

SILVER LININGS

holding onto hope in the face of adversity

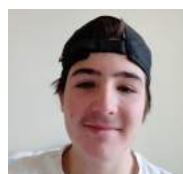
"I've been using baking as a way to distract me about everything going on and it gives me a chance to help out and spread a little joy to the people that I care about." said senior Samantha Adamson. As all of our lives were drastically changed with the enforcement of social distancing and stay-at-home orders, students and staff found much time to explore old and new passions. Baking, hiking, artwork, playing video games and spending time with family were among the most popular quarantine activities, but students still found ways to express their creativity. Freshman Eden Tripp spent time painting trees in her backyard, while Teya Fukuhara (9) was making masks for those on the front line of the virus. Despite the prolonged spring break such a long time spent apart from each other was never easy, and the importance of checking in and taking care of our loved ones was a top priority. Friend groups scheduled FaceTimes, people reached out on social media, and staff members made a sweet video to tell students how much they missed each other. A worldwide pandemic could not stop the Littleton community from weathering the storm, and finding the silver lining in the strangest of times. The COVID-19 pandemic was often an uncertain and scary time but brought us lessons in an abrupt manner. We learned the importance of not taking the little things for granted and realized that often times things are out of our control. More than anything, we were taught the power of finding things in life that make us happy. COVID-19 was an unprecedented reminder that we are so much stronger as one.



SEEKING OUT THE GOOD

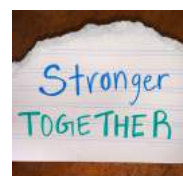
what's one lesson you've learned from living through a historical pandemic and being quarantined?

JEANLOUP AUZIAS (12)



"I learned that anything can happen so it is important to enjoy the things we have while we still have them."

JAMES KNOBLAUCH (11)



"Well if I've learned one thing from all of this, it's that in a crisis we all need to support and work together to despite our differences."

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1. QUARANTINE IN WONDERLAND. Using chalk paint, freshman Eden Tripp brings color to her home by painting on the aspen trees and the fence during quarantine. Tripp shared, "During the long break being stuck in the house, it was important for my sister and I to find something creative to do. So we got some air outside and painted our trees!" *photo by Ellery Tripp*

2. BAKING THE DAYS AWAY. Samantha Adamson (12) poses with a freshly baked cake she made during the quarantine. Not only did Adamson explore new recipes during her free time, but she also spread joy by sharing her bakes on social media. *photo courtesy of Samantha Adamson*

3. MORE TIME TO DANCE. Elise Haley (11), a ballerina, practices her skills on her deck at home while sharing dancing videos to an Instagram page she made during quarantine. "I finally have the time to do what I love," explained Haley. "I use videos to critique myself even without my teachers and share what I love." *photo courtesy of Elise Haley*

4. GETTIN' SWOLE. Hanging in his kitchen doorway, Jude Lucas (12) stays in shape during quarantine by exercising creatively at home. Lucas explained, "Before quarantine I was working out almost every day at the gym, so I've been finding ways to stay active in my house." *photo courtesy of Jude Lucas*

5. CHALK IT UP. Hanna Salz draws with sidewalk chalk in her backyard. Chalk was one of the popular ways students expressed their creativity outside. *photo courtesy of Hanna Salz*

6. ARTIST IN RESIDENCE. Enjoying the sunshine in her yard, Abby Sawicki (10) paints a picture of a starry night. "I've been filling my days with creativity, it changes my outlook and makes me happier," said Sawicki. *photo courtesy of Abby Sawicki*

7. DISTANCING IN NATURE. Anders McCarthy (11) enjoys a hike on a warm day during the pandemic, something that was permitted with the CDC guidelines. "It's always nice to get outside once it starts getting stuffy," explained McCarthy. "What better way is there to social distance than with some exercise and nice views?" *photo courtesy of Anders McCarthy*



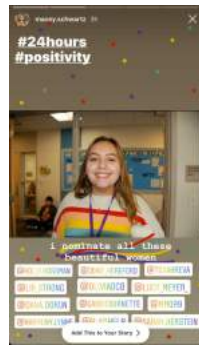
THE BEST IS YET TO COME

what are you most looking forward to after all this is over?
poll of 179 students



SPREADIN' THE LOVE

students spread positivity and stay connected with Instagram challenges during quarantine



"The challenge was to spread positivity to the people we love and can't see right now. It was just a great way to shine a little light in all the darkness surrounding us right now. I did it to give my friends a reason to smile that day."
MACEY SCHWARTZ (11)

"I did the positivity challenge on Instagram because to me, spreading positivity can really make a difference in someone's life. Hying girls up, and guys as well, can make you feel good about yourself while also letting someone else know they can feel good about themselves too."
SAMANTHA CAQUIAS (9)

"During this time it's very easy to get down on yourself and be lonely, but it's important to know that your friends are still there for you and they're only a text away."
GILLIAN SCHWANITZ (11)

CINTHIA ROMAN-CERVANTES (12)



"There's so much going on, but we should focus on the good things, too. This is something we'll overcome, and we should stay positive until then. Mind over matter."

ERICA LAPP (11)



"I've learned a lot about the importance of relationships, especially with my parents. Being quarantined made me want a better connection with the people I love."

KATIE STITT (11)



"This experience has taught me to have more patience with my family, and to be grateful for all I have."

the **one** with the scissors
HANNAH PETERSON



"I gave my brother a mullet over the break."

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