



# Students Extra

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## A Letter from the Editors:

Dear Students,

With 2010 ending, the holidays over (already), and 2011 looming over us, it's hard to say what exactly to make of the new year. On the one hand, it does mean not having an excuse to indulge in pie after pie...after pie (as most of us had probably been doing), but it also means, that we get a chance to 'start again', if you will. Every year you have to

chance to change something about yourself. Obviously, you can do this at any time of the year, but if you do it at the start of the year, you feel a kind of obligation to stick with it, (or so I've heard!). Whether your resolution is to 'be a better student' 'be nicer to your sibling' or (and here's a stretch) 'eat less candy', try sticking to it, and don't give up the week after you've made it!

Bearing that in mind, the following edition of StudentsExtra, is something we pulled together, so that you can look forward to the highs of 2011, and forget about the low you hit when realizing it was time to stop 'holiday gorging'.

We hope you enjoy it!

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## Riddles!

What am I?

1. (An easy one to start off with!) Inside a burning house, this thing is best to make. And best to make it quickly before the fire's too much to take!

2. Three lives have I. Gentle enough to soothe the skin light

enough to caress the sky Hard enough to crack rocks.

3. If it has a quart capacity, how many pennies can you put into an empty piggy bank?

4. Mom and Dad have

four daughters, and each daughter has one brother. How many people are in the family

**Scroll to the end to find the answers!**



## Upcoming Movies for 2011



### March 2011

Red Riding Hood  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules

### April 2011

Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family Intent

### May 2011

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides  
The Hangover 2

### June 2011

X-Men: First Class Beginners  
Cars 2

### July 2011

Transformers 3  
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part II

### August 2011

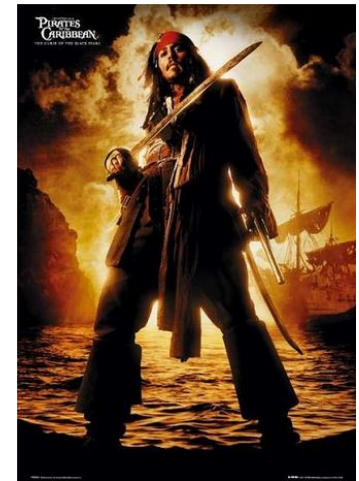
Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World

### November 2011

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn  
Happy Feet 2 in 3-D

### December 2011

Sherlock Holmes 2  
Alvin and the Chipmunks 3D  
X-Men: First Class Beginners  
Cars 2



“Movies you won’t want to miss for the new year!”



## Top Apps to Buy this Month!

If you have an iPhone, an iPod Touch, an android or any other kind of app buying device, you will no doubt have growing, undeniable obsession for apps, no matter how small it may be. So this month, we've decided to feed your obsession, with a list of the ten apps at the top of the charts, that you can't miss!

The current app at the top of the charts: **Angry Birds**.

2. Burn the Rope
3. Fruit Ninja
4. Cut the Rope
5. Angry Birds Seasons
6. UNO
7. Doodle Jump
8. Tap Tap Revenge 4
9. Moon Drop
10. Doodle Jump Christmas



Top App Right Now!

## Are they Serious?!?

Every year people make New Years resolutions to do something differently, or change something about themselves. Often this lasts for a week, and they are back to the same thing again.

Don't set yourself up for failure this

year, make a new years resolution that you might actually accomplish (and is also challenging) so that you don't end up setting the same one every year!

Ridiculous new years resolutions:

1. Stop buttering my doughnuts.
2. Stop talking to myself in public.
3. I will check my e-mail account at least once this year.
4. Stop saving up coupons that I will never use.
5. I will start using facebook for something other than useless quizzes.

**“Don't set yourself up for failure again this year!”**



## Science Monthly: The Clubbing Bird-By Jamie

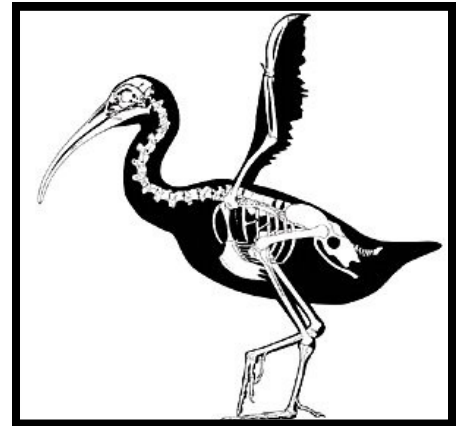
**“The only species in the world to use their wings as actual clubs!”**

Hey Everyone, I am sure you are all familiar with the phrase 'to go clubbing' as going to a night club. Well here is a bird that can almost do the same thing!

*Xenicibis xymptithecus* is a special bird as it is the only species in the world, out of: mammals, reptiles or amphibians to use

their wings as actual clubs! Sadly this bird is no longer around having been extinct for around 10,000years, but scientists have proved through fossils that a elongated bone at the tip of the wing was probably used to fend off predators.

A member of the Ibis family, the *Xenicibis xymptithecus*'s techniques is not unknown, with other birds, such as swans and the modern day Ibis, who use their wings to defend their young and to also show off for potential mates.



## Riddle Answers

Answers:

1. Haste!
2. I am water
3. 1: after that it won't be empty!
4. Seven! The two parents plus the five children.



## Tech. Stuff-By Chae Ramnarace

Well we all need laptops for school right? They're beneficial to homework and research and make those dreaded essays so much easier to write. But do we know exactly what we're looking for, or do we just buy the one that looks the best?

Looking for a laptop can be separated into 2 categories:

1. Only school use
2. Additional use (e.g. gaming, music editing, etc.)

If you fall into category 1 then your job is going to be *much* easier than category 2.

You're going to want to look for a laptop that is portable, fully functional with Microsoft Office 2007 or 2010.

From here we could go down 2, very controversial roads, Mac or PC. I don't want to stir up trouble so I'll try to be unbiased.

Windows is what is generally used in school so that would be a good choice as no file compatibility issues are present. You would want to go with a light-weight laptop with a long battery life or option for a larger capacity battery so that it doesn't run out in school. They are also very user

friendly and familiar to most of the population. (Look for something with an Intel core i3)

If you choose Mac, a simple 13 inch MacBook or MacBook Pro would suffice but be prepared to spend significantly more if you want one. They are great laptops and will likely last you a VERY long time if properly maintained. You will have to get a copy of Microsoft Office 2008 so that you don't run into compatibility issues but it's a small price to pay for a long lasting product.

Now, if you fit into category 2 your job is going to be quite a bit harder. You have to consider a few things:

Graphics Card  
Sound System  
Software compatibility  
Cost

Firstly, we can take out two birds with one stone, graphics card and processor. Now, if you're going to game then an Intel i5 or i7 with TurboBoost and Hyper-V would be more than enough. Couple this with an NVIDIA graphics card (make sure the computer comes with one, do NOT buy it yourself) such as the GeForce 310M.

Sound systems are getting increasingly better as technology gets better so finding a laptop with a good sound system shouldn't be too hard. Some

laptops in the new HP Envy series have Beats Audio and an i3 processor-perfect for music and video editing.

Now, for cost. This is where we can run into problems. If we took all the things afore mentioned at the highest standard and put them into a computer it would weigh 50 pounds and cost \$2000 which is highly impractical. We have to be able to pick 2 or 3 features and compromise on the others to reduce the price. You CAN find laptops with an affordable combination of all the features such as the Samsung Q430. IT has an i5, GeForce 310M AND studio quality speakers underneath and above the keyboard for around \$850 which is a perfect balance. You may want to go "pro-gaming" with your laptop and go with an i7 and graphics card but if you want a sound system to boot it'll be at least \$100-\$200 more than a standard laptop with those features.

That was January's insight into Tech, Directly from StudentsExtra

## We need your help!

So far a lot of people have contributed to make this newsletter. But its still not enough.

Here's your opportunity to share something you love with the people you go to school with!

We would like to give a

special thanks to:

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If you want to contribute

anything, email it to us at the beginning of each month, and maybe you'll see your contribution in next months newsletter!

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