

Shamrock Shakes

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What is green and delicious that makes you want to tackle a leprechaun? Shamrock shakes from McDonalds, yummy!! You may notice the seasonal McDonald's menu addition popping back up around this time of year. The mighty Shamrock Shake is the St. Patrick's Day promotion. It is just a green, minty shake, but has inspired many to indulge in its wonderfulness.

This low-fat vanilla ice cream shake with mint flavoring leaves more of a legacy than just a green tongue. It was first introduced in 1970 when Fred Hill spent most of his time in hospitals while his three-year-old daughter, Kim, who had Leukemia, was receiving treatments. Hill and his wife had spent many nights noticing parents camping out in the hospital because they couldn't afford a hotel while trying to manage their children's expensive treatment bills. Hill and his wife decided to start a fund to help all the parents in need. Hill called up a friend who managed the marketing and advertisement agency for McDonalds, and asked for a favor. As it turned out, their next promotion was for the Shamrock Shake. With McDonalds' founder Ray Kroc on



Mr. Maurer provided Shamrock Shakes to the yearbook class as incentive to get some work done.

board, the weeklong promotion for the Shamrock Shakes was successful. All the proceeds went to a fund to help purchase a four-story house near the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. That became the first Ronald McDonald house. The St. Patrick's Day's green milkshake is the reason for making people's lives easier. It also makes it more enjoyable.

People find these shakes to be the highlight of their day because of their pure, green, minty deliciousness. "I love mint ice cream, put it in a McDonalds cup and it makes it ten times better!" says Rachel Stuhr. While she and many others find this frozen beverage such a delight, it's alarming to find that some people do not like these shakes and even more of a mind blower that some people have never even heard of them. "I do not like Shamrock Shakes, they look like puke in a cup; they're gross and taste weird!" exclaimed Katie Busch.

So as we see, Shamrock Shakes have benefited people not only in brightening their day, but they have also helped produce positive changes in the lives of children. While some people still don't like them, the rest of you should chase a rainbow, hold a leprechaun hostage and demand your Shamrock Shake. Just think about it!

Diagnosis: Procrastination

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Many students suffer from a severe illness. While most of them are buried by the effects, a handful of kids are able to pull through this crazy disease. Its name is procrastination. Severe cases may be known as senioritis. Children these days have been more prone to putting things off and thinking they have plenty of time. The next thing they know the due date is upon them and it's *due* or die. This is one of the symptoms that overcome a person when they contract this disease. There are multiple steps that can be taken as precautions for this problem. Sufferers can begin by using their time wisely, avoiding electronics, and finding ways to promote motivation. It has been shown that music and other methods do help kids focus more, according to Emily Harnack who must be listening to her iPod in order to get her homework done.

Students these days may find it more difficult to focus because its second semester. During the first week of the new semester they will be completely carefree, unbound by all responsibilities. This is the time we need to watch out for, because we start wasting our time. By using our time wisely, we can get our jobs done and have extra time for being

carefree. For example, exams may seem so far away because we just finished them, but we need to pay attention now before we fail them then. "Thank God for exemptions, or I think people would explode from overload," stated an anonymous student.

Students may want to be careful and stay away from electronics too. There are some cases of procrastination where students are so hooked on their computer that if doing homework near them, the student will get sucked into Facebook for an hour or more. These are the times that we need to realize, whoa, whoa, whoa, sloooooow down. Remove all the electronic devices from the room or just remove yourself from the room and go to the library or the park. A fun way to take care of this problem could be just a group study date!

Lastly, another way to eradicate some of these symptoms is for students to promote motivation within themselves. Find fun ways to make you do your homework, for example, having something to wait for afterwards. Make a movie night or date night with your friends at the end of the week and only do it if you finish all of your tasks. It's things like this that can help people get rid of their procrastination and get on the track to a better you.

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Project Remodel

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Boom! Boom! Boom! A hammer crashes against a nail driving into a piece of wood. Only seconds of silence pass, but as you finally feel at peace another loud noise erupts: a drill from somewhere in the hall. All day long you hear loud noises and deal with lots of dust, and mess after mess. Night and day is work, work, work; little sleep comes. Finally excitement approaches only for a few seconds, as things get done. This feeling soon dissipates as the knowledge of another "job" emerges. Days drag on and on; some days it seems like a month have passed in only a few hours. When finally you get one thing finished you can rest for only an hour before more work is to be done. Ace Hardware, Lowes, and Wal-Mart become your best friends. The employees know you by name and find what you need in record time. Some may even hold a conversation with you about how things are going. No matter how fast you work or how many you get done, there is always something else to start or finish.

Eventually you find that with or without all the noise the sounds of the hammers hammering, the saws sawing, and the drills drilling never quite leave your brain. Do you know what all of this is? If so, you're ready to remodel.

With remodeling comes headaches, pain all around, and at some point you will end up hitting yourself in the hand with the hammer. Most people will say how much they hate to remodel, but it is also necessary at times. As things start to fall apart, the understanding that you have to fix it corrupts your mind. The feeling of dread surrounds you and you put it off as long as possible. The day comes when you can't put it off any longer, so you get to work. The farther along you get the more you realize that the damage goes farther than you once believed, but you keep going. Eventually your job will be done and your pride in your product will outweigh the dread you felt. Excitement will overwhelm you and, as soon as you can you put everything behind, you won't think of remodeling ever again.... Until a year passes and you start all over again.

Everyone loves a Truck?

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POWER! Trucks have a lot of it, and teenagers love it. The reason I like trucks is because, I know that if I hit something like a turkey or deer, it won't completely total my truck because it's made from pure metal. Some people love them because of the noise, how big they are, and like I said... the power. Trucks make the world go around, it's impossible not to with the horsepower they have. However not all trucks have power, and that's why



you need to keep up on maintenance, for instance, check the spark plugs, oil, and anti-freeze in the winter. Without maintenance something could go wrong. You might blow a piston or just miss something small until it turns into something big. This could wreck your engine. Trucks are not just for the power and looks; they are very useful. They can haul things easily in the back. Trucks wouldn't be useful unless they can pull; I know mine can... can yours?