

THE MAVERICK MAYHEM

FROM CLASSROOM TO COMMERCE: JAG SUCCEEDS

BY KWYNN BLANTON

For the last several years, the JAG Program has been participating in an event called the YEC - Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. The YEC is an event in which students have to submit an exclusive business plan, and then continue to do a 4-minute slideshow presentation. Students spent most of the semester preparing for this competition. YEC was sponsored by NetWork Kansas and Kiowa County Economic Development, and these two organizations provided the prize money for the winners.

Additionally, there was a trade show competition in which students had a booth and 3 minutes to promote their business to the judges. Overall, over \$2,200 was given out to students for their amazing artwork.

8th grader Delaney Little, who won with fellow 8th grader Jemma Ploger, reported, "I learned how to make a business, and it helped me with my presentation skills."

Ploger reported, "It felt good to be rewarded for all of our hard work. Once we came up with what we were doing, it was fun to learn so much about photography businesses. I learned a lot about different types of pictures and prices that photography businesses require from their customers."

Mr. Mitchell, head of the JAG-K Program, reported, "All students did a fantastic job with public speaking. It also worked out that the entire KCJH body attended the awards ceremony to support their classmates. I was proud of the students' effort by getting out of their comfort zones and trying something new even though a majority of them don't want to go the entrepreneurial route. I believe this project might show some students that an entrepreneur might be an option for them."

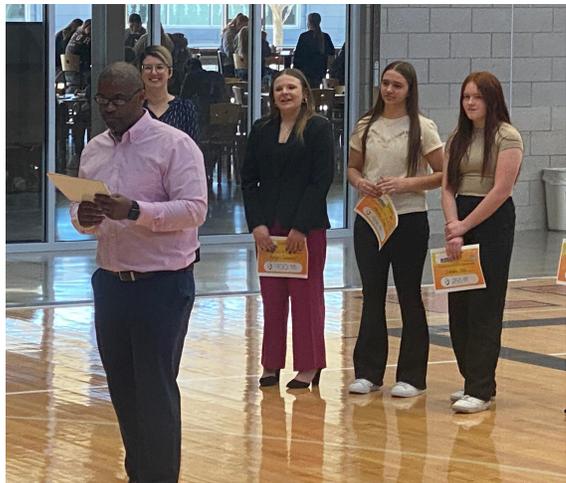
Each and every one of the JH and High School students did a wonderful job at impressing the judges. Congratulations to all of the JAG-K students who participated in the YEC!

2025 JAG-K Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge Award Winners

Executive Summary/4 Minute Presentation:
2nd Place- Athletic Clicks (Jemma Ploger, Delaney Little)- \$400

Trade Show Competition:
1st Place- Athletic Clicks (Jemma Ploger, Delaney Little) - \$250
2nd Place- Anger Alley (Carson Roenbaugh, Thayer Zadina) - \$150

Judge's Choice:
Anywhere Eats (Ty Hatton, Brody Hoffman, Abel Martinez)- \$50



Top: JAG-K YEC Challenge Award Winners are listed. Bottom: Mr. Mitchell announces some of the recipients. (photo by Khloe Gilkey)

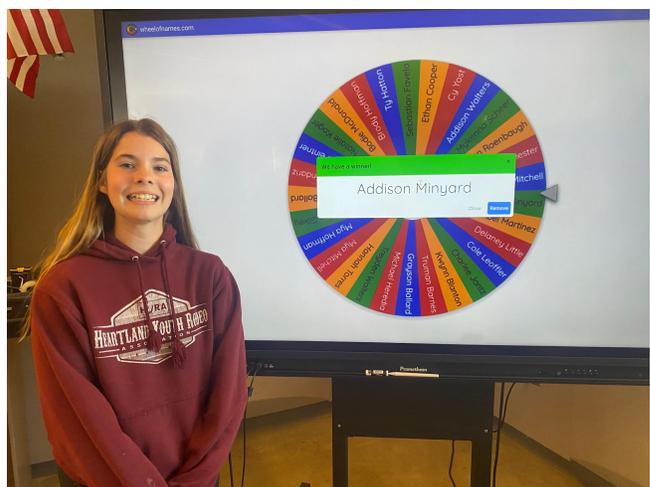
A'S FOR AIRS FOR KCJH

BY MYA HOFFMAN

For the 3rd 9 weeks, the junior high students have been working extremely hard for A's for Airs. To qualify for this, students had to have less than 3 days absent and no suspensions or visits to the office. Students also could not have any missing assignments in any class or D's or F's for their overall grade.

Students who qualified for A's for Airs earned a chance at winning a pair of customized Nike Air Force 1's. Also, qualified students earned a free homework pass for one assignment, as well as a delicious Mindy Heinson cookie!

Mr. Powell reported, "The purpose for A's for Airs was to provide an incentive to JH students who demonstrate high standards in attendance, attitude, and academics."



8th grader Addison Minyard takes a picture by the spinner in which she was chosen to win the custom Nike Air Force 1's.

Photo by Mrs. Ballard

TREKKING IT OUT FOR TRACK SEASON

KCJH TRACKSTERS PREP FOR A SUCCESSFUL START OF THEIR SEASON

BY ELLIE HAYES & KWYNN BLANTON

As the Spring season comes to a start, so does Spring sport's practices, which means track and field for the Kiowa County Junior High. The head coach for the girls' and boys teams is Peter Blanton. His assistant coaches are: Lymon Morehead, Ashton Heft, and Ashlin Oshel.

Blanton has a couple of goals for his teams that he is hoping to achieve this season, "Make a strong showing at every meet we attend, medal as many athletes as possible at each meet, and win the league team title!"

The girls' participants in track this season are: 8th graders Kwynn Blanton, Ellie Hayes, Charlee Jantz, Delaney Little, Addison Minyard, Jemma Ploger, and Addison Walters. 7th grade girls are: Elizabeth Brown, Natalie Koger, Melanie Sneed, and Brooklyn Wright. And last but not least, the 6th grade girls include: Ashley Armendariz, Gentry Ballard, Khloe Gilkey, Heidi Halverstadt, Mya Hoffman, Isabella Ibarra, Selah Lingafelter, Mya Mitchell, and Cheryl Rosenbaum.

Ploger thinks that the season will be good and all the girls will have successful events. She stated, "I expect our races to be pretty good and fast, as well as winning over half of our track meets as a team."

The boys' roster this track season includes: 8th graders Truman Barnes, Joseph Corbally, Preston Coss, Dallas Derley, Josh Gilkey, Lochlan Gumpenberger, Abel Martinez, Dalyn Merhoff, Myles Mitchell, Jack Minyard, Carson Roenbaugh, Cy Yost, and Thayer Zadina. 7th graders include: Jayce Banta, Sebastian Favela-Clayton, Ty Hatton, Brody Hoffman, Larston Higbie, and Bodie McDonald. The 6th graders participating are: Noah Anders, Cash Hayes, Rhett Heinson, Michael Heredia, Cooper Jantz, Collin Ketterl, Zi Kishpaugh, Kaden McCarley, Easton Sluss, and Treyden Walters.

Martinez reported, "I expect the girls and boys to win league this year. I would like everyone to place at least once."

Don't forget to head to Pratt at the Sports Complex on Thursday, April 3rd to watch the Mavericks kick off their season. Good luck, athletes!



Top: 8th grader Myles Mitchell practices the long jump, leaping over 12 feet. He is hoping to beat his personal best from last year, which was 16 ft 4 ½ in. Bottom: 8th grader Lochlan Gumpenberger incredibly jumps a hurdle at practice. He easily clears the hurdle. (photos by Ellie Hayes)

UPCOMING Meets

04/03 @ Skyline

04/10 @ Oiler Relays

04/15 @ St. John

04/24 @ Cimarron

05/01 @ KCJH Invitational

05/06 @ Haskell County

05/15 League @ Minneola



8th grader Jemma Ploger and 6th grader Ashley Armendariz race, seeing who's faster. (photo by Ellie Hayes)

QUICK THINKERS COMPETE WITH CONFIDENCE

KCJH QUIZZERS PROVE THEIR SMARTS WITH 1ST PLACE WINS

BY KWYNN BLANTON



Top: The KCJH Varsity and Junior Varsity gather for a picture after the Minneola Meet. Bottom: Varsity Quiz Bowl prepares for a rapid fire round. (photos by Mrs. Ballard)

March has been a slow month for the quiz bowl team, only making it to one varsity meet at Ashland and one junior varsity meet at Bucklin. The Satanta Meet was rescheduled for a day that students had conferences, and so KCJH Quizzers could not attend. Also, the quizzers couldn't attend the other JV meet at Spearville due to scheduling conflicts.

At the varsity only Ashland Meet on March 11th, the varsity impressively went undefeated through 11 rounds, winning first place by a large margin.

8th grader Lincoln Piester reported, "We went undefeated at the Ashland meet. We all participated in winning as a team and did not struggle with many questions. We got first place, and I felt like everybody was a key aspect to winning and working together at that meet. Also, we got pizza that meet, thanks to Truman's mom. It was awesome!"

The following meet was only a junior varsity meet on March 25th at Bucklin. The JV team struggled through several rounds, going 6-6 on the day without medaling.

Head coach Cade Lohrding stated, "I've been really impressed with our varsity team this season. They have won every single round from every meet, only falling in one round at the first meet of the season, losing by merely 5 points. This is unheard of in the quiz bowl world, and it really shows the intelligence of our students."

Today during Advisory/Seminar time, both varsity and junior varsity quiz bowl teams will be scrimmaging against teams of teachers. Stay tuned for results of these heated battles.

Good luck to the varsity and junior varsity squads as the travel to Protection on Thursday, April 3rd to compete in the SPIAA League Tournament. The varsity is looking to bring home a championship for the third year in a row!

SCHOLARS BOWL SCHEDULE

4/03 SPIAA League @ South Central (Protection), V/JV



SCOREBOARD

3/11 @ Ashland

Varsity: 11-0

- Vs Satanta (W): 110-30
- Vs Hodgeman County (W): 120-20
- Vs Ashland (W): 100-30
- Vs South Gray (W): 60-50
- Vs Spearville (W): 60-50
- Vs Minneola (W): 50-40
- Vs Pawnee Heights (W): 90-40
- Vs Bucklin (W): 55-45
- Vs Meade (W): 90-20
- Vs Ingalls (W): 95-10
- Vs Haviland (W): 80-20

1st Place

3/25 @ Bucklin

Junior Varsity: 6-6

- Vs South Gray (W): 110-30
- Vs Bucklin (W): 95-30
- Vs Hodgeman (W): 70-35
- Vs Rolla (W): 90-0
- Vs Minneola (W): 65-30
- Vs Hodgeman (W): 100-60
- Vs Spearville (W): 80-25
- Vs South Central (W): 60-50

The KCJH Varsity Quiz Bowl Team pose with their 1st place medals following the Ashland Meet. (photo by Mr. Lohrding)



FUN FACTS

WITH THE 8TH GRADERS Article & Photos by Kwynn Blanton

LINCOLN PIESTER



Lincoln enjoys to compete at various quiz bowl meets.

Q: Would you rather be forced to live the same day over and over again for a full year or take 3 years off the end of your life? A: The same day over and over again because I could act like a fool and nobody would remember cause the day would reset.

Q: Would you rather give up your cellphone for a month or bathing for a month? A: Cell Phone because it's not important.

Q: Would you rather have seven fingers on each hand or seven toes on each foot? A: Seven fingers because then I can't fit in my shoes.

Q: Would you rather run at 100 mph or fly at 20 mph? A: If I ran at 100mph, I would probably run into somebody, so flying is the way to go.

Q: Would you rather travel the world for free for a year or have \$50,000 to spend however you please? A: 50,000, so I can invest it in Bitcoin and get twice as much money.

LOCHLAN GUMPENBERGER



Lochlan likes to show off his basketball skills during games.

Q: Would you rather be forced to sing along or dance to every single song you hear? A: I would rather be forced to sing along because I don't want to dance that much.

Q: Would you rather communicate only in emoji or never be able to text at all ever again? A: I would rather communicate with only emojis because I need to text people.

Q: Would you rather die in 20 years with no regrets or live to 100 with a lot of regrets? A: I would rather die in 20 years because I could do more stuff now and not get old and see my family die.

Q: Would you rather someone see all the photos in your phone or read all your text messages? A: I would rather let someone go through my photos because nobody can see my messages.

Q: Would you rather eat only pizza for a year or not eat any pizza for five years? A: I would not eat pizza for 5 years because after I eat it for a year it would get old.

MYLES MITCHELL



Myles loves to play football for the Mavericks.

Q: Would you rather have everyone you know be able to read your thoughts or for everyone you know to have access to your Internet history?

A: I would have everyone want to read my thoughts, because then we could work as a team more easily.

Q: Would you rather spend a year at war or a year in prison? A: I would rather spend a year in war because I would have served in the army.

Q: Would you rather be in a zombie apocalypse or a robot apocalypse? A: I would rather be in a zombie apocalypse because then I could crash out on them.

Q: Would you rather lose the ability to read or lose the ability to speak? A: Lose the ability to read because then I could get the answers for everything.

Q: Would you rather be the funniest person in a room or the smartest person in a room? A: Funniest because then I would have the most aura.

READING REWARDS

BY KHLOE GILKEY

The KCJH AR Party group took a stroll to the park, where they took a picture by the tunnels. (photo by Mr. Lohrding)



The 3rd 9 weeks Accelerated Reader party for the junior high was on Thursday, March 13th. The party included a trip to the Twilight Theatre to watch *The Goonies* while students enjoyed popcorn combos. After that, the 24 students who qualified for the party enjoyed the great weather at the Big Well Park.

8th grader Lincoln Peister stated, "The movie was alright, but I wish more students would have qualified because it wasn't the same." To qualify for the party, students had to earn 20 AR points for the 3rd 9 weeks.

Mr. Lohrding reported, "The AR party was good, and I had a great time. I would love to go to the AR party with the students next year!"

AROUND THE SCHOOL

FEATURING ALL THE ACTIVITIES IN KCJH

BRINGING SCIENCE TO LIFE

BY SEBASTIAN FAVELA-CLAYTON

Ms. Engelcke and her classes were back at it again with their jaw dropping science projects. The sixth graders made projects about how humans impacted the environment by showing a before and after model. 6th grader Ashley Armendariz said, "I liked making and painting the projects, and I hope the next project is soon because this one was so much fun!"

The seventh graders made ecosystems to show how all of the communities that live there co-exist with biotic and abiotic factors. 7th grader Bodie McDonald stated, "I liked building the model, and I'm excited for the next project!"

The eighth grade students made roller coasters to demonstrate the acceleration, velocity, speed, and the movement of energy in a closed environment.

On Friday, March 28th, the eighth grade science students had a demonstration of their roller coasters in the cafeteria for all fo the elementary students to come and enjoy. Students went table to table to experience all of the thrilling roller coaster themes that range from from McDonald, Olivia Rodrigo, Star Wars, The Grinch, and many others.

8th grader Grayson Ballard reported, "I learned a lot about kinetic and potential energy through making our roller coaster. I thought my group did a good job on our theme, even though we didn't have a clue what it would be until the last minute; I thought it turned out great."

Ms. Engelcke was very pleased with the outcomes of all of the projects. She said, "I loved watching students use their imagination and vision to show what they learned through their art.

Let's hope that they will get more soon because they looked great, and everybody had an amazing time!



Top: 8th grader Charlee Jantz adds the flag to their Olivia Rodrigo themed roller coaster. Her and classmates Ellie Hayes, Mykenna Scheer, and Lilandra Smith worked on this project together. (photo by Kwynn Blanton Bottom: 8th graders Lincoln Piester and Cole Leoffler demonstrate how their Star Wars themed roller coaster works for some 2nd graders. 8th graders Grayson Ballard and Abel Martinez also helped to create this masterpiece. (photo by E. Hayes)

LOHRDING LEARNS LESSONS IN KC

BY CHARLEE JANTZ

Earlier this month, Mr. Lohrding headed to Kansas City for a seminar at the National World War I Museum on Teaching American History. Mr. L applied and qualified for this opportunity and said, "I would go to any of the Teaching American History seminars. They are informative, you get to visit historical places, and you get to meet great social studies teachers from all over the country."

The seminar was facilitated by an expert on World War I, Dr. Jennifer Keene. The multi-day seminars typically run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. During this time, a small group of educators are immersed in learning and discussion. They have discussion sessions, shared meals, and a visit to a local historical site. Mr. L also stated, "What is nice about TAH is that they always provide more opportunities to explore and learn in my content area. They build deep rapport among their group and with their discussion leader. Depending on the topic, teachers will prepare ahead of time for seminars with about five hours of reading selected documents provided in the course packet. Once the seminar begins, the discussion leader guides a peer-to-peer, text-based conversation among all participants. New perspectives emerge as teachers share their impressions and ideas, creating deep conversations and connections to the content."

Mr. L snapped a photo outside his seminar at the WWI Museum in Kansas City. (photo by Mr. Lohrding)



MEET THE PUBLICATION TEAM

(Photos by InterState Studios)



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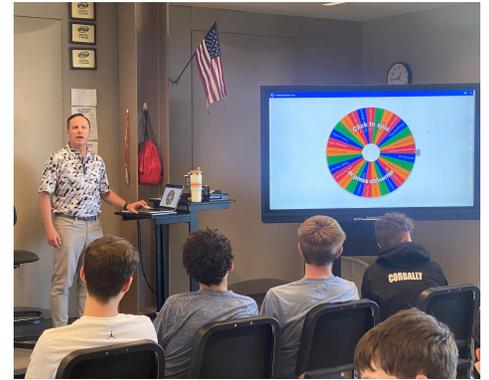
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Clockwise from Top R: Mr. Powell spins the wheel for A's for Airs. Bottom R: The Junior High gathers in a line while the song "La Chona" plays. (photos by Mrs. Ballard)

Bottom Middle: 8th grader Lincoln Piester shows off his mad worm skills. (photo by Kwynn Blanton) Bottom L: 8th graders Carson R., Thayer Z., Abel M., Delaney L., Jemma P., and 7th graders Ty H., and Brody H. show off their awards, earned for their hard work at JAG YEC. (photo by Charlee Jantz) Top L: Mr. L hands out cookies to students who qualified for A's for Airs.. Top Middle R: While DJing the JH dance, Mrs. Ballard takes a selfie while some of the junior high girls line up for the next line dance. (Photos by Mrs. Ballard.)

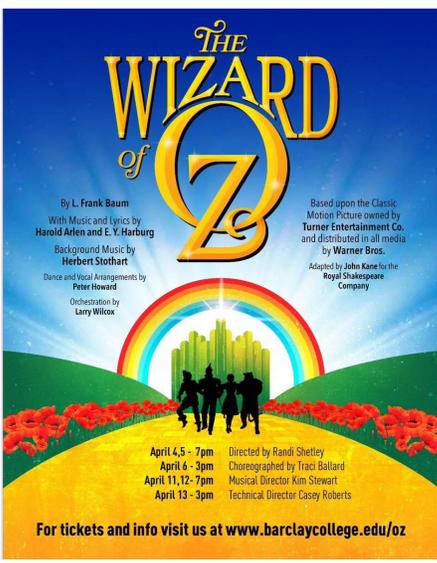
LIONS & TIGERS & BEARS, OH MY!

BY GENTRY BALLARD

Come follow the yellow brick road to Barclay College in Haviland for a production of *The Wizard of Oz* on April 4th & 5th – 7:00pm, April 6th – 3:00pm, April 11th & 12th – 7:00pm, and April 13th – 3:00pm. Barclay College Theater has been working hard to bring this classic play to life!

The director of the play, Randi Shetley, stated, "Barclay College has been putting on amazing musical performances for our community for many years. For over 30 years, we had a special Christmas Pageant every other year. Then, in 2017, when the Ross-Ellis Center for Arts and Ministry was built, we started a new tradition of full-length plays and musicals. *The Wizard of Oz* is our 12th production in this awesome, state-of-the-art theater! This production has 50 cast members and 15 crew members working behind the scenes to make the magic happen." KCJH paraeducator Deb James has a role as a munchkin, Lion's manicurist, and is part of the women's chorus..

If you are interested in buying tickets, you can find them at www.barclaycollege.edu/oz. We hope you enjoy the *Wizard of Oz* play!



APRIL CALENDAR

BY KWYNN BLANTON

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		PDC Visit Inter-State Studio Spring Sports and Class Pictures 6:00pm: Cheer Tryout Practice	8:00am: SPIAA HS Forensics Tournament @ Satanta	1:00pm: KCJH T&F @ Skyline 2:20pm: K-2 Music Practice 3:00pm: KCJH VJV SPIAA League Scholars Bowl @ South Central 3:00pm: KCHS JV Golf @ St. John 6:00pm: Cheer Tryout Practice	2:30pm: Classes Dismissed 5:30pm: KCJH Cheer Tryouts 6:30pm: KCHS Cheer Tryouts	KCHS Forensics @ South Central Invitational ACT Test Date
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	KCHS Forensics @ Minneola Invitational 10:00am: KCHS Golf @ Garden City 2:20pm: K-2 Music Practice 7:00pm: K-2 Vocal Concert	3:00pm: KCHS JV Golf @ South Central (Protection)	JAG State CDC @ Hutchinson 9:30am: SPIAA 5th-8th Grade Math Contest 6:30pm: Site Council Meeting	State Music Festival Large Groups 1:00pm: KCJH T&F @ Oiler Relays (Ellinwood)	7:00am: DLT Meeting 8:00am: KCHD Health Fair Set-up 1:00pm: KCHS Golf @ South Central (Coldwater) 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed 3:00pm: KCHS T&F @ Pratt	7:00am: KCHD Health Fair
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	3:00pm: KCHS JV Golf @ Kinsley 7:00pm: 6-12 Choir Concert @ Twilight Theatre 8:00pm: USD 422 Board Meeting	8:55am: Fire Drill 11:00am: KCHS Golf @ St. John 3:30pm: KCHS T&F @ Ellsworth 3:30pm: KCJH T&F @ St. John	Fort Hays Art Day Kindergarten Field Trip 7:00pm: SPIAA Forensics & Scholars Bowl Sponsors' Meeting	1:00pm: KCHS Golf @ Hodgeman County 3:45pm: KCHS Forensics Novice Tournament-Rescheduled	Good Friday-No Classes	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday-No Classes	3:00pm: KCHS T&F @ Kingman	JAG National Conference @ Indianapolis 11:30am: SPIAA League Meeting	JAG National Conference @ Indianapolis 10:00am: KCJH T&F @ Cimarron	JAG National Conference @ Indianapolis K-5 Art 1:00pm: KCHS JV Golf @ Ashland 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed 3:00pm: KCHS T&F @ South Gray	JAG National Conference @ Indianapolis State Solos & Small Ensembles
27	28	29	30			
	Second Grade Field Trip 3:00pm: Driver's Ed Sign Up Meeting 8:00pm: USD 422 Board Meeting	3:00pm: KCHS Golf @ Kiowa County	9:00am: SPIAA JH Vocal Festival @ Hodgeman County			

(Photo from usd422.org web page)

To find upcoming events, information and more, go to usd422.org

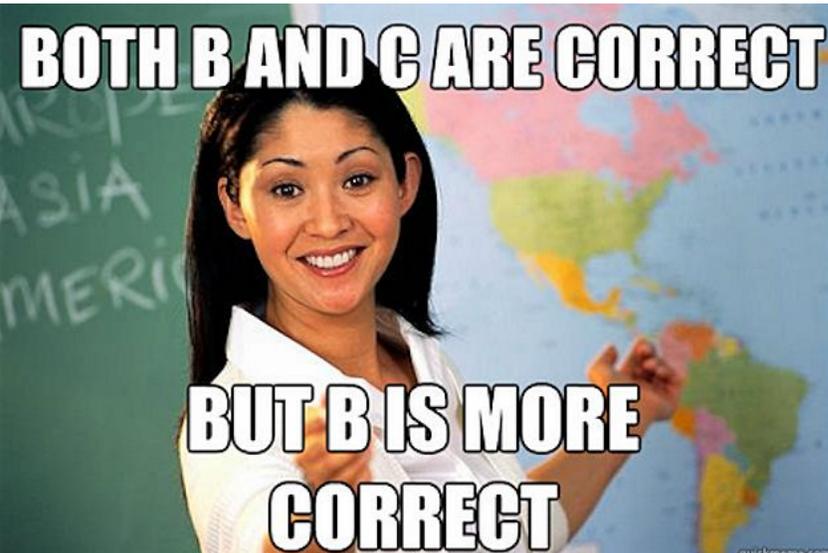
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April Showers

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| Jokes | Grow | Plow | Sun |

"Coach got me in so many events I got confused" 🤔



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