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Two Memorials to Ancient Slavic Religion



*On April 12, the world celebrated the 60th anniversary of the first-ever manned spaceflight, when the epic feat by Yuri Gagarin paved the way for space exploration.*

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# Let's celebrate!

## 60 Years of the Space Age



It has become an annual tradition in our school to hold a week of cosmonautics. This year, Cosmonautics Week was dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the first manned flight into space. Our teachers Svetlana Yu. Tashlykova, Larissa A. Burdina, Galina A. Stepanova and many students took an active part in different events of the week: «Space Academy» (exciting and informative quizzes), exhibitions of amazing students' photos, drawings, posters, and crafts.

Svetlana Yu. Tashlykova conducted exciting intelligent space battles on the Kahoot training platform. Schoolchildren showed their knowledge of space exploration. In a team game, such qualities as mutual assis-

tance, coherence, and responsibility were manifested.

Pupils of the 1-4<sup>th</sup> grades and their teachers went to the Central City Library named after P.P. Bazhov. They took part in the events dedicated to the 60th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's flight into space.

The «Merry starts» sport competitions «Merry starts» were organized by PE teachers Tatiana A. Enikeeva and Ilia D. Krivonogov, and high school students.

«Space breakfasts» were cooked for pupils in the school cafeteria.

A video review of the activities within the school project «Let's Go!» - <https://youtu.be/WRh6BGS5Ubg>.

*Larissa N. Ivanova*





# Victory Day



Our students Gleb Klepalov, Natalya Stepanova, and Arina Prosvirina took part in the All-the-Russia festival of patriotic creativity «My Heroes of the Great War». They sang about the war and its heroes ... In a creative form the students expressed their recognition of and respect for the heroes of the Great Patriotic War.

**We remember! We are proud!**



# School life

## «Living Classics»



Taisiya Bassein, 5B, became the winner of the Municipal Recitation Contest «Living Classics».

On April 8, Taisiya took part in

the regional stage of the X All-the-Russia Contest «Living Classics». It was held in Yekaterinburg. One hundred eighty-six participants from 48 municipalities of the Sverdlovsk Region took part in it, and only 25 students became finalists.

Taisiya said, «It was both exciting and very interesting to take part in the contest. I've got a great experience. There is something to work on and where to strive. I thank my mother and my teacher Larissa Vasilievna Ruhtina for their support and help».



*We wish Taisiya not to rest on her laurels and be sure to participate in the contest next year!*

## School Theatre

For three years, the 7G grade theater troupe under the guidance of teacher of Russian and Literature Yulia Anatol'yevna Starkova has been staging performances and making films.

Traditionally, rehearsals of the «TBT» theater are held from January to

March. All our free time we work out the scenes, create the scenery and polish the text. Annually, the theatrical premiere takes place in the end of March.

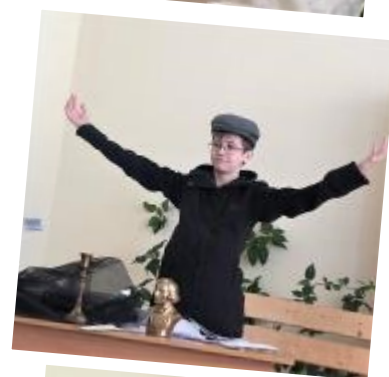
Such literary works as «Scarlet Sails» by Alexander Green, «Twelve Months» by Samuil Marshak, «The Fable

World» by I.A. Krylov have already been staged.

This year we present you the film «Revisor», dedicated to the 212th anniversary of the birth of Nikolai Gogol.

We really like our school theatre. In addition to the lessons, it gives us an opportunity to try ourselves in the role of an actor or costume designer, and teaches us how to perform and play in public. You can watch our film in the school group in VK and at YouTube channel - <https://youtu.be/zRNXRHG7rKE>

**Valeria Maslova, 7G**





*Goodbye school! We will miss the times there!*



School is a place where each of us spends the most carefree time, traveling through the world of knowledge. In this world we study, develop and communicate. School years give us the closest and dearest friends.

I'm going to tell you about my school. It is the youngest school in Sysert. It is a large three-story building where I have been studying since the 5th grade.

Each subject takes place in its own class: Physics, Mathematics, Biology, etc. We also have a computer class where we study computer science. This class has modern equipment and access to the Internet. On the second floor there is an assembly hall. All concerts and meetings are held here. For each holiday, students put on performances, sing songs and read poems. Our school has a large sports hall with all the necessary equipment. In the evenings, volleyball and basketball practice sessions are held here. There are many interesting books in our school library, which we often take to read.

Our school employs the wisest, most experienced and sincerest teachers. Every day they strive to make us better in everything - in learning, behaviour and human qualities. Teachers are always ready to help us. If you don't understand a particular topic or task - you can always turn to our teachers.

Life in the school is very rich because we spend a lot of our time here. For me school means competitions, favourite lessons and friends.

It must be remembered that school time ends quickly and happens only once in a lifetime. It seems only yesterday I was a pupil of the 5th grade, and today I hear the last bell. It is very sad that my school years have come to an end.

School time is a period of life that every student should live brightly, positively and interestingly.

*Ekaterina Maximova, 11A*

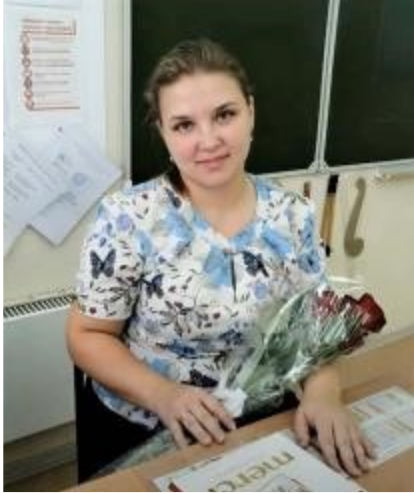


# School life





## *My favourite teacher*



All the girls of my class like Technology lessons very much. We are thoroughly introduced to the sewing machines and kitchen appliances. During these lessons we learn how to run a household, sew and knit. Last week I made a skirt for my younger sister.

We often cook different salads and soups, sandwiches, burgers, and pies.



### Apple pie recipe

#### • Ingredients:

- 5 apples, cut up
- 100gr butter, melted
- 1 cup of flour
- 1cup of sugar
- 1egg



#### • Instruction

- Put apples in pie plate
- In a bowl mix 1 cup sugar, flour and butter
- Add an egg, some salt
- Mix well and pour over apples
- Bake at 250 degree for 45 minutes



Our Technology teacher Nina Dmitrievna is a very creative, hard-working and positive person. She teaches us how to become prepared for adult life and help our parents about the house.

*Maria Kucheryavaya, 7G*



# Project work

## URALS CHARACTER



*Ivan Fedotenko and Dalir Saidov and their teachers Elena V. Vatoropina and Anton S. Sharapov*



*Arina Prosvirina and her teacher Elena V. Shaburova*

The Municipal Contest of students' projects «Urals Character» was held in Sysert. Thirty-two projects were prepared by 36 participants from different schools of the Sysert District. The guys presented their unusual and very interesting work. They told about their families, the nature of their native land, offered their social projects, and defended the development of mobile applications.

Ivan Fedotenko, 7G, and Dalir Saidov, 9A, became the winners of the municipal contest in their nominations. Ivan took 1st place in the nomination «Chronicle of the native land» with his research paper about professions in the ancient Urals. Dalir took 1st place in the content of social projects with a group project named

«Sysert, my native land: travelling through time».

Arina Prosvirina, 9C, took 2nd place with her research paper «Sysert during the Great Patriotic war».

Ivan Fedotenko and Dalir Saidov took part in the Regional Local Studies Contest - Forum «URALS CHARACTER».



*We congratulate our creative students and their teachers on their achievements!*

*We wish them every success in project work and exploring our native land!*



# Project work

## School Conference of Research and Practice-oriented Projects

On May 26, the first School Conference of Research and Practice-oriented Projects «Polar Star» was held in our school. The most curious, bright and active students presented their interesting investigations and useful project results! Forty-six students took part in the Contest of projects.



### The winners of the Contest of Projects

#### 1<sup>st</sup> place

Evgeniya Khramtsova, 3B  
Matvey Berg, 3B  
Alica Lisochenko, 5A  
Maxim Sokolov, 7G

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Timofey Bykov and Maria Suvorova, 2B  
Babanin Mikhail, 4B  
Timofey Malov and Polina Saburova, 2B  
Kavizina Victoria, 10A  
Mukhametchina Alina, 10A

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> place

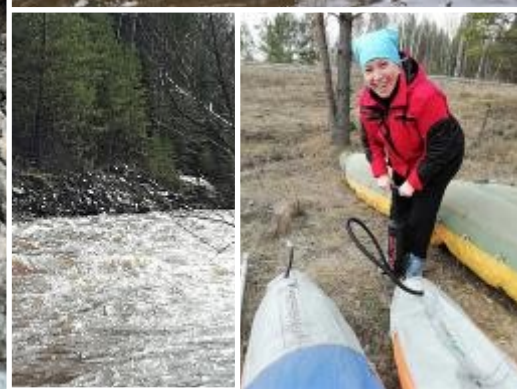
Ilya Murashov, 3B  
Alexandra Kostareva, 2B  
Yegor Yechkov, 2B  
Sanina Nadezhda, 7C  
Antipov Fedor, 7C

**Well done!**





# Travelling around the Urals





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## Rafting?

## Rafting!

*The world is a book and those who do not travel  
read only one page. St. Augustine*

*Travel is the greatest science and serious science  
helps us to rediscover ourselves. Albert Camus*

On April 28 - May 3, 2021, a multi-day camping trip was held, in which 12 people participated. Most of them were experienced tourists, members of the Sysert tourist club "Riphey". They traveled to different places of Russia. Teachers of our school Anton Sergeevich Sharapov, Svetlana Yurievna Tashlykova and Larisa Vasilievna Ruhtina took part in this campaign.

More than 120 kilometers were covered, including 83

kilometers on the rivers on a catamaran. The rafting took place on the mountain rivers Is and Tura. During the rafting, several rapids of the 2nd and 3rd categories of difficulty were overcome. On the way, we met rocks covered with drawings of primitive people, and abandoned settlements of prospectors. We saw deer, an elk with a calf, gray herons (they are listed in the Red Book of Russia) and other wild animals, as well as many primroses.

All the participants of the campaign were a friendly team. Thanks to their well-coordinated actions and professionalism, all the difficulties of the route were overcome.

It was the first time I took part in such a campaign and I got a chance to experience truly unforgettable emotions, vivid impressions, and the support of my teammates.

*Larissa V. Ruhtina*

**Rafting** and **whitewater rafting** are recreational outdoor activities which use an inflatable raft to navigate a river or other body of water. This is often done on whitewater or different degrees of rough water. Dealing with risk is often a part of the experience.

This activity as an adventure sport has become popular since the 1950s, if not earlier, evolving from individuals paddling 10 feet (3.0 m) to 14 feet (4.3 m) rafts with double-bladed paddles or oars

to multi-person rafts propelled by single-bladed paddles and steered by a person at the stern, or by the use of oars.

Rafting on certain sections of rivers is considered an extreme sport, while other sections are not so extreme or difficult. Rafting is also a competitive sport practiced around the world which culminates in a world rafting championship event between the participating nations.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rafting>

# We love sport

## We are for healthy lifestyle!



On April 30, the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage of Presidential Sports Games among school-children took place. Our guys took an active part



in municipal Table Tennis Competitions.

Daria Keller, 5B, became the champion of the Sysert Okrug. Vladimir Kholodenko, 11A, took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Kirill Gazizov, 8B, took 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



Our school team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Volleyball Competitions among the schools of Sysert Okrug.

We congratulate our schoolmates and their PE teachers Ilya Dmitrievich Krivonogov and Mikhail Nikolaevich Zagvozdkin and wish them many victories!

## Our champion



On May 12-16, all-the-Russia Sumo Championship was held in Nalchik, Kabardino-Balkar Republic.

Veronika Kostareva, 7C, took 1st place in her group and will take part in the European Sumo Championship. It will be held in Poland in July.





## I love sambo!

*On April 29 – May 2, the Urals Sambo Championship among boys and girls aged 14-16 was held in the town of Raduzhny, Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug.*

*Veronika Kostareva (7C class) took the 1<sup>st</sup> place of the championship. She won four fights. The next stage of the championship will be held in Kazan in September.*



Veronika has been doing sambo in Sysert Sport School for five years. Her younger brother Yuri does sambo, too. Her coach is Igor Vladimirovich Demidov. Veronika and her brother often participate in competitions. Their mother

always accompanies them on their trips around the country and abroad. Veronika says, «My mom is my best friend and a mascot».

Sambo is like a special club. The members of the club are united by friendship, solidarity and mutual assistance. Sambo sportsmen's friends are their mentors, comrades in training and even rivals on the mat. Veronika says that sambo helps to make real friends.

To Veronika's mind, success in the battle is impos-

sible without respect for the opponent. Such an attitude towards the opponent is noble and admirable.

Sambo has its own philosophy. It teaches to defend, not to attack. It allows effectively defending yourself without resorting to obvious aggression. Sambo also contributes to the formation of a strong character, as well as sufferance and endurance.

Self-discipline, perseverance in achieving the set goal, as well as proper self-control - these character traits are developed in people who practice sambo.



**Sambo** is a Soviet martial art, an internationally-practiced combat sport, and a recognized style of amateur wrestling included by UWW in World Wrestling Championships along with Greco-Roman wrestling and freestyle wrestling. It originated in the Rus-

sian SFSR in the Soviet Union. The word **sambo** is an acronym of the romanization **samozashchita bez oruzhiya**, which literally translates to «self-defence without weapons».

Sambo is relatively modern since its development began

in the early 1920s by the Soviet NKVD and Red Army to improve hand-to-hand combat abilities of the servicemen. It was intended to be a merger of the most effective techniques of other martial arts.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sambo\\_\(martial\\_art\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sambo_(martial_art))

# Our guests

## Two Memorials to Ancient Slavic Religion

*Two places I visited during my trip to Sverdlovsk in 2019 surprised me. I saw things that were both unexpected and unusual at the top of Bessonova Hill in Sysert and in a trailside clearing in Deer Streams Nature Park. It was only after returning home that I was able to research what I saw. I'll show you what I encountered during my hikes by describing pictures from each location, and then I'll tell you what my research led me to conclude.*



*Metal arrow on Bessonova*

A precisely arranged grouping of five stones was near the arrow. A large stone sat at the center, and the other four were evenly spaced around it. In effect, the four surrounding stones were at the 12, 3, 6, and 9 positions on a clock face. The 12 o'clock, center, and 6 o'clock stones were aligned with the arrow. I had no idea what the arrangement meant, but knew it had to mean something.

There's a sizable clearing at the summit of Bessonova Hill. A stone platform covers the highest point - it was probably the base for an old communications tower. I also saw a tall red metal arrow that pointed to the sky. This was definitely unexpected. I had no idea why it was there. I learned later that it's the Viking rune for the letter T, but it must have had some additional meaning for whoever put it there.



*Arranged stones on Bessonova*



*Slavic sanctuary sign on Bessonova*

The clearing also contained a sign attached to a rock. I can only read a few words of Russian, so I didn't understand what it said. However, I reasoned that it must say something about the arrow and the stone grouping. I translated the sign later on my laptop with the help of Yandex Translate. It says that the clearing is a Slavic Sanctuary and instructs people to treat it with respect.



*Sanctuary of Perun*

While hiking on a trail in Deer Streams Nature Park I came to a clearing that contained several wooden structures. At the center of the clearing was a four-faced statue surrounded by four evenly spaced 'gates' [see the picture]. Each of the statue's faces stared through one of the gates. This structure clearly had some mythological or religious meaning, but I could only guess what that was. Later research revealed the statue to be Perun, Slavic god of the sky and war [you can see a larger picture of Perun on page 13 of FRIENDSHIP № 15].



# Our guests



*Possibly the Slavic god Veles*

A second wooden statue stood a little removed from the central structure. This statue had only one face, but I didn't know whose face it was. After researching Slavic gods, I've decided that it's most likely Veles, Slavic god of the Earth and Perun's opponent. A red metal arrow identical to the one on Bessonova stood near the statue. You can see it, and the statue, in the background on the left side of the Sanctuary of Perun picture.



*Hollowed log and howling wolves*

There was another wooden structure on one side of the clearing. It featured a partially hollowed-out log, similar to a primitive canoe. The canoe was suspended between four corner posts. The top of each post was carved to look like a howling wolf. Once again, I had no idea what the intended meaning of this structure was. After research and reflection, I've decided that it probably illustrates ancient Slavic beliefs about reaching the afterlife.



*Cultural monument sign*

Bonus picture: This is a picture I took from near the trailside clearing. The Deer Streams website says that sacred places such as the Sanctuary of Perun were located at a high place that had a nice view. Bessonova Hill would also fit this description if the summit weren't enclosed by trees.

*Serga River*



## My Conclusions

The two red metal arrows are identical, but the arrow's intended meaning remains unclear. Both locations have symmetrical structures that include four outer elements, but, despite research, the significance of this structural form eludes me. The Slavic Sanctuary signs at both sites have identical wording, albeit with different typefaces. My conclusions:

Both the summit of Bessonova Hill and the trailside clearing in Deer Streams Nature Park contain monuments to ancient Slavic religion. The two monuments were constructed by the same group of people.

**Bruce Bertrand,  
Lake Placid, USA**

## English Grammar

# Conditionals

CONDITION

+

RESULT

### ZERO conditional

If you stand in the rain, you get wet.  
If you heat ice, it melts.

PRESENT SIMPLE

+

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**USES:** *Facts which are generally true or scientific facts  
The condition always has the same result*

### FIRST conditional

If it rains, we will cancel the trip.  
If you study, you will pass the exam.

PRESENT SIMPLE

+

WILL / WON'T + VERB

**USES:** *A possible situation in the future  
Predicting a likely result in the future (if the condition happens)*

### SECOND conditional

If I won the lottery, I would travel a lot.  
If they sold their house, they would be rich.

PAST SIMPLE

+

WOULD + VERB

**USES:** *Hypothetical or unlikely situations  
Unreal or improbable situation now or in the future*

### THIRD conditional

If you had studied, you would have passed the exam.  
If I hadn't been sick, I would have gone to your party.

PAST PERFECT

+

WOULD HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE

**USES:** *The person is imagining a different past  
Imaginary situation that did not happen*





## Choosing a career



They say there are over 2000 professions in the world so it is quite difficult to choose one and make a decision. Nowadays there is a popular opinion that young people should know about their future profession at school. It's really important, because school-leaving exams specify to students' possibilities. Let's explore it in detail.

First of all, students should choose the university in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade to get information about exams they should take to be able to enter the university. Secondly, students should look into themselves and check their talents for better choice of their future profession. Finally, it is more convenient for them to delve into only in subjects they need.

But there is another opinion (and reality). Some people have a lot of interests and can't choose the correct way in their lives. But they must do it because of the exams. Moreover, many people don't have a goal in their lives. They just live and try to choose a profession in the course of life.

In conclusion, I'd like to say that it's really necessary to choose a career in high school for a better understanding of the future and of the actions needed to achieve this future.

**Vladislav Surin, 10A**

## To learn or not to learn English?

Nowadays, many people discuss the question «Is it necessary for us to know several languages?» English is one of the most popular and widespread languages in the world. We study it at school.

In my opinion, English is very important in our life. There are some reasons to learn English. Many companies need specialists who know English perfectly. So, the knowledge of English can help you to get an interesting and well-paid job. Then, a lot of people love travelling abroad. English helps them to understand other people. More than that, learning foreign languages (not only English, but French, German, and Italian, too) helps us to train our memory.

However, there is another point of view on this issue. Some people believe that the knowledge

of English is not important.

They say that there are many interesting and well-paid jobs which are not connected with different languages. They think, that travelling abroad people always can use an online translator or a dictionary. They are sure that learning a language takes a lot of time. To their mind, there are many other useful and interesting things to do, for example, sport or gardening...

Nevertheless, I'd like to say that it is very useful to learn English. I think it will help you everywhere: in business, at work, during your travelling. I love learning English!

**Daria Echkova, 9A**





*Let the summer holidays be amazing!  
See you in September!*