

The Magical Journey Of Aladdin Begins

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If you like to act, sing, or dance, the Rosa drama cast is for you.

The first drama cast rehearsal was Wednesday, September 21. For their auditions, the drama cast members will learn a part of a dance and choose a song of their own or sing a section from one of the songs that will be in the play, scheduled for September 26-October 1.

The auditions are to determine the parts people will perform in the play, which is to be staged at Rosa on Friday, March 31, 2017, and Saturday, April 1, 2017.

Drama is a no-cut activity, meaning that anyone who would like to participate can! Break a leg to the Rosa drama cast and crew!

Book Review: Jeremy Fink And The Meaning Of Life

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Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life, by Wendy Mass, is about Jeremy Fink, a thirteen-year-old boy, and his best friend, Lizzie. Jeremy Fink doesn't like new experiences and would rather stay at home collecting mutant candy. Lizzy is a free spirit who is always looking for danger and adventure.

A few weeks before Jeremy's 13th birthday, he receives a box in the mail from his dad - who died five years ago. The box supposedly holds the meaning of life and he's supposed to open it on his thirteenth birthday. The problem is the box has four keyholes and all the keys are missing.

Join Jeremy and Lizzie as they set out to find the keys, going to flea markets, searching piles of junk, and... uh... breaking into offices. Wendy Mass tells an action-filled story of two friends, while also contemplating the universe's biggest question: What is the meaning of life?

I believe that Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life appeals to both boys and girls in middle school. The story is not gender-specific; it is an adventurous story that is exciting for everybody. I've read this book three times and it never fails to be a thrilling page-turner. Whether you only need a book for a school project, or are an avid reader looking for something new, you will love Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life!

The End Is Near

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Remember three years ago in 2012 when the world was supposed to end? Thankfully, we lived, only to be faced with more ends of the world. According to several religious groups, the world is going to end sometime in 2017.

One possible end date is relatively soon, January 1. Forget the expensive Christmas and Hannukah presents because you obviously won't be needing them according to The Sword of God Brotherhood. This group believes that they will be the only survivors and all of us will die. Sounds about right... right?

Our next end date is August 21, 2017, because of a solar eclipse. Now, this all started with NASA saying we were having a solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. Christian doomsayers took this as a woman clothed in the sun with the moon at her feet will bring the end. After this, the woman will be chased down by a seven-headed dragon. It's accurate that there is going to be a solar eclipse but there have been at least 28 other big solar eclipses that haven't ended the world. But who doesn't want to watch the sun be chased down by a seven-headed dragon?

There is a chance we might all be out of middle school when the world ends, though. One of the future end of the world predictions is in 2023. The Romans predicted that after we had 112 popes, the world will end. Since Pope Francis is our 111th pope, people are starting to get nervous.

In the end (pun intended), we should all live long, hopefully, healthy, lives. For every reason the world can end there are many reasons the world won't. So have fun with your childhood; no need to complete that bucket list yet!

