

Tides



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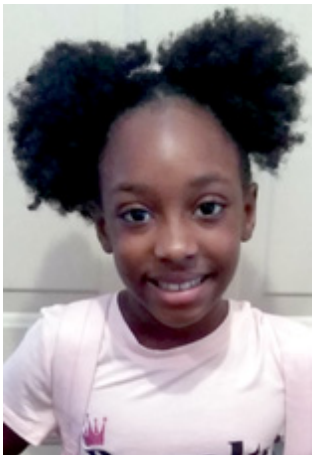
Hello, This week in class we have been learning about tides, what causes them. Tides are caused by the combined effects of gravitational forces exerted by the moon and the sun, this in fact causes the rise and fall of sea levels.

Tides are unpre-

dictable and the moon is the biggest factor, the gravitational pull is so strong it will pull the water and let it go at random times. The interesting thing is that the water is pulled toward the moon. There are 4 different types of tides, Diurnal, Semi-diurnal, Mixed and Meteorological tides.

Lastly, The lowest or smallest tide is called the reap tide and they occur during the first and third quarter moon when it appears flat-moon. The biggest tide is called "high tide" and it occurs twice a year. Thanks for reading.

Holyween 2018



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On Halloween our church hosted a Holyween festival. The young adults host it every year so kids have somewhere safe to go for Halloween. There were games like fishing, Ball toss, pumpkin painting, costume contest, and trick-or-treating of course. Upstairs is where the trick-or-treating took place. I thought it would be really scary because

while I was waiting for my turn downstairs I heard people screaming and people jumping out and scaring each other. Finally it was my turn. I thought it was really fun and after all it wasn't that scary to me.

I won the costume contest for most creative. I was a werewolf and my little brother was Chase from Paw Patrol. There was also food and lots and lots of candy. The church was full of people. Some from our church and some not from our church. It was a great way to reach out to the community. I enjoyed myself and I already know what I'm going to be next year. Looking forward to another spooktacular Holyween at Simpson United Methodist Church.

Austin Powwow



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The Austin Powwow is a place where different Native American people come together for a huge one day powwow. The Powwow has taken place

for more than 25 years. This event had hundreds of Native American dancers, singers, musicians, artists, and craftsmen. Many people enjoy food, family, friends, art and culture throughout the entire day.

The Austin Powwow is a fun family event that took place on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Travis County Expo Center. The cost was \$7 at the gate for adults. Kids under age 12 got in free. The parking was also free.

Daylight Savings and Voting



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This week there were two important events in our country. This past Sunday we had to change our clocks for the second time this year. We had to change our clocks an hour back

for the fall. The reason why we have daylight savings is in order to make better use of the daylight. Back in 1917 is when daylight savings began during the 1st World War. Now the day feel shorter and the sun going down faster. Remember to change your clock.

The second important event is Mid-term elections. Although I am not old enough to vote I realize voting in city elections, state-wide elections and especially national elections is an important right of all Americans.

College Tours in Cambridge



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From Friday, November 2nd, to Monday, November 5th, I had the opportunity to visit Cambridge, Massachusetts. My school gives juniors and seniors two excused absences per year to visit colleges, so I used the 2nd and the 5th to tour Harvard and MIT. On Friday morning, I did the Harvard SEAS (School of Engineering and Applied Science) tour as well as the general admissions tour. The Harvard students were all extremely passionate and seemed to genuinely enjoy it there. An interesting fact the general admissions tour guide told us was that the famous statue of John Harvard that reads, "John Harvard; Founder; 1638" has three lies: the man pictured in the statue is not John Harvard, Harvard University was founded in 1636, and John Harvard was not the founder of the school.

After looking at Harvard, I toured the EECS (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science) portion of MIT.

Early Action Deadline



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This past week, thousands of high school seniors across the world were hustling to submit their college applications before the Early Action deadline. November 1st was the day all seniors were required to submit college applications to various schools in hopes of receiving early acceptance to that school. For many students, this week has been one of the most stressful times of the year.

Early Action for col-

lege applications is different than Early Decision because Early Decision is a binding agreement. If a student applies to a school with Early Decision and is accepted, that student is required to attend that school and withdraw all other applications that they have submitted. Early Action is preferred by many students because they are able to get their responses earlier and the aren't bound to a school if accepted.

Personally, I only applied early with Early Action because I do want to keep my options open. For the other schools that I am not applying early to, I must submit my applications to those schools by the regular decision date, January 1st. I'm confident that the right school for me will accept me and give me the proper opportunities that I need as a college student.

Blossomgame Got Game

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Austin Spurs forward Jaron Blossomgame
(Courtesy of @JaronBgame)

Jaron Blossomgame had as much as any player to do with the Austin Spurs winning the 2018 G League Championship. He made 48 starts, averaging 16.5 points and 8.1 rebounds. A former standout at Clemson, Blossomgame was drafted by the San Antonio Spurs in the second round of the 2017 NBA Draft (59th overall).

Following a strong performance in the 2018 NBA Summer League, where he averaged 13.0 points and 7.6 rebounds, Blossomgame is back in Austin for another season with the Spurs. He totaled 37 points, 9 rebounds and 3 assists in 38 minutes as the Spurs lost to the Texas Legends 126-120 in the G League season opener last Saturday at the H-E-B Center.

The Spurs host the Northern Arizona Suns Friday at 7:30 p.m.

"I'm very, very confident," said Blossomgame, a 6-7 forward. "I had a very good year last year and the team had a lot of success. As an individual, I feel good about my game where I am right now."

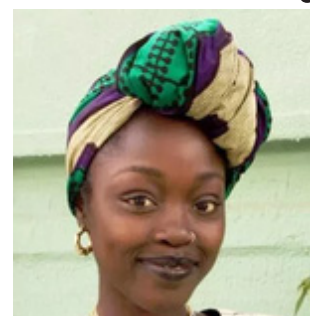
Blossomgame believes his game still has room for growth and he is working toward achieving that goal. "This summer I emphasized my shooting ability," he said. "I shot 30 percent (from 3-point range) last year in the G League. I really want to be around 35-37 percent this year. I want to work on my overall skills - ballhandling, decision-making. I watched a lot of film. Defensively, be able to stand in front of point guards when we switch. We switch a lot. And be able to guard bigger guys."

As Blossomgame improves, he will be observed not only by his coaches in Austin, but also by Spurs' NBA affiliate in San Antonio. Last year, the Austin-to-San Antonio pipeline raised the profile of point guard Derrick White, who averaged 20.1 points, 5.0 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 1.3 steals in 24 games in Austin. Selected by San Antonio in the first round of the 2017 NBA Draft, White performed so well he was promoted from Austin and played 17 games in San Antonio last year and made his playoff debut against Golden State. Now in San Antonio fulltime, White will return to the lineup when he recovers from a plantar fascia injury.

Like with White last year, San Antonio signed Blossomgame this year but released him from the NBA roster back to the G League. Like White did previously, Blossomgame will receive plenty of playing time in Austin that will enhance his opportunity to eventually play in the NBA.

"Derrick spent a significant amount of time in Austin last year and he improved a lot," Blossomgame said. "If he stayed up in in San Antonio, he wouldn't have played as much. Down here, he was able to dominate, watch film and relay the message what they want to see from him. The G League is an opportunity to go out and get better. The way you look at it and the way you approach it will definitely affect your time in Austin."

Gallery Talk with Mukhtara Yusuf



Join us Thu November 15th for this special public program in conjunction with our exhibition Making Africa: A Continent of Contemporary Design. Artist and designer Mukhtara Yusuf will discuss "Africa and Materiality" through works in Making Africa, highlighting issues of conspicuous consumption and alternative use, and contextualizing these works within the history of African functional objects. This event will take place within the exhibition in our Butler gallery space.

Admission is free on Thursdays. The Blanton is located at the intersection of Congress Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.