

Editorial: School, by Rianna J., kindergarten

I love sleeping but like going to school. The school is pretty. I have 100s of friends, and the teacher is mean, but Miss Collier, was nice. There was this girl, speaks Spanish, stopped coming to school. I don't know what happened to her.

EDITORIAL, by Max A., 4th gr.

School: Lunch lines are too long

My main idea is that the lunch lines at school are too long. My solution is to have each student get their own cubicle in the cafeteria, and then have the lunch staff bring each student their food.

Here are my reasons: It would reduce the lunch line because the kids would no longer have to stand in line for lunch all together, they would sit. Evidence: Students will get their lunches before lunch ends, instead of having to wait to be served after other kids.

2. This solution isn't impossible and is not going to be too hard to do. Evidence to back up my reason: The lunch ladies would easily be able to serve all the students. With 45 or so lunch ladies, it would be very do-able for them to serve all of the students quickly.

3. The students will get their lunches faster. Evidence to back up my reason: With the cubicle system, students can be served very quickly, maybe even 20 per minute.

Counter Argument.

You could argue that 45 or so lunch ladies would not be able to serve all the tables, they would get too tired.

But here's the weakness: There are only 10 tables in the cafeteria for the lunch ladies to get to. They can take turns going out to serve the tables because only 10 of them would need to go out at a time. After their turn they could take a break.

This is why I say: Students should go to their cubicles and have food served to them.

Editorial, by David C., 5th gr., Why Children Should Wear Masks

Everyday there are kids that don't have masks on or don't have them on properly. The kids are like this while they're in the stores and around other people that do wear a mask. I will be discussing why I think it's important for kids to wear a mask and to do so properly. And if children do not wear their masks properly or not at all, I think parents should get fined \$250 if their child doesn't follow the rules.

Here are my reasons why kids should wear masks. We're going through tough times with the pandemic and everyone should be safe. We all need to stay 6 feet apart and

wear our masks properly. The masks should be worn over your nose and cover your mouth completely. Younger children also have weaker immune systems compared to teenagers (who are around 13-18 year olds). Weaker immune systems can make you get sick easier with covid-19. Kids can carry covid-19 and get the rest of their family sick too.

I learned all of this at school and on the News. I learned how to wear a mask properly by seeing the signs in stores too. I also learned in the 4th grade, that kids' immune systems are weaker and will be more likely to get sick with covid. I also learned in the 4th grade that older people are most likely to get covid. Kids could carry the virus and then give it to an older person.

The problem with this is that not everyone believes in the virus or doesn't want to follow the rules. Here are some counter arguments. People may think that the virus isn't real. Some people may also have an illness like asthma and think they can't wear a mask. There are also people who say this is a free world and can do what they want.

I believe the weakness in the argument is that Covid-19 is very much a real virus. Because many people have died from this virus. Many people have lost their jobs based on the impact of the virus. I have also heard my teachers say that it is a real virus.

Reducing the Cost of Living to Make Society Better, by Mushtaq D., 7th gr.

The main problem in society today is that the cost of living is too high and society unequal. To solve this problem, we should get rid of money altogether and share and trade to get the things we need.

I think that we should get rid of money because not everyone has enough money to survive. Some people do not have enough money to pay for food and shelter. Also, some people do not have enough money to attend college. Finally, I think we should get rid of money because it is smelly and unsanitary.

Everyone should be guaranteed enough food and shelter to survive. Instead of using money we should barter with each other and other countries for the other things we need. Everyone should be required to go to college and college should be free.

The president should decide how goods are distributed equally. They should serve for life unless bad president. If they are a bad president the governors should remove them.

Some might say that people would argue and fight over food and steal if they didn't have to spend money for it. However, I think that people would fight less if they didn't have to worry about getting necessities. The government would also be able to stop fights.

They might also say that people wouldn't work if they weren't getting paid with money. However, in our society people wouldn't be able to share if they don't work.

In conclusion, I believe that these actions will help everyone live better and make things more equal.

EDITORIAL, by Pranathi Y., 1st gr.

School: In online school, it's hard to be at home, and see friends on zoom.

Neighborhood:

Parks are too dirty

- Parks are closed

Chicago:

- Covid-19 has spread too much

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

In online school, it's hard to be at home, and see friends on zoom.

So, I think school should be open.

Here are my reasons:

1. I am bored at home. It's hard to be on the computer, real hard.
2. When you're on the computer, sometimes the internet freezes and logs you off.
3. I am spending too much time on the internet. I'm on the internet all day.

Counter Argument. You could argue that in order to learn, because of Covid-19, you have to be on the internet.

But here's the weakness: It's still too much time on the internet.

This is why I say: I think school should be open.

EDITORIAL, by Hassan D., 6th gr. (

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

There is too much violence in Chicago, but I think there should be fewer police.

Here are my reasons:

1. The police are part of the problem, They have killed a lot of black people.

2. The police are not accountable.
They break the rules.
3. They are supposed to do their jobs to protect the city, but sometimes they make bad decisions.
They discriminate against black people and use harsher measures against them.

Counter Argument. You could argue that
There should be more police, because police do some good things. They save people from shooting and sometimes they are the ambulance or a firefighter

But here's the weakness: People think that the black person was the one who caused the problem, but people accuse a black person just because they're black.

This is why I say the Police should look for clues before they accuse a person of doing illegal or bad actions.

Some people see that the police are good but some think they're bad. I think that they're bad because they killed a lot of black people. The police didn't only kill them they hurt them they put them to jail. They should take them to the judge and see if there guilty. I think they did that on purpose. The police are unaccountable. They break the rules They were innocent and the only thing I can say to the police is BLM.

EDITORIAL, by Mukunth R., 4th gr.

Schools need a swimming pool because fewer people are likely to drown, swimming is healthy, and swimming teaches you to dive which is a competitive sport. If people drown in Lake Michigan, then the population will decline. Swimming also helps you get bigger and better muscles so you have less chance of getting cramps and breaking your bones. Also, swimming is a competitive sport and it could boost the economy with competitiveness.

Fewer people are likely to drown because they know how to swim and they won't drown underwater. Swimming is a talent and you can become a professional at it and you can inspire other people to do the same thing.

Swimming is healthy because it burns calories. If you don't want to go to the gym, you can go to the pool and exercise. Being healthy is important because then you can live longer. If you're healthy, you're also stronger. It's important being healthy because then you can help others like lifting bags.

If you learn diving, you can become a professional athlete and that will help your country become popular. People who get inspired by you becoming a professional will be inspired and want to do the same. This may help them to not be in poverty.

Pools are expensive, but buying pools is better than having a bunch of dead people. People could get coronavirus and other deadly diseases and they need a good immune system to fight off diseases, so it's good for them to go swim in a pool. Pools can also make people healthy, there's less risk of people drowning, and swimming is also an athletic sport, and it boosts the economy.

EDITORIAL, by Donovan F., 4th gr.

Problems:

School: The wi-fi is going out. My teacher keeps getting disconnected sometimes.

Neighborhood: Many people are dying because of corona.

Chicago: The last time I went outside it was to go to my aunt's house.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done: They should create a vaccine because of the corona.

Here are my reasons:

1. Once people get vaccines, they will be able to play outside.

Evidence to back up my reason:

- Can't use rollerblades because of covid.

2. So that no more people get sick and die.

3. Be able to do science experiments outside again so that I don't have to worry about breaking the house.

Counter Argument. You could argue that you don't want to get a vaccine because you want to play Fortnite all day and don't want to get forced outside by your parents.

But here's the weakness: This is wrong because corona is a dangerous disease that could kill you.

My Aunt's Wedding, by Uriel M. and his tutor

My spring break was amazing. I went to a wedding where my aunt got married. There was a lot of cake, there was a lot of dancing and there were a lot of people. There were 100 people at the party. The bride and the groom walked down a red carpet into the church and there was money on the ground. My cousin and I grabbed three dollars.

After the ceremony we went to an event hall for the party. There was loud music. It was Mexican music that I know. I ate rice, meat, and milk flavored cake with ice cream, which is my favorite kind of cake. The cake was yummy.

During the party, I played around with my cousin. We played Fortnite together on his Nintendo switch. The party ended at 5:00 pm. The party was a lot of fun.

EDITORIAL, by Mushtaq D., 7th gr.

Neighborhood: My neighbors always have a party in the middle of the night and they are so loud.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

My main idea is my neighbors always have a party in the middle of the night and they are so loud. I think people should have their parties in the morning, not in the middle of the night when people are trying to sleep.

Here are my reasons:

1. My first reason is when it is the middle of the night, people are trying to sleep and they have work in the morning.

Evidence to back up my reason: My family has to work and study in the morning. We have to go to the online school meeting at 8:45 in the morning.

2. Our neighbor's window is open and they always yell and scream, so maybe we can tell them to close the window so we can't hear them.

Evidence to back up my reason: I can go to the manager of the building and ask him to tell the people to close the windows.

Counter Argument. You could argue that you can make up your sleep and why are windows made if you can't even open them.

But here's the weakness: You are still tired and maybe your neighbors can be considerate and keep the voices down.

This is why I say: I think you should keep the voices down and at least keep your windows shut when you are having a party so the people can't hear you.

EDITORIAL, by Jaylen S., 4th gr.

Chicago: PEOPLE ARE THROWING GARBAGE ON THE GROUND, AND IT IS NOT GOOD FOR THE PLANET

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done: I think people should consider throwing trash away in a garbage can and not throw it on the ground

Here are my reasons: Animals can eat the garbage and they could die

Evidence to back up my reason: There is a video of people removing a straw from a turtle's mouth. I see people throwing garbage on the ground all the time

Counter Argument. You could argue that people are supposed to pick up the trash.

But here's the weakness: People are so lazy they do not want to pick their trash up

This is why I say: people should consider throwing trash in the garbage can

Wearing Masks in Uptown, by Leonela C., 10th gr.

- Argument Mask fatigue → people getting tired of wearing masks
 - People don't want to look stupid
 - Simply don't want to wear them
 - People don't want to wear two masks---hard to breathe due to health reasons like asthma

Pros of Mask wearing

- It helps decrease the chance of getting covid
 - The person wearing the mask
 - And the person you'd come in contact with

- To really decrease the spread; I'd have to wear a mask and my friend would also have to wear one; Plus we'd need to maintain 6ft distance
- There are many different style and types
 - Some have glitter, spikes, rhinestones
- They are easily accessible-- you can find them at any store
 - Stores on Clark street--have fashion masks
 - Walgreens, Jewel Osco --have utility masks
- using/buying reusable fabric masks
 - They save money

Cons of wearing a mask

- Hard to breathe in
- Glasses fogging up
- It costs money to buy a mask

Malachi H., 5th gr.

I choose the issue of creating an inclusive community (neighborhood, school, and city) for people who blind. Some people are born blind, and some people later in life experience an accident and become blind.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

We want to celebrate and respect all people and their different abilities, but also be inclusive and safe. My idea of what should be done is that scientists should invent contact lenses to help blind people be able to see completely.

Here are my reasons:

1. **Safety** - Helping blind people have a way to see when necessary, for safety is an important reason why we should create these contact lenses.

Evidence to back up my reason

When I am distracted or not looking, I can easily miss a car coming when walking around, or a ledge that I might trip over. The same risk applies to blind people who cannot see.

2. Equal education opportunities - Not all teachers are trained to work with blind students and can use visual aids to teach that a blind person may not have an accommodation for.

Evidence to back up my reason: Teacher might be showing an example, or student might need to do interactive work and there may not be an accommodation.

3. Scientists have created several new technologies to address these kinds of needs, so this seems like a realistic solution.

Evidence to back up my reason: hearing aids, glasses for the ability to see color, cochlear implant surgery to be able to hear

Counter Argument. You could argue that

Some people might feel like this is a solution that changes blind people, rather than accepts them for their different abilities.

They might say there are already accommodations for blind people like Braille and special stoplights, and we should have more of those.

But here's the weakness:

There will always be cases where those special accommodations are not available, like an under-funded school or a rural intersection. My solution keeps people safe and included at all times. If there is an accommodation (like a Braille book or a safe stoplight), then blind people could opt out of the contact lenses in those cases.

This is why I say:

Scientists should work on a technology that would allow blind people the option of being able to see.

EDITORIAL, BY REAISHA J., 7TH gr.

Police brutality is wrong. I feel like this because hurting and killing people for no reason is not right.

One reason is because killing people is wrong, period. Just for walking, having a hoodie on, etc., they'll shoot or hurt you. In a way, some of it can be because of skin. Some is because they're kids and kids are always up to something, I guess. But still, pulling the trigger or hitting isn't right.

Another reason is because people have others that love them so much, and just to know somebody did something like that to their loved ones, it would bring hatred, protect, riot, etc., and we don't want it to go that far, to the point where you don't feel heard, and the only way they could be heard is to destroy.

Lastly, this is wrong because the police department can get sued and rioted. They could be threatened, hurt, and lots of other stuff.

You may argue that police are doing their job, but if they were really doing their job, they wouldn't do it in such a cruel way, in which it may hurt or kill someone that didn't do anything.

This is why I say ***Police Brutality is wrong.***

EDITORIAL, By Reisha J., 7th gr.

The Death Penalty shouldn't be allowed.

The first reason is that killing someone should never be justified as a punishment. Many people who are not guilty are locked up, face the death penalty, and die for no reason since they didn't do anything.

Next, the death penalty hurts families. This is bad for people who have families, because it affects them very harshly since it is someone whom they love that has the death penalty, and because when person will be gone, it'll hurt them. Since it hurts families, the death penalty shouldn't be allowed.

Finally, people may want to live out their life. First, I want to start off by saying you never know how old the person is. If you pull the death penalty card, they may be young and being young you want to live your life and do things. You may also want to take advantage of the world and different countries.

A counterargument that could be made is that someone thinks people deserve to have the penalty because depending on the crime, the punishment may be good. The claim that the death penalty can be good depending on the crime is flawed for many reasons, but the biggest one being that killing people should never be a good thing to do to anybody.

The death penalty hurts families in every way. People want to live their life because they may be young and very inexperienced. Lastly, killing someone should never be justified as a punishment because at the end of the day everybody has someone whom they love, and they don't want to have to see them in a casket bed.

Free Writing, by Reaisha, 7th gr.

My bestie and I have been besties for 10 years and we are very close friends. We met when we were little kids but we don't remember exactly how we met. We like to do anything and everything together as long as we do it together. She was one of the first and only people that I have opened up to. She is a very outgoing, great person. I love her very much and she is always there for me.

Editorial, by Carlos C.-G., 4th gr.

Issue: Should students have gym/physical education

My position is Yes. We should have gym.

Why?

1. Because it gives us exercises like jumping jacks and push ups
2. They help us make muscles and be strong.
3. Sports