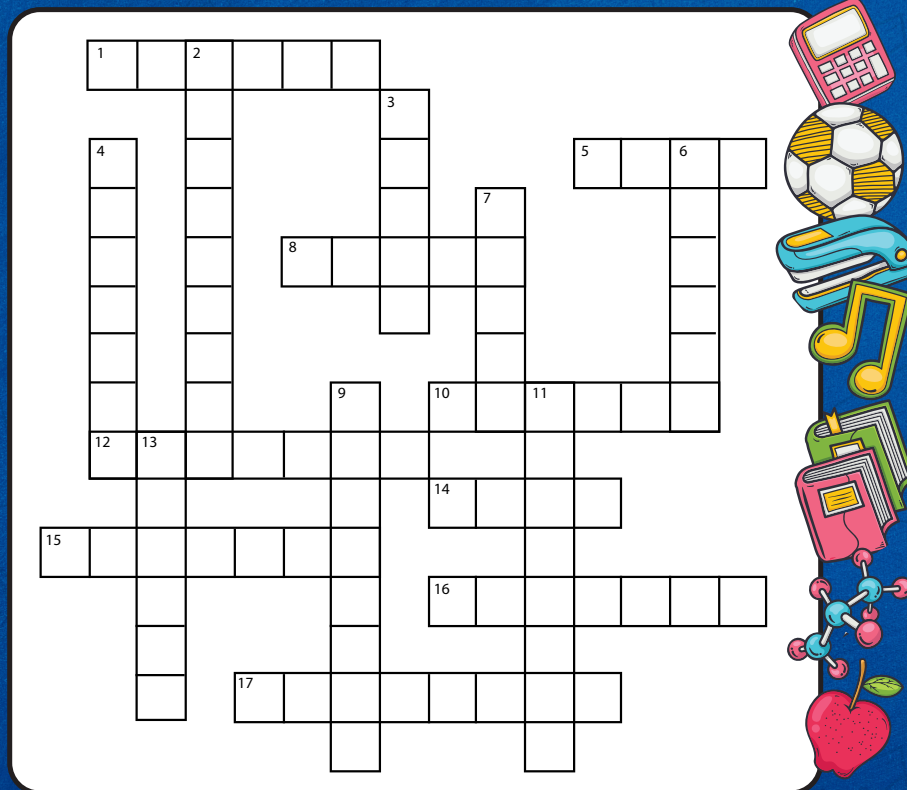


BACK TO SCHOOL CROSSWORD PUZZLE!



ACROSS

1. Time to play outside during a break in the school day.
5. A place to sit and study in your room or at your school.
8. It helps you measure and draw straight lines.
10. Writing utensil made of wood.
12. The person who guides and helps you in class.
14. A subject that involves numbers.
15. Use this to stick things together.
16. Where you go to enjoy stories and explore new worlds.
17. A colorful container to keep your sandwiches and snacks.

DOWN

2. Place where you might eat your lunch at school.
3. Present for the teacher.
4. Someone who goes to school.
6. A place where you learn and have fun.
7. Mark on an exam or in a class.
9. What school is all about.
11. A pad made of bound sheets of paper for taking notes.
13. A small tool to undo mistakes.

Hello August

AUGUST DAYS & DATES...

- 8/3 National Watermelon Day
- 8/4 National Friendship Day
- 8/10 National S'Mores Day
- 8/13 International Left-handers Day
- 8/26 Women's Equality Day

AUGUST IS...

- National Water Quality Month
- National Immunization Awareness Month
- National Golf Month
- National Inventors Month
- National Eye Exam Month
- National Pickle Month
- National Blueberry Month
- National Picnic Month
- National Grilling Month

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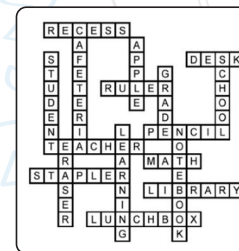
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MANAGER'S MINUTE

While it seems like summer just started, we have to start thinking about our kids getting ready to go back to school. It is an exciting time when they get to go back and see all their old friends and make new ones, either at the same school or, better yet, when they are moving up to a higher level. Not only do we have to think about school supplies and new clothes, but we also need to keep a sharp eye out for the little ones who are still thinking about summer—they are not always easy to see! So, we have to pay a little extra attention ourselves...

See you soon,

Mark





BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

On August 23, 1966, the world received its first view of Earth taken by a spacecraft from the vicinity of the Moon. The photo was transmitted to Earth by the Lunar Orbiter I & received at the NASA tracking station at Robledo De Chavela near Madrid, Spain.

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GRILLED CHICKEN THIGHS WITH PICKLED PEACHES

Pickling fresh peaches and then charring them on the grill adds extra flavor to this arugula salad with crispy grilled chicken thighs.



Ingredients

PICKLED PEACHES

- 6 firm-ripe medium peaches
- 1 ½ cups distilled white vinegar
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 stalk of lemongrass, tender inner bulb only, thinly sliced
- One 1-inch piece of fresh ginger, peeled and thinly sliced
- ½ teaspoon whole black peppercorns
- 5 allspice berries
- 2 whole cloves
- One 3-inch cinnamon stick

CHICKEN

- 1 tablespoon sorghum syrup or molasses
- Kosher salt
- Pepper
- 8 skin-on, bone-in chicken thighs (about 2 pounds)
- ½ cup plus 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for brushing
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- ¼ cup each chopped parsley, basil and tarragon
- 4 cups arugula, thick stems discarded

Directions

PICKLE THE PEACHES

1. Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil. Fill a large bowl with ice water. Using a sharp paring knife, mark an X on the bottom of each peach. Add the peaches to the saucepan and blanch until the skins start to peel away, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer the peaches to the ice bath and let cool completely. Peel, halve and pit the peaches and transfer to a large heatproof bowl. Wipe out the saucepan.
2. In the large saucepan, combine all the remaining ingredients with 1 ½ cups of water and bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Let the brine cool slightly, then pour over the peaches and let cool completely. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

PREPARE THE CHICKEN

3. In a large bowl, whisk 8 cups of water with the sorghum syrup and 2 tablespoons of salt. Add the chicken, cover and refrigerate overnight.
4. Drain the chicken and wipe out the bowl. Return the chicken to the bowl and toss with 1/2 cup of the olive oil, the vinegar, garlic, chopped herbs and 1 teaspoon of pepper. Let stand at room temperature for 1 hour.
5. Light a grill and oil the grate. Remove the peaches from the brine and reserve the pickling liquid. Grill the peaches over moderate heat, turning once, until lightly charred, 4 to 5 minutes. Transfer to a work surface. Grill the chicken thighs over moderate heat, turning, until lightly charred and cooked through, 20 to 25 minutes. Transfer to the work surface and let rest for 5 minutes.
6. In a bowl, toss the arugula with 1 tablespoon of the peach pickling liquid and the remaining 1 tablespoon of olive oil; season with salt and pepper. Arrange the salad, chicken and grilled peaches on a platter and serve.

<https://www.foodandwine.com/recipes/grilled-chicken-thighs-pickled-peaches>

SHOULD YOU ONLY USE THE LEFT LANE TO PASS?

When you head out on the open road, do you automatically steer toward the left lane because that's traditionally where "faster" drivers are known to go? And while there's nothing wrong with using the left lane as it's intended, people who drive slowly in that lane could find themselves in trouble with the law.

Much of the current misunderstanding over the left lane stems from the 55 mph national speed limit that was enacted in 1974, according to the National Motorists Association. Before this, passing on the left was an unwritten rule of the road, but after the speed limit was enacted, drivers believed that if they were maintaining the posted speed limit then they could chill anywhere.

Reserving the left lane only for passing other cars—known as "lane courtesy"—reaps surprising benefits, however. Here's why you should reserve your left-lane use for passing only.

YOU'LL AVOID TICKETS AND FINES- Staying in the left lane when you're not passing isn't allowed in most states, despite what some drivers might think. Blame the confusion on the lack of a nationwide law. In 29 states, there are laws that any car moving slower than the surrounding traffic should be in the right lane, while other states are stricter and designate the left lane only for turning or passing.

IT'S SAFER - Beyond avoiding fines (always a plus!), abiding by lane courtesy makes the roads safer for everyone, as faster drivers have a quick and easy way to get around slower drivers.

YOU'LL SAVE ON GAS - Following the letter of the law can save you a few bucks, too. Maintaining your speed and sticking to the right can get you better gas mileage. Less weaving in and out of lanes is more fuel-efficient and better for the environment.

YOU'LL STRESS LESS - Trying to zip around cars doesn't significantly improve your commute time. Plus, lane courtesy might just be the quickest cure for road rage.

In the end, lane courtesy actually helps all drivers treat one another as equals on the road—and makes the highways and freeways a safer space for everyone.

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