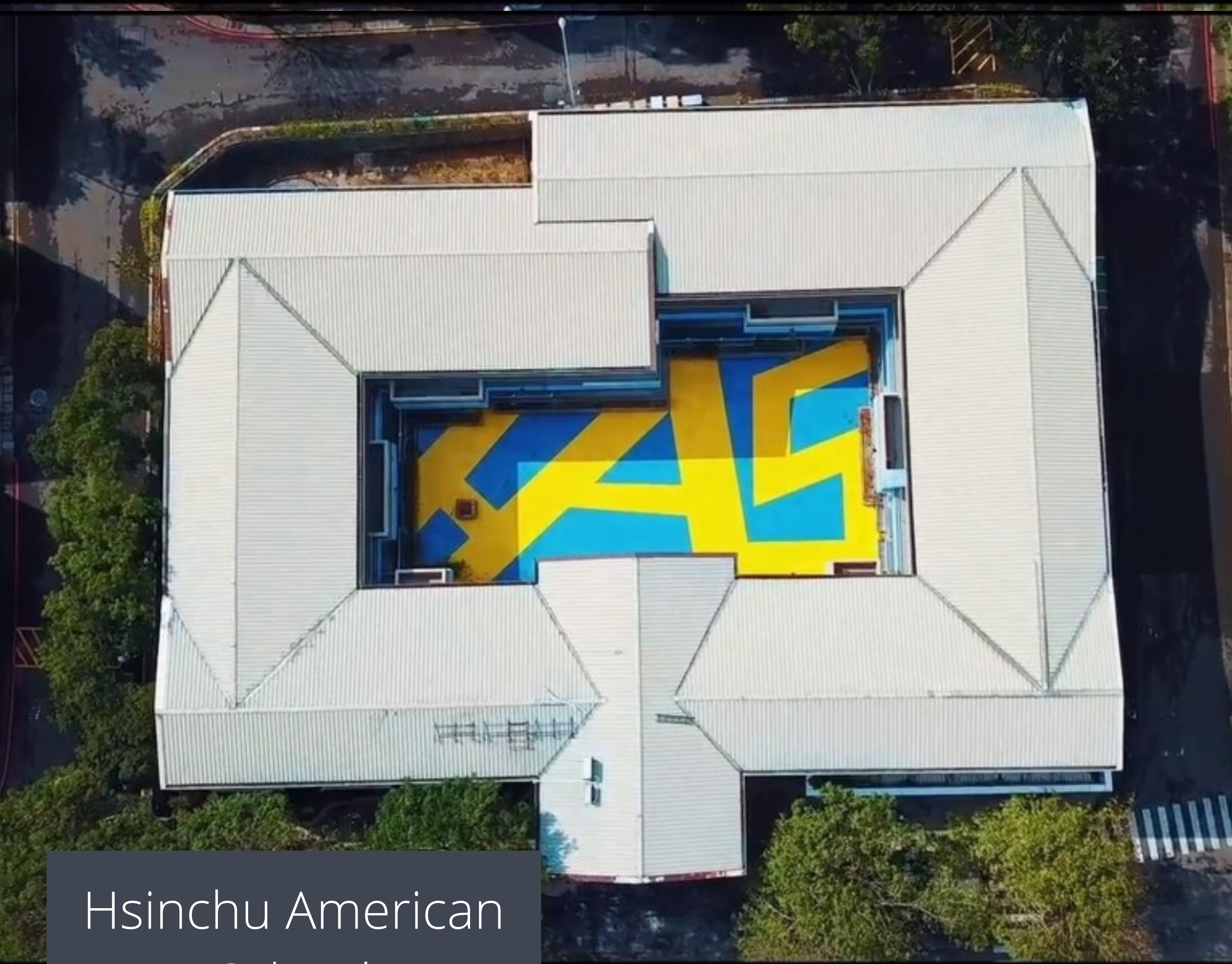
By: Rudy Hsu, Roger Hsu, Ray Lu

Hsinchu America School

HAS DORM

On January 6, 2019, HAS added dorms. The dorms offer a range of facilities for studying and everyday life. For example, there are new rooms, good food, and responsible dorm supervisors. The environment nearby is also very good because there is lots of nature and is peaceful at night. It also has 12 very good wifi routers so wherever we go we have good wifi. There is also an OK-Mart next to the dorm where we can buy food, drinks, and items whenever we want.





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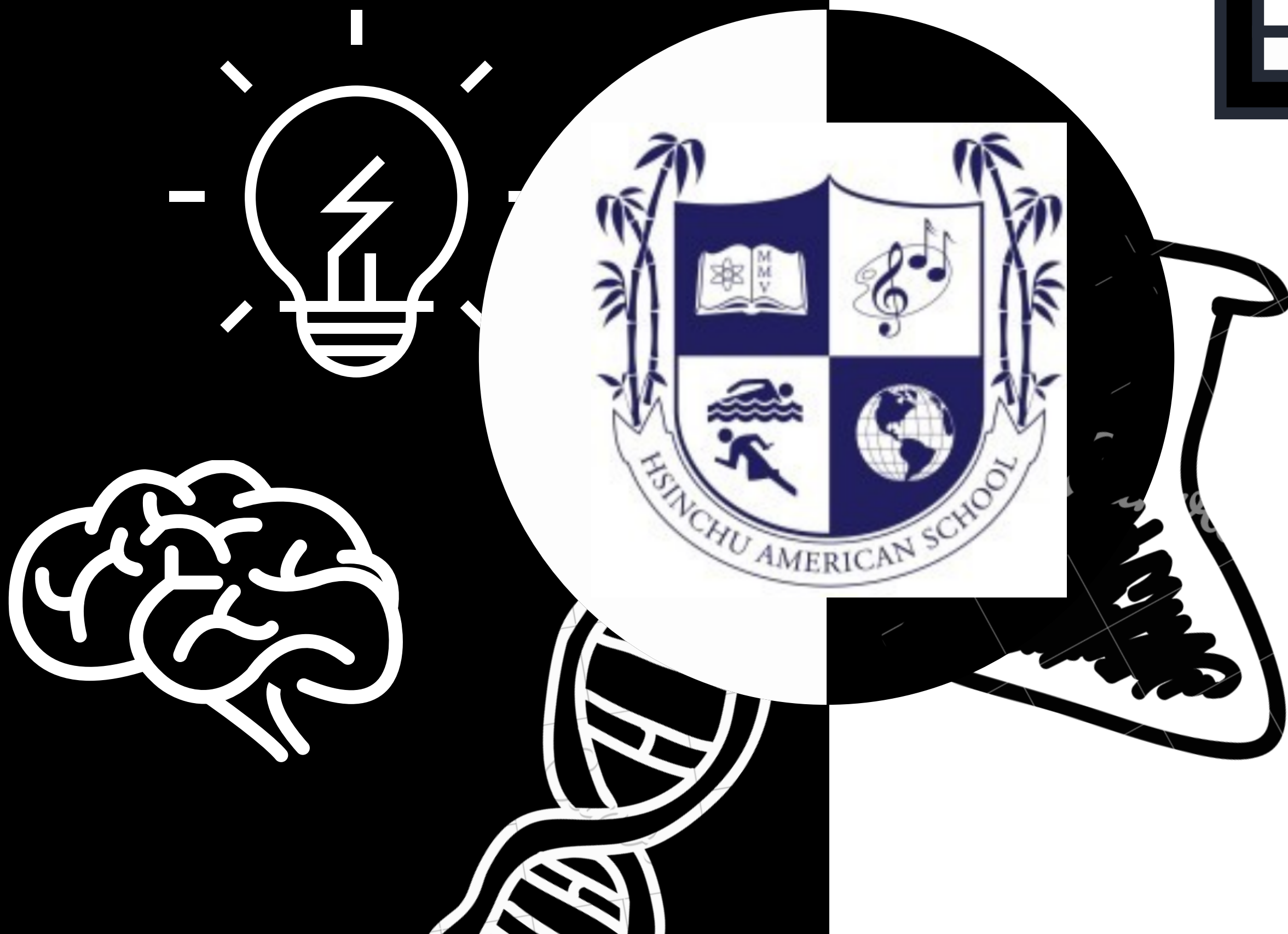
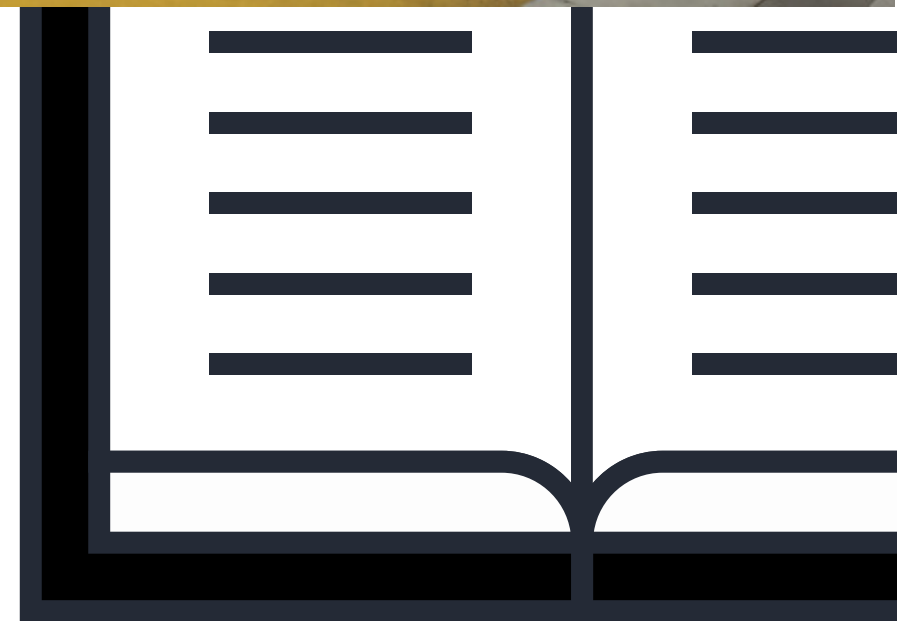
There are guidelines to help students achieve their best, academically and socially. Some of these limits include taking your phones at 10:00 pm so you don't use phones for too long. You also need to sleep at about 10:00 pm. From 6:30 to 9:00 pm you need to do homework, but sometimes you can have breaks where you can go buy snacks and drinks. Although we study hard and there are many limits, HAS dorms are very fun. Spending time with friends outside of school means we become closer.

DORM LIFE

HAS dorms are committed to supporting children's life and learning. They help develop a sense of responsibility, interdependence, freedom, and cooperation. The best reason for sending children to HAS dorms is for them to learn to take care of themselves. Before transferring to HAS, we are all living an easy life as parents do everything for us. But from this experience, we are learning to do work ourselves.



HAS provides excellent new dormitory facilities. Each room is a double room with a desk and a wardrobe. Students can go to the hall to study independently at any time, and our dorm supervisor will provide guidance to individual students at any time. This plan will ensure that students are happy, healthy, and safe in our care.



HAS dorms is a fun and interesting place. There are many things to do. They help with many different things like helping us buy breakfast. They even let you choose what you eat. HAS dorms is a very fun place to live in.

By: Rudy Hsu, Roger Hsu, Ray Lu

Prehistoric creatures

DUNKLEOSTEUS

Dunkleosteus is a genus of arthrodire placoderm fish that existed during the Late Devonian period, about 358–382 million years ago. Grown up to 6 m long and 1 t in weight.



Dunkleosteus

LIOPLEURODON

Liopleurodon is a genus of large, carnivorous marine reptiles belonging to the Pliosauroidae, growing up to 7.50 metres in length.



Liopleurodon

TITANOBOA

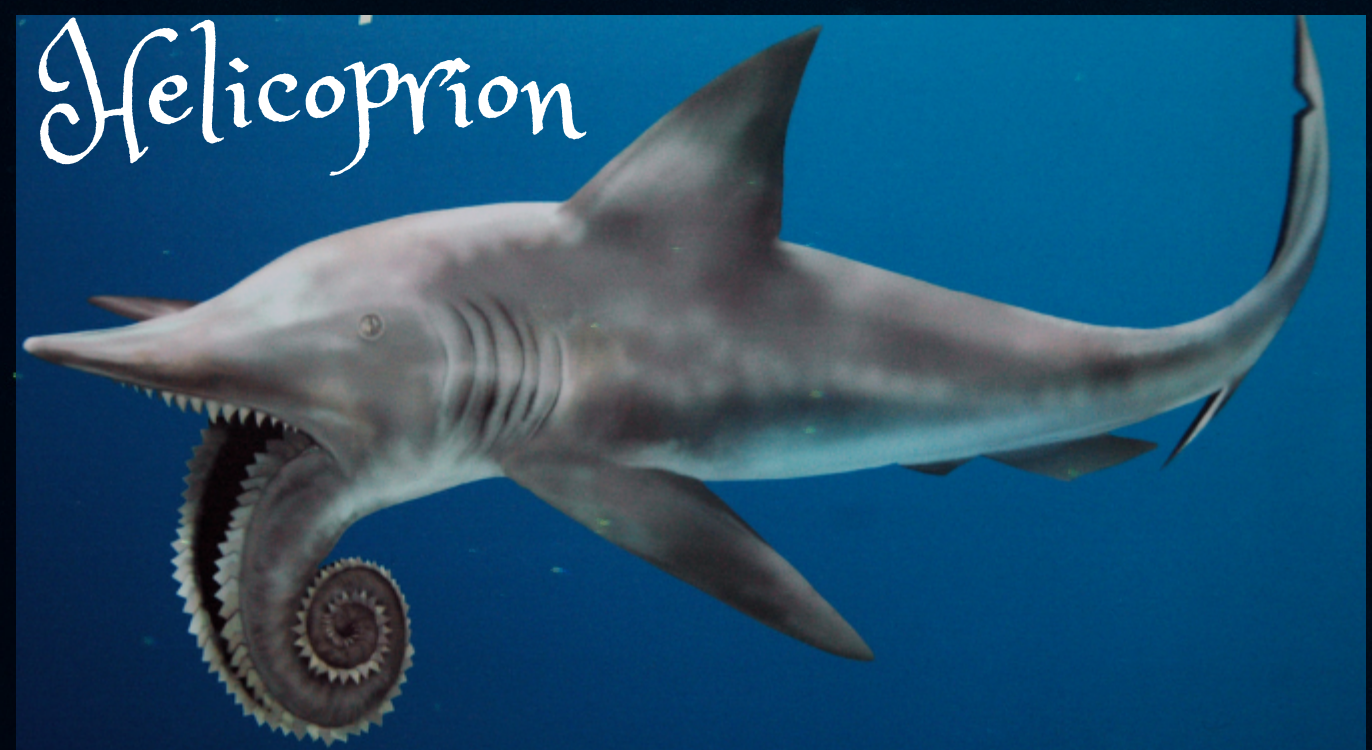
Titanoboa is a genus of snakes. Have been found in the Cerrejón Formation, and date to around 58 to 60 million years ago. Roughly 13 metres.



Titanoboa

HELICOPRION

Helicoprion is a long-lived genus of shark-like eugeneodontid holocephalid fish. Helicoprion lived in the oceans of the early Permian 290 million years ago. It about 7.5 meters.



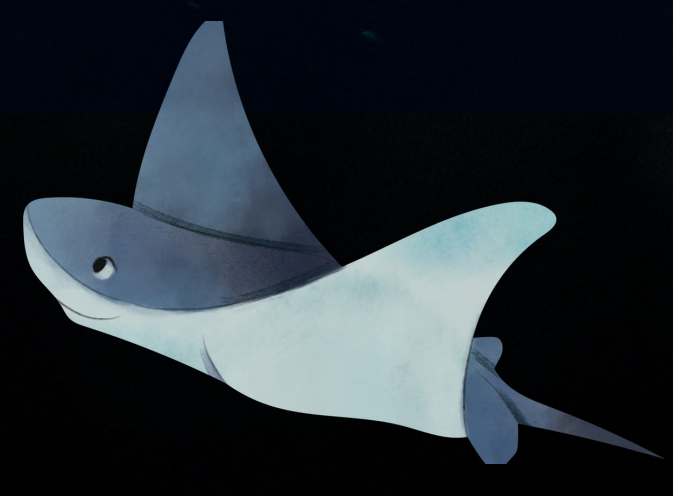
Helicoprion

KRONOSAURUS

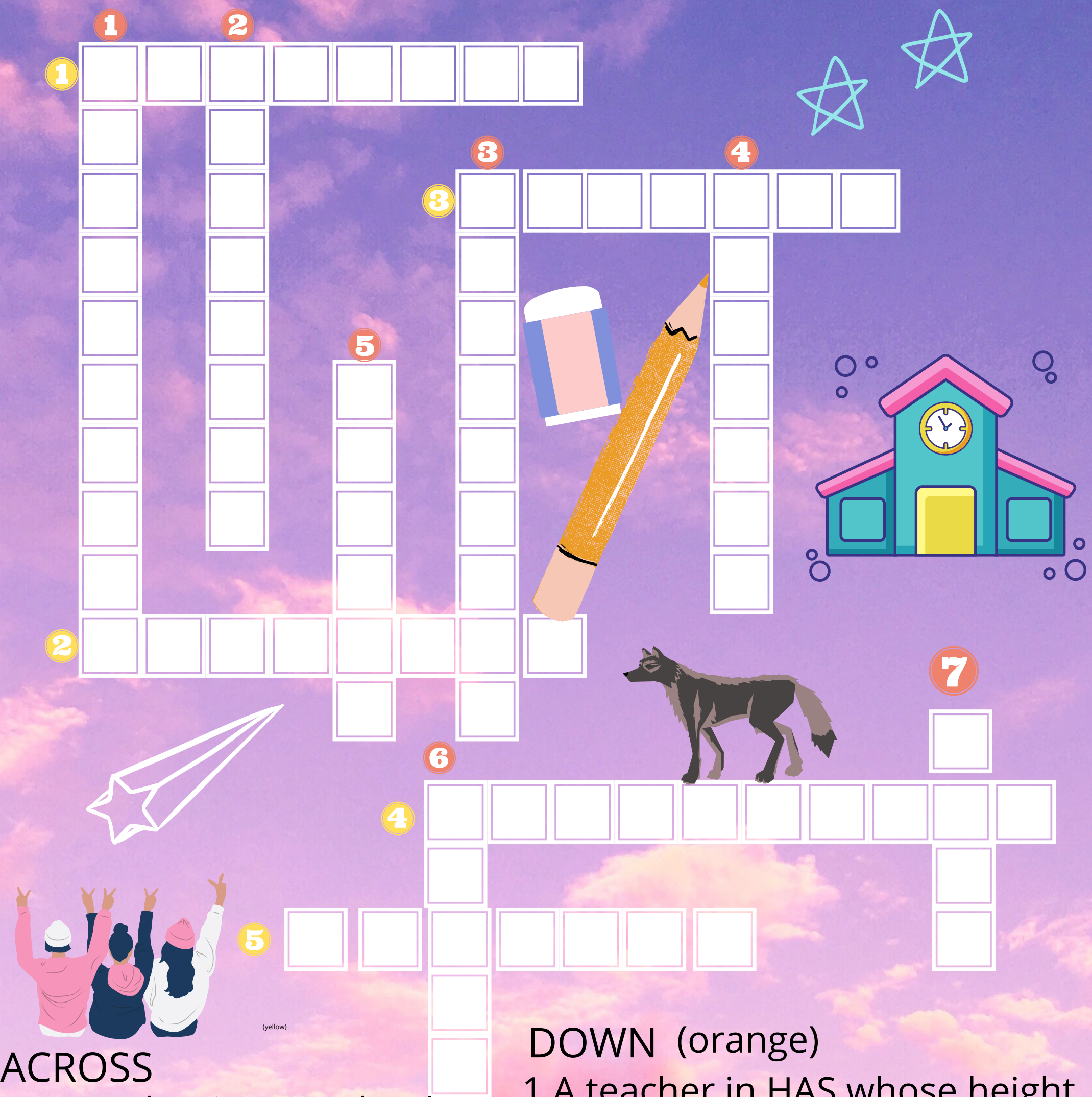
Kronosaurus is a genus of marine reptile, It lived in the Early Cretaceous period, have been found in Australia, it grow up to 12.8 meters.



Kronosaurus



CROSSWORD PUZZLE!



ACROSS

- 1.A teacher in our school who teaches 8th grade writing and literature, she has pink hair and loves cats .
2. The president of HAS middle school student council.
- 3.A female teacher who teaches 3rd grade.
4. A teacher who has played pipe organ since he was 15, he speaks French.
- 5.A teacher who has lived in Hsinchu for 2 years, he teaches 2nd grade.

DOWN (orange)

- 1.A teacher in HAS whose height is 186 and he comes from Australia.
- 2.The president of HAS student council.
- 3.The principle of our school.
- 4.A Spanish teacher in our school, he's very good at soccer.
- 5.A female teacher who's good at Soccer and she teaches 1st grade.
6. A Korean teacher in our school who teaches art.
7. School mascot.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN QUARTER 2



OCTOBER:

23: HOMECOMING
DANCE

30: HALLOWEEN
PARTY

NOVEMBER:

5: OPEN HOUSE

12: PARENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCE

18-19: HISTORY
FAIR

26: THANKSGIVING
POTLUCK LUNCH

DECEMBER:

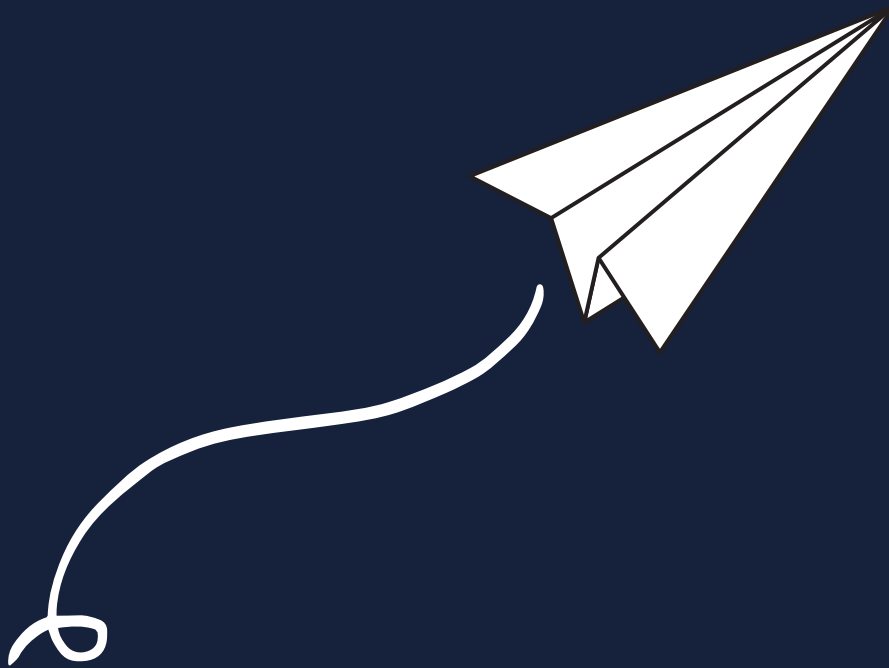
11: WINTER PERFORMANCE

14-17:
FINAL
EXAMS

18:
ALL-SCHOOL
TRIP



Don't forget the fun we had together!



HAS



By 8th grade media production class.