

# OAK TREE TIMES

All The News That's Fit For Camp



## VOTE! On Your Favorite Ice Cream Flavor!

by Lilah Simpson

The debate between Chocolate and Vanilla ice cream has been raging on for many, many years. So I looked up which one was more favored and it turns out that COOKIES 'N' CREAM is the most popular! My personal favorite is Mint Chocolate Chip, but I wondered what the rest of the camp liked. Now campers, CITS, and counselors can vote on the paper on a bulletin board near the OTT room and the photography room. There will be an announcement of the most popular ice cream flavor at CAAP on Friday, July 9 in the OTT. Please write your vote on the paper! (You'll know it's the right paper because it says "Vote on your favorite ice cream flavor" and there is a picture of an ice cream)

PS: If the "Other" category wins, we will have another poll with different flavors such as Cotton Candy and Ube (that disgusting looking purple one that is actually really good).

## Top Ten Cutest Dogs In The World

By Penny

According to Dog Express, these are the top ten cutest dogs in the world:

10. Beagle
9. Shih Tzu
8. Corgi
7. Golden Retriever
6. Yorkshire Terrier
5. Pug
4. French Bulldog
3. Dachshund
2. King Charles Spaniel
1. Pomeranian



## Weirdest Fears In The World

By: Penny

**Optophobia:** a fear of opening your eyes.

**Chorophobia:** a fear of dancing.

**Geliophobia:** a fear of laughter.

**Heliophobia:** a fear of sunlight.

**Deiphobia:** a fear of dinner conversation.

**Neophobia:** a fear of new things.

**Syngenesophobia:** fear of relatives.

**Ablutophobia:** fear of taking a bath.

**Arachibutyrophobia:** fear of having peanut butter stuck to the top of your mouth.

**Geniophobia:** fear of chins (the body part).

## Top Ten Most Popular Pets

By: Penny



10. Ferret
9. Iguana
8. Snake
7. Bird
6. The Guinea Pig
5. Mouse
4. Fish
3. Hamster
2. Cat

Number one should be pretty obvious but I'll still tell you...

1. DOG

I completely agree with that, dogs are the best!

## The Completely Normal CAAP News Column

By A Mammal (Probably?)

Hello readers! Welcome to The Completely Normal CAAP News Column. Have you heard of the Big Fin Squid, or Magnapinna Pacifica? I have an image of it here, that is cropped to save space due to its incredible length. It is an odd creature that lives deep in the ocean. Scientists speculate that it uses long arms or tentacles to sweep the ocean floor and grab small organisms that are unlucky enough to be near it. Its arms can grow up to 26 feet long! Most captured specimens are juveniles, which means that the adults must be even bigger. Be sure to look it up to find the full image. The ocean sure is massive and terrifying. This has been our Kids Fun Fact Science Corner!



Now for our CAAP Community Calendar! CAAP was closed on Monday due to future efforts to remove the "Fourth of July Redcoat Corpse" from the front desk. Efforts have been made to understand where this disgusting historical artifact came from in the first place, but they have all been, unfortunately, unsuccessful. Tuesday was a festival period day. Today was a noontime show day, and we are still recovering from the events of it. Thursday is a period festival day in which we celebrate the beloved dot-shaped punctuation that gives our sentences structure. Friday is another noontime show day, however the destruction will hopefully be more contained due to military and United Nations efforts. Next week is a mystery that no one has been able to solve.

And now, the news. The "Fourth of July Redcoat Corpse" has stained some documents relating to CaapGoers™ who have switched classes. If you have switched classes recently, you may be marked down for Blood Class in any block of time in the day, so make sure to bring your standard blood gear, heightened blood gear, hazardous blood gear, worm blood gear, eldritch blood gear, shadow blood gear, and ascended blood gear. If you have accidentally been signed up for Advanced Blood Class, well, all you can do is hope that by some miracle you survive.

The end of this installment of TCNCNC has arrived, so until next time, readers! This column is inspired by the podcast Welcome o Night Vale. Check it out on Spotify or any other place you listen to podcasts or scream dance recordings.

## Got Legos?

Please donate used Legos to CAAP: Donations will be accepted at the front desk.



## Magical Animal Advice Column Number Two

Interviewers: Roselia Sparklenose, unicorn. Sizzles Os'more, dragon

Magical animal seeking advice: Emil Ogrein, ogre

H-Hello, Hello! W-Welcome to number t-two for Magical Animal Advice C-Column! T-Today we'll b-b-be-oh. Where is S-Sizzles? He sh-should b-be here b-by now.

**Hi Rosie! Wait, why are you wearing an army jacket and a gas mask and holding a tennis racket? Is it going to rain poisonous tennis balls or something?**

No, Sizzles. In case you forgot, Today we are (gulp) meeting with an OGRE!

**So?**

Ogres are scary! They're big, smelly, green, and they have really weirdly shaped ears!

**You literally co-host an advice column with a dragon! I'm big, smelly, green, and look at the off-putting size of my ears! You have no problem with me!**

I have plenty of problems with you but you make a good point. And I just got a message from the security fairies downstairs saying that Emil Ogrein is being shown in.

**AAAH! I can't bear the crashing sounds!**

That's just the sound of him walking, Sizzles. Your wings make a weird noise when you beat them but I never say anything! Except for that one time... and that other time... and that other other time...

**Hello! A fairy downstairs told me to come up here for an advice session! Wait, is this being filmed? Why are there cameras everywhere?**

Don't mind the cameras, Emil. Anyways, you're here because you like babysitting?

**Yes, I do. Babysitting is more than a passion for me. I'm even considering going to that babysitting college near Mermaid Reef. But the problem is that no one wants to hire an ogre for a babysitter. They all have these weird stereotypes about ogres eating babies.**

**That isn't us. The baby-eating fools are giants, and most giants have reformed by now.**

**So, do you think you could help me?**

**Hmm, this is a serious predicament. OOH! OOH! I've got an idea! You should write a PETITION!**

A petition? How would that help?

**Ever wonder why dragons aren't considered fire-breathing, princess-trapping, terrifying beasts anymore? Well, if you did, that's because my grandpa Flamier wrote a petition, and it said that ninety percent of people think that dragons are actually nice! And they are! The petition worked, and now the dragons run an award-winning pizza joint! And, if you do start a petition, you already have two signatures! Me and Rosie!**

Wait, what? I did not agree to this!

I can see it now... Emil Ogrein, BABYSITTER!

Thanks, Sizzles and Rosie!

**You are welcome! And the show is over, folks!**

Tune in next time for the story of Aziana and Anaiza, two mermaid sisters who can't stop fighting!



Noontime Show Friday, July 2, 2021.

## Noontime Show Review

by Lilah Simpson

Friday's 3pm show was hosted by the orange cohort with counselors Mary, Kelyvn, Achille, and Raffi and their CITs Gabby and Abby. The 3pm show started with Achille's Hip Hop Hooray dance class doing a dance to "If It Isn't Love" by New Edition. Next up was Mini Musical, who performed a scene from *The Sound of Music* with the song "Do-Re-Mi." Then Maxine Cavallaro sang "Castle on a Cloud" from *Les Miserables*, which she did for her audition for the Junior Musical. After that, Broadway Bound shared the first song in their original musical "SLAAP" which stands for "Summer Los Angeles Arts Program." Then Ollie read their article "The Completely Normal CAAP News Column" which everyone found hilarious. Then Raffi's Story Theatre class presented "The Three Little Pigs" with Cloud Pig, Wasabi Pig, and MWAHAHA Pig. Finally, the Junior Musical gave a sneak peek of their show "A Midsummer Night's Dream," performing the opening number "Midsummer Night" which was written by Mica. Everyone from the CITs to the counselors, to the campers, to the construction people who happened to be passing by, to the people waiting to pick up their kids enjoyed the catchy song. Even though the 3pm show was postponed because of the rain, the show turned out to be just as awesome as it would have been at noon.

## Invitation to the Cownsel

By Maia Sullivan

Hello fellow campers/staff. You have been invited to the Cownsel.

The Cownsel is a group of people who support The Cow (who, so far, has yet to be named). For those of you who are not familiar with this Cow, they are The Great Cow, head of the Cownsel. You may find them at the 3rd floor, on a billboard near the boys bathroom. They will be pleased to accept anyone who wishes to join the Cownsel, and they will be rewarded.

The Head Beef would like to say a few words: Yes, thank you, journalist. There are many interesting things about the Cownsel and The Cow. Firstly, The Cow wishes to go by "Unnamed Cow" or "The Cow" until they have a name. Anyone who does not wish to accept this will make The Cow cry. Please do not make The Cow cry, or that would be disrespectful and the Cownsel will have you arrested. The Cow Government has many levels. When you first join, you start as Calf. Later, if you pass the test (the CCT, standing for CAAP Cow Test), you can become a CIT, aka a Cow in Training. The Cownsel will watch over you and when they say you are ready, you will become a Cow. If you wish to pursue more greatness, you may go to the BIT, or Beef in Training. A Beef is the fourth highest level you can be in, if you include The <Great> Cow. The next is the Cownsel.

## Magical Animal Advice Column Number Three

Interviewers: Roselia Sparklenose, unicorn. Sizzles os' more, Dragon  
Magical animals seeking advice: Aziana shellis, Anaiza shellis, mermaids

Hello and welcome back to the one, the only, the MAGICAL ANIMAL ADVICE COLUMN!

Today we are giving advice to teenage mermaid twins Aziana and Anaiza.

**Ooh! Ooh! Rosie! Did you know that "Aziana" and "Anaiza" are each other backwards? "Aziana" is "Anaiza" backwards! Maybe it's a twin thing?**

**SIZZLES!** Of course I knew that! I know everything! Well, almost everything.

**Hey! Aziana! Anaiza! If you're out there, you can come in!**

Like, Hello? Is this Magical Animal Advice Column?

Of course it is, Aziana. Did you, like, not read the sign on the door? Cause I did.

'Course I saw it. I just forgot.

I didn't forget.

Then I didn't either. I was just, like, testing you. Chill, Anaiza.

**Rosie? I think I can already see the fighting.**

**And may I ask why you put them both in a fishbowl?**

We're on land, Sizzles. Mermaids can't go on land.

They need to stay in water.

**I know, but why are they in the SAME fishbowl? They're already fighting.**

Pointy horse lady, you should listen to the scaly flying lizard. He has a good point. You know our problem is starting fights-

**Actually, she starts them, I just finish them.**

BE QUIET AZIANA! But anyways, why the same fishbowl? You know we fight.

It is part of the advice ritual! When I clap my hooves, security fairies will put a roof on the fishbowl, making it impossible to get out! Food will be magically transported into the bowl, as well as other necessities, because you two are going to be stuck there! Together! **FOR A YEAR!**

**WHAT?!**

**WHAT?!**

**I can't live in the same fishbowl with HER!**

I can't live in the same fishbowl with HER!

See? You're getting better at agreeing more already. Sizzles? Can you get the security fairies to take this fishbowl into the other room?

## NAMES

By Nora Thompson

Learning the meaning of names shows other people's personalities, how they are the same and how they are different. All people are different and so are their names. Do names and their meanings actually mean something? So I am writing about names so you can see your name and see if its meaning is true about you. So I know these people because they are my friends. But if you don't know anyone named one of these names you can look them up on Google like I did.

1. Nora [ Awesome or amazing ]
2. Dalia [ destiny or fate ]
3. Rachel [ female sheep ]
4. Riley [ stubborn rich and humble ]
5. Hannah [ gift from god ]
6. Daphne [ victory ]
7. Maeve [ intoxicating ]
8. Elliot [ strength right or bravely ]
9. Eliza [ oath of god ]
10. Finn [ white or fair hair ]

## CAAP Rules!

By Hannah Glants

1. No pulling people by shirts or dresses.
2. If people need privacy, give them their privacy.
3. Keep your shoes on your feet unless you are swimming or your teacher asks you to take them off.
4. Use your inside voice, INSIDE!
5. Do not touch things that do not belong to you.
6. Use your manners. Say please and thank you.
7. Wait your turn to speak.
8. If you borrow something be careful with it.
9. Don't take your mask down indoors.
10. Do not distract people when they are working.
11. Don't crowd people if they do not want to talk.
12. Sit in your seat.
13. Drink water, don't wander off, hands to yourself, remember the six feet rule!

**14. HAVE FUN!**

## Leo's Birthday Party

By Rachel Lemoine

Leo's birthday was on June 17th. He was getting ready for his pool party and he was putting all the floaties in the pool but when he got back they were all gone. He thought he did this in his dreams. So he went to get more floaties and put them in the pool. And then he put them in the pool again but they disappeared again. It was starting to get a little weird. So he started putting out the snacks but then they went missing too! So he was putting out more things to see if they were going missing too. It was getting close to his party and everything was missing. He was starting to get worried that nothing would come back before his party started. He had 1minute. He saw his mom washing the floaties and putting chips and salsa on the table outside and he had the best pool party ever!

There are usually 6 Cownsel members, unless something happens. Next is the Head Beef (me). They are responsible for drawing The Cow and creating new laws. Once the Head Beef is too old for CAAP, the Cows vote on who to pick next to be the Head Beef. And finally, The Cow, Ruler of the entire system. And um... that's it I think. Uh yeah that's all I have to say.

If you accept The Cow as the ruler of the universe, you may join the Cownsel. Thank you for reading, and don't forget to sign up today.\*

Sincerely,  
The Head Beef

\*Sign up by asking Maia Sullivan if you can join, or email me at msullivan12@bostonk12.org.



### In Defense of the Blobfish

An Opinion Piece by Jenna Linnert

The *Psychrolutes microporosus*, also known as the blobfish, was discovered off the coast of New Zealand in 2003. Many of you may be familiar with this notorious fish due to its flabby and blob-like appearance when taken out of the water, a look that comes from severe tissue damage from the fish being removed from the water too quickly.

An image of this fish went viral when the Ugly Animal Preservation Society held a competition to find the world's ugliest animal—a title that it won and still holds to this day. But, I believe that this is an unfair title to give. The blobfish does not have much muscle, but that's not an issue in its natural habitat. The blobfish lives 2,000 to 4,000 feet under the water, where the pressure is up to 120 times higher than it is on the earth's surface. The pressure easily lifts up the fish's floppy skin, as it's less dense than water, essentially giving it a facelift. It's just a normal-looking fish under the water! I feel that it's not fair that we are subjecting the blobfish to the human standard of beauty. We can't expect everything on the planet to fit into what we perceive as good-looking. Moreover, we removed the blobfish from its natural habitat, so how could we expect it to fit in on the surface? It was not made to exist on land, so we should not expect it to look like a creature that lives on land. I believe we should be kinder to the blobfish, it didn't ask to be brought up to the surface and be made fun of without a single critical thought.

### Aye-Aye, Co-worker.

And that's the end of our show! Tune in next time for when we talk to a real-estate agent named Ned-

SIZZLES? A real-estate agent is NOT a magical creature!

Why does the list say that tomorrow we're supposed to talk to a real-estate agent named Ned! I DID NOT

APPROVE OF THIS!

**Ooh! Ooh! Rosie! Can I do one of those big dramatic "TO BE CONTINUED" thingies that they do at the end of movie cliffhangers?**

No, I deserve to do that. Ahem. TO BE CONTINUED...