

Awesome Animals

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This issue's animal is the **emperor penguin**. The emperor penguin is the largest penguin. It is over 1-meter-tall and can weigh up to 40 kilograms. The emperor penguin is a beautiful bird with a blue-grey back, a black tail and a white belly flushed with yellow. It has yellow patches on either side of the head that fade down the neck and upper chest. The remainder of the head and throat is black.

Emperor penguin chicks are silvery grey with a black head and a white mask around the eyes, cheeks and throats. The diet of emperor penguins contains fish, squid and krill. Emperor penguins are good swimmers, spending 2.5 to 9 minutes underwater while diving to depths of more than 400 meters.

The emperor penguin lives in Antarctica, so climate change affects it heavily. Emperor penguins mainly live on level areas of stable sea ice, so you can see why melting ice would affect it. The emperor penguin is classified as Near Threatened on the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) Red List, because of climate change. Recent research indicates this species could decline by as much as 95 percent by 2100.



School Just Won't End

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After a summer of cringeworthy Jake Paul Vlogs, hurricanes and earthquakes that have devastated the country, and Summer Reading, school has intruded once again into our daily plans and activities. Now that school has started, homework, quizzes, and tests will slowly slip into our schedules until we once again dread school assignments. Of course, the school year may seem bad, but if anything, it's gotten better. With new additions added to the school, like a new water bottle filling station and cheesier pizza, you may start to question the dreadfulness of the school year. So now that I'm an 8th grader, I can say I have experienced a lot in Rosa.

From school assemblies to LC meetings, I've seen it all. However, with High school approaching soon, I'm not sure if I'm ready to leave this great school. Once high school hits, school will never be the same. I don't like the idea of walking around in a huge school with guys who are 6'2" and have facial hair. But before we 8th graders get there, why not enjoy the school year before it's lost forever. I'm excited for a new year of teachers, classes, and a new schedule. I mean, now I have gym for my second period. Gym in the morning? Awesome right?

Anyways, I hope the school year turns out for the best for everyone. And good luck to all the 6th graders who may be nervous walking into this new and exciting school year. Don't worry, you'll be alright, and before you know it... you'll be an eighth grader.

Goodbye Summer, Hello School

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*We're back to school at last
With hopes and dreams of summer
They will now be the past
Leaving fun is such a bummer*

*Welcome back to reality, kids
To loads and loads of work
All the papers like graphing grids
Are now waiting to make you
berserk*

*And don't forget those busy times
Juggling work and band and sports
Waking up to that familiar chime
To write those never-ending
reports*

*But don't just look at the negative
side*

*School can also bring great things
as well*

*And here at Rosa, you are in for a
very exciting ride*

*Get ready for clubs and activities
even after the bell!*

