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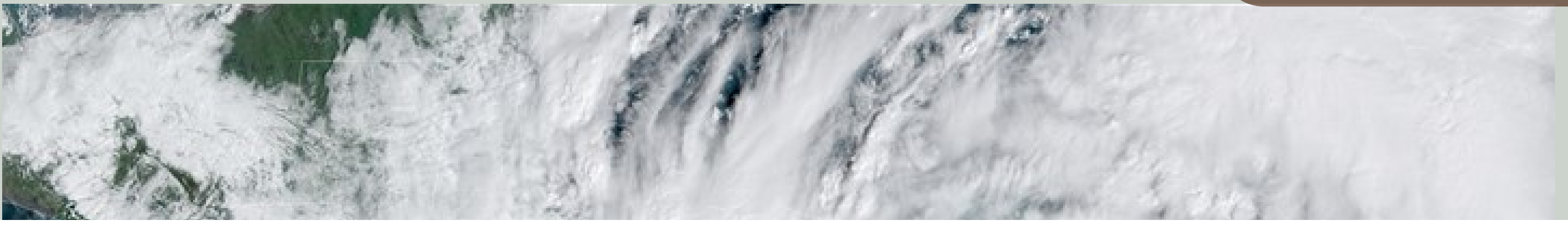
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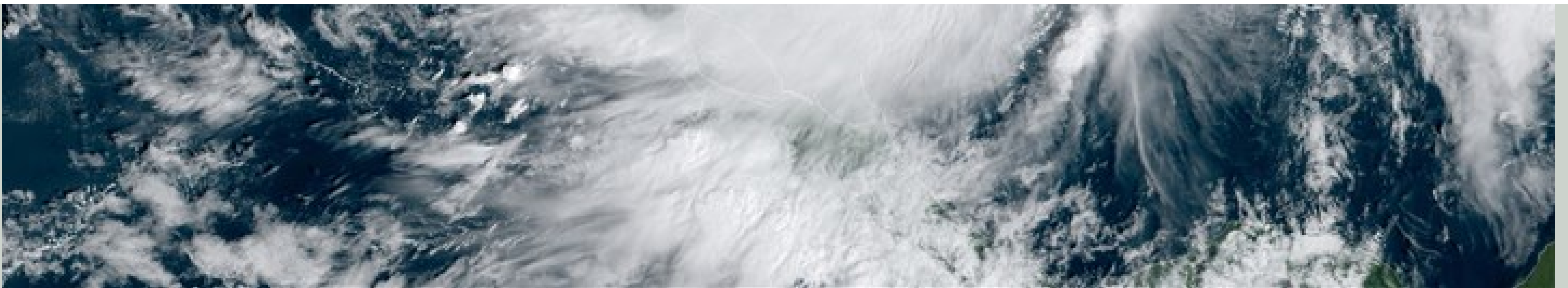
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HURRICANE ETA



The hurricane that has been affecting all of us, directly or indirectly, is part of the annual Atlantic hurricane season. The sudden loss of electricity or internet during online classes and the extra chilly days have all been the effects of the hurricane. Every year, this season starts on June 1st and ends on November 30th, but something unique to 2020, is the intensity of the storm. NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) stated that there are more than double the storms and hurricanes in 2020 than the averages in 1981-2010!

Up to November 6, 2020 there have been a total of 29 tropical depressions - atmospheric low pressures and organized circulations in the center of a thunderstorm. Of these 29 depressions, 28 of them have evolved into tropical storms which are “areas of extreme low pressure”, according to Internet Geography. The difference between a tropical storm and a tropical depression is the maximum sustained surface winds. In a tropical depression the maximum sustained surface winds is 38 mph, while in a tropical storm the maximum sustained surface winds range from 39 to 73 mph. This year, 12 of the tropical storms have become hurricanes, 5 of which were classified as major hurricanes.

Tropical Depression ETA (click for details)

As of 0600 PM CST Fri Nov 06 (Advisory # 25A)

Maximum Sustained Winds: 30 knots; 35 mph

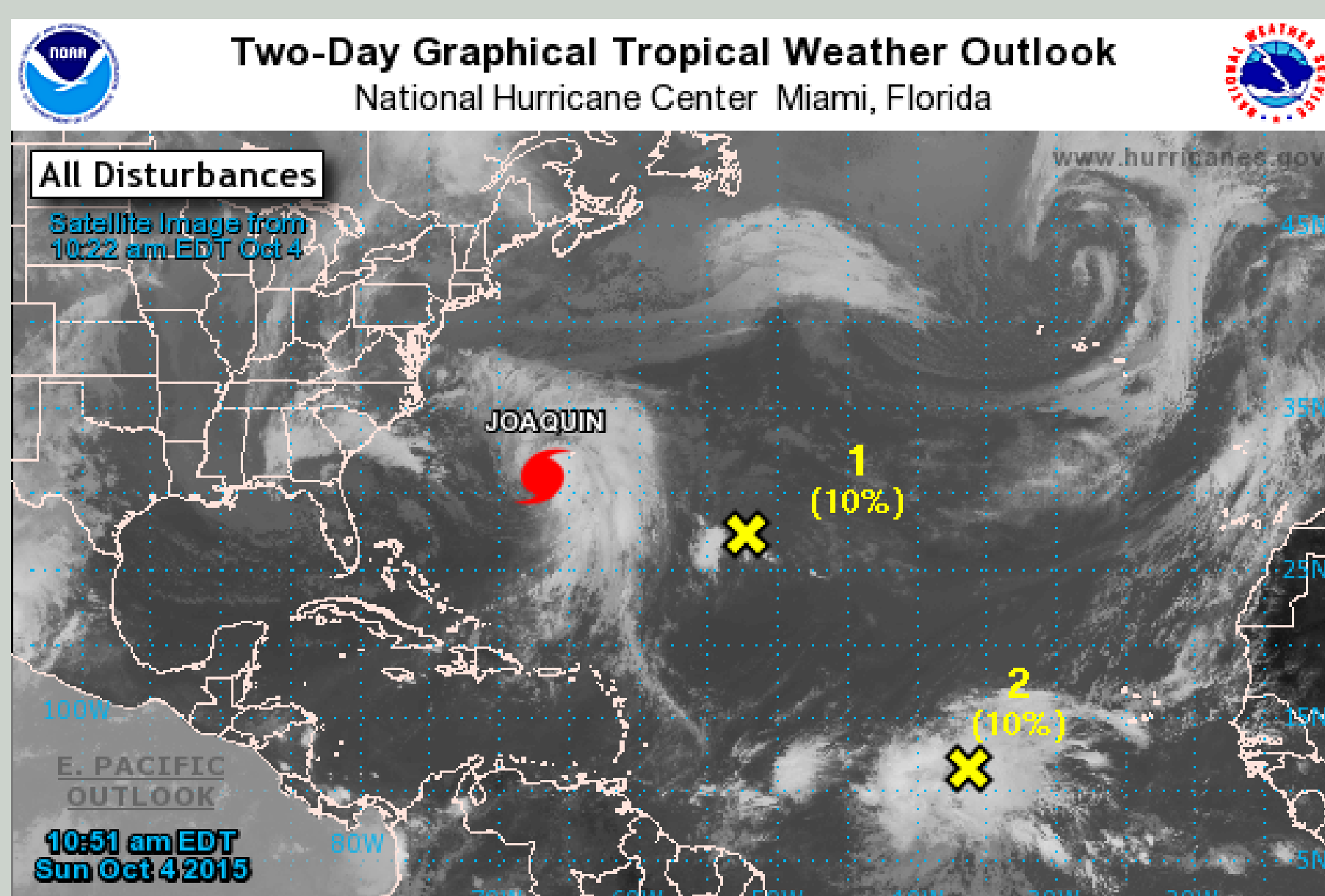
Minimum Central Pressure: 1002 mb

Located at: 17.7N 85.8W

Movement: northeast at 7 knots; 8 mph

The hurricane that struck these past few days is Hurricane Eta, the most recent storm of the Atlantic hurricane season. This hurricane was named after the seventh letter of the Greek alphabet, since the World Meteorological Organization ran out of names on its alphabetical list in the middle of September with still 2 more months of this storm. It is also the first time that this name was used! Hurricane Eta developed to a tropical storm on October 31 and then was classified as a Category 4 hurricane just 3 days later, on November 3rd. Currently it is off the coast off Belize, moving northeast, leaving devastating effects in its wake. These effects include overflow of rivers and landslides. On October 31st, when Hurricane Eta formed, the Government of Honduras declared a Hurricane Watch for the northeastern coast, which stretches from Punta Patuca to the Honduras-Nicaraguan border.

Even though precautions are being taken, damage is inevitable. So far, 200 people have died because of the Atlantic hurricane season in addition to approximately 1 billion US dollars in damage through July 27, 2020.



According to the National Hurricane Center from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, some key messages to keep in mind are:

- “Heavy rainfall is diminishing across portions of Central America, although the threat of life-threatening flooding may continue, along with landslides in areas of higher terrain. Heavy rainfall from Eta will move into the Cayman Islands and portions of Cuba, resulting in significant, life-threatening flash flooding and river flooding.”
- The Cayman Islands and Cuba will be subject to the storm this weekend
- “There is an increasing risk of impacts from wind and flash and urban flooding due to heavy rainfall in portions of southern Florida, the Florida Keys and portions of the Bahamas” this can happen in the next week or so.”

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

in Guatemala

Article by: Luis Muñoz

As you have probably already known Planned Parenthood, the private non-profit organization, has made efforts to spread their wings in Guatemala. This comes as a surprise to most as not many Guatemalans are aware of what this organization does or what agenda or purpose it solves. So I'm here to clear up some misconceptions on what they do as well as report how their current dealings with the Guatemalan government have been arranged.



Planned Parenthood originated in the United States as a way to help minorities and other groups have control over their reproduction and be educated on how to do so. They offer a variety of services such as sexual education meant to educate teenagers to have safe intercourse. They also offer birth control and anti-contraceptive pills, medicare for individuals with STDs, gender reassignment services, sexual orientation acceptance groups, services for pregnant women in need and abortion clinics.

As of fall 2020, this organization has sought out to bring their sexual care services to Latin America, in this case, Guatemala. This was controversial due to the abortive services offered by the organization. However, the President issued a statement detailing the conditions of their deal.




In this statement the President of the republic, Alejandro Giammattei, stated that the organization will only be allowed to operate in between the confines of the constitution of the country and will therefore not offer abortive services while in the country. He also issued a Pro-KLife stance on Twitter.

Ultimately, Planned Parenthood is allowed to have an establishment in the country under the conditions issued by the government.



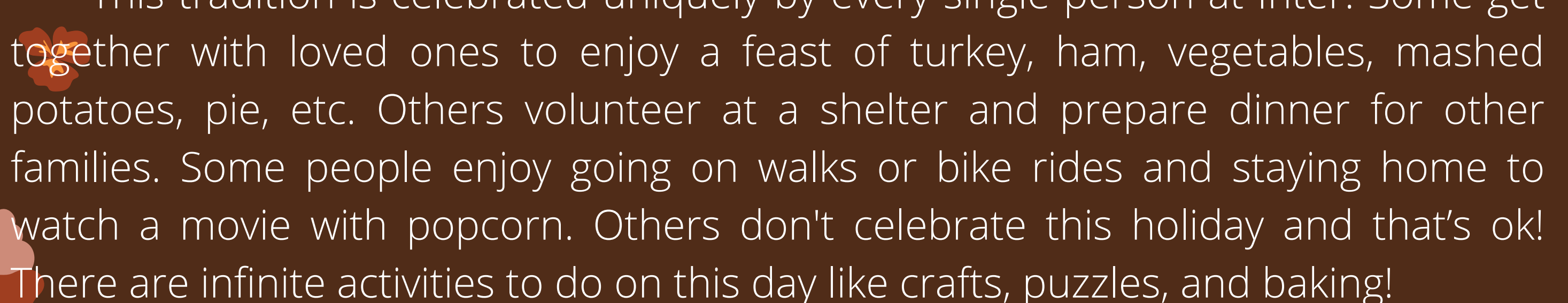
Thanksgiving

ARTICLE BY: ISABEL CHANG



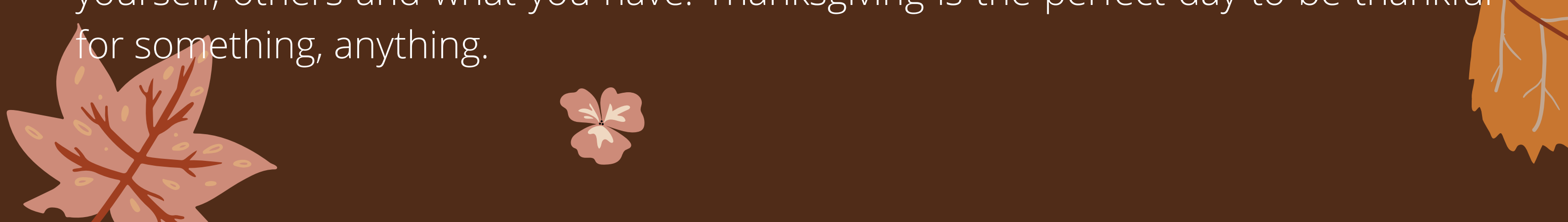
I'm thankful for... the food, passing the quiz today, my family and friends, an education, a book I'm reading... which one? All of them! Whether you say it out loud in front of a cooked turkey and pumpkin pie, or think about it in your room watching a movie, we all have something to be thankful for. That's what Thanksgiving day is all about.

Thanksgiving started a little different back in the day. The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims.



This tradition is celebrated uniquely by every single person at Inter. Some get together with loved ones to enjoy a feast of turkey, ham, vegetables, mashed potatoes, pie, etc. Others volunteer at a shelter and prepare dinner for other families. Some people enjoy going on walks or bike rides and staying home to watch a movie with popcorn. Others don't celebrate this holiday and that's ok! There are infinite activities to do on this day like crafts, puzzles, and baking!

In actuality, Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the United States. November 26, 2020 is definitely a different Thanksgiving day than usual. Authorities in 216 countries and territories have reported about 50.1 million Covid-19 cases since China reported its first cases to the World Health Organization (WHO) in December. This year, whenever, wherever you are, take a minute to appreciate yourself, others and what you have. Thanksgiving is the perfect day to be thankful for something, anything.



ARTICLE BY: NATALIA MONTES

TURKEY'S 7.0 earthquake

On October 30th, a strong earthquake hit Turkey and Greece, mostly affecting the island of Samos, through the Aegean Sea. This caused what authorities called a “mini tsunami”, although there were no tsunami warnings issued. The earthquake was of a 7.0 magnitude according to the United States Geological Survey. The epicenter of the earthquake was only 11 miles (17.7 km) below the surface causing the tremor to be felt in a large area. There were more than 2,300 aftershocks recorded in Turkey in the following hours. Some of them were even greater than a 4.0 magnitude.

The city of Izmir, Turkey was greatly affected by the earthquake, as more than 20 buildings were destroyed and authorities reported an estimate of at least 3,000 damaged buildings. Sadly, 114 people lost their lives and more than 1,000 people were injured and resulted in need of medical attention. The majority have been released from hospitals or medical centers, as of November 6th. In Samos, Greece there were also reports of collapsed buildings, flooding, and deaths, thus on a smaller scale than Izmir.

The Turkish government responded with national capacity, activating Turkey's National Response Plan (TAMP) that involves 26 service groups that coordinate to assist the people affected as soon as possible. 2,515 search and rescue personnel were deployed immediately and continued searching for survivors until November 4th, 6 days after the disaster. Additionally, tents were set up across Izmir just hours after the earthquake destroyed housing for 464,395 people. For now, a temporary shelter is being built for the people who remain in the tents and will be soon available.





Blankets, beds, and sleeping bags were distributed. The Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) also provided affected people with hot and cold drinks, food, and water bottles. With the current pandemic situation, to protect citizens in risk and prevent the spread of the virus, more than 50,000 facemasks and 8,600 disinfectants were distributed. People living in shelters were also given personal care materials and hygiene supplies.

In addition to many coastal provinces being instantly flooded, houses, and shops were inundated forcing citizens to evacuate and leave everything behind. Most of the citizens' concern is the uncertainty of another strong earthquake and more flooding, as well as the danger of landslides and the collapse of old buildings over time.

Turkish and Greek governmental authorities have reached out to each other leaving aside the recent tension between the nations, to offer condolences and show solidarity. Agreeing "that two neighbors show solidarity in difficult times is more valuable than many things in life" as tweeted by the Turkish President Recep Tayyip.



LEARNING ABOUT

Article by:
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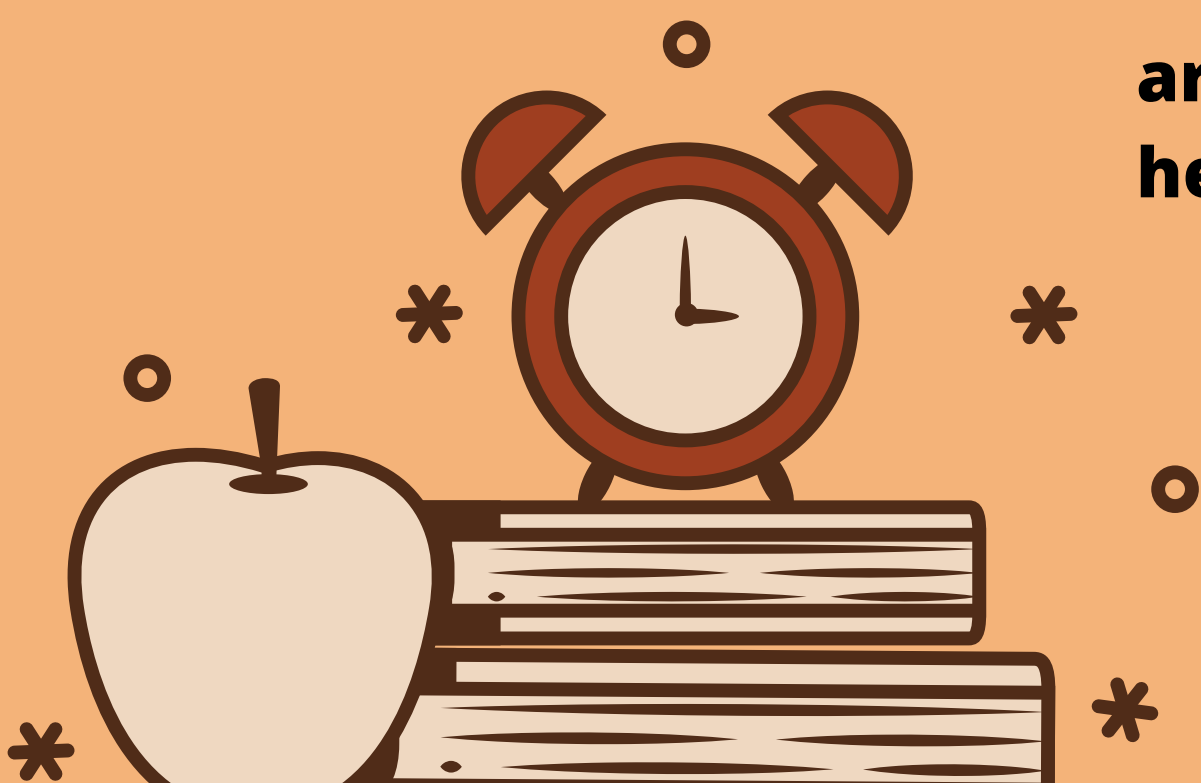
WHAT ARE LEARNING DISABILITIES? This is a very important topic with nearly 7 million students with disabilities according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Learning disabilities are a big part of our society but what are they? The different types of learning disabilities come from genetic and neurobiological factors that can affect the normal functioning of the cognitive processes which correlates with learning.



People who experience learning disabilities experience things differently since their brain is wired differently, causing them to receive and process information in a unique way. The most common types of learning disabilities involve problems with writing, listening, reading, math, and speaking.

Learning disabilities are often diagnosed during the school years since difficulties with writing, reading and math can be easily recognizable during that period of time. Others may be diagnosed as adults and many others may never get a diagnosis, living unaware of the reason why they experience difficulties with academics. Often the gap between the individual's potential and their actual achievement is very prominent. For this reason, learning disabilities are often called 'hidden disabilities'. People suffering from them may look 'normal', have a bright personality and be a very smart person but their level of skills doesn't reach the expected level from someone of their age group. This can't be 'fixed' or 'cured' becoming a lifelong challenge for the ones who experience them, but with appropriate support they can achieve success in their academic life, work, and community.

There are plenty of learning disabilities. Some are well known, and others aren't as much, but here are some prominent examples:



LEARNING DISABILITIES

DYSCALCULIA:

Affects the person's ability to comprehend numbers and information related to math such as math facts.

DYSGRAPHIA:

Affects the person's handwriting ability as well as their fine motor skills (the use of the smaller muscle of the hands).

DYSLEXIA:

Affects the reading skills and the related language-based processing skills of the person.

NON-VERBAL LEARNING DISABILITIES:

The person experiences trouble interpreting nonverbal cues such as facial expressions and their body language may have a certain lack of coordination.

ORAL AND WRITTEN LANGUAGE DISORDER WITH SPECIFIC READING COMPREHENSION DEFICIT:

These learning disabilities are able to affect the person's understanding of what they read or of a spoken language and it can impact their ability to express themselves orally.

OTHER RELATED DISORDERS:

ADHD: Disorder that causes difficulty staying focused and paying attention as well as controlling one's behavior and hyperactivity.

Dyspraxia: Disorder that causes problems with movement, coordination, language and speech.

Executive Functioning: Disorder that affects planning, strategizing, organization, managing time and space, and attention to details.

With science advancing every day, the understanding of the brain and its inner workings is evolving. For example, one important new discovery that is believed to help with learning disabilities is called neuroplasticity. This refers to the brain's natural ability to change and that the brain can form new connections and generate new brain cells in response to learning. This has led to groundbreaking new treatments that take advantage of this process, such as the Arrowsmith program, which uses strategic brain exercises to identify and help grow and strengthen weak cognitive areas. Further research may lead to new treatments that focus on the cause of learning disabilities.

EXTRACURRICULARS

TO DO *during quarantine*

Article by: Sara Roselló

After these long months people are probably having a hard time finding engaging things to do in their spare time. Playing video games and watching movies is great, don't get me wrong, but there are many other options of productive things that will not only keep you feeling entertained, but will also allow you to feel more active and, if you're looking at your high school resume, will make your extracurricular section stand out. Here are some activities you can do inside, or at home, that will help during these trying times.

ARTS/CRAFTS

Whether it be inking, sketching, drawing, doodling, mandalas, painting, scrapbooking, coloring, origami, lettering, etc., everything is welcome here. Not only does it stimulate creativity in the brain, but it's also very relaxing and it may help unwind after a long day or week of classes. You don't even need fancy materials, as even highlighters will do the trick if you can't find markers. For those who are interested, Rios, Libreria Platino, Faber Castell, Grafos, and Dollar City are some stores where you can find materials ranging from all qualities and prices.



READING



Much like arts and crafts, it can help you relax. It's true, not everybody likes reading nowadays, but it is a very enriching activity, and if you're bored and can't find anything to entertain your mind, you can always try picking up a good book. It's all about the things you read, whether it be poetry or novels, fiction or romance, literature is vast and diverse. There's something for everyone. Mr. Krockers famous quote is, "There is no such thing as someone who doesn't like reading; they just don't have the right book in their hands."

LEARN AN INSTRUMENT

With all this time on our hands, what better way to occupy them than with a guitar or drumsticks? Of course, you'd need to rent, purchase, or find ways to have an instrument available to you, but if you can do it you should go for it. Music is a fantastic way of self expression and who knows, you might even end up forming a band! You can look for tutorials on Youtube, and even ask your friends or music teachers; they would gladly help you.



CONFERENCES/CONTESTS



Now that everything has been online, there's countless opportunities to participate in events from all over the world that would have otherwise been in person, such as, conferences, symposiums, science fairs, debate competitions, art contests, and many more. You just have to look for them, or know who to ask. The school is also taking great care in informing us about outside opportunities when they present themselves, so you just have to be aware and check Google Classroom for updates- If you can think of it, there's probably an online version of the event which you can attend.

ONLINE VOLUNTEERING

Many opportunities to help the community online are available to Inter students. You can participate in STUCO, NHS, and Interact activities such as concerts, raffles, donating, and writing letters to Covid patients. You don't even need to be a member of those organizations to contribute to the community, so don't worry. Outside of school opportunities are also available, for example, you can be a Ted-Ed translator, creating subtitles for their videos. It is open to students and a great opportunity to work on your language skills. You can also tutor students. Look out there, and you will find opportunities.



START SOMETHING



Whether it be a club, a fundraiser, a contest, or even a business, the opportunities are endless. While it may seem intimidating at first, it's all about gaining that momentum. It is a great opportunity to showcase your leadership skills and involvement in the community. Some ideas are: to create a study or tutoring group, or make a music contest; any activity which you would like to do can be turned into a club or an initiative. Many students at Inter have taken initiatives to build things such as clubs or businesses; we even make sure to recognise them in our newspaper so don't miss it!

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INTER'S RESOURCES

We are lucky to be in a school that puts so much time and effort into making sure we are well-rounded individuals. Inter offers a variety of ECAs which you can sign up for on the school's website 'interamericano.schoolsbuddy.net'.

The school is also looking into introducing a summer chess course in case anyone wants to learn a new skill during break!



STUCCO NFL POOLS

Article By: Daniela Lombardi

As many of you know, Colegio Interamericano's student council has been trying their best to keep the school's spirit alive while we are going through these tough times. Many activities and ideas are being presented to us throughout the whole semester of online school. We encourage you to keep your spirits up and participate in these activities to make this year a great school year no matter the circumstances.

One activity in particular that has been getting a lot of attention, has been the NFL Pools created by the two sports commissioners: Marco Vleeming and Daniela Lombardi. These NFL Pools consist of a competition between the students who show an interest in football. Every week, there are new football games and many different outcomes where nobody really knows who is going to win. This is where the football pool competition comes in. Students guess which team will win; it can only be one team out of all the teams playing in one week. Luck and knowledge are very important, since anything can happen in the game of football. Every week, students either advance or get eliminated by choosing a team who unfortunately lost. Week by week, students get eliminated and others get lucky, which has to last for them to win. The last one to be standing on the football pools will be the winner of this activity.

Since this activity is almost over, we are excited to announce that there will be many other activities offered by the student council in the future. For now, stay tuned with the NFL pools and see who ends up winning!



How To COOK A TURKEY

Article by: John Naser

Ingredients serves 10 people

To make a juicy turkey you will need:

- 1 turkey weighing 4 to 5 kgs
- 1 cup of white wine
- 2 cups of orange or pineapple juice
- Salt and pepper as preferred.

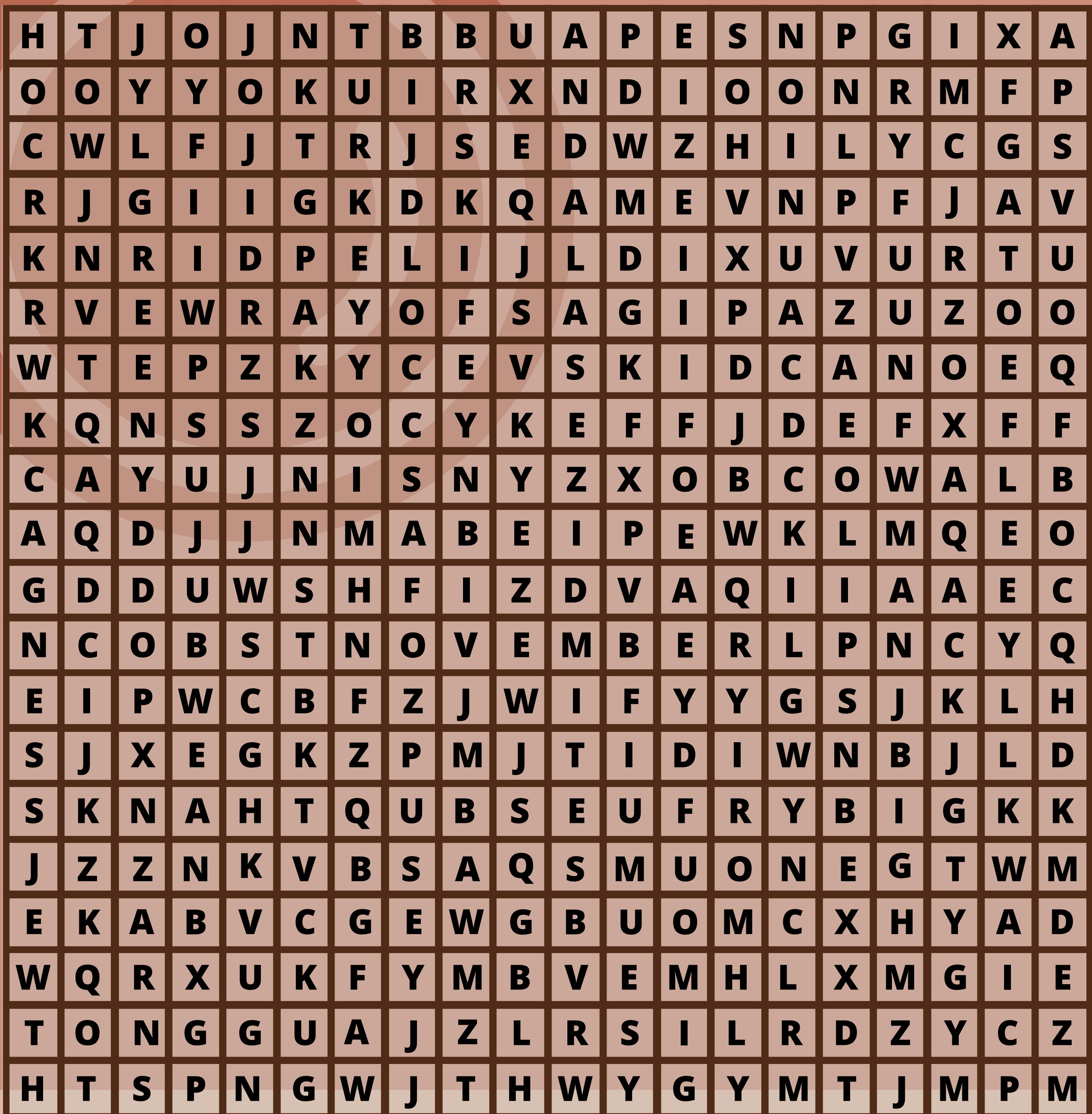
To get it golden brown you need

- 2 sticks of butter
- 4 finely chopped garlic cloves
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of chopped thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste.

1. Defrost the turkey two nights before dinner. Then wash and dry it. Place it in a large tray and remove the neck and giblets that may be inside it.
2. Mix the juice with the wine, salt and pepper. Beat until integrated.
3. Inject the turkey with the help of a syringe, mainly on the breast and on its extremities, taking care not to pierce too much to prevent the liquid from leaking out. Keep it in the refrigerator for a whole night.
4. To make the turkey golden brown you need to mix the butter until smooth and add the garlic, thyme, salt and pepper. Slice the skin of the turkey lightly with your hand and place the butter under the skin. Place in a turkey bag and close. Bake for about 2 hours and 20 minutes.

Thanksgiving WORD SEARCH

Article by: Matias Vico



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WHO ARE WE

Hard times like these require more efforts to maintain communication with everyone at school. We are really excited to introduce Inter-Connected, the new official student-managed Interamericano magazine, created with the hope of keeping you entertained while at home. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did!

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