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23 Things people are looking forward to in 2023

By Taylor Gold, Avery Wright, Valentina Carey and Harlowe Battaglia



Row 1 of portraits with speech bubbles:

- Reese Forman (7): Sleepaway camp
- Tyler Anton (7): Playing baseball
- Jessica Dipietro (7): Cheer sport
- Sayna Ahmed (8): New opportunities for change I will be working on in 2023
- Jay Savin (8): A science summer program at Yale.
- Mrs. Hearn: The Morgan Wallen concert
- Mr. Malca: My new nephew
- Lucy Livengood (8): The summer



Row 2 of portraits with speech bubbles:

- Jowell Creve-Coevr (6): To get good grades
- Keli Finnegan Giesler (6): Getting my own room
- Hanna Yousefzamani (6): Going into 7th grade
- Shelsea Socha (6): Field trips
- Andrew Dickson (6): The end of the year band concert
- Mr. Brosz: The World Cup finals
- Oprah Povea (7): Drake concert
- Gianna Peragine (7): Going into 8th grade



Row 3 of portraits with speech bubbles:

- Brianna Miller (7): Turning 13
- Caleb Lozaba (7): The Taylor Swift concert
- Kyle Reyes (6): The Universal field trip
- Noah Brennan (7): Basketball tournaments
- Gali Finer (7): Bat and Bar mitzvahs
- Angelo Iannella (8): Going to Disney World and Georgia
- Vincent Bomomo (8): To get better knees because of all the sports he plays

What's Trending

By- Emma Gutterman, Riley Rodriguez, Joshua Desmarais, Keiko Barilea, Nicolas Osorio

23 Movies Coming Out in 2023

- Ant-Man and The Wasp Quantumania
- Creed III
- Scream 6
- John Wick: Chapter 4
- Shazam; Fury of the Gods
- Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves
- The Super Mario Bros Movie
- Blue Beetle
- Spider-Man Across the Spider-verse
- The Marvels
- The Nun 2
- Dune: Part 2
- The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes
- Aquaman & The Lost Kingdom
- Mission Impossible- Dead Reckoning, Part 1
- Indiana Jones & The Dial of Destiny
- Transformers: Rise of the Beasts
- The Little Mermaid
- Fast X
- Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol. 3
- Magic Mike's Last Dance
- Trolls 3
- The Flash



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Photo credit- Marvel Studios



Photo credit: Alex Perez

Jaguar on the Spot

Question asked: "What movie that is coming out in 2023 are you most looking forward to?"

Jay Chen, a 6th grader in Ms. Carrera's 2nd period, is most excited for the new "Spider-Man Across the Spider-Verse" movie that is coming out on June 2nd, 2023. Jay is excited because he has watched the whole series of Spider-Man movies and is eager to find out the rest of the plot because, as he phrased it, "They left the storyline on a cliffhanger where Gwen is calling out to Miles through a portal." Jay also states, "They left us on a cliffhanger so I'm just waiting for more."



Amber Montanari, a 7th grader from Mr. Bacon's 2nd period, says that she is most excited for "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3", releasing on May 5th, 2023. Amber is looking forward to this movie because she likes Marvel, and believes that the previous volumes were good as well. Amber states, "I like Marvel and the volumes were good before so maybe they'll make a better one."



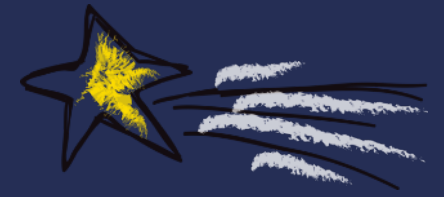
Tyler George, an 8th grader from Mrs. Bullard's 2nd period, is mostly looking forward to the Hunger Games, "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" movie coming out in 2023. Tyler is most excited for the Hunger Games since he thinks that it is a good book series. Tyler states that "I like the Hunger Games, and it has lots of good movies. Also, it's a great book series."



Puzzles and Games

By Emma Weissman, Tara Brewster, Katelyn Killoran, Kenzy Kader, and Madison Gonzalez.

Want to test your knowledge about the year?
2022 Trivia!



- Who is the President of Ukraine?
A. Volodymyr Zelenskyy
B. Leonid Kuchma
C. Viktor Yushchenko
D. Viktor Yanukovich
- Who slapped Chris Rock at the Oscar ceremony?
A. Sacheen Littlefeather
B. Dwayne Johnson
C. Johnny Depp
D. Will Smith
- Which actress, who died in December 2021, would have celebrated her 100th birthday in January 2022?
A. Brad Pitt
B. Betty White
C. Tom Hanks
D. Jim Carrey
- Who is the new monarch of England?
A. George VI
B. Charles III
C. Elizabeth Alexandra Mary
D. Prince Williams
- How old was the Queen of England?
A. 100
B. 96
C. 82
D. 91
- Which country hosted the FIFA World Cup in late 2022?
A. Brazil
B. France
C. Qatar
D. Mexico
- Americans went to the polls for the US Midterms in which month in 2022?
A. October
B. July
C. September
D. November
- Who sang the hit song, "As It Was"?
A. Harry Styles
B. Tyler the Creator
C. The Weeknd
D. Ed Sheeran
- Who plays the character Wednesday in the series, "Wednesday"?
A. Jenna Ortega
B. Emma Myers
C. Isaac Ordonez
D. Hunter Donhan
- 2022 marked the 30th anniversary of which of these classic Disney movies?
A. Cinderella
B. Beauty and the Beast
C. Ariel
D. Snow White
- Who won the FIFA World Cup?
A. France
B. Japan
C. Argentina
D. Morocco
- What was the most watched Netflix series of 2022?
A. Wednesday
B. Stranger things
C. Dead to Me
D. Firefly Lane
- What country held the Winter Olympics?
A. Vancouver, Canada
B. PyeongChang, South Korea
C. Tokyo, Japan
D. Beijing, China
- Who is the new Black Panther?
A. Nakia
B. Okoye
C. M'Baku
D. Shuri
- Who bought Twitter?
A. Marc Zuckerberg
B. Steve Jobs
C. Jeff Bezos
D. Elon Musk
- Who won the case between Johnny Depp and Amber Heard?
A. Johnny Depp
B. Amber Heard
- Who did Obi-Kenobi fight in the finale of the show, "Obi-Kenobi"?
A. Rey
B. Keylo Ren
C. Darth Vader
D. Supreme Leader Snoke
- Who won the baseball World Series?
A. Phillies
B. Red Socks
C. Cardinals
D. Astros
- How many views did the viral song, "It's Corn" get on YouTube?
A. 24 million
B. 46 million
C. 25 million
D. 132 million
- Who was the main antagonist in the new Batman movie?
A. The Penguin
B. Falcone
C. The Joker
D. The Riddler
- What popular sequel takes place in the fictional world of Pandora?
A. Avatar: The Way of Water
B. Black Panther: Wakanda Forever
C. Top Gun: Maverick
D. Hocus Pocus 2
- Who was elected President of France in 2022?
A. Marine Le Pen
B. Emmanuel Macron
C. Élisabeth Borne
D. Nicolas Sarkozy
- What was Taylor Swift's new album in 2022 called?
A. Lover
B. evermore
C. folklore
D. Midnights

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Sports



Girls Volleyball Hitting it off this Season

BY ELISE KOONTZ AND KAILEY GOLD

Girls Volleyball at Indian Ridge Middle School (IRMS) started November 20th, and they had their first game on December 13th. Being on the volleyball team has changed a lot of students' experiences at IRMS. Coach Lendinara is the coach of both the girls' and boys' volleyball teams. She was originally just coaching the boys team, but when she found out there wasn't someone to coach for the girls, she decided to coach them both. Coach Lendinara says, "I think they're a pretty young team and if we continue to work we're going to become very competitive." Without her, there would not have been a girls' team and she believed the program needed to continue. Coach Lendinara doesn't know what she is going to do next year.



Photo credit Coach Lendinara
The girls team has worked very hard and loves playing together.

She has hope that someone will step up and coach the girls team, but if no one does, she will most likely continue as the coach for both teams. Brooklyn Gomez (6th grade) did not know if she could make the team but ended up qualifying. Brooklyn was very excited when she made the team, and it has greatly changed her experience at IRMS. She has made so many more friends and amazing memories. Oprah Povea Guerra (7th grade) is on a team outside of school and said it is similar and different. It is similar because it is the same concept of playing volleyball with other team members. Oprah says, "It is a different experience because when I play volleyball outside of school, I get to travel more places that are farther away." Oprah also says that being on the volleyball team has made her experience at IRMS a lot more exciting. She gets excited all day for her games and cannot wait to go to them. Peyton Napoli (8th grade) loves playing volleyball and plans to continue playing in high school. She has been playing volleyball for 3 years and has so many amazing memories. Peyton enjoys practice and the feeling of winning. She has also made so many amazing friends that she will remember forever. The girls volleyball team is working hard to excel this season.



The World Cup

BY JAYDA GARDNER, LEEYA EVRON, KAILEY GOLD,
ELSIE KOONTZ AND KAYLA ANDERSON

The World Cup in Qatar was from November 20th to December 18th. There is a world cup every four years. There were 32 countries that qualified for the World Cup. Those 32 countries include Netherlands, Argentina, and France. The teams were in eight groups of four, and there were 16 rounds including quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals. In the World Cup there were 64 total games. Brazil was favored to win the World Cup this year because they have won five times. The years they won were 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, and 2004. However, Brazil was eliminated as they lost to Croatia with penalty kicks. This opened the door for France has to be the first team to win the World Cup two times in a row. Lionel Messi from Argentina is one of the number one players for getting goals, but Kylian Mbappe ties with him at the same number of goals. Messi is also number one for assists. Antoine Griezmann playing for France is also number one for assists. Students at Indian Ridge Middle School have been very invested in the World Cup. Kids in all grades have been watching the game and some teachers stopped lessons so they could put on the World Cup and students could watch. One out of five people that were surveyed think France is going to win the World Cup and the rest think Argentina will win.

There were many records that were beaten this year during the World Cup. Morocco was the first ever African team to make it to the World Cup semifinals. They had a historic victory over Portugal as they beat them 1-0. But France beat them 2-0 on Wednesday, December 14th. In the finals were Argentina and France on December 18th at 10am. Even though Argentina was in the finals, some say it's going to be Lionel Messi's last game, and that he will retire.

Argentina won the World Cup! Argentina has only won the World Cup two other times: once in 1978 and again in 1986. Argentina won in a penalty shootout 4-2, after they went through overtime and still were tied. Lionel Messi shot the winning goal carrying out the 2022 FIFA World Cup trophy. Behind Argentina and France is Croatia winning 2-1 against Morocco. This closes off the 2022 international soccer season.



**FIFA WORLD CUP
Qatar 2022**

Photo credit FIFA
The World Cup is held every four years and this year it takes place in Qatar.

Clubs and Events

By Lacie Nafpliotis, Catherine Minarik, Zoe Korn, and Hetzai Gamboa

Holiday Toy Drives

The holiday season is finally back, and some exciting events are here! One of the exciting events is Dreamcatchers, an organization that Ms. Tower is directing. Dreamcatchers is one of the toy drives that our school does to give gifts to kids to make their holiday season brighter. Ms. Tower says, "It was already an idea we've had for a while, and I've just grown it." Ms. Tower receives donations through teachers and guidance counselors. One of the many people who made donations is Ms. Kannal, an 8th-grade language arts teacher and a 7th-grade speech teacher. "I feel that all children deserve a few surprises for the holiday," Ms. Kannal states. These Dreamcatchers at our school are helping kids have the Christmas of their dreams. One of the other toy drives at our school is the Peer Counselor Toy Drive. Peer Counselors are 7th and 8th graders at our school who help teachers and staff members. The Toy Drive has no certain starting date, but the Toy Drive ends on the 12th of December. But what are Peer Counselors doing to help with this toy drive? "We are trying to get the word out with posters, flyers, and advertising in the morning," says Emily Rollins, a 7th grade Peer Counselor. Every morning Peer Counselors are out by the carline holding posters and advertising to help make sure that kids get an amazing Christmas. Ms. Golembiowski, or Ms. G, teaches the Peer Counselors and organized this toy drive. Ms. G said, "We received seven gigantic garbage bags filled with lots of toys!" This really shows our school's spirit in making sure everyone gets something special for the holidays.

Happy Holidays



Photo Credit Zoe Korn
Emily Rollins and Zoe Biramontes, peer counselors in 7th grade, feel that the toy drive is a great way to help kids during the holiday season.



Photo Credit Elizabeth Korn
This group of friends had a blast at the photo op while partying the night away!



Photo Credit Zoe Korn
Danielle Grieco, parent and PTO member, had a nice time thinks that the dance was a huge success.

7th Grade Winter Dance

The 7th grade winter dance was a big hit! From the song "Starships" by Nicki Minaj to a remix of "Party in the USA", the 7th grade dance was an event many were looking forward to. The PTO moms were the party planners of this dance. Danielle Grieco, a PTO mom, said, "It took us a few weeks to plan out." The PTO likes to plan these dances, even though it may take a bit, it is always worth it. Where does all the money go? "It goes to us, the PTO, for more fun events." says Mrs. Greico. Avery Cuba and Ryan Alves commented, "It was really fun but so loud! The pizza was good," says Avery Cuba. Ryan Alves said, "The snack bar was the best part of the dance. The pizza was really good.," The dance brought many joys to the 7th graders of Indian Ridge. The dance truly was a hit!

Holiday Door Decorating Contest

What's Indian Ridge without a creative door decorating contest?! Every year, our school does a door decorating contest which allows teachers to become a little creative in the holiday spirit. It's always a tight competition and everyone's competing for 1st place. This year, our winner of the contest was Ms. Iniguez, Indian ridge's art teacher. The door theme she went for was Wednesday Addams from the new trending TV show, "Wednesday". "We wanted to be original and do something no one has done, and "Wednesday" is a popular show, and we just added some Christmas decoration," says Ms. Iniguez. Ms. Iniguez and her tiny crew of 10 other kids worked and spent all the time that they had on the door. "They came up with everything except the Wednesday painting, presents, and family portrait," said Ms. Iniguez. Ms. Iniguez and her team showed what teamwork can accomplish and truly exceeded the expectations for this fun-filled holiday contest.



Photo Credit Zoe Korn
Mrs. Iniguez, the art teacher at Indian Ridge along with her students designed this wonderful Wednesday Addams door.

23 Facts on Holiday Traditions

By Savannah Gallardo, Riley Tinder, Kaylee Lassater, Mason Rodriguez

To celebrate the winter season, here are some holiday traditions that people celebrate around the world. Some holidays included are: Christmas Day, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Boxing Day, and Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Hanukkah

Mason Rodriguez

Hanukkah is a holiday celebrated by many people around the world but originates from the country Israel. The religion of the people that celebrate this holiday is called Judaism. The first time it was celebrated was in the 2nd century BCE (before the common era), when the Seleucid Greek empire was the ruling power. In tradition, Jewish people for eight days celebrate by opening presents, saying prayers, lighting the menorah, and playing and eating traditional things. This year, 2022, it will be honored from December 18th to December 26th.

Boxing Day

Savannah Gallardo

Boxing Day is one of the many holidays there are in December. Boxing Day originates in Ireland on December 26th. This holiday was celebrated for servants and the poor so the rich who could afford it would give gifts to the poor and their servants. But now, in the 21st century, this is a day for shopping and sporting events. Boxing Day is celebrated in Great Britain, some parts of Commonwealth countries, particularly Australia, Canada, and New Zealand.

Christmas

Riley Tinder

Christmas is celebrated on December 25 every year. It is a day to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The first recorded Christmas celebration was in Rome on December 25, AD 336. The legend of Santa Claus came from the Bible Early representations of the gift-giver from Church history and folklore, especially St Nicholas, merged with the English character Father Christmas to create the mythical character known to the rest of the English-speaking world as "Santa Claus" (a phonetic derivation of "Sinterklaas" in Dutch). It is also the most celebrated holiday in the world.

Kwanzaa

Mason Rodriguez and Kaylee Lassater

Kwanzaa is one of the most popular holidays in December but is honored mostly in Africa. This holiday is celebrated from December 26th to January 1st. Kwanzaa was created in the 1960's and by a person named Maulana Karenga, who is an activist, author, and professor of Africana studies. To celebrate this holiday families, gather to give gifts, share feasts, and light candles in honor of their passed loved ones.



Christmas is celebrated by the Christians to hail the birth of Jesus. Photo credit: Karla Pope.



Hanukkah is a holiday that takes place for 8 nights with 8 presents! Photo credit: Vecteezy.com



Boxing day is a popular holiday in Australia! Photo credit: Shutterstock



Kwanzaa is a popular holiday in Africa from December 26th to January 1st. Photo credit: CAH News

New Years Traditions

Savannah Gallardo and Riley Tinder

Since the new year is here, let's celebrate! These are some traditions celebrated around the world by many people.

United States: Watching the ball drop in NYC.

Brazil: Heading to the beach.

Spain: Eating 12 grapes.

India: Building a sculpture of an old man and burning it down.

Japan: Eating soba noodles.

France: Feasting with champagne.

Haiti: Sharing soup jomou.

Denmark: Throwing old plates.



Editorials

Warning: This article contains spoilers.

Wednesday vs. The Addams Family:

Wednesday:

By Christian Rodriguez

Netflix's *Wednesday* was released on November 23rd, 2022 and has become a phenomenon all over the world. In its first week premiere (November 23rd through the 29th), *Wednesday* took the title of the 2nd most watched show from Netflix's *Stranger Things* (season 4) with an astonishing 341.2 million hours watched worldwide. It also became the #1 TV show to watch on Netflix in 83 different countries, tying with the record set by *Stranger Things* (season 4), and has been watched by over 50 million households across the globe.

Just one of the reasons many believe *Wednesday* is better than *The Addams Family* (1991) is because the main character, Wednesday Addams, was played by the actress, Jenna Ortega. According to Gabriella Gigantino, a sixth grader at Indian Ridge who preferred *The Addams Family* with Christina Ricci over *Wednesday* thinks, "Jenna Ortega was the better Wednesday because she acted more like her character than Christina." Gabriella thinks that *The Addams Family* was better because *Wednesday* should have been more like the original movie, but even she would agree that Jenna just edged-out Christina while acting as Wednesday Addams. Also, how many people can dance the way Jenna did when she (Wednesday) attended Nevermore's yearly ball, the Rave'N, in episode four? That takes some skill! Also, *Wednesday* was the type of thrilling and chilling series that left the viewers at the edge of their seats, wanting to see more to know what happens next after each episode. Allison Miller, an eighth grader at Indian Ridge claims, "It was more exhilarating than *The Addams Family* and kept me on my toes." A great example of this was on episode seven, right before the season finale. At the end of this episode, Wednesday kisses Tyler, who she thinks she likes, soon to realize that he is the serial killer monster that the police, and herself, have been on the hunt for when she sees him in a vision. Then, the episode ends, almost forcing the viewer to continue watching so he or she knows what happens in the end. Almost everyone, if not everyone who has seen *Wednesday* would agree with this, except for Wednesday's sidekick, Thing, who is only a hand, of course!



Photo Credit Netflix
Wednesday Addams using an umbrella to shield herself from the rain.



Photo Credit Netflix
Wednesday at the Rave'N ball dancing while the music played in episode four.



Photo Credit Orion Pictures
The movie cover of *The Addams Family* featuring all the main characters in the film.



Photo Credit Paramount Pictures and Netflix
A side-by-side comparison between the Wednesdays played by Christina Ricci from *The Addams Family* on the left and Jenna Ortega from *Wednesday* on the right.

The Addams Family:

By Bryanna Torres

The Addams Family was released on November 22nd, 1991, made as a remake of the 1964 TV series. This movie was a great spinoff from the original series and was greatly enjoyed by its viewers. One of the awards it was nominated for was the Oscar, for the incredible costume design done by Ruth Myers. With just 30 million dollars used for production costs, it is noted as one of the best versions of *The Addams Family* that has been created. Morticia Addams, played by Anjelica Huston, was even nominated for a Golden Globe award for her astonishing performance in the film.

Wednesday Addams, played by Christina Ricci, was another great actress who played alongside Anjelica and the rest of the cast. Those who have watched *Wednesday*, also know that Christina also played Mrs. Thornhill in the show too. Andres Oviedo, a seventh grade student at Indian Ridge, agrees that Christina Ricci played as the better Wednesday than Jenna Ortega. "The new *Wednesday* seemed like a different vibe than the original, Jenna was great, but Christina had the perfect dark grim for the role." In other words, many, including Andres, believe that Jenna Ortega, who played Wednesday in the new Netflix series did a fantastic job, but Christina just had the better personality for her part. Overall, the movie is an amazing film with comedy and keeps the viewers constantly hooked. Also, aside from the character, Wednesday, it provides better insight into some of the more important characters such as Morticia and Gomez Addams, and kooky Uncle Fester, as well as the relationship between Uncle Fester and Thing, if he is even considered a character! Overall, the movie is an amazing film with comedy and keeps the viewers constantly hooked and makes this film a must-watch.

The Nightmare Before Christmas, a Christmas or Halloween Movie?:

Christmas:

By Nichole Clausen

Many people believe that *The Nightmare Before Christmas* is a Christmas movie. According to 7th grader Jordan Tieshueromanowski, "I think it's a Christmas movie because even though it starts off as Halloween, there are more Christmas events in the movie because you can see Jack doing Christmas activities and other people trying to celebrate it as well." An example of this is when Jack tries to steal Christmas by kidnapping Santa Claus and dressing up as him to deliver presents on Christmas Eve.

8th grader Lily Reid explains, "I think it is a Christmas movie because its main topic is Christmas because it takes place on Christmas." Throughout the movie, there may be monsters which represent Halloween, but Jack Skellington, the Pumpkin King, who is leader of Halloween, gets tired of halloween, so he tries to take over Christmas leading it to being a Christmas movie.



Photo Credit Disney
Jack Skellington in Christmastown dressed as Santa Claus to spread Christmas joy to the children.

Halloween:

By Cayden Fratina

Released on October 13th, 1983, *The Nightmare Before Christmas* has always been one of the fan-favorite Tim Burton movies. The film follows Jack Skellington, the Pumpkin King of Halloweentown, and how his attempt at spreading Christmas joy turns into a nightmare before the holidays. This is just one indication that *The Nightmare Before Christmas* is a Halloween movie.

Though some will argue that *The Nightmare Before Christmas* is a Christmas movie, many would disagree and say that it is a Halloween film. "I feel like it's a Halloween movie because it has more of a Halloween spirit even though it's about Christmas," 6th grader Myah Rodriguez argues. *The Nightmare Before Christmas* has many Halloween features such as the overall spirit of the movie, monsters, pumpkins, spiders, and many other aspects which are seen as Halloween related. "It's definitely a Halloween movie because overall, it's creepy and it has the spirit of Halloween." 8th grader Trace Freeman suggests.

Even though *The Nightmare Before Christmas* is a Halloween movie, it's no doubt that this is a versatile movie that is well-loved by many and comes with different views and perspectives.

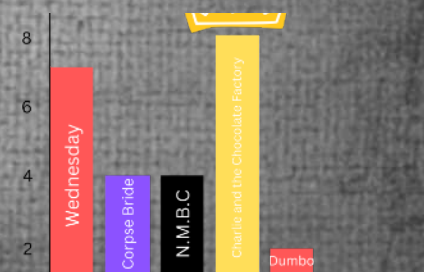


Photo Credit Disney
Jack Skellington in Halloweentown giving a speech to the monsters as Pumpkin King.

Best Tim Burton Film:

By Donovan Truog

Timothy Walter Burton, more famously known as Tim Burton, has made a name for himself in the industry through his hit films throughout several decades. Such as *Dumbo*, *Edward Scissorhands*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Bat Man*, *BeetleJuice*, and mega trending remake of the *Addams Family*, *Wednesday*. Many more films were mega hits trending everywhere across the globe and eventually led him to be nominated for three Academy Awards winning an Emmy and a Golden Globe. Tim Burton has produced an immense amount of influential films over the years. However, which film produced by Tim Burton is unrivaled compared to his others?



Best Tim Burton Film

Wednesday = 7 votes
Corpse Bride = 4 votes
Nightmare Before Christmas (N.M.B.C) = 4 votes
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory = 8 votes
Dumbo = 2 votes