



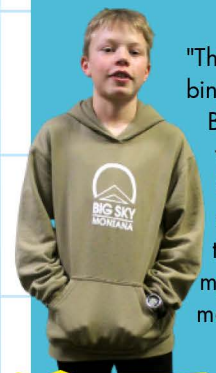
**Jake Richards (7)**

"This summer I binged 'Outer Banks' because it was just a really good show, and I really enjoyed it."



**Suzie Mayer (8)**

"During the summer I binge watched 'The Summer I Turned Pretty.' It was just a really good show."



**Davin Bohan (6)**

"This summer I binged 'Breaking Bad.' I watched it because I really liked the movie and my friend told me to watch it."

## SUMMER BINGE LIST

Whether an old drama or a new series, students took advantage of the time off to binge these entertaining shows.

## TWISTS AND TURNS

Thrill seekers went to Elych Gardens for the roller coasters and the memories. These seventh graders tell us about their favorite rides.



"Twister 3 is my favorite ride because it's a rush. It's really fast and windy, and it's just really fun."  
-Caleb Hubbard (7)



"Shipwreck Falls at Elyches is my favorite ride because it's a water ride but also a roller coaster, so it's really fun."  
-Matthew Disch (7)

## DISHES, DIVES AND MARIACHI bands

The Denver landmark, Casa Bonita, reopened this summer and many students got to experience the highly anticipated new and improved restaurant. Story by Charlotte Nations

Almost exactly 50 years ago, in 1974, Casa Bonita first opened its doors in Lakewood, CO. For decades it was a Denver Metro tradition, providing family fun and delight to children as well as delicious sopapillas.

Unfortunately, in March 2020 it closed its doors. Many worried an era had passed, but more than a year later, new owners Trey Parker and Matt Stone, the creators of "South Park" and Colorado natives, brought a new vision to the Denver landmark.

After lengthy renovations, they finally opened this summer to some lucky patrons. It was difficult to get a reservation once the update was complete, but some lucky students got to see and experience the new and improved Casa Bonita.

"It's so difficult because it's a lottery. You have zero control over getting picked," Scarlet Hewitt (8) said. Hewitt had actually been to Casa Bonita two times since it opened. "The first time I went with my parents, aunt, and cousins. The second time I went

with a family friend and my parents," Hewitt said.

Seventh grader Brody Balek, another fortunate customer, commented on a long standing entertainment act. He said, "The cliff divers were my favorite part of going because one of them almost fell off the wall and died."

Casa Bonita has always been known for its unique and kitschy atmosphere, where diners can eat in Mexican villages complete with mariachi bands, cave interiors, or beside a tropical waterfall.

During her first time, Hewitt said that she sat on the cliff side of the restaurant. "I love the cliff divers because they always make me smile and laugh. When we sat on the cliff side, they did one act where they were close enough to touch."

Casa Bonita, gratefully, continued to be an unforgettable experience.



**PRETTY IN PINK!** Outside Casa Bonita, Levi Aguiniga (8) poses with his family to celebrate their their unforgettable time. "The most interesting part about going was Black Bart's Cave because the audio made it a really cool experience," said Aguiniga.

**SMILE!** Sixth graders Kate Schillie and Grant Page catch a moment with the famous Casa Bonita gorilla. The best friends enjoyed the new and improved venue. "I loved the entertainment like the cliff divers because it looks really cool and hard to do," Schillie said.



**SPLASH!** With his sister Evelyn, Greyson Donaldson (8) is photographed in front of the cliff diving pool. After months of being on the waiting list, they were finally lucky enough to score a reservation for the Colorado landmark. "Black Bart's Cave was my favorite part because it was so cool to see the popular attraction," Donaldson said.

### Pink goes With everything

The new Barbie movie was the hit of the summer, so let's see what characters movie goes liked the best.

"Alan was my favorite character from the Barbie movie. He was just so funny, and he didn't act like any of the other Kens."

**- ELLIE DENNO (8)**

"My favorite character from Barbie was probably the Mayor of Barbie Land because she was just so funny."

**- SYDNEY PATEFIELD (7)**

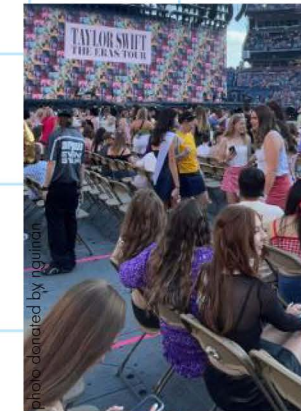
## MY SUMMER (Taylor's Version)



**nola guinan (8)**

"Welcome to the Eras Tour!" Taylor Swift said to over 70,000 cheering fans in Empower Field who attended her Eras Tour this summer in Denver, Colorado. It was very rare to get a ticket to the tour, but Nola Guinan (8) was lucky to get one and was there to experience the whole night. Guinan had a very special evening, but there was one part that really stood out from the rest. "My favorite part about the concert was the surprise songs," Guinan said. "She played 'Picture To Burn' and 'Timeless.'" One of those special songs, 'Timeless,' became a favorite because it reminded Guinan of the unforgettable night. "My favorite album right now is 'Speak Now' and my favorite song is 'Timeless because I got it as a surprise song," Guinan said.

Taylor Swift's Eras Tour, her first in five years, was the hottest ticket to get when she came to Denver. Nola Guinan (8) talks about what she thought about the record-breaking tour and Swift's new recordings. Story by Charlotte Nations



**WILDEST DREAMS!** On July 14th, eighth grader Nola Guinan visits with friends while waiting for Taylor Swift's Eras Tour to start. Guinan attended the first night of two that Swift performed in Denver, Colorado. "My outfit was inspired by the 'Look What You Made Me Do' music video, and it was an inside joke from behind the scenes," Guinan said.

# SUMMER STORIES

What we watched, did, and talked about all summer long.