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MINEPLEX ON CONSOLES!

BY: HAZEAE24

Microsoft E3 Announcement

You've heard it here folks! Whether or not you've seen the Microsoft E3 Announcement itself or the rumours flooding the forums, Mineplex will soon be coming to a console near you! Microsoft has reached out to us to assist them with cross-platform marketing and has even recognized Mineplex as an Official Minecraft Partner. Soon, you will be able to connect to the same Mineplex network from anywhere on ANY platform! The Mineplex network has already been implemented on Windows 10, iOS, Android, and it will now be coming soon to other consoles, such as Xbox and Nintendo. It'll be easier than ever to play on your favorite server with all of your friends, family, and other fellow Minecrafters!

What about the PC Mineplex network?

Even though this is huge for the other networks of Mineplex, this is not the end for Java/PC Minecraft. This is just the very beginning! This update will not change the content that we release for you on the Java/PC side of Mineplex. Mineplex has some top secret projects that are currently in development and we cannot wait to release them to you all. There will still be usual updates with new games, new maps, and many more new, awesome features that are yet to be released. We are more than excited to share all of this upcoming content and news with the community, so make sure to be on the lookout for future announcements and releases!



SAMITOD'S RESIGNATION

BY: KANEBRIDGE

Recently, SamitoD resigned from his admin position on Mineplex after four years as a Mineplex staff member. He'll be staying with us as a Youtube rank, however, so be sure to check out his content! The staff team wants to give their thanks for his hard work and dedication to the server on his teams.

AlexTheCoder: "Sam's been one of my closest friends throughout my time working here at Mineplex, and while I'm sad to see him go, I'm happy that he's following his dreams and doing what he needs to in order to bring them to life."

BlueBeetleHD: "I've known Sam for over 3 years now and I've continually been inspired by his passion for Mineplex. He's grown a lot in the last few years and I'll definitely miss seeing him around!"

Diar: "Sam's a really funny guy, he's super passionate for what he does and he's gonna go far. And let it be known that he copied my office in the hub..."

Kevithebear: "Although I may not have known Sam personally, I've seen the impact he has had on the community as a whole. The interaction amongst community members and staff members has certainly increased. Whilst he may no longer be on the team, his spirit lives on and will always be remembered."

SnowyKitty: "I doubt we ever interacted, and personally, I would say you didn't know I existed, heh. Still, you resigning impacted me. I think the biggest thing was your resignation video. Probably the first of yours I ever watched. However, I felt it go straight to the heart when you started talking about the team. I will be honest, I let a few tears fall. Keep entertaining! Keep making people smile! It'll make a bigger difference than you know. Keep it all up and I hope you live well with it. Don't let us down!"

NeonDarkness711: "Thank you Sam for everything you've done within the staff team. I remember when you were first a normal Moderator, and then later an Admin, leading the creation of Clans to make it a better experience for everyone. I'm sure everyone was glad and thankful for the time you spent on the team, and I hope everything turns out well for you in the future."

Kimlia: "Thanks for everything you've done for the staff team and the community, Sam. You were an amazing Admin, and I hope the future is bright for you."

STRUTT20 INTERVIEW!

BY: ICEFALL

This month we had the chance to interview Strutt20, one of the owners of Mineplex! Since he and AppleG received their promotions, he's done a great job establishing a connection between the community and the Mineplex Leadership team. His work includes overseeing the marketing, social media, and communications aspects of the network. Thanks Strutt for taking the time to conduct this interview with us!

It's been about 4 months since you were promoted to Owner. How have you been enjoying the position so far?

I have really enjoyed my position since purchasing part of Mineplex. I have always enjoyed working for Mineplex and it has always been a dream to be able to be an owner and help direct the future for the company and community.

Have you experienced any difficulties in your time managing the company?

There are always difficulties in managing any company or job. The best thing you can do to make life easier is to assemble the best possible team around you that can help each other out in difficult times. That's what I think we have done at Mineplex with the current Leadership Team and Owners.

What's currently your primary focus for Mineplex?

I would say our primary focus is getting back to our roots of what made Mineplex great. Being able to have active LT on the forums and in-game answering questions and giving insight to updates is key to having the community feel involved. Even with a lot of stuff going on and lots of projects we have made extra steps to make sure that we have an avenue for feedback and suggestions to LT and then be able to distribute information and answers to the community. With 2 million unique players on PC and even more on PE every month, we will never make everyone happy, but we can definitely show extra emphasis on areas that affect the most people.

What's your favorite game to play on the network?

My favorite game would either be Bomb Lobbers or Micro Battles. I typically don't play for too long at a time, so I love the games that I can jump on and play a lot of games quickly.

STRUTT20 INTERVIEW!

BY: ICEFALL

Do you have any insights you can give the community as to what's being planned for the future?

As most of you know, we are partnering with Microsoft and going to be going to be able to crossplay including console. Since the announcement, the response has been absolutely crazy. Whether is from players, youtubers or even other servers reaching out congratulating us on the partnership and the future of Mineplex, the feedback has been insane. I truly think this is going to be an enormous opportunity for Mineplex and all of the community. The ability to play Mineplex on just about any platform and maintain the same account, same friends, and premiums, plus work on achievements while on the go, is HUGE. The fact that we were sought out and chosen to partner with Minecraft in the big endeavor cannot be overstated and is a game changer for Mineplex and Minecraft as a whole.

Can you tell us a little about your interests outside of Minecraft?

I have a lot of interests outside of work/Mineplex, but not a ton of time to pursue or enjoy them sometimes. My favorite pastimes are any outdoor activities, whether that's hiking, exploring, camping, fishing, hunting, mountain biking, or boating.

Anything else you want to say to our Newsletter readers?

Mainly, I would just want to thank each and every reader. We appreciate everyone of you and work very hard to make games and a community that you can enjoy and be proud of. Having over 4.5 million unique users on PE and PC combined means that we do not get to see and interact with a very big portion of those players. That being said, I do not ever want an opportunity to pass me by without giving my appreciation and thanking the community. I truly believe we have the greatest community around and we will continue to work hard to improve Mineplex in every way for each and every one of you. As we launch with Microsoft into the Bedrock Platform, we plan to take the atmosphere and some of the Mineplex original games with us along with adding a ton of new things. This is one of the biggest and most important steps in Mineplex history and we couldn't do it without all of you!



STRUTT20
OWNER



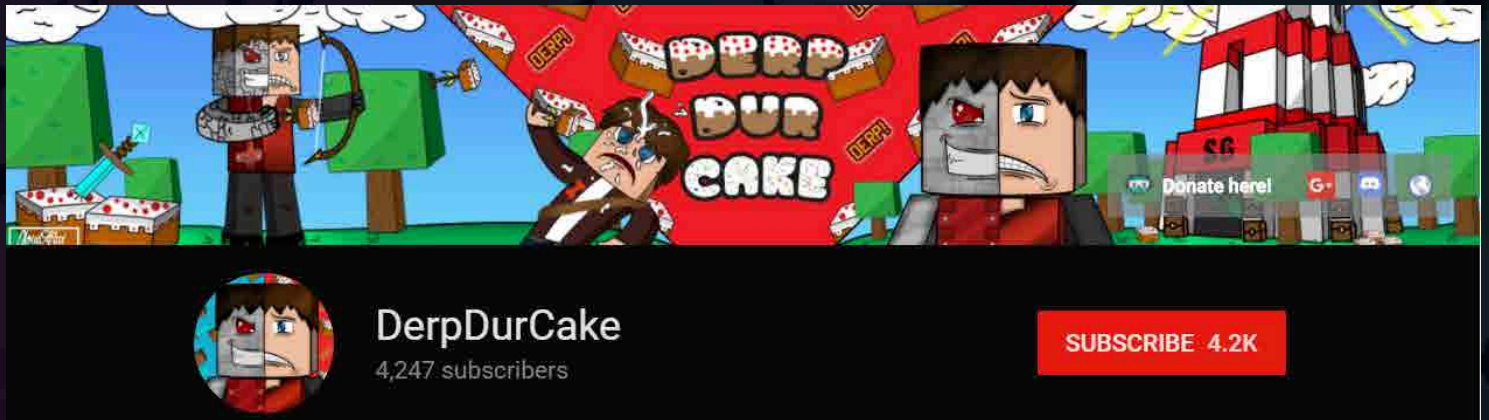
JULY YOUTUBER SPOTLIGHT!

BY: SUSPICIOUS

Since achieving YT rank back in April, Michael, better known as DerpDurCake, has been working hard to entertain his fellow Mineplexians! He began posting Minecraft/Mineplex videos over 2 years ago, and continues to deliver excellent content to his viewers. Some recurring content on his channel include roasting and pranking videos, MPS streams, and Mineplex challenges. Michael also posts many vlogs in addition to his Minecraft videos that you should definitely check out. If you see him around the server, make sure to say hello and thank him for all his hard work!

YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9__LZ8KMA6WrnpG3Kh7A

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



YOUTUBER SHOWCASE

JUNE RESIGNATIONS & PROMOTIONS

BY: KANEBRIDGE

This month, we want to give a shout out to promoted staff members as well as our thanks to those who have decided to resign.

Resignations

PC

June 1st - AyyZachh
June 3rd - xEndy
June 3rd - CallMeCass (Newsletter writer)
June 3rd - xStar_89 (Mod
Coordination/Newsletter writer)
June 5th - evanmoney
June 5th - Duublefault (Forum Ninja)
June 6th - LegitFox
June 6th - SamitoD (Admin)
June 8th - Satoria
June 8th - CandiTWiSterz
June 9th - Piggered
June 11th - Katnissy (Social Media)
June 12th - Trajectories (Quality Assurance)
June 12th - Joeytemaster1313
June 12th - OffendedExMod
June 14th - judemsx
June 15th - ThatOnePear
June 16th - ace771 (Quality Assurance)
June 16th - Nekrosion
June 17th - Shotgun_Master
June 18th - RuggedFlame
June 24th - SilleMarie
June 24th - NocTyrtrl
June 24th - SuperJenBot (Forum Ninja)
June 25th - DestinedUniverse
June 26th - Jalen3zx
June 26th - xLouis (Community Management)

PE

June 25th - iTz_JuStiiN

Promotions

Trainee PC

June 2nd - Dacuments, Geographies
June 9th - eclatant, ThatOnePear
June 16th - amyc, codelyoko124, mateias,
MultiSingle
June 23rd - Bradster124, Phidgett, Wizi
June 30th - RavenPaw9, xPrevail, xSebbie

Trainee PE

June 16th - Luigiiz, Yukimarimo
June 30th - Ataymo

Mod PC

June 3rd - xLeopard, Harvvey, Runkia, xLiley
June 10th - Felicitations, wattywatty14,
natesbait
June 17th - Dudeguy, AttemptOne,
SpeedyCrafter54, Weird_Laughter,
ElmosWorld
June 24th - Marzie, SirTophamHat,
sm_awesome

Mod PE

June 10 - jtdaepicgamer
June 17th - SpeedyCrafter54

Reinstatements

PE

June 23rd - Glitz

GUESS THE LOCATION!

BY: ICEFALL

We're back with our favorite game, Guess the Location! Are you familiar with our main lobby yet? We'll provide a screenshot from somewhere around the hub and it's your job is to guess where exactly it is. Three correct answers will be randomly chosen, as usual, and the winners will be awarded 2 mythical chests each!

Here's this month's mystery screenshot:



Submit your guess to this form for a chance to win!
<https://goo.gl/forms/Uziw9EplhD12lwQn1>

Congratulations to our winners from last month:

xLeopard

Monet9

guipb123

You three will receive your prizes soon!

CAPTION THE IMAGE!

BY: IPBJSAMMICH

Hey there!

Step aside New Year's... The fireworks that'll fly in just a few days already have you beat. July, for many, signifies a month of barbecuing, swimming, celebration, and many more activities associated with the summer holiday. Better enjoy it while it lasts! Don't go too overboard, though, we wouldn't want a situation like the one in the image below, now would we?

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



The form for responses: <https://goo.gl/forms/000q74PeiH2756h52>

Last month's winners:



Encrxpted: "That "shore" a-piers to be an "ex-sea-lent" vacation spot!"

MachoPiggies: "It's a great view, until someone stabs you in the back."

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MINEPLEX STATISTICS!

BY: ICEFALL

We're back with more cool stats from across the Mineplex Network! Let us know what new numbers you'd like to see added next month on the forums.

Reports Patrol (totals in June):

Mods Total: 1,629

Sr. Mods Total: 581

All total: 2,210

Build Team

Total maps on Mineplex: 385

Number of blocks in Freedom Lobby: 754,975

Total map submissions received in June: 60

Total Staff Team

Admins: 8

Sr. Mods: 79

Mods: 132

Trainees: 30

Castle Assault (top numbers in June)

Most Crowns: kittygirl009 with 172994

Most TDM Crowns: Saewi with 111659

Most Kills: Multiplicative with 13920

Most TDM Kills: Saewi with 10802

ART COLLAGE!

BY: IPBJSAMMICH



Featured Artists

Goalss, Rinnn, Runkia, Yatou, FluffyUnicorn_, Blonda4, feelxgood, Elcahoelic, imcuterthanyou, inksomnia, Icefall, shdlight, SnowyKitty, Kiaboneea, Monet9

STAFF BIOS



iPBJSammich: Heyo! I'm iPBJSammich, and I've been a staff member on Mineplex since June 2015, and am currently on the Karaoke Host and Newsletter Teams. SSM, as always, is my favorite game on the network. Don't be afraid to say hello, I don't bite!



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!



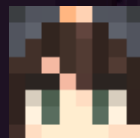
SuspiciOus: Hi there, I'm SuspiciOus! I enjoy writing, reading, and technology. I'm currently a Sr.Mod that works in the Quality Assurance division for the Mineplex Pocket Edition and PC servers.



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: Hiya, I'm Ice! I'm a Sr. Mod on Social Media and currently manage the Newsletter team. Hope you enjoyed this issue and feel free to message me on the forums with any questions/concerns.



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!



RavenWings: Hello! My name is Raven, and I was originally part of Newsletter as the first batch ever when it initially was added as a subteam. Alongside with being on Community Management, am excited to be working on this team once again as a writer.



EmmaGrill: Ello! My name is Emma, and I'm a 15 year old book addict. I'm currently a part of eight different subteams at Mineplex as a Moderator. In my spare time I enjoy doing competitive archery and playing the flute. If you see me around feel free to say hello!



lav: Hi, I'm lav. Currently, I'm a member of the Media Team, Build Team Media, YT Council, and Newsletter team. I love to create content whether that be through writing, art, or editing.

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Its_Hippo: Heyaaa I'm Its_Hippo, I'm a Sr. Mod on #SocialMedia the best team! I'm also a writer and editor for the Newsletter and am on a variety of subteams. Also an Adele Superfan and am insanely obsessed with RuPaul's Drag Race. Feel free to chat with me about anything Drag Race related or just pop in and say hi! :) (Bring some teal!)



Loofii: Hey y'all, I'm Loofii! I'm a Mineplex Mod. My favorite game is Speed Builders, but I'm really into Heroes of Gwen right now. I like dancing, writing, and I'm a huge fan of Troye Sivan and Hayley Kiyoko!



Runkia: I'm Runkia, one of the new Newsletter members. I'm pretty bubbly and creative, and feel free to hit me up with any issues! I love drawing and I'm also very clumsy.



SnowyKitty: Hey there! I'm SnowyKitty and most call me Snowy. I am a Moderator here on Mineplex. I love to read and write fiction stories, from realistic to sci-fi! My favorite game is Draw My Thing, though I'll really play anything even though I'm not the best at PvP. If you see me somewhere, don't be afraid to shoot me a hello!

