

## Fahrenheit 451 Book Review



**Quinn Langford**  
Cedar Ridge H. S.

Fahrenheit 451 is a novel written in 1953 by Ray Bradbury that is set in future American society. The citizens of this America prefer watching their four-screen televisions all day rather than reading books, which could potentially have offensive or demeaning content. The main character, Guy Montag, is a fireman who starts fires instead of putting them out. He is charged with finding the troublesome books and burning down houses that contain them. One night, he meets Clarisse, his new neighbor, who thinks very differently from everyone else and makes him question his entire life. As expected, his questioning of the basic ideologies of his society creates many

problems for him.

Even though the book is a work of fiction, Fahrenheit 451 is prophetic. Ray Bradbury predicted that televisions would get so big that they could cover a whole living room wall. It seems that will likely happen soon, as every year televisions grow bigger. He also invented small devices that one could stick in their ear and listen to. People are already using wireless earbuds in present day, which are very similar. Perhaps one day humans will be able to access all their needs with the push of a button, and books won't be necessary anymore. The world is still far from becoming identical to the world of Fahrenheit 451, but it's a lot closer than you think. Fahrenheit 451 is a relatively fast-paced book, although Bradbury still slows down enough to describe the settings poetically using many metaphors and other figurative language. I feel that everyone should read the book at least once in their life, so that they can see the value of thinking for oneself instead of going along with what society expects them to think.

## Thanksgiving



**Kevin Parish**  
Hendrickson H. S.

This past Thanksgiving week my family and I went to South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia and we all stayed in both states. We spent the weekend at my Aunts house that lives in Savannah and then we rented a big house in Hilton Head, South Carolina and stayed

the week there. Every year we drive 20 hours to spend time with my grandmother's side of the family that I can only see once a year, which is Thanksgiving. When we rent the house, it's always by the beach. Before Thanksgiving all of us do fun activities like go on the beach, go bike riding and go to a lighthouse. When Thanksgiving rolls around we usually have 20-35 people come but this year we had 50 people come and join us for dinner and everyone had fun, we talked and laughed. I had a great time spending time with my family and I can't wait to go back again next year.

## Holiday



**Tyler Allen**  
Gus Garcia YMLA

Our "Thanksgiving" break is over. It was a very busy time for me. I got to volunteer for our "Youth Brigade" feed the homeless day. I always enjoy doing things like that. There was a lot of help this year. My cousin came to visit that week. We had a good time. We went to the movies to see "Justice League". It seems that it

was just last summer the Batman and Superman were enemies. I didn't like seeing my favorite super heroes at war with each other. The Flash was sort of different this time. Wonder Woman was her usual self. The "Cyborg" really made it exciting. Yet Superman was needed to fly back and save the day. The bad guy was called "Steppenwolf". I was told that Steppenwolf was either an old song or the name of an old school singer. Either way me and my three cousin had a great. We must have ate a ton of popcorn. Now Thanksgiving Day" was the usual day stuffing yourself with a lot of good food. That Friday, I experience my first "Black Friday". I got to stand in line to get a PS-4. The wait was well worth it.

## Villager Youth Brigade Thanksgiving Outreach Project 2017



## Thanksgiving



**Jada Stone**  
Kealing M. S.

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated in Canada, the United States, some of the Caribbean islands, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and the preceding year. On the fourth Thursday of November in the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated. In the U.S, the modern Thanksgiving holiday tradition traced back to the 1621 Plymouth celebration in present day Massachusetts. The 1621 Plymouth feast and Thanksgiving was prompted by a good har-

vest.

Before 1536 there were 95 church holidays, plus 52 Sundays when people were required to attend church. The question of where the first Thanksgiving was held in the United States has been a subject of debate. Thanksgiving has been celebrated on and off since 1789. Together with Christmas and the New Year's holiday, Thanksgiving is a part of the broader fall/winter holiday season in the United States. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621. This feast lasted three days and was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. On Thursday November 23, we will celebrate with a feast of Turkey, ham, stuffing, dressing cranberry sauce and all the fixings including pumpkin pie. It is a fun time with friends and family. Remember it is not about "getting thanks, it is about giving thanks. That is why it is called Thanksgiving.

## The Nutcracker: Suite Dreams

Friday, December 8, 2017 | 7:30 pm | 9:30 pm  
Boyd Vance Theater | 1165 Angelina St



Join us for the 5th annual presentation of The Nutcracker: Suite Dreams. We never tire of making our story fresh and irresistible to our audience. Come see what has made this ballet a family favorite, but with a new twist on the story.

Beginning in the here and now, Clara attends a holiday party where she meets new characters that will dance their way into your hearts. After meeting a young man, William, at the party, she falls asleep dreaming of the evening. In the dream she is transported to the Land of the Sweets, but the characters she encounters are very familiar. She

## Thanksgiving Break



**Kennedy George**  
Weiss High School

My thanksgiving break was productive, unlike some other people. I did a lot of studying, and chores. I was picked up early from school on Friday to leave for my sisters

dance competition in Dallas. I got to walk around and shop on my own there at the Galleria Mall. My sister did a pretty good job at the competition as well.

I also did a lot of studying over the break, you can never have enough knowledge. I cleaned my room completely. That means I took all of the junk from my drawers too. On Thanksgiving I fed the homeless then when I went home I had a great Thanksgiving dinner.

Sunday was also my sister's birthday, and we hung out with my dad. This week has been fun and productive.

## My Eleventh Birthday



**Ruby George**  
Riojas Elementary

My birthday started out normal. I woke up on November 26, 2017, and groggy from sleep I remembered that it was my day. I got out of bed and got dressed for church. When I went down stairs, my parents greeted me with a, "Hey birthday girl!". I put on my shoes and my mom said, "hurry up. We have to go." She pointed to a brown paper bag that had pink tissue paper, and a white card

that had my name on it. Inside was a bath bomb, two books, a really pretty sweater, a new bath scrunchy, a bag of epsom salt, ( because I told her I was sore from dance ), and a pair of spa gloves. In the card was a target gift card and a card that sings when you put the cherry on top of the sundae. When I got back from church, me and my sister were getting ready to go to the mall. At the mall, we went to places like Hot Topic, Rue21, Charlotte Russe, and a lot of shoe stores. When we were finished my sister went home to do school work, and I watched Wonder. When I got home I ate delicious cake and took a hot shower. This day was amazing and that's not even half of the presents I got! It went by so fast, maybe soon someone will invent a birthweek!

dances with her old friends and the special new friend who is her Prince in the dream until she awakens back in the present.

As in her dream, the audience will enjoy the familiar melded with the contemporary. The beautiful music of Tchaikovsky provides the perfect backdrop for classical ballet reminiscent of the traditional ballet performed since 1892. The melodically contagious motifs of the classical guitar inspire innovative, modern movement and contemporary balletic themes. Woven together through the characters, this story has something for everyone. Come see how Austin Metamorphosis Dance Ensemble is changing the world of dance one dancer at a time.

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