



UNBIASED ELIAS

Appreciate the Little Things

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Since my freshman year, I felt like I had to rise above the stereotype of "lazy" and "unmotivated" Hispanic kid. I committed myself to multitudes of clubs and AP classes in hopes of achieving more for myself.

In retrospect, this only caused me to become stressed, unhappy and doubtful whether my accomplishments.

Throughout this process I lost sight of the people that matter most to me. I neglected to spend time with my family and opted to go to a service, attend a tournament or stay late working on the school newspaper.

In a chaotic world of extracurriculars and academics, it is the little things that count the most. A compliment on my Instagram feed, a phone call asking why I missed class or a baked good wrapped in saran wrap because I was too busy to eat breakfast are the things that mean the most. Senior year it is imperative to seize the moment and realize things are not as serious as they may seem. Amber, thanks for the little things. Homecoming?

Technology: Mankind's Best Friend and Helper

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In recent years, technology has taken great strides in assisting in everyday tasks, such as home activities, cooking, being healthy and even student life. The everyday citizen is able to enjoy most of these benefits at places that would not have been suspected, such as businesses or in schools. Although technology has advances, there are still a few things that it has not been able to improve in an educational environment, like attendance. Until recently, absences in schools have not been affected greatly by technology.

An organization called "No Isolation" has created technology that can assist students in school and help to create a non exclusive environment for those who cannot be in school regularly or for those who find it hard to communicate and learn in an ordinary teaching environment. Students who would have been bullied or treated differently could now be treated as equal and feel a new sense of ease and normality in school.

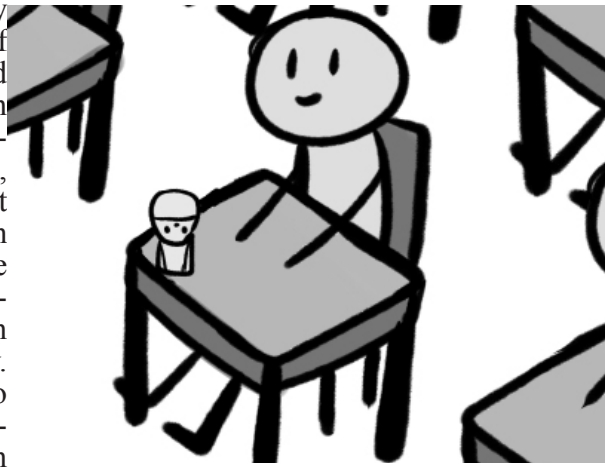
"No Isolation" has created a new type of robot that can work in the classroom in order to act as the student who is using this high tech device. With this invention, students have access to seeing and hearing what is going on in the classroom

connected and involved in a community of children their age. This will allow these children to have less social anxiety or other social interaction problems in the future.

This type of technology, although fairly new, should be implemented in schools all across the United States, as well as the world. By helping students, schools would reap the benefits as well. With this new technology, these students have the ability to raise their grades and test scores, therefore raising school's average GPAs and graduation rates.

This new technology may have some drawbacks, however. Due to the complexity of these machines, they are very costly. Not only would schools have difficulty affording them,

but if the public tried to acquire them by themselves, they would most likely be charged even more than schools. In addition, schools would have to take into account all repairs that would be needed if the robots were to malfunction or become damaged. Despite all the downsides, they would still be just as beneficial to the students.



with live footage and audio even when they cannot attend school in person. The robot will allow absent students to be able to talk to their fellow students in class.

The little robot connects sick and disabled children who would not otherwise be able to participate in a classroom setting. The technology allows them to feel

Don't Stop For Tolls

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Many students are, or will soon be, drivers. What most new drivers do not know is the struggle of dealing with toll lanes. When drivers end up encountering an open toll lane, even by accident, they have to pay to get through. There should not be a need to have toll lanes; they are an unnecessary waste of time and money.

Toll lanes slow down drivers and may even cause them to go through alternate routes to avoid paying the fees.

Recently, the prices on toll lanes have been increasing due to a need for infrastructure funds. According to National Public Radio, most states' budgets are dwindling. Since the states are struggling to pay off city taxes, they have turned to toll lanes. Toll lanes may have less traffic, but when the prices are raised too high, it repels drivers away. This does not help anyone.

Instead of raising toll lane prices, the government should raise the prices of gas and bus fares. What makes these necessities the most convenient is the fact that people mostly do not have many options regarding these things. If the prices of train and bus fares are raised, people will only have the option to walk or drive.

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A Sheltered Life: Education for Migrant Children

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In the 1900's, the Compulsory Education Act was amended to improve child welfare and discourage child labor practices for immigrants. Today, this benefit is not being applied to the same immigrants that the Compulsory Education Act is protecting. Not only does this violate the Compulsory Education Act, it violates America's values and the future of immigrants.

After an outburst of public outrage, President Trump revoked his own "no tolerance policy," which separated thousands of families crossing the United States border. The Compulsory Education Act dictates that it is against the law to restrict education on the basis of citizenship. Only two Texas school districts have been allowed to send teachers to local shelters. However, more schools should be allowed to send help because the children are emotionally distressed and placing them in a larger setting could cause

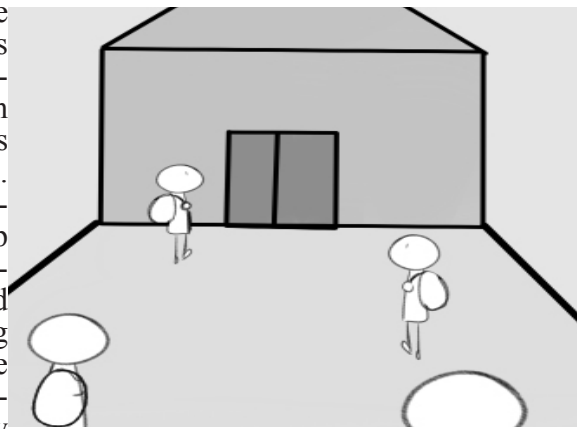
them to hurt themselves and others.

In April 2018, Colleen Kraft, the president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, visited one of these shelters to evaluate the children's mental health. What she saw was disturbing. Traumatized toddlers silently watched on as a single girl

the future. Supplying more teachers to guide them through their trauma is important if they are to develop their minds and learn to connect and enjoy their time with others.

Supplying resources to educate these migrants would impact their future as adults. There are stories of parents unable to reunite with their children because they could not understand the forms they were signing. What they thought were forms that would bring their children back to them were in truth forms that took away their rights to be together with their children. They were often told by officials that these papers were helping them find their children. Teaching migrant children will help them avoid similar instances like these, especially when they enter the job market.

If a child is treated like a criminal before they have done anything, it affects them emotionally and impairs their development. People should make a concentrated effort to make children feel welcomed. Migrant children should be given every opportunity to learn and grow.



screamed and cried for her mother. Kraft explained to the Atlantic that normal children develop skills related to playing, learning and socializing. If young children are under too much traumatic stress, they will have a harder time learning to bond with others and reject them in

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