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## Edison Updates

- **Kindness week:** Each year the school holds a kindness week. This year kindness week was held February 13th-17th during the week of Valentine's Day. You probably saw posters around the school that said, "Kindness Week". When you come in through the front door you will be able to see the kindness tree. During Kindness week there were different themes for each day of the week. If teachers saw you being kind, then they would give you a slip of paper with your name to enter the raffle. The winners of the raffle received Squishmallows!



**Popcorn party:** Since we raised over \$2,500, we got a school-wide POPCORN PARTY! Throughout the day classes will go get popcorn. The POPCORN PARTY was held on January 20th. Classes went down at different times throughout the day to get their Popcorn.

- **Oregon Battle of the Books:** Grades 3-5th participated in OBOB. Students needed to read all 15 of the OBOB books in our school library. Then the teams battled when it was their turn to battle. Read more about OBOB on page 6.
- **Compassion assembly:** At the Compassion assembly 5th graders performed a skit about Compassion. 4th graders did the RICCI chant at the assembly. Like always kids get HIGH five awards and an Edison water bottle. If you get drawn from the community coupons box your teacher has then you get an Edison pencil and sticker.



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# A Hollywood Dog, The Life Of A Chihuahua

By : Audrey W. and Ella S.

I woke up at 8:15 in the morning in my red velvet princess bed. I am Princess Emily, a chihuahua. I live in a mansion, it's the 9th biggest house in LA. I know, I'm rich. OK, now time to go wake my human up. Her name is Laia, Queen Laia.

"Hey, hey wake up!" Emily cried.

"Okay, okay!" Laia said, getting out of bed. I went downstairs with Laia, she gave me mashed potatoes and gravy for breakfast. Here's a little about me. My favorite color is pink, my favorite food is tofu dumplings, and I'm vegetarian.

Today's my birthday. I'm becoming QUEEN! I invited all my friends to my party. I have a lot of friends. I would say I'm popular around here. I have so many friends I don't think I could list all of them, but I will tell you, my favorites. Kiwi the Golden Retriever, Monks the lab, and my favorite one of all Ricci the Pomeranian. I will have a party at the castle, it's going to be a royal fiesta!

The party is going to be pink with giant blow-up slides and tofu dumplings with cupcakes.

"There must be 34 strawberry macaroons no more, no less!" Demanded Princess Emily. Princess Emily has a lot to get done before her birthday. She has to sign every balloon on the guest's chairs, fill every cup with pink lemonade, and take her 10 o'clock, 45-minute nap. The party started at one, four hours to get ready. Once the party started Emily knew that the focus would be on her. She was so excited she loved the spotlight.

Now it was 12:45 a few guests had come. More dogs kept coming when the last guest had arrived, and Princess Emily got the spotlight.

"Hello all from far and wide, please say a big happy birthday to Queen Emily," Laya proudly pronounces. The first thing they would do is royal puppy peeking (which was just a fancy version of hide and seek but with partners) everyone chooses their partners. Emily chose Ricci, and Monks and a girl named Mia were the peekers AKA seeker, Lima and Roka were first to get

found then Emily and Ricci were found. Emily was mad she didn't win she walked away and started crying.

Princess Emily was so embarrassed, she just left crying, seriously when she was about to become queen! When she went to the bathroom Emily saw her Mascara was all smeared. She looked like a raccoon.

Emily grabbed her washcloth and started vigorously rubbing it all over her face until it was bright red. Emily had no idea what to do after that, she couldn't go back out with her face all red, so she decided to cover her face in foundation. One of her best friends (Ricci the Corgi) noticed that her mascara was bleeding through the foundation so she ran to the bathroom with her purse and used a warm washcloth and makeup remover to get all the foundation and mascara off. Emily's face was still kind of red, so Ricci washed out all the makeup remover and put a warm washcloth over Emily's face. She looked a little jazzed up, but Emily's face was not red anymore.

They both walked back outside and acted like nothing happened, and now it's time for Emily to make her opening speech.

"I want to thank you all for coming to my amazing party. I hope you have all had a pinktastic time playing royal puppy peeker. I certainly did, Emily said with hesitation in her voice.

"Now we're gonna have some lunch," said Queen Emily. "For lunch, we're gonna have my favorite, tofu dumplings, and for dessert strawberry cheesecake and 34 strawberry macaroons."

Laia also bought pizza for the dogs that didn't prefer tofu, but Emily insisted everyone try her favorite meal. After that, all the guests left, and Emily was officially queen.





# 5 Tools to Being Good At Basketball

By : Former Spartan Ella S.

My name is Ella, and I am a junior Spartan. I want to teach you what I know about basketball. The first thing I want you to know is to be confident in yourself. Don't be scared about being as good as others. Here are a few things I found important to be successful in basketball.

1. Be interested in the sport. Play a sport you want to play, so you can pursue it for as long as you want. Having fun is the most important, win or lose, always have fun. The more you play, the more fun it will be. When it is fun, you will enjoy it much more.
2. Put in the effort. When you play Basketball, you should be sweating, your water bottle should be empty, and you should be tired because you put in the effort. When you are done with a drill, and you go to the coach breathing normally they often make you do it again. If you are breathing hard, they know you put in the effort, but they will also know if you are faking it. **DON'T FAKE ANYTHING!**
3. Find a team or a place to practice. When you first start, you should try to get a team and practice as much as you can. Go to your local gym and run, shoot hoops, and get better at defense. Get better when you are free, to become good, so teams recruit you. Keep on getting better and **NEVER** stop!
4. Don't worry about having special equipment. When you first start basketball, maybe get a ball, but that's it. Don't worry about shoes or hoops. When you have a ball, pass it at the wall, dribble, do things that aren't shooting, practice defense, and you can do a lot without a hoop.
5. Don't worry about being the best. Especially if you are just starting, if you're last in a drill Don't Stress. You're just starting. Work your way up to the best you can and try to get better. Everyone starts somewhere.

Hope this helps your basketball career. A side tip for playing games is to trust yourself to do the right thing. Also, pursue your dreams and passions, those who pursue, them succeed. There is no elevator to success, you have to take the stairs.



This year Edison is hosting it's 30th year of Ocean Week!

Parent Council needs parent volunteers for this week-long event. Interested in helping with specific tasks or projects?

It is a fun way to get involved at Edison.

Watch for an email from Edison for a Sign Up Genius!

SAVE THE DATE

Ocean Week  
May 22nd - May 26th

# The Tales of Mistress Floof and Charlotte

## Chapter Two

By : Violet L.

I wake up at 7:00 am to a very obnoxious grandfather clock ringing. I'm upset, who likes having a grandfather clock that rings every hour? That's what Charlotte wrote on the note she placed on my bedside table last night. I was so jet-lagged yesterday I guess I just fell asleep. Charlie, my maid bustles in and draws back the curtain of my four-poster bed.

"Good morning," Charlie said. "How are you?"

"Fine," I say. "But is there a way to turn off the grandfather clock?" I ask. Charlie slowly shakes her head. I sigh loudly.

"Breakfast is in ten minutes," Charlie says. Then she leaves the room.

When I go down to breakfast I'm only in a nightgown, robe, and slippers. Since I'm a cat I have my clothes tailored for me. For breakfast, we have buttermilk chocolate chip pancakes, fried eggs, toast with peanut butter and jam, bacon, and raspberry tea. After I'm done Charlotte announces that I must go see the backyard. I go out the door in the foyer and gasp when I see it. It's 3.3 acres. First, I see a giant garden of flowers. Next, I see a huge fountain. Then, there's a lake that's crystal clear. After that, there are just green rolling hills. Then, I see a huge tree. And in the tree, there's a huge tree house. I run up to it, it has an elevator (because I'm a cat), a water bowl, and a food dispenser. Then there's an art easel, a piano, a desk, and a whiteboard. This tree house has a second level! The second level is just a loft filled with blankets, pillows, and Squish mallows. Outside there's a basket that can be swung like a swing. Well, bye I'm going to take a nap in my tree house.

I wake up and head to the main house. On the property, there's the main house, three guest houses, a storage shed, and lots of servant cottages.

"Charlotte's in the study reading," Charlie calls out. I go up to the study where Charlotte's is in a chair reading. When she sees me, she puts down her book and smiles.

"Do you want to go out for lunch?" She asks.

"Yes," I say.

"Well, go and get dressed first," Charlotte says. When I walk into my room, I see a pink dress laid out for me.

After I get dressed, I meet Charlotte in the foyer. We hop into our limo and start the long drive to the city.

We arrived at a place called McDonald's. When we went inside everybody stared at us. I told Charlotte to order for me. She came back with two large Sprites,

a burger, a Happy Meal, and a big thing of fries. In my Happy Meal, there are 6 chicken nuggets, a small cup of fries, a bag of apple slices, and a berry yogurt. After I finish my food Charlotte gets out of her chair and goes back to the ordering counter. She comes back with two plain cones that have a mountain of vanilla soft serve on them. After we finish our dessert, we get back in the limo and drive back to our estate.

The next morning, I woke up to the grandfather clock again. I put on my robe and slippers. When I go downstairs into the dining room, I see a steaming plate of pancakes. And a note from Charlotte. It reads, "Dear Mistress Floof, my call time is at 8:00 am which is why I'm gone right now. I'll be back at 3:00 pm. Love, Charlotte. I groan. A day without Charlotte is a bad one. I decided to color in my "Most Beautiful Places in the World" coloring book. Then I got bored, so I decided to bake some cupcakes. I bake vanilla then I put perfect pink frosting and gold star sprinkles. After I gorge myself on 3 cupcakes, I decide to watch a movie. I watched Puss in Boots the Last Wish. It's very good. Then Charlie calls me for lunch. She made me Chicken with Lemon Leek pasta which I really like. Then I go upstairs to the boba bar, and I have raspberry clear tea with popping pearls. Then I go to my room to take a nap.

At 3:00 pm Charlotte gets back. She looks super excited.

"I get to star in a movie called Someday. It's about a princess that must go to a boarding school for princesses and she's looking forward to the day she can leave boarding school.

"Oh cool," I say.

"Guess what?!" She asks. "I got you a tutor to teach you school lessons!"

"Really?!" I say.

"Yes, her name's Professor Fluff," says Charlotte. "She'll be staying in one of the guest cottages," Charlotte says. The next day after breakfast Charlie escorts me to the study where a large gray cat is waiting. We say hi to each other and then start our lessons. We do math, English, science, geography, and history. By the end

of the day, I can't wait to see her tomorrow. When Charlotte comes home, she says she has a surprise for me. Then she opens the door and something with fur and paws races in. It's, it's, it's, a dog!





# All About Pugs

By : Violet L.

## Introduction

I love Pugs, I think they're the cutest dogs ever. I have a Pug named Rupert. I got him in August, and he is seven years old. This article is about Pugs and how to care for them. I hope this article helps you learn more about Pugs.



## Pug Care

Pugs require monthly baths and frequent brushing. You must take them to get their nails trimmed occasionally. You must regularly clean out Pug face folds. Their wrinkles can get infected, so you must clean them out. It's

very important that after baths you completely dry their folds afterward.



## History Of Pugs

Pugs' roots date back to 400 BC. They were originally bred in China. Pugs were mostly bred as companions for people who had a lot of money. Pugs kept Buddhist monks' company in their monasteries. They were kept by Chinese Emperors and were cared for by guards

and servants. When Britain invaded China, they took Pugs with them. Lots of European rulers had pet Pugs, including Napoleon's wife. King William the third had a pet Pug named Pompey. As you can see Pugs have been the favored pet for thousands of years.

## Pugs Body

A Pug's weight is 14 to 18 pounds. Their height is 10 to 14 inches tall. Pugs can live for 12 to 15 years. Pugs have a coat of short smooth fur. They do shed a lot. A Pug's coat can be fawn, black, apricot, or silver. Pugs have short legs, so they have trouble walking. Some older Pugs can have problems jumping to high places. For example, my Pug Rupert can jump onto the couch, but he needs help to get onto my bed. There are fold out stairs that can be placed around to help Pugs get onto beds/couches. Lastly, Pugs' tails curl naturally so you shouldn't pull them.

So, I hope this article helped you learn more about Pugs and I hope it convinced you to get a Pug yourself. Even though Pugs are hard to care for, they're great pets

## Feeding Pugs

If you feed your Pug too much it will turn into a roly-poly Pug. So don't feed your Pug too much and keep them on regular meals. Most Pugs are allergic to corn, soy, and wheat so one way to avoid this is to feed them raw food. Even though Pugs don't look like their Wild

Wolf ancestors, their digestive system still functions the same. So, it's best to feed them a raw diet. But if you don't want to handle raw food then freeze-dried food is an option.

## What Makes Pugs Good Pets?

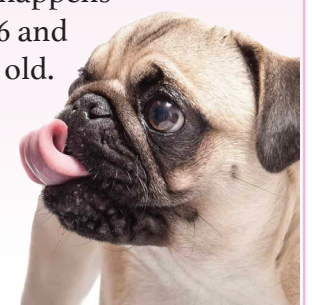
Well, Pugs are pretty good pets. They are really sweet, especially old Pugs. They're great lap dogs. Pugs are very affectionate to their owners. They want nothing more than to be part of the family. They can be stubborn, but with proper training, they're good dogs. Pugs are sensi-

tive to their owner's emotions and are very loyal. If you want a cute, sweet, and snuggly dog then choose the Pug!

## Health Concerns

Pugs can suffer from heat stroke. If they are outside too long, they can overheat. My advice is 15-to-20-minute walks. Because of their squished face, they have trouble breathing. So, they can snort sometimes. Pugs' eyes can be injured easily so be careful and watch their eyes. Have your Pugs eyes checked if they are red or watery, squinting or closing, marked on the

surface, or being rubbed frequently. Pugs can sometimes lose their eyes and become blind. If you feed your pug too much, then it can get fat. Pugs can get a disease called Pug Encephalitis which causes a pug's brain to inflame, which is fatal. Lucky for Pugs this typically happens between 6 and 7 months old.



# Oregon Battle of the Books

By Hugo R.

You may be wondering “What is OBOB?” OBOB stands for Oregon Battle of the Books. In third, fourth, and fifth grade you can participate in a competition where you must read around 15 books. Fortunately, you can have a group of four or five. There are three battles and the eight teams with the most points go into a bracket. A bracket is where teams go against each other, and the winners battle each other. One team will win and move on to Regionals, which will take place at South Eugene High School. The winners for Edison were the Fellowship of Four, 5th graders Cordelia Westerman, Hugo Rue, Wyatt Rodgers, and Carson Hire.

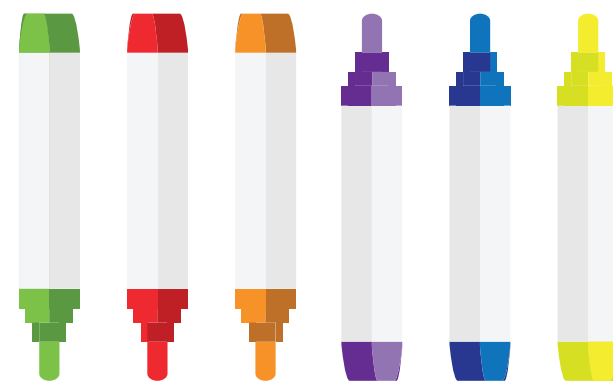
In February at Edison OBOB took place. This year there were nine teams, and the eight teams with the most points moved on. My team, The Fellowship of Four, moved on and battled The Book Masters. It was a close battle, but we emerged victorious. We then moved on to the semi-finals and battled Cover to Cover. It was going back and forth the whole time. We were anxious when the points were announced, “Cover to Cover with forty points.” All of us were on the edge of our seats. “And Fellowship of Four has forty two points.” We won by TWO points, we were so excited!

Regionals took place on March 11th, the teams met at the High school to compete and see who could answer the most questions about the 15 OBOB books. There were 47 teams and the Edison team, the Fellowship of the Four, played against four other teams. Though they lost the first two rounds, they were victorious in the last two rounds. They ended out regionals with a group luncheon and a juggler before announcing the teams who will be moving on. Unfortunately the Fellowship of the Four will not be moving on to the next round.



## Principal's Perspective

Edison is gearing up for water study! Grade levels are beginning to dig into units of study about oceans, tide pools, rivers, beaches, and many related topics. Lots of science, but also art, and literacy to connect these topics. One art connection: We are partnering with Lane Arts Council to give our students an artist-in-residence experience with a muralist, and they will spend the next couple of months creating murals that will add beauty and color to the halls of our amazing new building! We will also be going on field trips to add relevance and experience to what students are learning in the classroom. Finally, all this work will be celebrated during Ocean Week at the end of May! An exciting spring awaits!!!



# Edison Green Team



Did you know that Edison has a "Green Team"? It was started back in 2017 to help reduce school costs and improve our environment and make this a healthier world.



The Green Team consists of parents and kids, thinking of ways to improve our school to reduce waste and save energy. Kids have participated in a bunch of ways in the past and there's always lots of room for improvement, even in a new building!

We'd love to hear from you. Tell us - what are your ideas for saving paper, electricity, food in the cafeteria, etc.? What do you regularly do to reduce waste and conserve (save) energy? Here's some ideas (we can always use more)!

- Use less
- Drive less and bike or walk more
- Bring your own produce and grocery bags to reuse at the store or farmer's market
- Grow herbs, vegetables, and fruit at home
- Buy used books or check out library books
- Reuse materials

Here's one way to support a local business that is trying to help the environment by reusing old cooking oil!

Sequential Biofuels gas station in Eugene takes old cooking oil and turns it into biodiesel for vehicles. Not only that, but if your parent mentions Edison Elementary when getting gas or food, the company will donate \$.05/gal of gas or 5% of in-store food purchases to our school! They sell regular gas too, besides biodiesel, and parents get a free tea or cup of coffee with a 5-gal purchase of gas (but bring your recyclable mug).

While you're there, check out their living roof - there are beautiful plants and flowers. If you look carefully when it's warm and sunny, you'll see bees and butterflies!



# Word Search



## Spring Time!

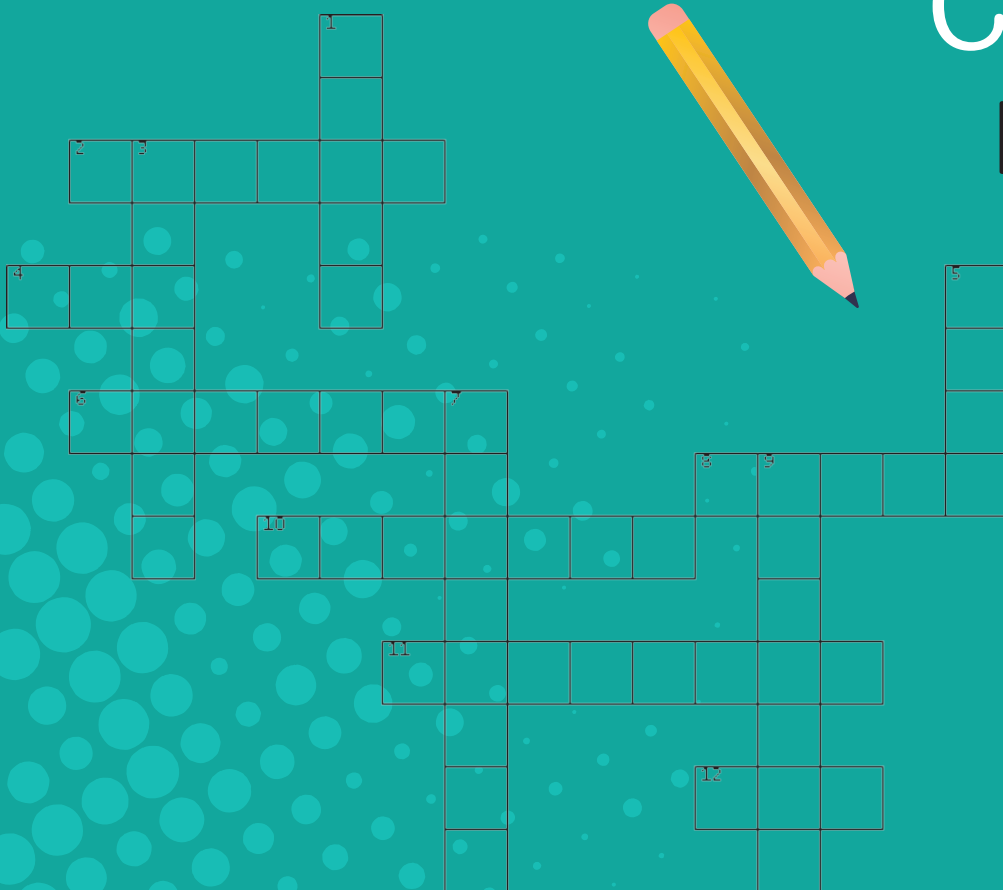
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- April
- Blossom
- Flower
- Grow
- Bird
- Tulip
- May
- Showers
- Ladybug
- Warm
- Sunshine
- Garden
- Bloom
- Plant
- Green

## Spring Weather!

### CrossWord

BELOW ARE THE CLUES



**Across**

- 2. Season when it's not too hot or cold
- 4. Rain mixed with dirt
- 6. April showers bring May \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. The color of trees in Spring
- 10. A loud noise you hear during a storm
- 11. Flashes in the sky
- 12. Makes it hard to see

**Down**

- 1. Hold onto your hat it's \_\_\_\_\_ today
- 3. Rain leaves these behind
- 5. Dark clouds often bring \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. The light that helps the plants grow
- 9. You can see this when it's sunny after rain



# Country Trivia

By Evan F.

Connect the question to the correct country:

1. This country has at least 13 versions of its flag?
2. This country has the world's highest population?
3. This country's capital is the most populated city in the world
4. This country is the origin point of the metric system?
5. This country is witness to the first daily sunrise?
6. This country has more than one capital?
7. The meteor that killed the dinosaurs hit this country 65 million years ago?
8. This country is home to the world's oldest national park?
9. This country is the world's biggest?
10. This country is legally the capital of the world?

- Estonia
- The Netherlands
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Mongolia
- Russia
- France
- China
- Mexico
- United States of America

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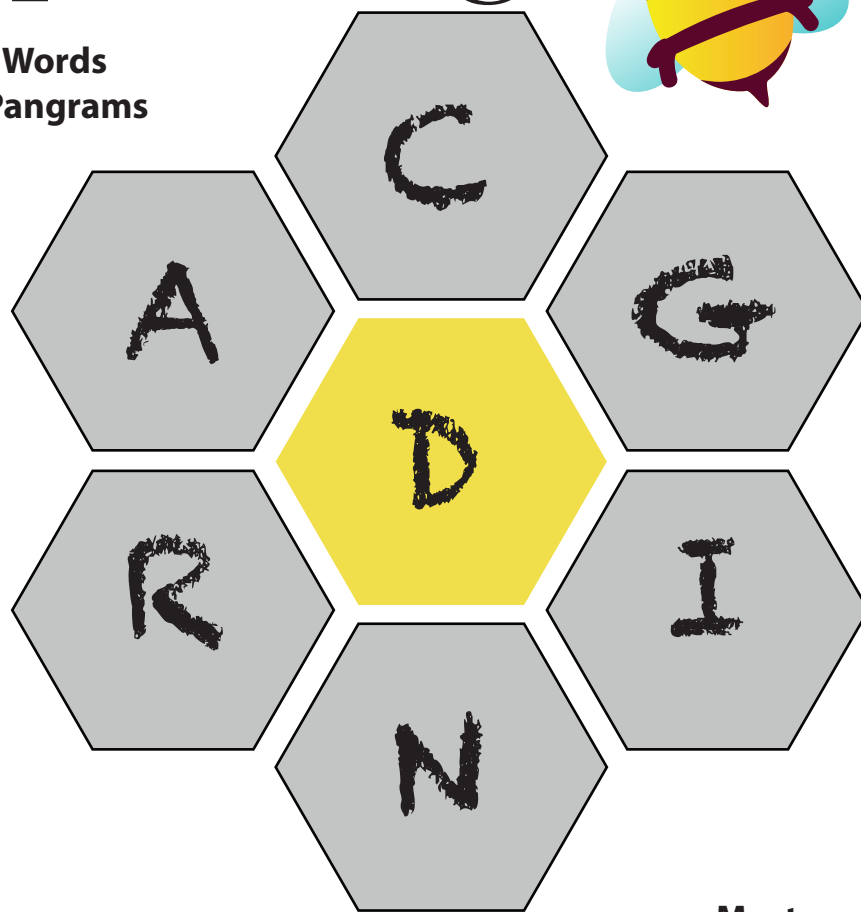
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can you find over three letters?

Must contain the  
center letter!