



# The Weekly Pellet

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## FIRST GRADERS LOVE EASTMINSTER SCHOOL!

**Marlee Stanley** - We are getting new playground equipment. **Bianca Hurley-Orosco** - I love Eastminster because we learn a lot. I never want to leave Eastminster at all.

**Hannah Foley** - Eastminster School is the best! If you ever saw how much we learn, you would fall down dead! **Natalie Hickerson** - I love writing because you can make up stories. I love making up stories! **Jonas Woodruff** - I like picture walking before I read books. **Grant Brown** - Eastminster School is the best school. We learned how to count money. **Jackson Grady** - We learned how to draft. Eastminster School is the best. It feels good. **Charles Taffe** - I love science because I like the magnets. At Eastminster School it is nice and good.

**Nicholas Watson-Garcia** - I like math because you learn and I like calendar math.

**Camille Johnson** - Something exciting about school is we get recess. I always love Spanish. One of the words in Spanish is hola. **Jacob Hickerson** -

We learn about math, calendar, counting, reading, writing, Spanish, art, music, games, money and alphabet. **Colin Kennelly** - I love this school. We sing long songs.

**Muskaan Vaishnav** - I like Eastminster School because the teachers are nice. The students are nice too. **Arya Joshi** - We have fun because we learn about the weather. We do play in school and we really have fun. We do Problem of the Week.

We do Mountain Math. **Sydney Lopez** - You'll have a shock when you walk in the building. You'll see a long hallway and a lunchroom too. **Megan McGoldrick** - I like Eastminster School because I have been here before. It is pretty in the school. I like it a lot.

In Mrs. O'Loughlin's class Madison Loew writes:

I like Science because we get to make tornadoes and blizzards. I like reading groups because we get to listen to books on tape.

## WEDNESDAY CHAPEL BRINGS POSITIVE MESSAGES TO STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Each Wednesday morning our school is dressed in its best Eastminster School attire for Chapel. The last of the three Chapel Services concerning our school motto "*Excellentia Mentis, Corpus, Animus*" was heard on September 28<sup>th</sup>. October 3rd, Eastminster School Board Member and Conyers Presbyterian Church Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Albert Myers delivered the Homily. Dr Myers focused on the virtue, Self Discipline. Wednesday, October 10th Senior Pastor, The Reverend Dr. John Beyers, of Conyers First United Methodist Church prepared us for Halloween and All Saints' Day, by carving a pumpkin to illustrate God's caring, nurturing, cleansing and enlightening. Email Sue Troff ([stroff@eastminsterschool.org](mailto:stroff@eastminsterschool.org)) contact information for your family's spiritual leader and she will contact them to be a part of a future Wednesday Chapel service.

## SECOND GRADE NEWS

Students in Mrs. Rogers' class have been studying about "matter". The students have been participating in lots of experiments. They have grown a crystal garden, viewed crystals in a microscope, had a "raisin race", watched a balloon blow up without huffing and puffing, have been "ice fishing". The children will finish off their unit by making their own "rock candy" out of sugar crystals.

## JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS

Junior Great Books is having another exciting week. The Kindergarteners found a piece of doll furniture hidden in our classroom with a bite taken out of a piece of watermelon. They are sure that Tom Thumb and Hunca Munca from our new Beatrix Potter story, "The Tale Of Two Bad Mice" are responsible. First Graders have begun exploring the wonderful world of poetry and will experience "flying" next week. The Second Graders bid a sad farewell to Squirrel Nutkin and have been introduced to a lazy camel in the story, "How The Camel Got His Hump" by Rudyard Kipling. If you ever want to learn how to talk like a camel, please ask one of them. The Third and Fourth graders have been enjoying a Georgian folktale called, "The Man Whose Trade Was Tricks". They have spent quite some time exploring what having a reputation means and what kind of a reputation each one of them would like to have. Middle School students showed their imagination and creativity this week by drawing artistic interpretations of the story, "Kaddo's Wall."

## ART NEWS REMINDER

Please remember to turn in your Original Artwork Orders and packets by October 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Important Dates**

**October 17, 2007**

*Picture Day*

**October 19, 2007**

*Original Artworks orders due*

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

A special thank you to Nicholas Watson-Garcia and his mother Brandi Watson for the gift of a Wollemi Pine tree to Eastminster. This tree, which dates back before the Jurassic Period, was discovered in Australia in 1994. As one Australian professor noted, "This is the equivalent of finding a small dinosaur alive on Earth." The trees should be available in the United States at some point, but as of now, are only available through National Geographic. We look forward to watching this living fossil thrive on our campus!

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## **THIRD GRADE NEWS**

The Third Graders are very excited about being curators of the "Eastminster History Makers Hall of Fame." As curators, the students have the responsibility to choose a history maker such as Susan B. Anthony, Henry Hudson, Albert Einstein, Theodore Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln, Thurgood Marshall, etc.,...research the individual and create a presentation displaying historical contributions of that individual. The students will dress in character during their presentation and display their project down the "Hallway of Fame." The presentations and Hall Museum will be open for visitors Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. We hope parents, students, staff, friends, and school Board Members will take a walk back through history with some of our favorite history makers.

## **CogAT-**

The Cognitive Abilities Test administration for grades two through six went very well. Thanks to the students and parents, as students arrived at school well prepared for testing.

This is the first time that the CogAT has been given at Eastminster. Abilities tests are designed so that each subtest contains items with which the student is probably not familiar. Students reported that Wednesday's quantitative subtests really stretched their minds! Staff involved with the testing process were pleased with the student performance.

**\*\*\* Please remember to slow down to 15 mph once entering Eastminster Campus. \*\*\***

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Ask your student about our field trip! We went to the Benjamin Franklin exhibit at the Atlanta History Museum, Thursday.  
Thank you to our Middle School readers, Ashley Hammonds and Leif Roberts. We are very proud of the job that our students do each week presenting readings at Chapel. Almost all of our students have had an opportunity to serve as a reader at Chapel. This is such an honor to be asked to assist with the service and each student has eagerly stepped up to the challenge.  
Our students continually set a higher standard for themselves as role models for the Lower School when they attend Chapel, walk to the Lower School for classes, and when they are out and about on Wednesday, during the Activity Period. Our students are always on their best behavior, showing good citizenship and courtesy for others. We couldn't be happier with the way these young people handle themselves. We continue to have morning lessons during our assembly time about upholding the Honor Code, healthy choices, and the importance of being responsible citizens.  
The weather is getting colder in the mornings and heats up for the afternoon time. Please send a sweater or jacket for your child to wear. Changing classes from cabin to cabin is getting to be a challenge with an armful of books and chilly! We learned how to share umbrellas last week, but it will be difficult to get more than one student in a jacket! Please also send in an umbrella that will remain here at Eastminster so that each student has one during inclement weather.  
Our students are very active during PE and Wednesday activity trips; please be sure to have your child bring water so they will stay hydrated.

## REMINDERS!! PICTURE DAY!!

Individual and class pictures have been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 17!

## A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO MONYA NEWSOME AND PAT EVANS!!

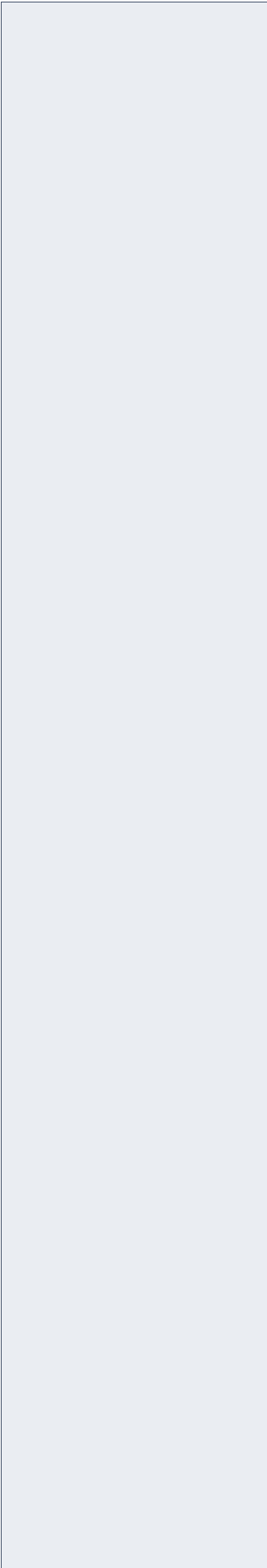
Be sure to thank Mrs. Newsome and Mrs. Evans for cleaning out the refrigerator in the Lower School Commons area. The refrigerator came from Roly Poly. Also, thank you Monya for fixing the water fountains. Looks like we have a custodian on the premises.

## EPTF CALENDAR

### October Events

Ci Ci's Pizza  
Coffee Talk Wednesday

EPTF Meeting  
EPTF Board Meeting  
Scripts Order Due  
Fall Festival  
Scholastic Book Fair



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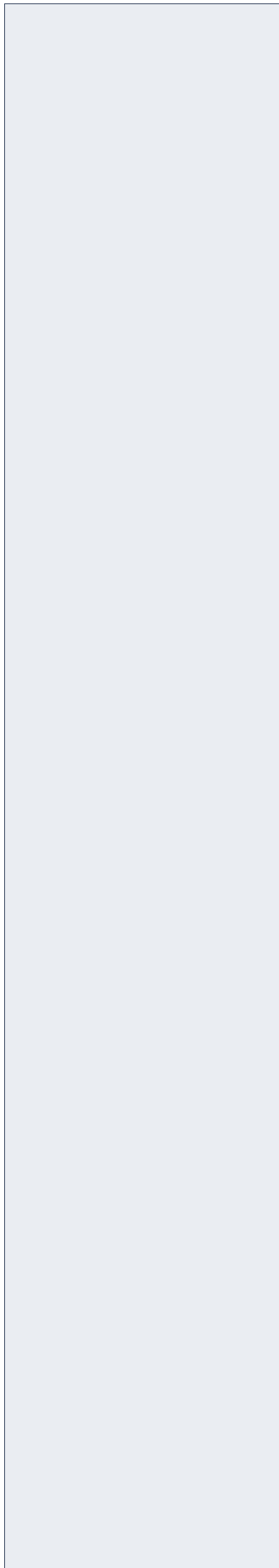
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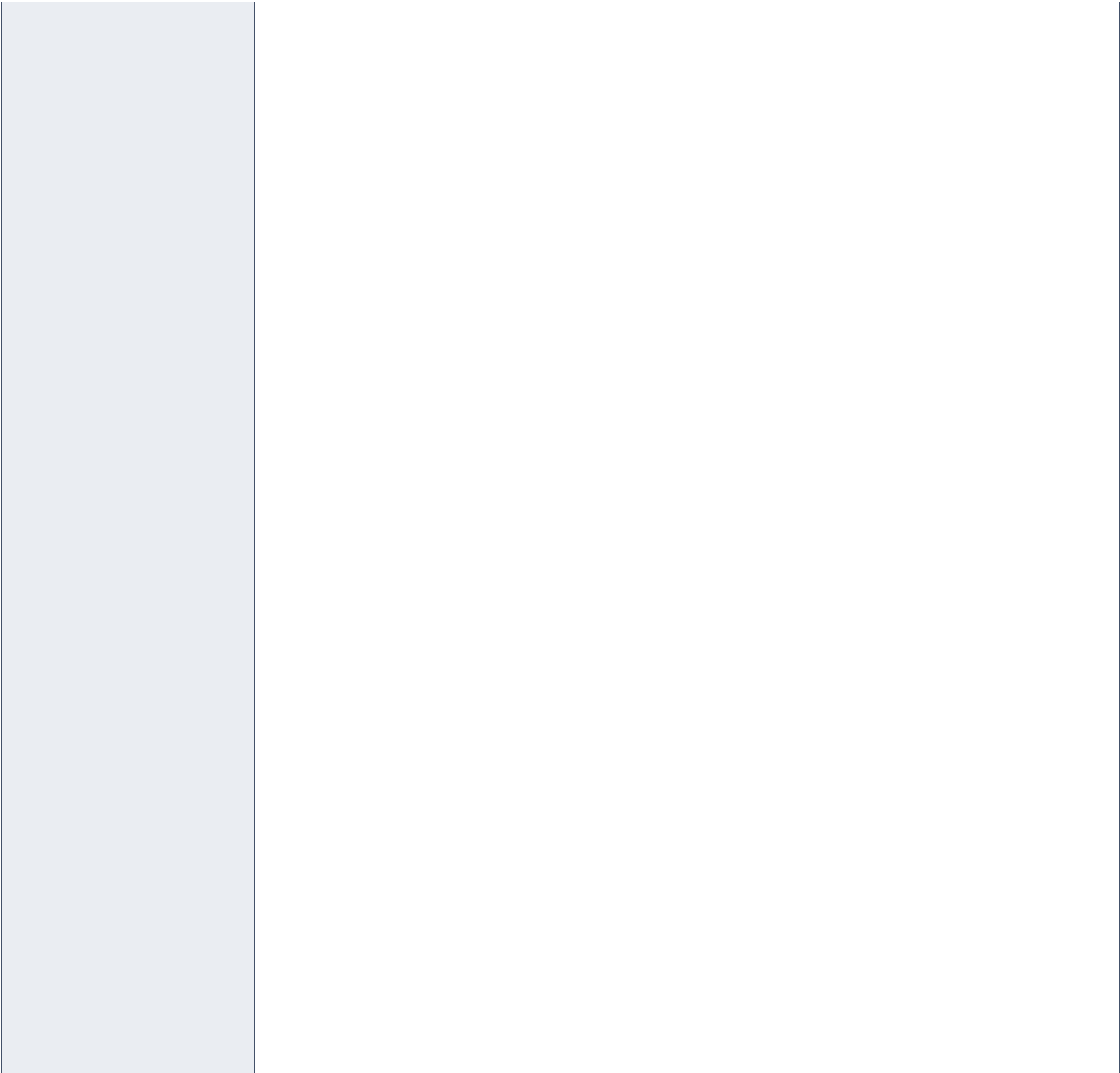
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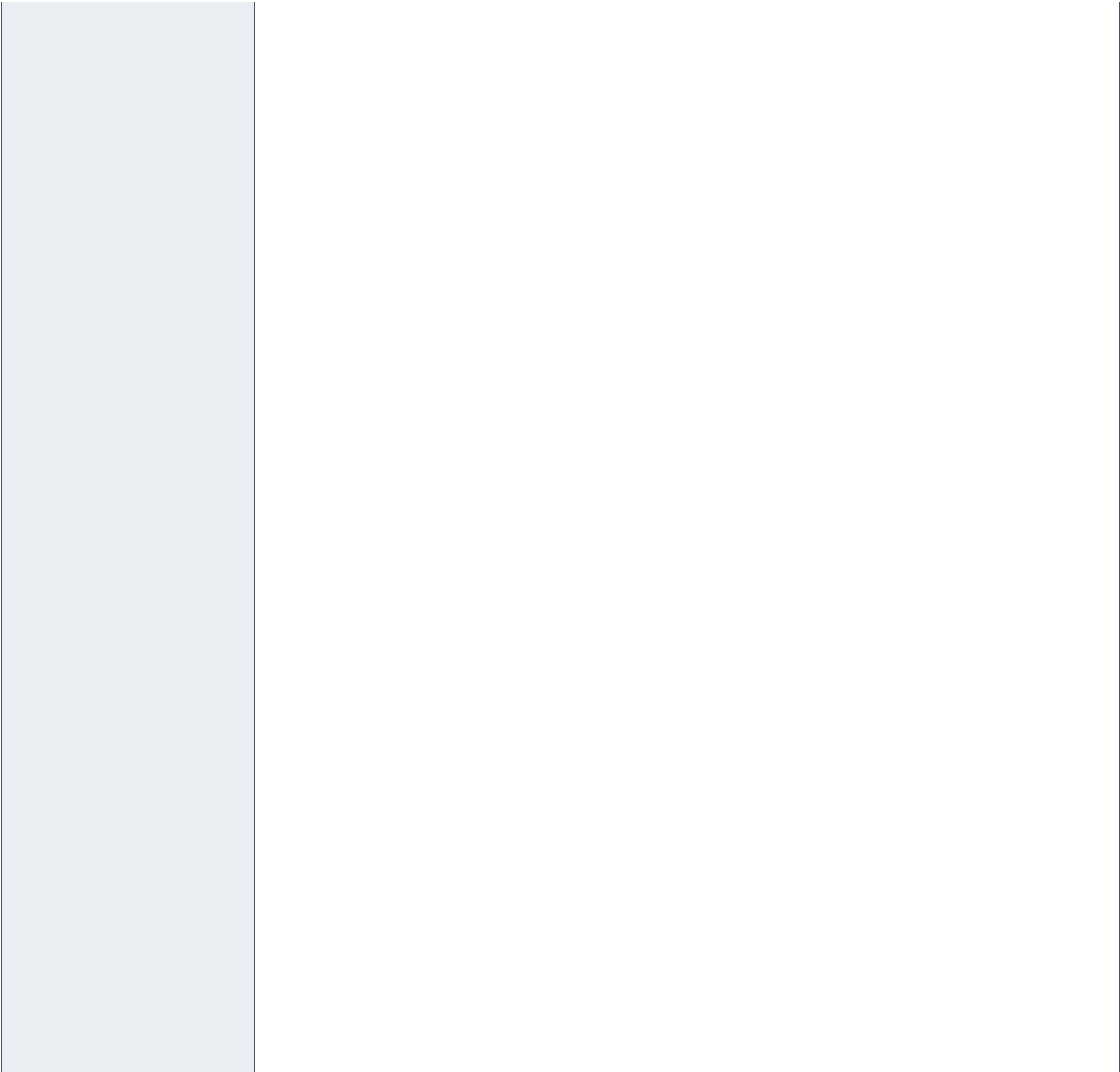
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