

Central Upper Montessori Chronicle



Class Note: Below you will find the second annual Opinion Edition created by the Central Upper Montessori classroom. The students took several weeks to plan and research before coming up with their pieces. Once they completed their articles, they worked as a group to edit and create final drafts. We hope you enjoy our paper and would love to hear any comment you might have. We would also like to thank Pete Nowakowski for all his help in creating this edition.

The Earth is dying ... Could it be our fault?

Have you ever thought, **THE EARTH IS DYING** and it's our fault, well probably not but it's mainly true. Even people that try to be conservative have a big economic foot print. There are little things like picking up trash and using reusable items but, I'm thinking big picture.

Solar panels on every house and building, eco-friendly resources/houses. The thing is in order to buy *expensive* resources you need lots of money and most people don't have *that* much

extra money hanging around. For instance, solar panels are too expensive for most people to buy, so they don't buy them. If people don't buy them then they can't use them.

The Earth is polluted and trashed but, we can fix that if **everyone** does their part. We won't have a planet if we don't step up and fix it. The planet won't step up and fix itself. Humans are smart and strong; we just need to remember to care and conserve. I know we can fix it we just have



Nora Dwyer

Team dedication is better than money

I have noticed that a lot of players in the NFL have been playing for the money, and only for the money. These players are the only stars on the team most of the time. These are the kind of players who always want the ball and can be very selfish at times. And when they don't get there way, they leave.

Players should be as kind and generous as Saquon Barkly. It was his dream to buy his mom a house. When he was older he fulfilled that dream, but didn't just fulfill that dream he also became an NFL player. He plays running back for the New York Giants and he plans to save his money as much as possible.

There are other players just like him! Juju Smith-Shuster is one of them. This is Jujus second year playing, and he had one of the biggest burdens placed on him. Juju was the last piece for the Steelers to win against the Saints. Though he fumbled the ball while trying to get into field

goal range, his team mates were there for him and he got the MVP Award.

A few months later Antonio Brown former Steelers wide receiver sent a tweet saying: "Boy fumbled the whole post season in the biggest game of the year! Everyone went blind to busy making guys famous not enough reality these days! By the way check the list." Antonio Brown is obviously jealous, but Juju did not get his emotions involved and played it cool by not responding.

If we were talking about the brain, I think I know who would be the pre frontal cortex, and the amygdala. Juju is the pre frontal cortex and Antonio is the amygdala.

Therefore, I think you should be a team player. If you play just for the money, then you only get the money. But people like Juju and Saquon get something more, they get happiness of friendship, teamwork, and probably more fans. I encourage you to play a sport for the fun not for the money. But that's your choice not mine.



Hagen Paddock-Francisco

The Vegetarian Journal: "I live without meat"

Say an innocent little pig is killed every day. That is why I don't hunt. Being a vegetarian is good because you don't kill animals. I don't believe hunting is bad, but I think being a vegetarian is better.

When you go and hunt animals, you lower rates of wildlife. That is something you all know, but when you go and kill for fun, you let nuisance wildlife grow larger. But, when you hunt for food, you are usually careful of the food chain and how what you're killing effects that. If you hunt for fun, you still might be careful of the food chain, but there is no legitimate reason.

Hunting is very good sometimes. One way is by

lowering the rate of animals. Sometimes this is important because wildlife can damage food and other food chain items. One example is if an animal lowers plant and other things that grow. Therefore, food chains loose animals and the whole thing collapses.

In my opinion, being a vegetarian is very important. One example is hunting for fun. The usual reason you hunt for fun is for sport. But when it's for food, you feed either your family or even friends. When people say, "I can't live without meat!", I am kind of annoyed. I'm annoyed because I live without meat, and here I am.



Elliot Cleary

We should love other people for who they are, and not who they love

People who believe in different relationships are being treated like they're not human. LGBTQ people are humans just like you. It's unfair the way they're treated. I've seen things like LGBTQ folks whose parents disowned them because of who they love or who they want to be. Same with friends not supporting them and leaving them. Most of the time people are against it because they don't understand it. The other, well, let's say 15% are against it for religious reasons like god made humans to love the opposite gender or god made you the way you are for a reason.

When many people come out as lesbian, gay, bi, trans, or queer, family or friends will think they're an entirely new person that is gross or whatever. I think that's unfair, but I'm not gonna

hate on people who don't agree, but people who are mean to a person because of their beliefs in relationships and only that reason they can go live like that and regret it later in life.

Some pros are that more people are coming out and being themselves, and people who love them for who they are and not what relationship type they believe in. Those people will also support them in anything no matter what because they love them for who they are. I think the people who have different relationship beliefs are so brave and confident. They need to know that the people who love them for who they are will always be there for them. I hope all LGBTQ people stay strong.



Clare Ellis

Minecraft Survival: Build, die, have fun

Have you ever played Minecraft? Minecraft is a game where you can build houses treehouses and more. For instance, you can get killed by another player and creatures like creepers, skeletons, and zombies. Another way you can die is by drowning.

My opinion about Minecraft is strong and fun. Minecraft is a fun and active game you have fun doing it and you can express your ideas and build them. In other people's opinion it is not fun or active, like people who haven't tried it.



Grace Dobler

Soccer is the best sport and has great benefits

There are many sports around the world. Soccer is one of them and is the most popular which just happens to be my favorite, here is why

One reason is you can make great money, and give some to charities such as Veterans, Homeless shelters, Animal shelters, Food shares (ECT). And if your family or friends need it you can help or pay for their bills, or they might need help for food a car and even more.

Another benefit of playing soccer is you and your family can make new, best, and lifelong friends. And those new friends can help you through

tough times like depression, someone you care for dies and more. But that goes with all friends but I think it's easier in soccer.

Finally soccer is a sport that you can practice inside and small spaces unlike some other sports. To practice inside you can work on your footwork and touches on the ball by juggling which will help you in games and you will get more used to the ball.

There are many other great sports with their benefits but I think soccer is the best sport and I hoped you learned something new about soccer.

Mason
Burrington

Seat belts should be a primary law in Montana

Only 78% of people in Montana wear a seatbelt. Thankfully, there are ways to raise that percentage. One of the ways is to make it a primary law to wear a seatbelt instead of a secondary law. There are many people that are currently trying to make it a primary law to wear a seatbelt. Like my mom and some of the people she works with; and someday I would like to do the same.

What is the difference between a primary law and a secondary law? The main difference is that when you break a primary law you can get pulled over and receive a ticket for that one specific reason. When you break a secondary law, you cannot get pulled over unless you are breaking another law. Right now, there is only one secondary law in the state of Montana and that is wearing your seatbelt. In my opinion it is very disappointing that something as important as that is not receiving the attention it needs by not being a primary law.

If we decide as a state to make it a primary law to wear a seatbelt, we could save many lives. People will feel obligated to wear their seatbelt

because they will know that they could get in trouble for doing that one thing and it is really embarrassing and expensive to get caught breaking the law. In my opinion we should be doing everything we can to make sure people are wearing their seatbelt and driving safely.

In 2017, 84 people died in a car crash and they were not wearing their seatbelt. Since 2008, there have been 1,044 unrestrained crash fatalities in the state of Montana. They might have forgotten or have chosen not to but for some reason they were not wearing a seatbelt. It is very sad, but the truth is that if they would have been wearing a seatbelt there is a greater chance that they might still be alive.

Those are some of my thoughts on why it should be a primary law to wear a seatbelt instead of a secondary law. And I strongly believe that if we took the time and effort to make it a primary law to wear a seatbelt, we could save many lives. I hope that this paper provided you with some useful information on seatbelts and remember to always wear a seatbelt no matter what type of law it is.



Bailey
Gilbertson

Eat more vegetables and don't kill animals

All my life animals have been a very big part of my world. And for some reason, I would always say, "Even if they try and hurt me, I still like them." And if they do try and hurt me, their probably just scared. Keeping animals alive is actually very important to me. They are a part of the environment and probably relate to human lives. They have feelings, all the senses, and mostly have the same needs. Just think about it, what if an animal were to come up to you with a weapon and severely hurt you. Or possibly even kill you just for the fun of it. In my opinion, that wouldn't be fun at all.

The only times its necessary to kill an animal, is when you're going to eat it. Only kill what you're

going to use, don't leave the rest of the body behind, if your using its head, at least try and find something to do with the body. Maybe cook it up and give it to the homeless or poor. Or maybe you could Possibly even convince the government\president to make a limit on how many animals you can kill each month.

Each time around try not to kill so many animals and possibly eat more vegetables than meat. I hope that you thought about this while reading, and that maybe you shouldn't kill so many animals. But if your soft hearted for animals like me, then you don't have to worry about thinking too much while reading this.



Pelagia
Brown

The Patriots have earned their place in history

In my opinion the patriots are not a bad team. Some people think the patriots are bad because they deflated the ball in one of the football games. Just because some of the players deflated the ball doesn't mean the rest of the team is bad. Also the patriots have been to ten super bowls and have won six super bowls. Since 2001 the patriots have won

fifteen AFC division titles. In the last fifteen years the patriots have had fifteen seasons of double digit wins. To finish the patriots have done all of this with the same quarter back, Tom Brady, and coach, Bill Belichick. No other team has done this. That's why I believe the New England patriots are not a bad team. I believe the patriots are a great team.



Cole Harris

Hunting takes animals' lives and leads to waste

I think that hunting is something terrible to do. The reason why I don't like it all that much is first I think that the animal deserves its life. Another reason why I don't really like hunting that much is because some people don't even eat what they kill they just leave it there. Some more reasons that people like my friends gave me for my opinion piece. Some people only kill the animal for decorations and leave the rest they didn't use on the ground. Another one is people like to kill things for no reason and just leave them there I think that is sad. Also I think that there should be a limit of

how many animals you can kill a year.

Here are some suggestions if you still want to hunt. You could plan for every part of the body like the bones and antlers for decoration (like no heads or anything with meat included that could be used still no heads I think it's creepy). Another is only kill how many animals small or big but only if you will use it all. I Also, I Think that the government should set up a limit of how many animals you kill a year. If there is a baby with it don't kill it until next year. That way the young can get fed and taken care of.



Emma Coover

Minecraft: Mods, monsters, maps, and more

Why I think Minecraft is a great game is that if you want a thrill there are these entity glitches called Creepypastas and for example Herobrine is a Steve like character but with white eyes. He can be found on PC, Mac, Pocket Edition, Xbox, Nintendo Switch and Wii U. Another reason why I think Minecraft is cool is because of its updates it now has shields and cross bows.

Another reason is mods you can get map installers where you can download maps that have been created and put on Minecraft map installers and some other mods are car mods where you can get them and in your game if you are bored of just building

and fighting.

Another thing that I think will encourage you to play Minecraft is that you can build and play together in your Minecraft world. Another reason is hacks/ commands hacks are very useful if you want to troll somebody or if you want infinite food and supplies.

The final reason is survival mode and creative mode the two things have different things you can do first in survival mode you have to create your tools and collect recourse. In creative you have infinite materials and can break every block in the game also in creative you cannot die



Leo Currier

Kids should have social media with restrictions

My opinion is strong but sometimes I'm in the wrong but I believe I'm right this time and my opinion is that kids should be able to have social me-

dia with restrictions. Like it would be shut off for 8:00pm to 6:00am and parent sooper vishin on the parints phone that is my opinyin



Quinlan Palagi

It may be small, but Pluto should be a planet

I have loved Pluto since I was three. But a couple years ago I learned that Pluto is not a planet. I got mad at that statement. That is why I am writing this paragraph. Here are some reasons why I think Pluto should be a planet. First, I think that just because Pluto is small and is the farthest planet from sun does not make it a dwarf planet. Second, why can't scientists just

some sort of bond to declare if Pluto is a planet or a dwarf planet. I think it would be a better idea then not letting anyone have their opinion. As well as some facts about it to try and change their minds. Those are some facts why I think Pluto should be a planet. Thank you for taking your time to read my opinion paper. On why I think pluto should be a planet!



Callah
Kenney

With some changes kids should be able to drive

I have many opinions, but I'll just talk about one, why kids should be able to drive. There are a couple downers, but I'll talk about those ones later. One, we could drive ourselves to school so that we wouldn't be late. Two, there can be lower speed limits so that there wouldn't have as many car wrecks why they would lower the speed limit because there would be

more people on the road, so we would need to lower it. Here are the downers: One, there would be a lot more exhaust in the air. Two, there wouldn't be that many people that would rid the bus, so the bus company might lose their jobs. There, us kids might not wear their seat belts, which is NOT good. That is why I think kids should drive.



Scarlett
Delaney

The smallest things can help prevent suicide

I believe that suicide prevention should be acknowledged more. I bet all over your town, on the internet, maybe even on billboards you will see advertisements for suicide prevention with a number to call. Maybe you'll even hear an advertisement or song on the radio regarding suicide prevention. Which in my opinion is great because suicide takes innocent lives every day. So, what I'm trying to say is that even the advertisement you may see very often can help. The smallest things can help a big issue.

Anyways, it may seem that all of that is no help and that your situation is helpless. But if you take a minute to think about the people around you, friends, family, a classmate anyone you can think of. And try to think of how that single person is doing. If you notice anything out of the blue about their behavior (specifically being extra sad, mad, being less motivated to do things, anything like that) IF so, then talk to them. Because that person needs help. And you can help them. Tell them to talk to someone that their comfortable to talking to, someone they trust. Even tell someone that can help. Someone that can really make

progress with them. I prefer a professional.

So, what I believe is happening right now. Is let's say you hear an advertisement on the radio for suicide prevention. And you may be thinking "oh I don't need that" but you also may be thinking "I do need help... but I don't want people to know" If you don't need help but someone around you does tell someone. IF you do need help then you can talk to anyone you trust. Anyone. Professionals were trained to deal with people that may have suicidal thoughts or actions. So, I know that a professional would be able to help and would be able to understand you.

Maybe it's you who has suicidal thoughts or actions. If so, I highly recommend you talk to someone you trust, call a number for suicide prevention, or visit a website. I can assure you that talking helps. And I really do recommend that you talk to somebody about how your feeling.

That's why I think that suicide prevention should be acknowledged more. I hope that you enjoyed my paper. And that you take my advice.



Kendal
Simpson

Take care of wombats or people could die

Wombats are important to take care of and look after because they are endangered and could soon be extinct. When you have a pet wombat you are helping the population of wombats by taking care of one. Also, wombats only live in Australia and they are really cute!!! They

also will sometimes be in a zoo someplace warm like California and other warm places.

If wombats go extinct, then lots of other animals in Australia will die and then some people who live there might die too. Those are some reasons



Bennett
Ruffner

Hunting is important in helping manage wildlife

I think that hunting is an important pass time because, it helps manage wild life population, feed families, and help raise money for wild life conservation.

I also understand why people don't like hunting. One reason is because people can get hurt or killed and you kill animals. But I believe that some of the problems with hunting can be solved like poaching by adding more serious consequences.

If people stop hunting there will be to many animals, Also the money from tags bought helps to save and protect other wild life by raising money for other endangered animals.

Therefore, this is my opinion on hunting. I hope I have brought some great points to your attention. I know I have learned a lot about the other side. I have learned a lot about this topic, and I hope you have too.



Drew
Esponda

Treat others how you would treat yourself

I think that people who believe in different relationships should be treated as we would treat our self's, until we understand this nothing will change if not get worse. Whenever something new is introduced to humans, we don't understand it, obviously when we don't under-

stand something we are afraid of it and we try to get rid of it, but we just end up being self-centered jerks. So I think if we embrace the change, if we accept them, and make them feel welcome that would be a big step for the human race.



Natalie
Zimmerman

All kids should have to play outside for their health

I think playing/going outside is something everyone HAS TO DO. I think that because if you don't go outside it's not good at all. And staying in side isn't good. All it takes is a summer camp, sport or a game with your friend.

Going outside gives you a better future sometimes in health or in your personality. If you had kids and you were used to going outside it might be more fun for your kids. I think even if you are a grownup that means you can't go to a summer

camp or you can't play with your kids, you could still go on a walk or ride your bike if you have one.

You don't have to go outside for too long I think you should go on a medium sized loop. I think you should go on a walk by yourself or a partner person thing. I don't think you should go with too many people or I might be a little distraction not all the time I will be just maybe by yourself sometimes.



Merrick
Simpson

Fortnite is popular, but can be good or bad

Fortnite is a video game that many people like, but some people don't like it and I am one of those people that is why I wrote this opinion piece. Here are some reasons Fortnite is good or bad. First, Fortnite is good because people make money out of it. Next, Fortnite is bad

because there is no point in the game. Third, Fortnite is good because people make friends out of it. Last, Fortnite is bad because after you start it does nothing to help you. That is the reason Fortnite is good or bad.



Evelyn
Zimmerman

Acting can be fun, but is harder than it looks

Most people see good actors and think there is nothing to it! The truth is that it is hard, tiring, and take allot of time and effort, but it is **fun!**

First, you need to know five steps:

- Memorizing everything you need for the audition.
- Rehearsing the lines.
- Studying and learning the choreography

- Know the cues to speak, sing, enter, or exit!
- Having the correct facial expression for your character.

That is why I think acting is much harder than it looks. Being nervous is a normal reaction, but once you go on stage it goes away, unless you get stage fright. You might be surprised but take it from a true actor, there is a lot of effort put into acting.



Ida Brown

All planets are different, so don't exclude Pluto

When I learned that Pluto wasn't a planet, I was sad because all humans are different and their still humans, aren't they? I also think of Pluto as a little girl because one little girl could be bigger than another little girl. I understand why people think Pluto shouldn't be a planet but like I said just because people are all different doesn't mean they're not humans.

It is also frustrating when scientists make decisions without public approval because they don't really give you an option and that's what makes me frustrated about it.

People are different but we treat each other the same, Pluto should be considered a planet. Hopefully my opinion will change your mind.



Georgia
Gardiner

Climbing: The Next Frontier

I think more people should consider the sport of climbing. Many people find it okay but would never try learning how, I hated heights when I joined my climbing team, but I've overcome that fear by climbing. In soccer or other sports, you're not ALWAYS playing. In climbing you only stop when you want to.

Climbing has many pros but also some cons, one con is that you can die! A pro are that you increase your hand-eye coordination. Thank you for listening and/or reading my opinion page on climbing. I think you should try it and enjoy it, trying it is your choice but if you do you will get fit and have fun!



Cormac
McDonald