

# Arts Out **LOUD**

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## What's New?

Let's face it, there hasn't been a lot of news at school because we haven't been at school! Still, some things have been moving forward. One important change is that we returned to school for one day of academics in addition to one day of arts. Yeah!

Another is Art Dart, our annual fundraising 5K walk or run, is still on, but virtually. You can complete the fun walk/run on your own between April 24 and May 2. Go to our website to sign up before the April 24th deadline.

[www.arts-cs.org](http://www.arts-cs.org)

from staff reports

## Killing It With Kindness



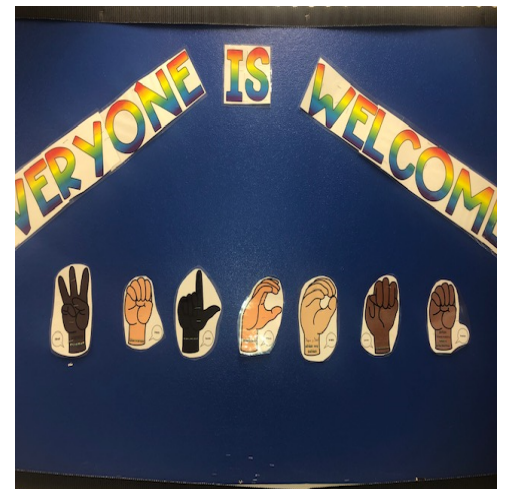
Principal Hersh poses with baskets donated by AACMS for the Kindness Project, a local organization that supports foster families.



Our ceiling tiles are as cool as ever thanks to our visual artists!



Did you sign up for Art Dart? What are you waiting for? Go to our website now!



Our halls are decorated and waiting for more students!

**Introducing:  
The Virtuoso Chapter  
of Honor Society**



**Kalahari Water park  
Is Crazy Fun**

by EllaMary Groller

The Kalahari indoor water park in Pocono Manor, PA, is one of America’s largest indoor water parks, with 220,000 square feet of fun. I recently went to Kalahari with my Girl Scout troop, and here is my review.

This park is definitely worth the trip. There are some many thriller rides that you won’t believe your eyes! My favorite was the Smoke Thunder water slide. You slip side to side, drop down, and soar high up, and swirl left to right until you come to a stop.

Another exciting ride was the Cheetah Race. For this ride, you hop on a mat and race your friends to see who wins. It’s simple, but so much fun! There is also the Anaconda raft ride for togetherness with your family or friends, and you can try your surfing skills on the Flowrider. Your little sisters and brothers can hang at Coral Cove while you take on the thrills and twists of Barrelng Baboon.

Although I spent the entire day in the water park, there is so much more to explore at this resort. There is a big game room, virtual reality attractions, escape rooms, black light mini golf, mini bowling, a 7-D motion theater, adventure club, Gorilla Cove Treetop Adventures, and outdoor mini golf. It is expensive, but you can look for deals on day passes. There’s an outdoor water park as well, open for day visitors and free to all who stay overnight at the resort. If you have the chance, I recommend visiting this local attraction right in our backyard.

**Congratulations to our grade 8 members: Alexianna Ayala, Janessa Escueta, Kaitlyn Hughes, Victoria Kurdyla, Valya LaCava, Chayse Magliane, Valentino Mercedes, Olivia O'Brien, Ramzielys Plaza Perez, Emma Rothdeutsch, Jordan Sphar .**  
**Congratulations to our grade 7 members: Alison Alfaro, Timothy Brown, Ellary Bunting, Ella Bruch, Hannah Domaleski, Evangeline Harrington, Raena Levens, Kai Robinson, Kaylane Roman, Tyler Scherter, Ava Taranto, Carolyn Taylor, Lila Taylor, Saadia Taylor-Green, and Soraya Torres.**



**Grab a mat and race your friends in a favorite attraction: Cheetah Race**

**Photo credit: Courtesy of Kalahari Resorts**

# Poetry

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## Ode to April

By Ian Verna

Dear April,

Why are you crying?

Your sisters May and June always like smiling,

cheering a "Good Morning"

Oh April,

Why do you weep?

Your gloomy days, rain and thunder, scream defeat.

Beloved April,

Why are you sobbing?

Floral décor scatters to the ground,

Lilies and willows bounce up with smiles.

You dare to frown over your work.

You put so much effort, but are never satisfied.

Dear April... why do you cry?



## When I Think of Spring

By Tyler Scherter

Every day I see April, I cry  
I picture her as my resting mother  
seeing her come home  
from school with  
orange leaves on her head  
and ready  
to ask for a Popsicle,  
specifically, orange.  
I see the mud she left on the stairs  
when she goes upstairs and starts  
laughing  
it really makes me feel good  
in the heart.

## Chinquapin Poems

(A Chinquapin Poem is 5 lines with a  
word pattern of 1-2-3-4- 1 for each line)

**Springtime**  
**Mixed Weather**  
**Growing, snowing, blowing**  
**Happy, confused, warm thoughts**  
**lamb**

--Isabella Sierra

**Spring**  
**Rainy, cold**  
**Getting wet, sick**  
**Gloomy mood matches weather**  
**Summer?**

--Anaya Molina

(see page 4 for more)





## Spring Snapshot

By Kylie Lalonde

*Warmth beaming onto the newly sprouted flowers  
Cool breezes billowing through bare trees, making  
them dance.*

*Light green grass turning a soft, vibrant jade shade  
Chirping birds speaking loudly whilst flying through  
the bright, blue skies*

*weaving in and out of puffy white clouds. Jubilance  
on a beautiful spring day.*

## Yellow

By Remy Gudiel

*The first splotch of color I see is yellow  
The world of gray I lived in drops below  
The warm scent of dew and food  
Unearthing a locked emotion that is good  
These new feelings are weird  
but my heart approves  
This is a chance to start anew  
Yellow,  
the mellow,  
color of hope*



## Chinquapin Poems

(from page 3)

*Flowers*

*Colorful, fragrant*

*Waiting to bloom*

*Makes me feel happy*

*Blossoms*

--Madison Reichard

*Daisy*

*Beautiful, colorful*

*Makes me sneeze*

*Soft as a baby's bum*

*Flower*

--EM Groller

# Anime Review

## *Assination Classroom Earns an 'A'*

by Kayden Gonzalez



We really aren't in classrooms much, so watching this anime about a homeroom of misfits assigned to kill their homeroom teacher/octopus (yes, you read that right) is just what we need to get our 'school' fill. The substitute homeroom teacher is an octopus who needs to be killed so he doesn't destroy the world. Koro Sensei is trying to train his students to assassinate him. Sound fun? It is.

This anime series on Hulu and Funimation is hilarious with amazing character development. For instance, most kids in the homeroom didn't know they had special assassination skills until Koro Sensei showed them their abilities. Now, the students are fighting time – they must kill the teacher who has given them so much knowledge about themselves. Will they kill him in time to save Earth? Will killing him kill them inside?

It sounds serious but there are fun moments. Nagisa Shiota, one of the junior high school students in the homeroom, is a natural-born assassin. But that doesn't mean he doesn't have to resort to silly antics, such as dressing as a girl to distract guards.

He also gets teased mercilessly when he has a crush on someone. So, yeah, it's typical junior high stuff mixed with high-stakes assassin training. This combination of reality and fantastic adventure is the appeal of this show.

If you are new to anime or just need a harmless, entertaining show to sink your teeth into, Assassination Classroom is for you. It gets high marks for creativity and kids can relate to it.

# Book Corner



with Madison Reichard

If you like to read, I think you will really like Mary Downing Hahn's book, *The Girl In The Locked Room*. If you don't like to read, you might change your mind once you open this page-turning book.

*The Girl in the Locked Room* is about a girl named Jules who hears spine tingling news that her latest home is haunted by a family that was killed in the house 100 years before. Jules has always thought that the house is a little eerie. The story is told from both the ghost girl's perspective and Jules', which makes it very interesting, especially since the girl is a ghost who does not know she is a ghost.

This story is both exciting and sad. I hope whoever is reading this will give it a chance! The two girl narrators form a friendship across a century and work together, but can they go back in time and save the doomed family from their horrible fate 100 years ago? *Read The Girl in the Locked Room* to find out!

# Anime Review

## Fruit Basket Will Fill You With Love

by Liani Vargas

*Fruit Basket* is an anime show on Funimation, Crunchyroll, and Hulu about an unusual but interesting girl's life. Here's the basic plot of the show: An orphan girl name Tohru meets a family with a strange curse. Whenever certain things happen, such as they feel stressed or tired, they are turned into the animals of the Chinese Zodiac. But, wait, there's more. They are also transformed into zodiac animals if they are hugged by the opposite sex. Crazy, right? But that's what makes this anime series so sweet and fun.

The more Tohru finds out about the cursed Soma family, the more she tries to help. The pain that this family experiences is offset by Tohru, who is kind and helpful to them. Eventually, Tohru tries to break the curse and this means she has to fight a powerful Zodiac god. The series has romance, friendship, fantasy and drama. The emotional level is sweet. You will get as attached to the Soma family as Tohru is!

The name *Fruit Basket* comes from a Japanese game played in school. The protagonist, Tohru, played the game in elementary school without realizing that her classmates excluded her on purpose. This made her the caring person she is today who wants to help the cursed family. The third and final season will air in April 2021.



## Grizzly or Polar Bear?

By Madison Reichard

Have you ever wondered what certain animals would look like if they were mixed together? Well, if one of them is a Grizzly bear and the other is a Polar bear, then take a seat and relax because this mix is real, and it's called the Pizzly!

The Pizzly bear is the baby of a Grizzly bear and a Polar bear. They are called Hybrid bears. The rare bear has many good qualities from its parents. For example, Grizzly bears like to live and give birth to babies on land, but the Polar bears like to live in the cold on ice and hunt for food in the water. Pizzly happened on accident, not on purpose. Polar bears were forced to move further south because of global warming and climate change. When the Polar bears moved, they met the Grizzly bears and had a Pizzly, which is also known as the Grolar.

The Pizzly was first spotted in 2006 in Northwest Canada, and is described as having long claws with a humped back, a shallow face and brown spots of fur around its eyes, nose, back, and foot. A DNA test showed researches at Wildlife Genetics International that the bear is a hybrid; it has a polar bear as its mom and a grizzly bear as its father.

What do you think? Cute babies? Or terrifying? What two animals would you like to see shipped? Create a new animal from two existing ones, name it, and draw a picture. Turn it in to Mrs. Frankenfield in Room 106 or at [cfrankenfield@arts-cs.org](mailto:cfrankenfield@arts-cs.org) and we'll do an Arts Live broadcast about your animal!



# Basketball in the Season of Covid

## *A Student Perspective*

By Nyllyn Gomez

This pandemic is affecting our lives every day, from how we go to school and work to how we play sports. Even though many students are still able to play local sports while schools are on-line, things are definitely different because of Covid.

For example, I play for the girls' varsity basketball team at William Allen High School. Before every practice we have to get our temperature taken, answer questions about our health and travel, carry our own water bottle, and wear a mask even while practicing. Yes, it gets hard to breathe with a mask on!

### **Mask Musts**

We are allowed to wear masks under our noses for a short break during practice, but it has to cover our mouths. During a game, if a referee has to tell us to pull our masks up, we could be benched. Our first game wasn't until January because it kept getting postponed from November and only a limited amount of people was allowed to watch. Each player was only allowed a few people in the stands. Still, I feel pretty lucky because several area schools have canceled some sports.

### **Health Knowhow**

According to the Allentown School district, their health and safety plan for school sports was developed under guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Centers for Disease Control, and St Luke's University Health Network.

The decision to allow sports was based on both the benefits of the sport and the risks associated with playing it during the pandemic. All coaches underwent Covid awareness training and all sports teams have rules in place for practices and building use.

Trust me, it's hard to play sports wearing a mask but I know it's important to do so to stop the spread of Covid-19. I do look forward to playing basketball without a mask and with fans in the stand. But until this pandemic is over, I'm going to be grateful that I can still do some of the things I love, like playing basketball. I hope your season - whatever it is- isn't cut short by Coronavirus.



## *The Face of a Manga*

By Ian Verna

Smooth, excitable pages

Pushed thin paper to the side

Feel and hear lines that tell an untold story

Expressions excite more than a thousand words,

No need for describing.

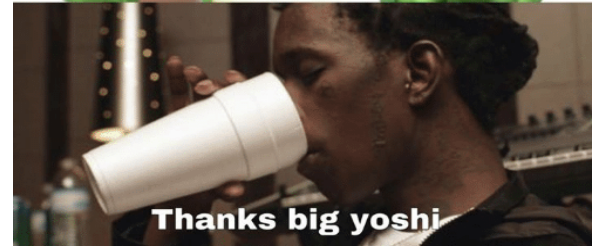
The face of a Manga,

The face of a Story.



# Fun and Games

Can You Find These Popular Slang Words ?



## Teen Speak

W S A F Q Z P J I W E M V D O  
X G Z V N S S M A Q X B O Y X  
I Q D T T A B F I N O G O O D  
F D C E O A V U A K W Z H Y O  
Y H E W B K H T W A P M I S M  
C U G Y E R S O T R W L G A N  
H A V A K O G E S U K Y L J D  
O G E E A C R X F A S N P R E  
C J O M K J F G F W E Y E C D  
K T X P C K E G F Q H S O W G  
Y E Y F R H F Z G M D K D J W  
M E O S Y N R A F W G L Y I X  
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## Words

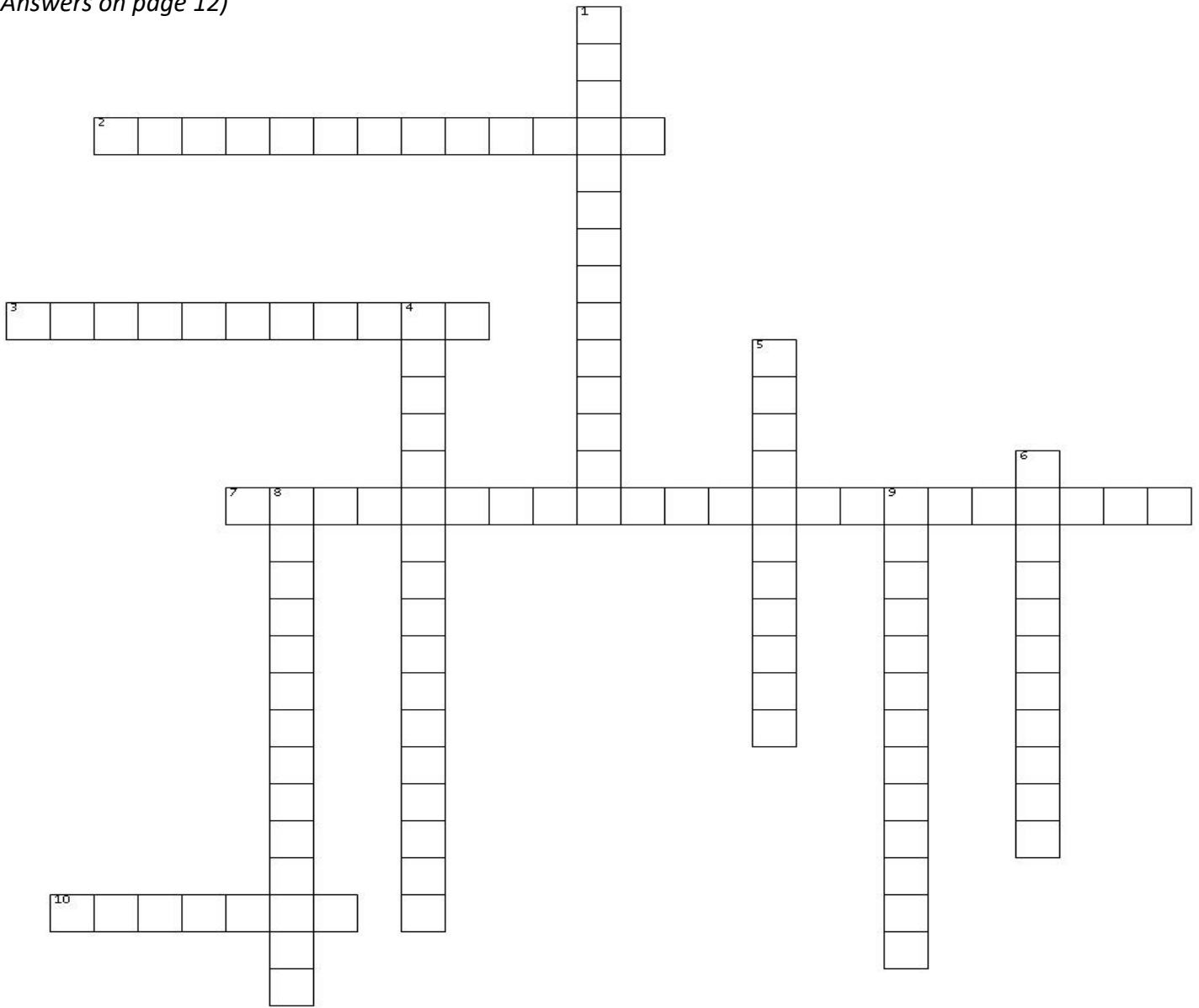
CEO                      Stan                      Eboy  
Chockymilk      Wig                      Imbaby  
Dogwater              Vibe

by Kayden Gonzalez, Kylie Lalonde, and Liani Vargas



# Anime Crossword

(Answers on page 12)



## ACROSS

- 2. Kid looking for lost dad
- 3. Manga Hunger Games
- 7. Koro Sensei
- 10. Girl stuck in dream

## DOWN

- 1. Superhero high school students
- 4. Orphans on the menu
- 5. Needs cure for sister
- 6. Zodiac animals
- 8. Stuck in simulation game
- 9. Giant who eats people

# Weird and Wacky

## From 24-foot-long fingernails to the Rock for Prez

By staff reports

### World's Longest Nails

According to Kidnuz podcast, a Texas woman had nails that were 24 feet long! Ayanna Williams grew her nails for 28 years to get them that long.

She holds the Guinness World Record for the longest nails. Ayanna Williams cut off her nails recently using an electric rotary tool at a doctor's office.

How long are the longest fingernails that you've ever seen? One student, Nylun G., says her aunt has long acrylic nails, at least six inches, and that her aunt lets her pick out the pattern when she gets her nails done!

Hands down, 24-foot-long nails is the still the wackiest ever, though!

Weird? Whacky?  
or Both?



Ayanna Williams posing with her 24-ft long fingernails

### President Dwayne Johnson?

According to Kidnuz podcast and Newsweek magazine, 46% of the people polled would consider voting for former professional wrestler and current actor Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson for president in 2024.

Although there are probably no students at our school who will be eligible to vote in 3 years, Johnson said he would seriously think about running. Just think, the *Jumanji* star grew up right here in Bethlehem, Pa., and graduated from Freedom High School in 1990!



# Riddle Poems

*Can you solve these rhyming riddles?*

*(Answers on page 12)*

By Arts OutLoud  
student staff

They're slow and low hanging, but furry and cute  
They won't move much off their branch stoop

Anaya Molina

The more they grow, the more they give  
Changing colors is how they live  
We need them in order to breathe  
Help save them, please.

Madison Reichard

My outer layer is stiff  
but my body is thin and pale,  
I can always tell you a thrilling tale.

Nicole Perez

It's where you go to dream  
to be alone and let off steam  
It shows who you are  
It lets in the stars.

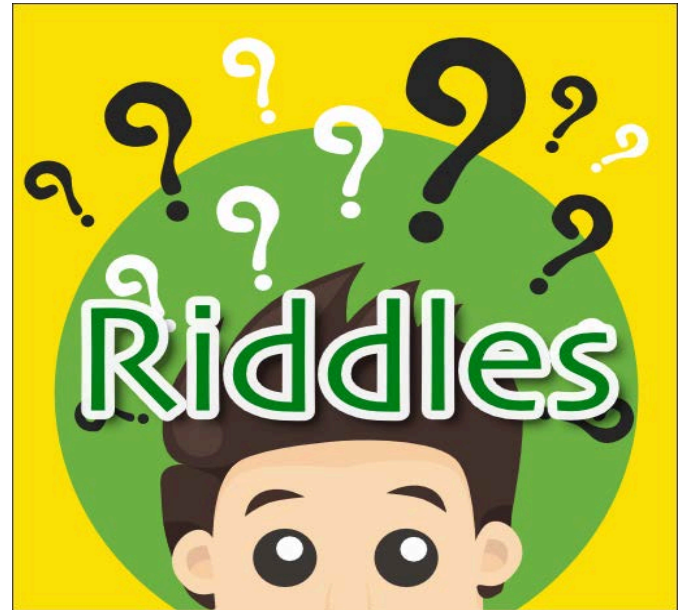
EllaMary Groller

It has two goals but one floor  
The point is the score  
You bounce, jump, and pass  
You get fouls for sass

Nylyn Gomez

They make you feel good  
You can have more than one  
You share memories and food  
You have fights and fun

EllaMary Groller



Read backwards to get the story  
Cool characters in all their glory  
Big eyes, small words  
Enjoyed by weebes and nerds

Kayden Gonzalez

I think the world would be much better  
If we didn't have hot weather  
Making it rain is what I do,  
I'll make the country a giant pool.

Ian Verna



# Top 3 Mangas to Make Your Day

by Ian Verna

## One Punch Man

*One Punch Man* is an amazing starter manga. This manga is a great step forward for a new manga reader. You'll get a kick, or should I say punch, out this story.

Our hero One Punch Man, or Saitama, is a superhero who is able to win a fight with just one punch. His job as a hero is in his own words, "Just for fun". His intense power actually makes him feel irritated because he loses all thrill and excitement in his fights.

One Punch Man is a series created by ONE and Yusuke Murata.



## My Love Story!!

Into romances and comedies? I think have the perfect pick for you. A shocking love story between an intimidating male student and a kind-hearted girl. Ready for this match made in heaven?

Meet our protagonist, a student, who at first glance is rather frightening. But don't be scared! He's actually one of the sweetest guys you could ever meet. Takeo Goda doesn't have much luck with girls due to his looks. They usually end up falling head over heels for his best friend, Makoto Sunakawa. He's in love with a girl name Rinko Yamato, but one action will change their lives forever.

My Love Story!! Is created by Kazune Kawahara.

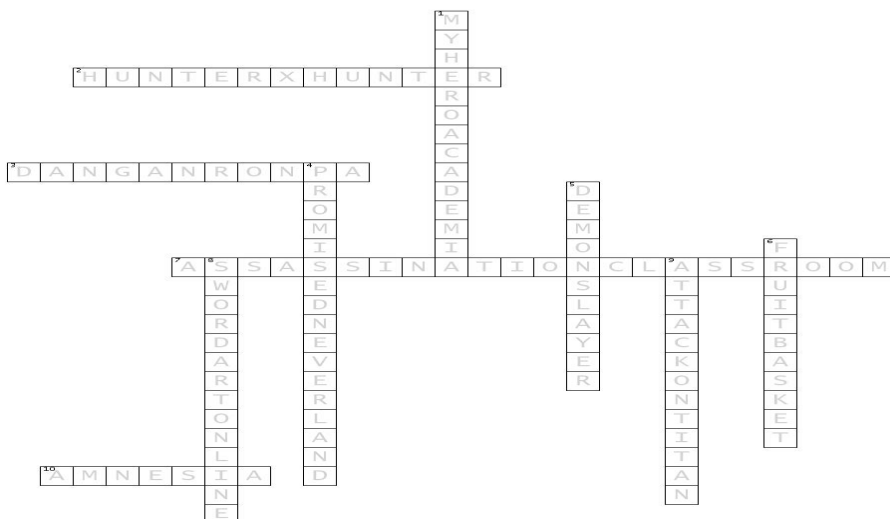
## Toilet Bound Hanako-kun

Intrigued by the paranormal? This ghostly manga will be the thrill you need! Have you heard about the Seven Wonders of Kamome Academy? No?

Yashiro Nene is high school student desperate to get with her crush. To make sure they get together, she asks for Hanako-san. When she summons the spirit, she is surprised that not only are the rumors true, but Hanako is a boy.

Nevertheless, she wants Hanako to make her dream come true, even if it means being stuck with a ghost.

Toilet Bound Hanako-kun is created by Aidalro.



Riddle Answers  
sloths, trees, books, bedroom,  
basketball, Manga, clouds, friends