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GOOD OR BAD, STEREOTYPING PERPETUATES MYTHS

BY KEVIN LIN

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, stereotyping means to believe unfairly that people or things with a particular characteristic are the same. It may hurt others, and it is unfair how people treat others in a certain way depending on their skin color or ethnic background.

Ethan L. from class 741 said, "Sometimes people stereotype me because they judge people by their religion or race."

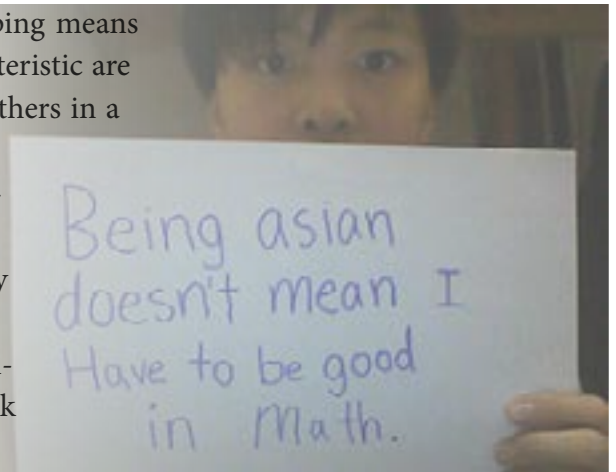
Qiuqi L. from class 742 said, "Stereotyping is unnecessary because if you judge someone just to feel good [it] is bad."

Robin Z. from class 741 claimed, "Stereotyping affects others because it makes other people feel guilty of what people think their race is like."

Stereotypes are not always negative. For example, saying that Asians are good at math could sound positive, but it may also be wrong or offensive. Whether positive or negative, stereotypes are used to judge others unfairly.

Robin Z. from class 741 admitted, "I did stereotype and sometimes it was a positive and sometimes it was a negative."

Stereotyping is a bad thing to do, and it hurts others. People who stereotype or see people stereotype others should try to stop it.



FIFTY YEARS AFTER SELMA

BY ROBIN ZHANG

The movie Selma came out on January 9, and March 7 was the 50th anniversary of the day Martin Luther King Jr. and many protesters walked across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama and were attacked by police officers.

Now, fifty years later, what do people think about racism in our country?

Ethan L. from class 741 said, "Racism is when

you judge people by...what their race is."

He said that if he were to hear a comment because of his race, he would feel bad because he thinks that if you are making fun of others, it is impolite.

Norrisa H. from class 741 said that her definition of racism is "judging people with their skin color and religion."

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She said, "It's not right, and disappointing, because there are a lot of people in America that came from different backgrounds, and you get judged by it when you make fun of people."

Asher S. from class 741 says that racism occurs when "one person from a race is making fun of people because of their skin color."

He says he isn't involved in racism because he

is "not that much of a racist person," but others can be racist at times. Lastly he says that if he were insulted by a racist comment, he would feel bad about himself.

Eliminating racism can make many stereotypes go away. Everyone is different, and people should be tolerant and accept people for being different and try to learn to adapt to their presence and feel good about having them around so you can gain information.

Saint Patrick's Day Word Search

Created By Amit Aviv

IRELAND	PATRICK	R T Q P A T R I C K E Q C K L
SHAMROCK	DAY	A L R N G E I K S O O J N E U
FOUR LEAF	PARADE	I V L W E O J K D L R L A Z C
CLOVER	LEPRECHAUN	N D H I A X L O P Z Q E D S K
RAINBOW	GOLD	B O W R D A Y D L K J P G C D
GREEN	MARCH	O F O U R L E A F L S R I D H
SAINT	LUCK	W E M A R C H J W I N E S P O
		L G R Y T I L W S R P C V B Z
		G R E E N G D O A E U H S J L
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STUDENTS SHARE OPINIONS ON ANIMAL ABUSE

BY AVA TECZA

Animal abuse takes many forms: torture, torment, mutilation, cruel beating and cruel killing. Torment need not be physical in nature; an animal can be tormented by baiting, teasing or a pattern of terrorization by yelling or threatening physical harm.

Saoirse S. from class 742 said, "It's a horrible thing and whoever is responsible for animal abuses should either be fined a very large amount or they should go to jail."

Skylar W. from class 742 said, "Well... to be honest, I don't like it because like you're harming an animal for no reason; but it's not like a good thing. But it could be a good thing for other people because they need food to eat." Skylar considers killing animals for food to be animal abuse.

Of course, not everyone feels that killing an animal for food is a form of animal abuse. Aside from hunger, why might people hurt animals?

Saoirse said people abuse animals "either to have a better felling about themselves in general, to have power over an animal that has no idea what's going to happen to them, or just for a mental reason they have."

MYTHBUSTERS MYTHBUSTED?

BY ASHER SLOTKIN

When watching an episode of the MythBusters, what comes to mind is: Wow! These people are really smart! But if I told you they weren't doing the scientific method right and making their tests unfair, what would you think of the MythBusters now?

According to physicist Rhett Allain of Southeastern Louisiana University, the MythBusters scientific method is unreliable, and he realizes that a lot of other people agree with him.

"I hear others complaining about the scientific process on MythBusters," said Professor Allain last year in an article in Wired magazine.

In one episode, when the MythBusters were testing what was best for getting rid of a skunk's stench, they conducted the trials in multiple rooms not even using the same skunk or smell, making the testing unreliable.

Jackson S. from class 742 also remembers in a

Isabella P. from class 742 said, "I think they do this because...they think that animals don't have lives."

Serious physical abuse can be hard to detect because the physical evidence, such as bruising, might be hidden by fur. Visible evidence of physical abuse includes limping, swelling, bloody urine, broken teeth, timidity, cowering and fear biting.

Skylar, Saoirse and Isabella are all pet owners, and they love their animals dearly. They would do anything to help them and get the person who abused their animals back somehow.

Skylar said, "I have two pets but if any of them got kidnaped or abused I would be really upset because it's mine and they don't have the right to kill it or abuse it."

Saoirse said, "I have two pets actually and if either or both of them were kidnaped and abused I would track them down with the police and find a way to execute them."

Isabella said, "I would kill the person... I am not kidding. I would literally kill the person 'cause my dog is my best friend."

skunk episode he watched at school that it was unfair because the test was done in multiple rooms changing the result of the test.

Jackson said, "They are very smart and teach things in fun ways." But he added, "They could also lead kids in the wrong direction with miscalculations."

Kris N. from class 742 also remembers in the skunk episode the variables were not constant. Kris still thinks highly of MythBusters.

However, Kris said, "They don't always have accurate answers, but they teach kids the scientific method and give the right steps towards science."

Jay Jay M. from class 742 feels the MythBusters don't always have a good structure.

Although Jay Jay is a huge fan, he said, "They don't do good of teaching kids the structure." Because of this he fears, "finally people will catch on to the fact that the MythBusters are not always right."

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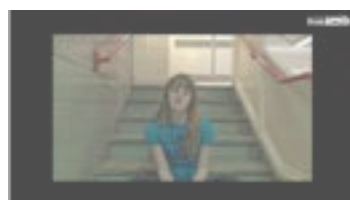
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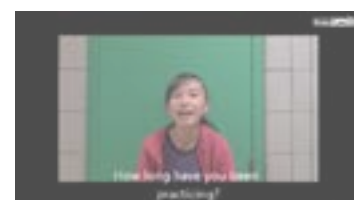
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by Mandy Cheng



5SOS
by Jenny Ho



Samsung Galaxy
by Norissa Hemedes



Volleyball
by Annie Chen



Seward Park
by Kevin Lin

You Said It On the Simon Baruch Pride Forum!

RE: NO CURSING! I SWEAR! BY ETHAN LING

Cursing can be powerful and can hurt people's feelings'. It is another way of bullying people because we have rules that stop us from hitting each other so instead of fighting bullies offend people and make them feel bad. -Yao Y

The reason why kids know a lot of offensive words is that they hear them on the streets or their parents say that at home. Therefore parents should be responsible about what they hear. -Benny Z

I think it is ok to curse out side of school, or even if it's in school, cursing discreetly, like not excessively. -Miriam I

I think that it depends on the type of word. Like if it is one of the really bad ones, maybe a student should get detention. I know I use a few but only to stop myself from fighting or I use a few to joke around. None of my friends think what I say to them so again, I think it depends on the actual word or words. -Hailee D

I agree with Hailee, although swearing should not in allowed in school.. if it does not put people in danger of hurt their feelings its okay. -Olivia M

I agree with this, if you bang your elbow and say something to that object that has no feelings I feel like it's okay once and a while. It's a completely other story if you are saying this profanity language around other people they might take offense to it. Also, some students only swear when no one is looking or can hear what you say such as a teacher but you shouldn't have to worry because you shouldn't be swearing at all!. -Ajla B

I agree with both Ajla and Hailee because sometimes friends like to joke around and swear but sometimes the words they use are not hurtful because they are just playing a game. However, if a word is mean to hurt someone then that person should not be allowed to swear. -Arnesa N

RE: NIKE RELEASES LEBRON 12'S BY ROBIN ZHANG

they fell real bad when you first buy them but when you get used to them they will feel real nice -Tony L

As Tony stated, the shoes do not feel nice when you buy them so why bother buying them. They are expensive but pretty. The shoes are for your comfort not for pain and style. -Grace L

I prefer to buy shoes for their comfort not their style. Even though it doesn't hurt to be stylish in the process. -Leo D

I really enjoyed how you added facts about the prices because it...lets the readers know what they will have to pay when buying the sneakers. By reading your article, it has persuaded me to think about getting a pair -Dylan L

TEACHERS, STUDENTS LOOK TO MAKE 104 GREENER BY AUDREY HILL

I agree that we should have plants in the school. Not only do plants provide the joy of culturing a living plant but it also makes us a greener planet and school. Additionally, if we plant plants that produce ingriedients such as vegetables, and we use these fresh and organic ingriedients for school luch, we would be providing healthier organic vegetables. Naturally, vegetables or food would cost more than plants or seeds. -Mikaela S

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