

Friday, May 1

Spanish

And the winner from last week's story challenge is...[Dali](#)- Ms. Peckosh's story. Thanks to all who participated!!

We would like to recognize students who have completed the Spanish BINGO challenge. A big shout out to Elliot Eckhoff from Miss Liz's class! You can still send your BINGO to your teacher! You can find the BINGO board and other links from previous weeks on the Spanish website: <https://merrillmustangspanish.weebly.com/>

Are you getting a little bored while doing your online work? Your Spanish teachers would like to create a class playlist for you to listen to, but we need your help (because we know you don't all love our taste of music 😊). Your challenge this week is to find a song (or songs) in Spanish that you think your teacher should add to the class playlist. [Use this form to send your submissions](#). The form will close Thursday at 4PM. We will share out the playlist next week.

Do you have questions about CANVAS, print materials, weekly challenges, or anything else? Reach out to your teachers by email or chat on Microsoft TEAMS.

[Mrs. Bachman's office hours on Microsoft TEAMS](#) - Tuesdays from 2:00 – 2:30 PM

Ms. Peckosh's [office hours on Microsoft TEAMS](#) - Tuesdays from 2:00 – 2:30 PM

Miss Liz – email or chat if you need anything!

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Family and Consumer Sciences

It's FRIDAY! 😊 Hopefully this still brings some joy to you.

I have selected an interesting [article](#) from Choices magazine for us to look at this week (sign in as a student and the classroom code/password is: mapblock1296). The use of Juuls and other e-cigarettes have sky-rocketed in the last few years. These companies continue to target teens, just like cigarette companies did many years ago. What are they hiding and why should you choose to fight against using e-cigarettes and vaping?

After reading the article, here are some questions to answer. I would love to see your responses! You can email them to me at brandy.sage@dmschools.org.

1. How much does a four-pod-a-week Juul habit cost over the course of a year, and what could you do with that money instead?
2. Out of all the tactics used by Juul to hook teens, which do you think is the most manipulative, and why?
3. What would you say to a younger student who was developing a vaping habit? Support your response with specific piece of evidence and data.

Mrs. Cooney sent me an interesting [NY Times article](#) earlier this week that I thought I would share.

It is a great look at history during the last pandemic and the urge to plant a garden. Have you planted a garden? My daughters and I started to grow seeds in egg cartons a few weeks ago and will be moving them to the yard this weekend. We didn't have the greatest success, but it is a start! I'd love to see pictures if you have taken on the task and started your own garden.



Business

Happy Friday! Not many of my new students for 4th quarter have given everfi.net a try. You really should!! 8th graders will find Future Smart interesting and kind of fun. It will let you be the mayor of a town and you will learn about smart ways to save and spend your money while establishing good credit. You will also learn about important things to think about when it comes to careers. 6th and 7th graders will study about ways to stay healthy and safe in the digital world and ways to keep your online things private when exploring New Ignition. Your student account info has been emailed to you.

Visual Arts

Greetings my creative Padawans! I can't get over how beautiful this week has been! I hope you have gotten the chance to spend time outside basking in the sunlight and breeze. Spring is finally getting itself worked out.

We are approaching arguably the greatest Nerd holiday in existence...Star Wars day! It might take two days to watch all of the trilogies, but it's a Death Star size challenge I'm willing to take on. This week's optional activity is all about the fanart. Use whatever media or found objects you have available to create a Star Wars related artwork; colorful chalk Ewok on the sidewalk, build and photograph a Lego baby Yoda, or draw yourself using the force to mow the lawn. I'm interested in any of your ideas. Even if it's Kylo Ren wearing an Enterprise Command Gold uniform telling Han Solo he's leaving to run his own ship.

Both Mr. Moore and I would love to see any artwork you make! On Instagram you can tag @mustang.studio (our school's newish account for visual arts) so we can see your work or email us. The April Challenge is over, but you can now find a May Challenge on Instagram!

We hope you all are continuing to stay healthy and find ways to keep in high spirits as we settle in similar to how they do in a sandstorm on Tatooine. May the 4th be with you!

Jedi Masters Anders and Moore



PS. DMPS has provided optional art activities to participate in. They are near the end of the weekly workbook that was mailed to you, or by going to the [online workbook](#), clicking on your grade level and then opening a week. CANVAS subject area courses are also an available option for extended, not graded, opportunities.

Other Notes

Print Materials: DMPS is still mailing print materials and, unfortunately, probably won't have them all out to families until Tuesday May 5th. Sorry for the delay and thanks for your patience. In the meantime, the materials are available by following [this link](#).