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Story 10

Part 1 of 5

“The FMS Student Cook Off”

Part 1 of 5: #FMSStudentCookOff

Directions

1. Read the story
2. Find the five errors
3. Mark the errors using the key

Megan Zimmerman held her phone in her left hand and a walkie-talkie in her right hand. With her left thumb, She swiped down furiously, rapidly refreshing Instagram. As soon as the spiraling pinwheel at the top of the screen stopped, she swiped again.

“Iron Chef to Social Network,” Principal Mellon’s voice scratched through the walkie-talkie. “What’s the update, Social Network.”

“#FMSStudentCookOff is doing great,” Megan replied. “Likes are pouring in. Nothing from Alpha Dog Chase yet, though. Over.”

Megan cupped her walkie-talkie hand around the screen, shielding it from the bright June sun. It was the last day of school, and most of Fairview Middle was out on the school’s old softball field, the site of the FMS Student Cook Off. Students played beanbag toss and other yard games in the outfield. Parents laughter and took pictures from picnic tables in the infield. Teachers poured lemonade. Music played. The student chef’s prepared their miniature grill stations. Irvin’s wooden judge’s stand stood proudly behind home plate in front of the Back Stop. A paper sign reading “Guest of Honor, Superintendent Chase” sat on the stand’s center seat. A gigantic, hand painted banner at the top of the fence welcomed all. The Cook Off’s official Instagram account captured the scene. Principal Mellon beamed with pride.

Megan refreshed Instagram again. “Distress call! Social Network to Iron Chef. Distress call, Iron Chef!” she shouted into the walkie. “It’s Alpha Dog Chase. She isn’t coming.”

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Question

Besides #FMSStudentCookOff, what hashtags might Megan include with her Instagram pictures?

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Part 2 of 5: Cooper’s Idea

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Principal Mellon dropped his walkie-talkie and ran to Megan. When Cooper saw the panicking principal, dropped he his lemonade and followed him.

“She just posted,” Megan said. “Look.”

Megan tilted her phone so Cooper and Mellon could see. They saw an Instagram post from @SuperSuperChase4Tech. It was a picture of the audience at a graduation ceremony. The caption read, “So excited to be spending my afternoon at Kettle Cross Middle School’s Farewell Assembly! #CollegeReady #CareerReady.”

“She is going to Kettle Cross’s Farewell Assembly instead of the FMS Student cook Off,” Mellon said, heartbroken. “Super.”

Cooper looked across the field. It was the perfect June day. No one was fighting or screaming or smacking binders to the floor or climbing up lockers. Students, parents, and teachers were celebrating a beautiful new tradition, the project of the school and its principal. Fairview Middle School was in harmony.

“The superintendent has to see this,” Cooper said flatly. He then spotted Mr. Nitman, who was standing next to a large glass tank by first base. Mr. Nitman had brought his class pet, the ball python snake named Bob, down to enjoy the Cook Off.

“I have an idea,” said Cooper. Megan and Mellon watched as Cooper walked to Mr. Nitman. After a brief discuss, Cooper and Nitman each picked up one end of Bob’s tank and began carrying it toward the parking lot.

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Question

Cooper has an idea.
What do you think it is?

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“The FMS Student Cook Off”

Part 3 of 5: Farewell Assembly

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“Please explain this absurd plan once more,” Mr. Nitman said. He were racing his car through the town of Fairview, his hands strangling the steering wheel. Cooper was in the passenger seat. Bob and his tank were strapped securely in the back.

“I release Bob. The goes gym bananas. They cancel the ceremony. Chase comes to the Cook Off,” Cooper said matter-of-factly. He was typing a text. “Pat is going to let me in.”

“Dear heaven,” Nitman replied.

Minutes later, Cooper stood in the back of Kettle Cross’s gymnasium, behind hundreds of seated parents and grandparents. He knelt down and unzipped his book bag. Bob slithered out, heading straight down the main aisle that split the sea of chairs in two. Astonished, Cooper watched Bob reach the stage, turn right circle around the outside of the crowd, and return to the book bag. Miraculously, No one noticed the snake.

Cooper panicked. Back at FMS, the Cook Off was in full swing. He needed to do something to get Superintendent Chase there and he needed to do it fast. Cooper spotted Chase on the stage. Interrupting the principal’s speech, Cooper ran down the aisle, hopped on stage, and bent down to whisper something in the superintendent’s ear. Chase’s eyes popped wide open. She jumped out of her chair like it was hot and sprinted for the exit.

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Question

What do you think Cooper whispered to Superintendent Chase?

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Part 4 of 5: Drive!

Directions

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Back in the parking lot, Mr. Nitman was listening to a classical music radio station, trying to calm himself. Suddenly, he saw the school’s front doors flie open and the superintendent exit at a full sprint, headed straight for the car. She ripped open the door and flung herself in the passenger seat.

“Goodness. Mr. Nitman. Tell me. Is it as bad as last time?” Chase asked, trying to catch her breath. “Conner here tells me your school’s kitchen classroom has caught fire again. We can’t have another Corn Muffin Incident of 1997. We can’t. Drive!”

Nitman used the rearview mirrored to glare at Cooper, who was dumping Bob back in his cage in the back seat. The drive back to Fairview Middle was more frantic then the ride to Kettle Cross. The entire time, Superintendent Chase furiously swiped the screen of her phone, searching for news of the fire at Fairview Middle School.

When they arrived, Superintendent Chase shot out of the car before it was fully stopped. She sprinted toward the crowd on the softball field, which, she assumed, was made up of evacuees. When she saw the tables and balloons, heard the music and laughter, stopped she dead. She looked back at the school, which billowed no smoke. She dropped her cell phone and turned to face Cooper and Nitman, who were quickly joined by a sweaty Principal Mellon. Her mouth hung open. Then the Superintendent spoke.

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Question

How do you think Superintendent Chase is going to react?

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Part 5 of 5: The Superintendent’s Speech

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“Am I to believe,” Chase began, addressing Cooper and Nitman, “That a teacher and a student drove across town, broke into another school, interrupted its Farewell Assembly, and lied to the superintendent, claiming their school was on fire? All to bring her to ... a *picnic*? This is...” she surveyed the scene before her — the field, the decorations, the judge’s stand, “...amazing. Dan!” she called for Principal Mellon. “Are you going to show me around?”

Principal Mellon excitedly led Superintendent Chase on a tour of the Cook Off. Glowing with pride, he explained every part of it, from the social media team to the newly discovered culinary talents of students like Rodgers and Tony. When they arrived at the judge’s stand, Chase took her place at the center seat. Malina handed her the microphone and the superintendent stood up to address the crowd.

“Thank you, Conner and Mr. Nitman, for rescuing me from another ceremony and inviting me, no, *forcing* me, to come to the Fairview Middle School Student Cook Off. In all of my years in education, I have never seen a school quite like Fairview Middle School. In more ways than one, it is completely outrageous. But in many other ways...” she paused, taking in the setting again, “...it is just right. And I now believe Principal Dan Mellon is just the person to lead it.”

Cheers erupted from the crowd. The FMS Student Cook Off proceeded splendidly (Rodgers won the competition with his “downright impressive” shish kabobs), and another year at Fairview Middle School came to an end.

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Questions

Why do you think Superintendent Chase made the decision she did?

Do you agree with her?