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## SCIENCE FAIR

### TOP TEN THINGS TO TRY IN 2018

BY JOSHUA TAYLOR

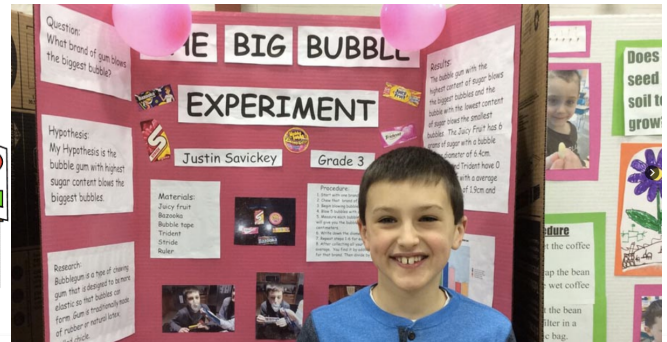


I can't believe that this is our first Beaver Newspaper for 2018. Happy New Year everyone. The New Year is always an exciting time. It is always a great time to start or try something new. I tried a few things for the first time and really enjoyed it. This is my list. You can try it too.

10. Go indoor skydiving! I tried it and loved it.
9. Try coding using Bloxels. You create a main character, the board, and bad guys. You get to be a game creator PLUS you get to play your own game. How cool is that?
8. Make a chapter book. Being an author can be fun if you use your imagination. Who knows you may love it and become the next J.K. Rowling.
7. GET A JOB or start a business like a lemonade stand, car wash, or a leaf raking company. Find something you love to do. Like they say, "Find a job you love and you'll never have to work a day in your life". Now you will have money to spend at the school store!
6. Do a reading marathon.
5. Build a go-cart out of cardboard or wood if you prefer.
4. Take apart an old calculator and try to put it together again.
3. Ride the commuter rail into Boston.
2. Take the Boston Chocolate tour.
1. Go to the Blue Man Group Show.

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BY GRETA NIEMANN



Every year around this time everyone is thinking of a science fair project they can present. For those of you who don't know what a science fair is, it is a competition where participants get to present their scientific findings on a display board.

The objective of a science fair is for students to answer a question they come up with by themselves. So if you are curious about something for example what makes ice melt faster, or why do apples turn brown? You can use the scientific method to find out the answer to your question. The scientific method is a step by step process which is used to help solve a scientific problem. There are 6 steps in the scientific method.

1. Ask a question
2. Make observations (research)
3. Make a hypothesis (guess the answer)
4. Experiment and test your hypothesis
5. Collect test results
6. Present a conclusion



Everyone from kindergarten to fifth grade can sign up for the science fair. You can work with a partner if you like or you can choose to work alone although it might be easier with the help of a friend or a parent. I don't know about you but I can't wait for the science fair!

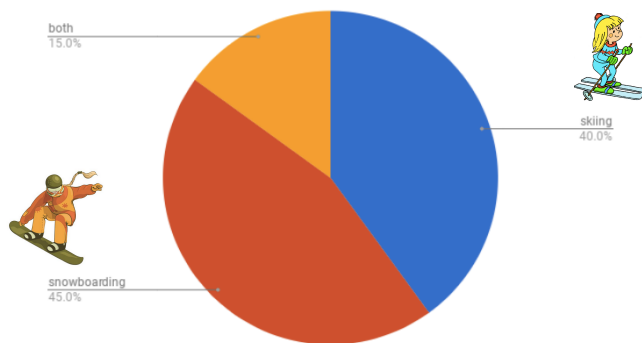
## SKIING -vs- SNOWBOARDING

BY LUCY SHEPHERD



Skiing and snowboarding are such popular winter activities. I like skiing and my sister Addy likes snowboarding. I was curious to see which of the two my fourth grade friends preferred more. So, I went out and took a survey. I surveyed all the students who were in the fourth grade classrooms when I visited. A total of 62 students took the survey.

Ms. Nikki showed me how to take the data I collected and create a graph or pie chart in Google sheets.



As you can see it was close. More fourth graders prefer snowboarding to skiing. 24 students preferred skiing which is 40 percent and 27 students preferred snowboarding which is 45 percent and 9 students liked both which is 15 percent.

If you have never tried skiing here are some tips:

1. Pick a nice sunny, soft snow day to go skiing.
2. If you are just starting to ski find a gentle snow covered slope to go down. Please don't attempt a black diamond if you are a beginner.
3. Take a break for a hot chocolate.

If you have never tried snowboarding here are some tips:

1. Take a snowboarding lesson. It is the fastest way to learn skills and safety.
2. Take a lesson on a day when the snow is soft and not icy.
3. Make sure you are dressed appropriately, your goggles are adjusted and your boots are strapped in when going down the slopes.

Always remember to make good and safe decisions when skiing or snowboarding and HAVE FUN!!!

## READY FOR THE SUPERBOWL

BY ALEXIA SCHERI



& REID DAVIES



We were glued to our t.v. screen to watch the New England Patriots play the Jacksonville Jaguars in the AFC Championship Game. We were nervous about Tom Brady's injured hand. We sat on the edge of our seats and watched our beloved team down 20-10 early in the fourth quarter without Rob Gronkowski. But the Patriots did not give up. The team played on despite the challenges to win the game 24-20 and now they are off to the Super Bowl.



We learned four things from watching the Patriots play:

1. **Never Stop Trying:** If the Patriots accepted defeat early in the fourth quarter, then they would not have won.
2. **Play as a team and work together:** Teamwork makes the dream work. The Patriots would never be going to the Super Bowl if they did not work as a team.
3. **Always try your best:** Tom Brady tried his best even though he had an injured hand.
4. Last but not least **DO YOUR JOB!!!**



## WORKOUT 2.0

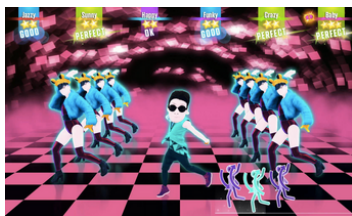
By: GAVIN RENNA



In the December Beaver News article on New Year Resolutions, I said that my 2018 New Year resolution is to eat healthy and exercise. I want to give you an update on how I am keeping my exercise resolution on track using technology. Most games are just games but on the Nintendo Switch there are games that are not what they seem. Let me explain for example over Christmas break I was playing this switch game called Arms. For those of you who are not familiar with video games. Arms is a fighting game made by Nintendo. Up to four players can choose a fighter and battle using a variety of extendable arms to knock out opponents in a three-dimensional arena. This is not just a fighting game, it also give you a great workout. After playing I had to sit down and take a break from punching my brothers. This has to be the best active video game ever.



I am also using “Just Dance” to stay active. Just Dance may sound like just another workout video but dancing to the biggest hits makes it so much fun. During each song, players mirror a dance performed by actors on the screen, following commands that appear on the screen, and are awarded for their accuracy. When I get tired I take a break and just listen to the songs instead.



In the February Beaver News I will let you know how my healthy eating resolution is going. Stay tuned.

## MOVIES TO WATCH IN 2018

By: CHARMAINE USUANLELE



One of my favorite winter activities is going to the movies. There are two new movies that are coming up this year that I am excited to watch. The first movie coming up on February 9th is called “Rascal Rebel Rabbit” which is based on the story of Peter Rabbit. This adaptation of Beatrix Potter's classic tale is of a rebellious rabbit who tries to sneak into farmer McGregor's vegetable garden.

If you have not read the book, stop by the library and check it out before you watch the movie.



Another new movie coming on March 9th is called “A Wrinkle in Time”. This movie is based on a novel called Wrinkle In Time written by author Madeleine L'Engle. The story and movie is about a girl named Meg Murry who works with her younger brother, her classmate, and three astral travelers to save her scientist father who is held captive on a distant planet. What is special about this movie is that it is being directed by Ava DuVernay. She is the first black woman to direct a live-action film with a budget of over \$100 million. If you like science fantasy adventure movies then you have to check this one out.



These are just two of the new amazing movies that I am looking forward to in 2018. If you are interested in watching them you can also check out the movie trailers on Youtube.