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People Stocking up for the Coronavirus
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Now, more than ever, people need groceries and supplies, even though most people know this fact people all over the world are monopolizing the toilet paper, sanitizer, and other essential items. You may be wondering, "Why are people doing this?" The answer to that question is that the government is ordering a stay at home order due to the Coronavirus. Because of this, people think that they have to have items that can keep themselves safe from the outbreak. Now, people who don't have access to grocery stores can't get materials that they need. Many stores have reacted

to this and have created new rules. Stores open early and let older people come into the stores so they could buy essential items. Also, many stores limit the amount of toilet paper one can buy. Qiqi Lin, 4th grader, says, " Even though people need toilet paper and other items, we need to calm down so everybody can get the stuff that they need at the store." This means that right now everyone needs to relax even though the Coronavirus seems bad. If we follow the rules we will all be okay. During the Coronavirus we need to help each other out not keep all the items for yourself.

Toilet paper running out in supermarkets

WORKING HARD FOR OPPORTUNITY:
Pursuing Activities and Making the Best Out of Time
By: Qiqi Lin

     During this difficult and challenging time, our society has been working hard to overcome obstacles brought by the recent outbreak of coronavirus. However, numerous mindful people are doing their best to calm down and relax. They have seen the good in the bad and are being productive. According to cdc.gov, we, as a united country, should "make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy. " Some are listening to music, some are reading novels, some are out enjoying the sunshine-while, of course, socially distancing. People have found a variety of ways to approach this, including how they are carrying it out.

     To begin with, a popular activity people are doing to rid themselves of stress during the rapid spread of the coronavirus is grabbing their headphones and speakers and listening to contemporary music, as it is known to cheer people up. Top artists have grabbed Billboard spots in the top 100, such as Dua Lipa, Post Malone, Halsey, The Weeknd, Tones and I, Ed Sheeran, Khalid, and Doja Cat. With Tones and I's iconic song "Dance Monkey" and Dua Lipa's upbeat hit "Don't Start Now," music fanatics from across the globe are staying positive every day. Whether it's rap, pop, or country, music certainly lifts everyone up during this burdensome time.

     Although listening to music with headphones on is a great way to pass the time, others from all over the globe may enjoy curling up with a good book and hot cocoa next to a cozy, warm fireplace. Reading helps bring people in their own worlds, to help them imagine, and to forget the bad. In this case, it's the coronavirus. According

to a survey conducted, most like reading Rick Riordan's beloved books, while others like J.K. Rowling's original, interesting series. No matter what books people read, it's always a splendid activity, and if one is looking for something to do, it is always a phenomenal choice.

Depending on one's taste in activities, they can make a decision. For our fellow artists out there, it's drawing or painting! While some choose collage as their form of art, others may pick mixed media. Art is not for everyone, but it sure is a wonderful way to spend the extra time during quarantine. Creators find different ways to express themselves and more freedom to choose, now that time is slowing down. Thanks to art, we are all finding good approaches to killing the time.

Finally, one of the most common things people are doing is getting out in the sunshine. Even though experts say "don't go outside," it's actually a good thing, because light and sunshine can be known to kill some bacteria, if it is just in the right spot. Some people who prefer sports and are more on the "athletic" side or like to play can enjoy basketball, soccer, football, or baseball in their backyard or driveway. But others who don't like that type of thing can just grab a lawn chair and a drink and bask in the sunshine. Ethan Van, 4th grade Pokemon addict, says, "I love listening to Pokemon, playing Pokemon, and drawing Pokemon. But I'm not one of those people who are out in the sunshine every day."

Opening doors for the coronavirus to pass through is exactly not what our society is doing. Whereas everyone in the medical field is trying to find a cure, it keeps us waiting. "I don't want to wait," Ryan Lu, 4th grade witness, says. "I want to seize this opportunity that isn't going to be there forever. I want to do something to pass the time. I want to help others realize that too." So do something, instead of moping around like there isn't going to be an end, or reading the latest news on COVID-19 because it's going to make the situation sound bigger than it is. Enjoy the things around the home and find a way to kill time! Whether it's listening to the best music, reading, doing art, or savoring the sunshine, find a way to make the best out of what's there.

Deadly Virus Becomes Learning Opportunity
By: Eric

A few months ago, the Coronavirus outbreak started. People are forced to stay home. But it isn't all bad. There are multiple meeting platforms that we learn to use because of this, and many aspects of the computer that we wouldn't have known were there.

One platform is Zoom. This is a tool that a lot of teachers are using to help with online learning. The students can see and hear each other through the camera and microphone.You enter the meeting ID to join a meeting. This handy app can be found on a computer or downloaded onto a mobile device.

Another platform is Google classroom. First, you enter a code to get in your teacher's class, then your teacher can use it for announcements and to post assignments. In the assignment, the teacher puts directions, due date, and links to what you need to complete the assignment. Once you're done, you turn it in so that your teacher knows it's ready to be graded. You get access to it from a computer.

These are only a few of the things we can learn about in a crisis like this. Many more include Google Meet, Canvas, and the numerous e-book libraries like Epic!, Kindle, and Libby. So remember, a crisis can also be an opportunity.

Heroes during the Coronavirus period
By: Ryan Lu

During this challenging time of the coronavirus, many specific people and multiple groups are making an impact and helping. People are scared to go outside shopping for food and online food stores like Amazon are running out of delivery spaces. According to Yafang, "I have to refresh my Amazon page at least 50 times until I get an available delivery, and after, some of the food doesn't come." This shows the need for more food.

Fortunately, many companies are helping in many ways. One of the companies is Whole Food Market. Whole Food Markets are trying to keep shopping safer. On March 17, 2020, they posted on their media website, "... all Whole Food Market Stores in the U.S. and Canada will service customers who are 60 and older one hour before opening to the general public…"This means that if the market opens at 8 am, then 60 or older can go at 7 am.

Whole Food Market is currently selling fresh fruit and food off of Amazon. They notice the traffic with delivering food and are trying to help. The link is here: [Whole Foods Market](). This makes it easier to get food freshly and quickly. To give encouragement, they also supported their employees with a wage upgrade of $2, which is a lot because they only earn $15 dollars.

As the battle against the coronavirus rages on, many companies are taking a stand. Other groups are also helping too, including Wee, and Domino's Pizza. Even Though this time may seem hard, there are many solutions.

Technology Advancement During the Pandemic of the CoronaVirus
By: Michael Zhao

Starting in March, 2020, nearly every computer in the world had one of these apps, Zoom, Videocall, Googlemeet, Microsoft Chat, Whatsapp, Facetime, Skype, and a lot more. And why is that? Because of the CoronaVirus outbreak.

The Corona Virus has forced millions of people to stay in their own homes. No more large gatherings having more than 10 people are allowed in cities anymore, and many other places like playgrounds and tennis courts are already closing. But some schools don't stop. Many students take online classes from their computer at home. Students do a variety of activities just like the ones they do at school. For example, students still can do music and PE using zoom and googlemeet.

And technology doesn't always have to be using computers. Advancement in medicine is also in the center of this pandemic. Many surgeons and doctors have been trying to create cures for the virus, and in the process, they are inventing faster and more effective technology. For example, for a person to be tested positive or negative of the CoronaVirus a few days ago, it would take about 2-3 days. Yesterday, surgeons developed faster testing kits that give results in 2-3 hours. As I'm writing this article, the process only takes about 2-3 minutes.

Engineering is another type of technology being used in this pandemic. Tesla's CEO, Elon Musk, says that he isn't afraid to take down any part of their company's cars to create more ventilators for the people that can't breathe. Also, who said face masks can't be reusable? Scientists have invented face mask sterilizing machines that put special chemicals on the used face mask to clean it out.

But this outbreak has some bad things coming out of it because people are using computers so often that they just use abbreviations for some words such as writing "you" as "u." Also, many doctors say that staring at your computer screen everyday for too long can ruin your eyesight.

In the past, human beings have faced similar situations, but this virus is very different and deadly. The Corona Virus has affected many people, but fortunately technology has played an important role in this pandemic situation and helped us a lot.