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TEAMSPEAK UPDATES!

BY: KANEBRIDGE

Recently, the Mineplex Teamspeak server has updated their rank system. Prior to this, a player would receive their rank by contacting a member of the Teamspeak Staff team. There is now an updated system where players can link their player account to their Teamspeak account. Want your rank to be automatically assigned? Just follow these simple steps.

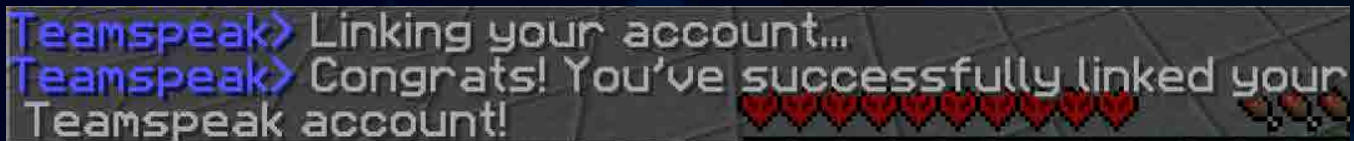
Join Teamspeak and go into the Teamspeak Rank Channel which is located right below the lobby.

Type !link

The bot would message you a command

↓ <17:17:04> "Teamspeak Rank Manager": Please log in to Mineplex and run the following command: **/ts link Love-Alphabet-Lion**. The command will expire in 1 minute.

Go onto us.mineplex.com and copy the command into chat
You will now have your rank!



Teamspeak> Linking your account...
Teamspeak> Congrats! You've successfully linked your Teamspeak account!

If you ever want to unlink your account from Teamspeak, type /ts list and click on it.



=====Teamspeak Accounts (1/1)=====
Unlink - Account linked on 03-18-2017
===== [< >] =====
Teamspeak> Unlinking your account...
Teamspeak> You've unlinked your Teamspeak account!

While you are able to have numerous Teamspeak accounts linked to your Minecraft account, you can only have one Minecraft account connected to your Teamspeak account which is convenient for multiple device users.

PE UPDATES!

BY: ICEFALL

Over the past month, our PE server (pe.mineplex.com) has seen a multitude of updates and changes at the community's request!

On PE, a friends system was implemented, similar to the PC version. Players who are logged in can now type /f to view their friends.

We've also released PE Skyfall! This was a highly requested game and our developers put their all into this one. Taking advantage of Minecraft PE's elytra feature, PE Skyfall drops players into the air and they glide from island to island, searching for loot and gear. It's an intense survival-based gamemode.

Our team has been diligently squashing bugs and making minor improvements as well. For example, a Spectator tag has been added for players joining in-progress games. Chat and hotbar related issues were fixed, among other things.

Watching the growth of our PE server is exciting and we look forward to more feedback and suggestions. Be sure to check out our weekly Developer updates at mineplex.com to gain insight into what's going on, as well as contribute your own thoughts.



EASTER STORY COMPETITION!

BY: HAZEAE24

As Easter slowly approaches, so does the Easter Bunny! Even though Easter is a wonderful time full of fun, eggs, and bunnies, not all of the bunnies are too kind. Ever since the release of Minecraft 1.8, rabbits roam the world peacefully, except for one. The infamous "Killer Bunny" also roams these lands; but how did this "Killer Bunny" get their name? What made them so vicious? We left that up for you to decide! In the April edition of the Mineplex Newsletter we hosted an Easter Themed story competition about the "Killer Bunny". Thank you to everyone who entered and submitted their stories! The winner of this month's Story Competition is _Featherpaw_! Enjoy her story about the "Killer Bunny"!

Farm House

By _Featherpaw_ <http://www.mineplex.com/profile/15638445>

Read it here!: <https://goo.gl/uriZeG>



SPRING BREAK PLANS!

BY: XSTAR_89

For some, spring break is coming very soon! For others, it's already begun! Nonetheless, spring break is a time for people to relax and enjoy spending time outside. It's also a time when many people go to travel and try new things like sports, foods, or activities! To celebrate the new season, we've interviewed both staff and community members to see what their plans are for their spring break!

GoldTouch: "I think this will be a rather unusual spring break which you usually experience, but I'm hosting a person from Israel. I've applied to be a host for Spring Festival, it's a special traditional week, organised by my school, where people from different countries come to our town and we host them. They live with us for one whole week, and they get to know our tradition, culture and much more! It is said that you are become an official student of our school when you host for the first time. I think it's really nice to get in touch with different cultures, get to know the world a little bit, since you travel to their country 1 year after this Festival, where you stay at their homes and exchange the roles."

ccman12345678: "I plan on hanging out with friends and spending time with people online talking, laughing and having fun on Mineplex. Over the break, I will set myself some goals on Mineplex and hope that I achieve them. I plan on achieving level 68 by the end of the break. I hope to make more friends and continue the friendships that I currently have."

ItsTruely: "My plans for spring break, huh? I don't have many actually. Since spring break for me is right around the corner, I'm planning to hang out with all of my friends. I also want to do a few sketches for my sketchbook, and see what they'll turnout to be because I'll have a week to do them! I'm thinking that the sketches would be something related to spring, as I'm trying to work on my landscape drawings more than what I actually tend to draw. I also want to go camping and eat marshmallows around the campfire with s'mores. Plus, maybe I'll see some deer and other cool animals!"

PepeCena: "My plans for spring break are to play a lot of video games, stay in bed, and eat logs of food. I get 2 weeks without school which means a lot of free time so I hope to get on a lot more over the 2 weeks and be able to do lots of staff work and school work and get it all out of the way. I want to try and start going for daily jogs because I love running and I think I need to start exercising more and it seems like we will have really nice weather over here! I have also just started to get into learning how to create digital art so hopefully I can spend some time improving on that as well! Apart from that I don't do too much but that's how I have planned my 2 weeks of break up to now."

BATTLE OF THE BRIDGES!

BY: KANEBRIDGE

Bridges Teams from all over the server competed against each other in the 2017 Battle of the Bridges, hosted by Mineplex and the Mineplex Competitive League. There were 48 teams consisting of almost 700 players, increased from the original number due to the overwhelming interest in the event. As multiple weeks passed and the number of teams dwindled, the competition only became more and more heated.

Congratulations to the winners of the tournament!

1st: Dauntless: Trajectories, ace771, Vial, chaseymichael, txh, ww hockey, LOTR, eMoa, Rabious, Neondarkness711, Wydz , Oleev, Silica, iMeepo, gr8p

2nd: Ish13Club: ish13c, Arcrean

Chiefblaze, CourtingSole, DetectiveeDeMo, FireballX3, AKSNIPER, MrJituh, Mantish, MutantPlayzYT, pinkwinx10 Shrekbae, VikkFTW, Whirley, XX_XXX_XWHOEHXX

3rd: Duh Destroyars: Amren, Soound, sweaty_tryhard, Hida, JTB2k, Simulation, ImFadingAway, Vejar, SosaStyle, ToxicKatz, Creeping_Assasin, Ch3ch0, IrrelephantNews, Xx_pvp_xX176, appleisred

Check out the MCL!

Website: <https://mpcleague.org>

Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCubFawqUme7pWiSsn02_ZZg

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/mpcleague>



ARTIST INTERVIEW!

BY: CALLMECASS

How long have you been working for Mineplex?

cy_: About a year and a bit. Been at it since December 2015

What are some of the challenges that you have faced while working for Mineplex?

cy_: At the beginning, it was changing the way I used colours to a more vibrant colour scheme. I was talking with Chiss at the time with syclonesjs on the side giving me feedback on that. Ah, the good ol mantra of "NO BROWN!" XD Besides that, mostly just colour/design issues, like balancing the ratio of male to female characters on an image, character clothing choices (cuz apparently pink and flower crowns aren't cool) and being able to clearly portray what's on the brief of the artwork. Other than that it's been a pretty even back and forth of feedback, fixes, etc.

What is your opinion on what Mineplex requests for you to create? (Do you enjoy creating what they tell you to, do you wish for a certain style to change, etc.)

cy_: Personally, I wish they'd advocate for more diversity in the drawings when I draw like, dudes wearing tutus and flower crowns. I mean, as long as the drawing gets the point across (in this case, fighting), what the characters are wearing shouldn't matter that much cuz people have crazy weird skins on minecraft regardless XD Plus, tutus are majestic as heck

Other than that, in terms of how I view the requests, to me I just turn it into a kind of self imposed challenge of how I can make this one drawing different from the other ones I've drawn. Because the amount of scenes where I have people running around/fighting each other are a lot XD It just makes the process more fun for me to draw, and if I can get away with it, I'll draw it, haha. I mean, at the end of the day, I'm drawing block people. I may as well make the most of it XD (and curb it back down if I have to, but still)

Why do you work for Mineplex?

cy_: Well, for pay. lol. Well, initially it was that way, then it evolved into me seeing how much I can do with drawing block people because they have to be drawn in perspective all the time to make sure that the work makes feasible sense...that totally made sense. Yes.

Anyways, besides the constant income from having to make work monthly, it helped me force myself to improve with colours, perspective, and trying to make every artwork for the server better/more engaging than the last. Least, I try to. Personally as a working artist, pay isn't as important as the effect my work has on the people who see it. So I just hope that you guys who see it have as much fun looking at it than I had drawing it :)

Have any tips for aspiring artists?

cy_: Never give up, really. That's the best thing you can do. Ask for feedback from peers who actually know what they're talking about when they critique your work (less praise, more feedback), use references when you create work (save anything and everything you like that you see on the internet into a folder/pinterest), observe life around you and incorporate it into what you draw (take photos with your phones, lol), etc. Doesn't hurt to learn the fundamentals of drawing either depending on what you're trying to draw. Don't forget to take breaks. Very important. Burnout sucks. Be optimistic about your work. Yes, there are a lot of artists out there better than you, but that doesn't mean that you can't reach their level. Look at their work and analyse what it is about their stuff that you like, whether it's their colour choices, ideas, or the way they draw in a certain way - recognise that that's what they're good at, and steal it. Incorporate that cool thing into what you do (don't copy/trace it, obviously) and use it as fuel to make your work more into the ideal you desire it to be. My professor once showed an article some dude wrote about a 'gap'. On the other side of that gap is your ideal. You will have to churn out tens of thousands of bad drawings before you'll be able to fill that gap, cross it, and reach your idea. But even then, don't stop. Don't worry about all the bad drawings you make, because each and every one of them will help you in your journey to get better. What matters is that you actually try and do it. Ya know, the journey is just as important as the destination thing. Art is a skill honed by years of diligence, practice, and having fun :3 And help from friends otherwise you'll probably go insane in the meantime lol

RESIGNATIONS AND PROMOTIONS!

BY: KANEBRIDGE

This month, we want to give a shout out to promoted staff members along with those who have returned to the team. We'd also like to give our thanks to those who have decided to resign.

Promotions:

PC Trainee

Renellino - March 3rd
AussieFighter - March 3rd
Burr - March 10th
Jqshy - March 10th
CortesiRaccoon - March 10th
Its_Hippo - March 10th
Cobruh_ - March 17th
OwwDontHitMe - March 17th
OhCuddle - March 17th
CardboardFox - March 17th
BestOrNah - March 24th
ItsKinley - March 24th
Mindcrafts - March 24th
MrFerf - March 24th
nsjpi - March 24th
SnowyKitty - March 24th
Doge_Lover_100 - March 31st
MissHollu - March 31st
Runkia - March 31st
Harvvey - March 31st
xLeopard - March 31st
VenomousCoCo - March 31st
ElmosWorld - March 31st
xLiley - March 31st

PE Trainee

Halo - March 3rd
Bjd1126 - March 10th
jtdaepicgamer - March 24th
MrDrumstick - March 24th
SpeedyCrafter54 - March 31st

PC Mod

A_Magical_Dude - March 11th
LegitFox - March 11th
ProbablyALoofah - March 11th
xNooted - March 11th
Rankia - March 18th
JustZerooo - March 18th
Bacon_CaNT_PvP - March 25th
Ausssi - March 25th
Xannderr - March 25th

PE Mod

Himshould - March 11th

Sr. Mod

coralines (Forum Ninja) - March 24th
_Jillian (Forum Ninja) - March 24th
Gxi (Clans Management) - March 30th
DevOperator (Clans Management) - March 30th
StudentAlleg (Clans Management) - March 30th
AddictivePenguin (Clans Management) - March 30th
Keraviln (Clans Management) - March 30th
Rosalia (Clans Management) - March 30th

Reinstatements:

TotalMVP - March 3rd
RealDarion - March 3rd

Resignations:

dannylionsin - March 2nd
JustMav_ - March 2nd
PaceOfCake - March 2nd
Doubt - March 3rd
Lavidiki - March 4th
CongruousJake - March 5th
ItsTimmyy_ - March 6th
SwimKitty - March 7th
JonocraftFTW - March 7th
coolstick - March 10th
Corgee (Trainee Management) - March 11th
Maebe - March 14th
Acaulis (Clans Management) - March 17th
Espx - March 18th
Ygritte - March 18th
LoveBlizzard - March 19th
Horseyy - March 19th
xAbbiex (Community Management) - March 19th
Goobnut1 - March 20th
NoEffect - March 20th
Wyh - March 21st
Kcvin - March 21st
ChrisTheKing - March 27th
Arisela - March 27th
Burrita - March 28th
OblateSpheroid - March 28th
Deguluver - March 28th
oLotte - March 29th
Lourn - March 30th

GUESS THE LOCATION!

BY: EMILIE

It's time again for the original mineplex newsletter game - Guess the Location! Do you think you have all the ins and outs of our lobby memorized? Well, put yourself to the test! Here are the rules: We'll provide a screenshot of a random location in our lobby, and it's your job to guess where the screenshot was taken using the Google Form below! More information will be provided on the form.

Three winners will be randomly chosen, rewarded two Mythical Chests each, and have their names announced in next month's newsletter!

Think you've got what it takes? Here's the screenshot for this month!



Fill out this form to submit your guess!
<https://goo.gl/forms/2v3C2uNzn53YA5GN2>

Last but not least, congratulations to last month's winners!

snevahmadaa

AceSjus

Brendxnn

You all will be rewarded your two Mythical Chests as soon as possible! Good luck to all who are participating!

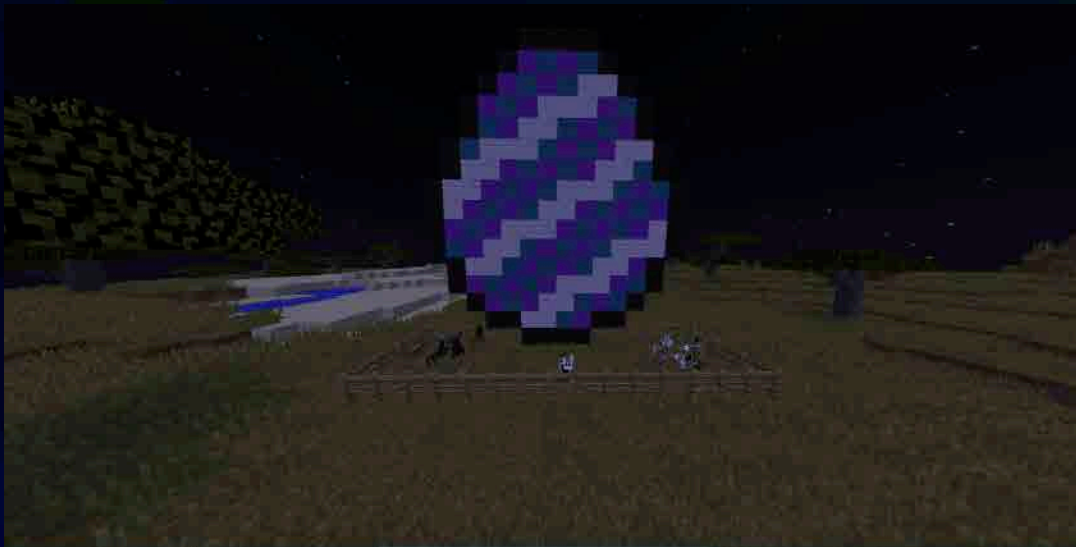
CAPTION THE IMAGE!

BY: IPBJSAMMICH

Spring has Sprung!!! Which is an incredibly sad occasion for those of you, like myself, who like Winter much better. Oh well...

As usual, the objective of this game is to create the funniest, most accurate, or just plain silliest caption possible for the image provided each month! Winners of a given month are showcased in the next edition of the Newsletter! Give it a shot!

Easter is on the 16th, and just because you may or may not celebrate doesn't mean you can't join in the biologically-incorrect fun! (Like really, bunnies and eggs?)



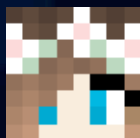
The Form for Responses: <https://goo.gl/forms/000q74PeiH2756h52>

Last Month's Winners:



PyxllCreates - "That feeling when you find a Mythical item in an Old Chest."
Pnthr // CastleOfGlass- "The goblins at Gringotts never were very friendly."

STAFF BIOS



Emiliee: Hey! I'm Emilie. If you ever need someone to talk to, feel free to message me on the forums! In my spare time I love playing volleyball and water polo.



iPBJSammich: Heyo! I'm iPBJSammich, and I've been a staff member on Mineplex since June 2015. I am currently on the Karaoke Hosts and Newsletter Teams, and have a lot of fun working with others on the staff team! If you ever see me, don't be afraid to say hello!



xStar_89: Hey there! My name is Star, and I'm currently a Senior Moderator on Mod Coordination alongside being on different sub-teams, including the Newsletter Team! I love meeting new people and trying new things as well as music and ice-cream. I'm usually in-game and on TeamSpeak, so I hope to see you around!



Tortelett: Hi! I am a moderator on the Newsletter, Media Team, and Build Team Media! I am in charge of designing and assembling all the written articles and images into this newsletter and making everything look pretty. Hope you enjoyed reading it!



SuspiciOus: Hi there, I'm SuspiciOus! I enjoy writing, animals, reading, and technology. I'm currently a Sr.Mod on Mineplex that works in the Quality Assurance division for the Mineplex Pocket Edition server.



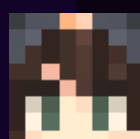
Kanebridge: Hello I'm Kanebridge otherwise known as Kane, I am a Senior Mod on Mod Coordination! In my free time; I love drawing, playing instruments and sports, and writing. I'm always on Teamspeak so feel free to say hi :D



Icefall: Heya, I'm Ice! I joined the staff team on 9/9/16 and am now a Sr. Mod on Social Media. I also participate on the media, build team media and newsletter sub-teams; I love all things creative, whether it be arts or writing. Feel free to friend me on forums and PM me if you need anything (:



CallMeCass: Hey, I'm Cass! I've been a staff member since the March 4th, 2016. I heavily enjoy writing, storytelling, reading, singing, drawing, and playing the violin! Aside from Newsletter, I am on four other sub-teams. I largely enjoy interacting with players, so if you see me around, feel free to say hi!



hazeae24: Hello! My name is Haze! I've been a staff member since January 8, 2016. I love reading and writing all forms of literature. I love interacting with players so if you see me around make sure to say hi!