

# THE PAW PRINT POST

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Journalism Elective

## Reaching To Mars

By: Jenna Sakhleh and Carly Heilig

On February 10th, 2018 at the Kennedy Space Center located in Brevard County, Florida, Elon Musk launched a rocket with a Tesla inside to prove a point. He wanted to prove that this rocket could fly into space and fire up its engine by being built together. Inside this Tesla was a dummy named Star Man. They placed him in the car to see if a human could survive.

There were many worries about this launch. First and foremost, there was concern about it being too heavy. Secondly, there was fear that it could go further than expected. The rocket ended up launching and drifted further than Mars. Now Elon Musk is saying that the Tesla launch could collide with Earth or Venus in tens of millions of years. We all hope for the best that that doesn't happen.

SpaceX is the company that funded the Tesla launch, and it worked in cooperation with NASA.

Because space travel is so expensive, many small, independent companies are footing the astronomical bill, so to speak.

There are some theories that suggest this proves we are on the edge of another "space race". Still others think that this is a step towards individual space travel, starting with the moon, and eventually on to Mars. The possibilities reach TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!



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With a Tesla being launched, everyone is wondering... what's next? Kennedy Madison (left) said she hopes scientist launch a Bugatti. Desirae Peacock (right) thinks scientist should launch a Silverback Gorilla because it is very strong. When asked what they think will happen to the Tesla launch. Desirae and Kennedy both think that the Tesla will continue to float in space. Landing seems very difficult because of how heavy the Tesla is.

## What's Next?

A. Car	30%
B. Animal	27%
C. Human	11%
D. Other	32%

### Administration

Mr. Frank Zagari, Principal

Ms. Irene Ortiz,

8th Grade Assistant Principal

Mr. Michael Lyons,

7th Grade Assistant Principal

Ms. Kellee Davis, 6th Grade Interim Assistant Principal

# International News

## North and South Korea Reuniting Under One Flag!

by: Emily Ryan and Quinn Kustin

During the 2018 Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony on February 10th, North and South Korea marched together under one flag for the first time since 1991 Ping Pong Championships and the 2006 winter Olympics in Italy.

During Kim Jong Un's new year's day speech, Kim Jong Un asked the President of South Korea if North Korea was allowed to participate in the 2018 Olympics. Moon Jae-in, South Korea's President, allowed this as long as they march under one flag and joint together the women's hockey team.

This years Winter Olympics have had many surprises. One of which was Kim Jong Un's younger sister meeting with the South Korean President. This was the first meeting of the two families since the mid 20th century. The two countries trained together in a special resort located in North Korea. Other training took place on the mountain known as Kungang also in North Korea.

On the day of the ceremony, both countries walked out together holding hands and sharing joy with one another. The two athletes, Chung Guam Hawng of North Korea and Yunjong Won of South Korea, marched together both holding the Korean unity flag. this flag shows the importance of the unified country. The flag was white with a picture of the Korean peninsula in blue. This was a true moment of happiness and joy as they held hands and marched as one team. Many Koreans at home watched as the two countries walked together and supported the wonderful moment occurring.



The athlete on the right is Yunjong Won of South Korea, and the athlete on the left is Chung Guam Hawng of North Korea. Source: Vox.com



This is the Korean Unity flag. Source: eurasiareview.com

# What's Trending...

## TICKETS ANYONE?

By: Kira Patel & Saioa Elesgarai

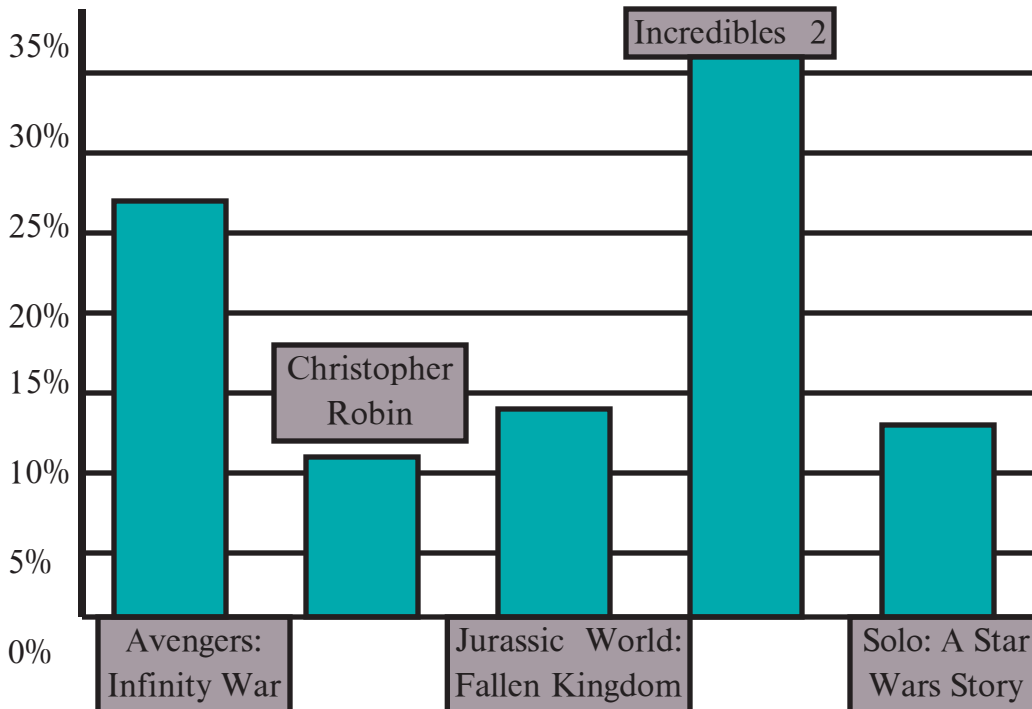
From May until the end of summer, numerous movies premiere in theaters to entertain all ages. These movies have a wide range of genres: action to comedy and all the way around the universe to science fiction. The two top upcoming choices kids are most eager to see are Incredibles 2, coming out June 15th, and Avengers: Infinity War, premiering May 4th.

Eighth grader Holly Hudson was asked what movie she was looking forward to the most. She stated, "Without a doubt it would Incredibles 2. I have been a huge Incredibles fan ever since I watched the first movie. Since I heard the second movie was coming out I have been looking forward to it." What makes Holly such a huge fan of the Incredibles movies? "I love the comedy and action of it all," she stated.

For all the Star Wars fanatics, Solo: A Star Wars Story, premieres May 25th. Christopher Robin comes out on August 3rd, and shows the perspective of Christopher Robin the little boy from Winnie the Pooh. Calling all dinosaur lovers! After seeing the first four Jurassic movies, an additional movie is yet to come. Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom's opening night is June 22nd, and will be dino-mite!

Everyone is looking forward to all these fantastic movies. We know that we can't wait to see all of them either. So grab your popcorn and get comfy! It's going to be a blockbuster summer!

### Movies Students Are Most Excited to See



This image shows the movie cover of Incredibles 2. Photo credit: vcpost.com

# Pawesome Players

Winter Olympics 2018

By: Zachary Montealegre and Diva Mehta

The 2018 Winter Olympics was held in Pyeongchang, South Korea, and many great things were achieved there. It started on February 9th and ended February 25th. Opening and closing ceremonies was housed at PyeongChang Olympic Stadium. This stadium cost 109 million dollars to build, and it was built specially for this event. There were over fifteen sports in total. Some of the sports that were being competed in are alpine skiing, bobsleigh, curling, figure skating, , ice hockey, speed skating, snowboarding, and many more. According to a poll that was taken, (Below) kids at the Ridge prefer snowboarding over any other sport.

The NHL, or the National Hockey League, weren't competing in the games, much to the dismay of the professional players. This was because the U.S. didn't want the Olympics to interfere with the 2017-2018 hockey season. This gave amateur athletes, like juniors who haven't really competed on an international level yet, retired NHL players, and college hockey players a chance to compete.

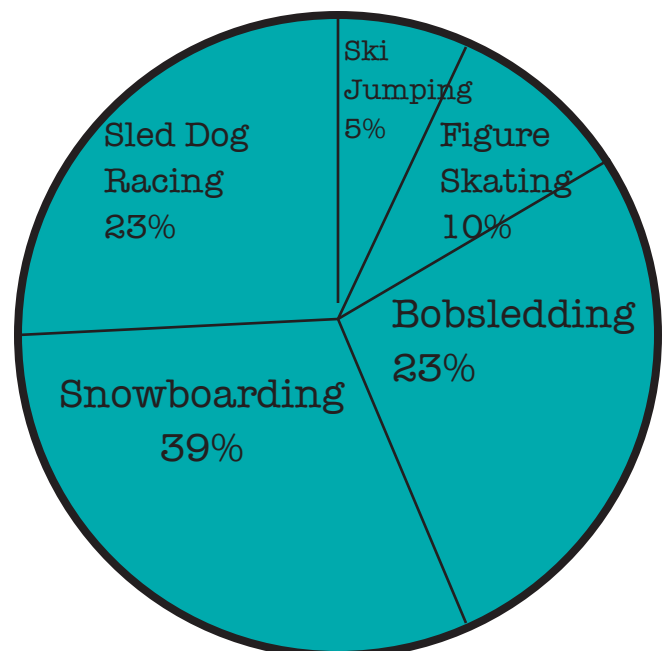
US athletes made history at the games. One figure skater, Mirai Nagasu, who competed in woman's singles, was the first female American athlete to land a triple axle in the games, which is an extremely complex spin where the athlete does three turns in the air. Chloe Kim was the youngest athlete to win a gold for snowboarding, at just 17 years old. Shaun White won the USA's 100th Winter Olympics gold medal at the halfpipe while also winning his own 3rd gold medal.

A lot of countries competed including the United States of America, North Korea, South Korea, France, Sweden, and many more. Russia was not competing in the Olympics as a country because of the doping incident that happened in the 2014 Winter Olympics. Athletes that were "clean", or who didn't dope, were competing under a neutral flag, as "Olympic Athletes from Russia."

The winning country was Norway. They won 14 gold medals, 14 silver medals, and 11 bronze medals to get a total of 39 medals! The second place country was Germany, and in third came Canada. The United States just missed the podium with fourth place.



Mirai Nagasu, the first American woman to land a triple axle at the Olympics  
Photo Credit: newrepublic.com



# Pawesome Players

Boys Volleyball team By; Sean Craney and Emma Barney

The boys volleyball team had a great season! Their record was 7 and 1 in the regular season and in the playoffs they had a record of 8 and 2. There always room for improvement, no matter how awesomely you end the season. Brody Aceto said, “I guess more practice will always help.”

Usually, volleyball is a majority of seventh and eighth graders, but David Villigran had the privilege of being the only sixth grader on the team. He said, ” I do not want the players acting like I am just a sixth grader and cannot do things the seventh and eighth graders can.” As a whole team, they practice hitting the ball. passing the ball and team building. When asked they all agreed that they need to work on collaboration on the court. Dylan Phipps stated, “Sometimes we get lost in the game, and start doing our own thing. Like an every man for himself ordeal.”

In the end, they all agreed that they had an IRMS Jags have another amazing season in the books and more importantly, they have all grown as athletes on the court and off, thanks to the coaching and mentoring of Coach Lendinara.

David Villigran



Brody Aceto



# The Jaguar Den

This years' end of the year field trips for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are just around the corner. The sixth grade students are going to Disney's Magic Kingdom, just as last year. However, the seventh graders are going to Universal Studios, while last year they went to Epcot in Walt Disney World. Eighth grade is also changing it up. They are going to Islands of Adventure, rather than going to Gradventure, which consisted of both Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. Some students believe that it is not right to change the location of the field trip this year after it has remained the same in the past. Other kids are excited for the changes because they bring new experiences and memories.



"I like the field trip changes because Universal has more rides than Epcot. I just think there is a lot more to do there."

Inbar Weiss



"I like the field trip changes because even though Epcot has many educational and fun things to do, Universal is more fun and has tons of rides to go on and enjoy."

Michelle Ramirez



# Jaguar on the Spot

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## SHOULD STUDENTS HAVE A SAY IN THE END OF YEAR FIELD TRIP?

### PROS+CONS:

There are both pros and cons to students having a say in the end of the year field trip location. Some pros are that students will actually like where they are going and they will have an excellent time. Some cons include that people could get into arguments, not everyone can be satisfied, and some of the places that students might want to go to might not be convenient.



“No, because people could get into arguments about it and if we have a scheduled location to go to then no one can get into altercations.”

Nicole Potts,  
6th grade



“Yes, because parents spend their money so their kids can have an awesome time. Therefore students should at least voice their opinion.”

Simran Bhardwaj,  
7th grade



“Yes, because kids should be able to have an opinion on the rides they get to go on and the parks they attend. It’s their field trip!”

Levi Foster,  
8th grade

End of year field trips are a big deal. Students anticipate these trips all year long, and parents spend their hard earned money to ensure that their children have a great time. Some students do not necessarily care where they go for the field trip, as long as they have a good time. Others however, think they should have a voice in the place of the field trip, since it is their trip. There are both pros and cons to students deciding where the trip takes place.

**NOT SURE WHAT ELECTIVES TO CHOOSE ON YOUR COURSE CARD? LET US HELP YOU! CHECK OUT THE OPTIONS, AND MAKE SURE YOU TURN IN ANY REQUIRED APPLICATIONS ON TIME! GOOD LUCK, AND MAY THE ELECTIVE ODDS BE EVER IN YOUR FAVOR!**



By: Catherine Otero, Madelyn Streisfeld, Daniel Coulson & Madison Feller



**Yearbook:** Ms. Didier **(APPLICATION REQUIRED!)**

Students use school issued cameras and computers to take photographs, compose digital pages using images, layouts and captions, conduct interviews and surveys, and participate in school activities. Students in the yearbook elective earn high school credit as they are the eyes and ears of the school and are responsible for creating a lasting memory!

**(EIGHTH GRADERS ONLY- (Must take 7th grade Journalism as a prerequisite)**

**Debate I Honors:** Mrs. Manriquez **(APPLICATION REQUIRED!)**

The purpose of this course is to provide instruction in the fundamentals of argumentation and problem solving. The content should include, but not be limited to, the following: logical thinking, organization of facts, speaking skills, research skills related to debate topics, and participation in frequent debate situations. Students seeking honors credit must compete in after-school and/or weekend tournaments. **(EIGHTH GRADERS ONLY)**

**Spanish I:** Mrs. Flesh

Want to speak Spanish with your Spanish friends? Then sign up for a great class and have fun as you learn! Not only will you learn simple conversations, but also learn and appreciate the Spanish culture and its traditions. You will experience Spanish food, its music, dances and so much more !! You may also participate in our annual, overnight field trip in January to Ybor City in Tampa. Sign up and let the learning and the fun begin!!!

**(EIGHTH GRADERS ONLY)**

**Culinary Arts II:** (Prerequisite required) Mrs. Hogg

The purpose of this full-year course is to provide students with a more in-depth experience as it relates to Culinary Arts. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate employability skills as they relate to the culinary industry, practice safety, sanitation and storage procedures in food preparation; demonstrate proper use of culinary equipment and tools; demonstrate food preparation skills, and much more.

**(EIGHTH GRADERS ONLY- 6th grade Culinary is a prerequisite for this course!)**

**Pre-Law:** Mrs. Hillis

The Law Studies/Pre-Law class is a practical program of legal education designed to engage students in a critical examination of their legal responsibilities and rights. In this elective, students will have the opportunity to engage in discussions, research, and legal arguments with their classmates about practical legal problems, contemporary legal issues, and the ramifications of breaking the law. The goals of the class is to improve understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our Constitution, laws and legal system. **(EIGHTH GRADERS ONLY)**

**Advanced Art/ 3-D Art:** (Prerequisite required) Mrs. Iniguez

Students must have taken Art I or Intro to Art before signing up for 3-D Art. The course emphasizes artists and art history as inspirations for art projects. Advanced art students, will create two and three-dimensional pieces that further develop the elements of art and principles of design. The understanding and appreciation of self and others through art is a focus of the class. Students will have the opportunity to make personal choices about the creation of their art. A variety of media and techniques create an active learning experience. **(EIGHTH GRADERS ONLY)**





**Speech I Honors:** Mrs. Kannal **(APPLICATION REQUIRED!)**

Students will learn the basics of speech and debate competition and other necessary components such as tournament etiquette and performance strategies. Students will learn speech events such as storytelling, impromptu, declamation, original oratory, poetry and prose, dramatic interpretation, humorous interpretation, and duo interpretation.

**(SEVENTH GRADERS ONLY)**

**Journalism:** Ms. Didier **(APPLICATION REQUIRED!)**

Students learn the foundation of journalistic informational writing. They are taught life skills such as interviewing, asking open-ended questions, writing using a lead and supporting details, the differences between direct quotes and paraphrasing, and fact-based reporting.

**(SEVENTH GRADERS ONLY-THIS IS A PREREQUISITE TO THE YEARBOOK ELECTIVE)**



**Peer Counseling:** Mrs. Golembiowski **(APPLICATION REQUIRED!)**

Peer counselors help by peer tutoring, peer mediating, and peer counseling. Along with daily peer activities students will take part in workshops and training projects enhancing the overall learning experience. These workshops include a new initiative to stop bullying in our school and facilitate empathy and kindness. **(SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS ONLY)**

**Art I & II:** Mrs. Iniguez

The course curriculum will focus on aiding students to explore a variety of media, techniques and methods. Projects focus on developing the elements of art (line, form, color, value, texture) and principles of design (balance, variety, harmony, emphasis). Understanding and appreciation of self and others through art history, culture, and heritage is emphasized. Samplings of two-dimensional and three-dimensional projects are produced. **(SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS)**

**Yoga:** Coach Dorian

Our yoga class focuses primarily on Vinyasa Flow yoga. We offer modifications that simplify the poses to be more suitable for beginners and some that amplify the poses for our more advanced practitioners, creating a truly “all-levels” experience.

**(SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS ONLY)**

**Technology:** Mr. Beamer

The focus of this course is to teach students about the basics of web design, cyber security, and other technology components. Students will construct their own PowerPoints, Word Documents, and essays, learning how to use software to create presentations based on what they learn. **(SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS ONLY)**

**Physical Education:** Coach Rubin, Coach Lendinara, Coach Dorian

During physical education, students are provided an opportunity to be physically active and to learn the skills and knowledge needed to establish and sustain an active lifestyle. Students will participate in fitness education and assessment to help them understand, improve and/or maintain their physical well-being.

**(SIXTH GRADE IS AN 18-WEEK COURSE, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE CLASSES ARE FULL YEAR)**

**Chorus**

Students with little or no choral experience develop beginning vocal technique and skills, critical and creative thinking skills, and an appreciation of music from around the world and through time. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to extend and assess learning in the classroom.

**(SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS ONLY)**

**Band:** Mr. Tracey

Students with little or no instrumental experience develop foundational instrumental technique, foundational music literacy, and aesthetic musical awareness through rehearsal, performance, and study of high-quality band literature. Instrumentalists work on the fundamentals of music notation, sound production, instrument care and maintenance, and personal and group rehearsal strategies.

**(SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS ONLY)**

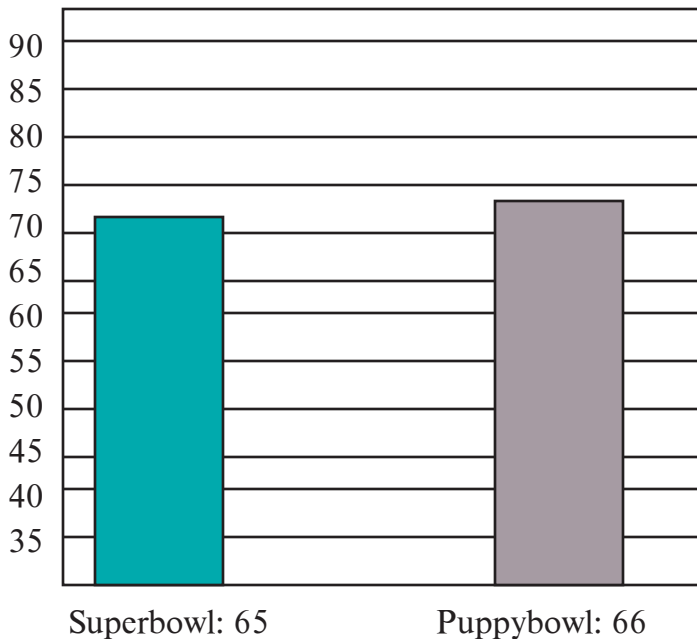
# Up for Debate

## Dogs vs. Dogs Best Friend

By: Madison Green

Almost everybody watches the Superbowl, but how many people watch it's counterpart, the Puppybowl? The Puppybowl is a show that took place on February 6, to show puppies that needed adoption, and to raise awareness for all animals in general. The Puppybowl has a 100% adoption rate in the fourteen years that it has been running.

While the results were extremely close, with only a one point difference, more people actually prefer the Puppybowl. This is probably a surprise to many Superbowl fans at Indian Ridge.

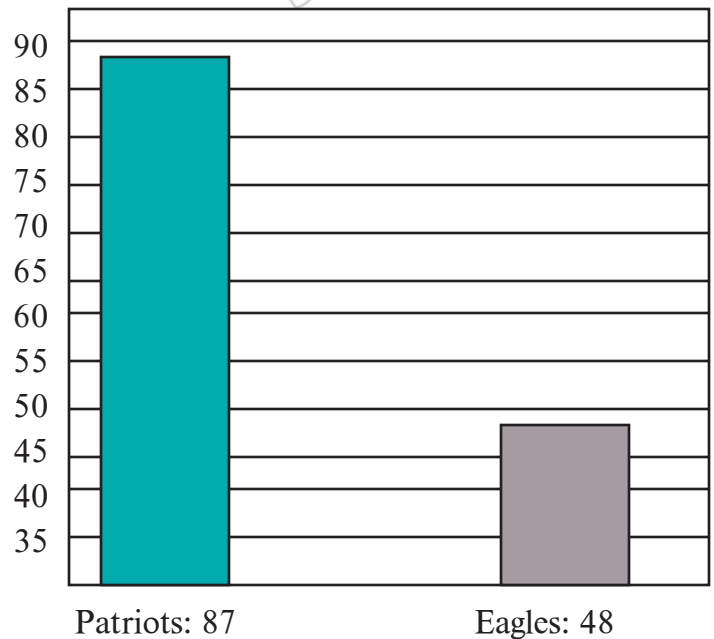


## Patriots vs. Eagles

By: Madison Green and Camila Rosales

This year, the two teams competing in the Superbowl were the Patriots and the Eagles. The Superbowl took place on February 4, and had many great moments. Many people had strong opinions for one or the other. Although the Eagles won the game, many thought that the Patriots deserved the win instead.

The results of the poll show a clear winner, the Patriots. With a difference of thirty nine points people definitely prefer the Eagles. This might be because people are tired of the patriots winning the Superbowl and it was finally time for a new team to rise.



# Jaguar Judges

## SHOULD BITCOIN BE CONSIDERED AN ACTUAL CURRENCY?

By:Madison Green

Bitcoin is one of the most popular crypto-currencies in today's society, however many people dislike them, and for good reason. In recent years it has become increasingly popular but many people and companies have been hesitant to trust it. Not only can transactions be slow but, they are also irreversible.

Bitcoin is also extremely risky to invest in, with price and value constantly changing. Many companies, and even some countries do not allow them to be used. Although they are a very popular crypto-currency, they are not the only ones. Last year bitcoin represented 80% of crypto currency, today they represent less than 50%.

By:Camila Rosalas

I personally believe bitcoin is a bad idea and should not be considered as an actual currency. In 2011 a bitcoin user lost 500,000 bitcoins to hackers, in 2012 more hacks occurred losing 250,000 bitcoins making them shut down for a couple of weeks. Furthermore, in 2014, 850,000 bitcoins went missing and more and more of these have happened leading up to this year. Also, drug dealers are using bitcoin ATM's to stash the proceeds of their crimes. This allows them to swap cryptocurrency without alerting the police. This is a serious crime involving bitcoins. Therefore, bitcoin should not be considered as a form of currency.

By:Ethan Horwitz

I do not think that bitcoin should be considered as an actual currency. Bitcoin is unsafe and has been hacked multiple times. Some people that have bitcoin get hacked and lose most or all of their bitcoin All that time they spent solving riddles and cracking algorithms on computers to get some bitcoin could completely have gone to waste. Nobody wants to work really hard and get nothing out of it. Bitcoin also has an always changing value. Everyday, the value of bitcoin changes and no one knows by how much its going to change. So, bitcoin could one day turn into a big letdown for everyone.

By:Cristian Carrillo

Bitcoin should not be a currency. Currency should be made and circulated, not bought and mined for in a computer. The pricing is also to inconsistent. Bitcoins fluxuate in price too frequently. One day, it's \$50,000, the next day, it's \$90,000. It's definite price would be too difficult to calculate. Therefore, Bitcoin should NOT be considered a currency because of how it is obtained and because how someone gets it.

By:Chloe Bruce

Bitcoin, a worldwide crypto-currency, is currently blowing up with a worth of \$11,240. I believe bitcoin should not be a currency. Bitcoin is a difficult and unsafe online currency due to its current online state.



Photo credit:  
Financial Tribune

# Welcome to the Jungle

## Reaching for the Stars

By: Cami Cala

On February 7th, Indian Ridge Middle School hosted the Rising Star Awards during 1st and 2nd hour. These awards were held in the auditorium and parents were invited. The Rising Star awards were held to honor students who were chosen by their teachers to represent kids who are hardworking and determined. Students were asked why they felt that they were nominated, 8th grader Gina Cassarino responded "My grades went up a lot and I have been working very hard to do the best I can." A seventh grader named Carly Heilig also replied that she thinks that she deserved the award because, "hopefully her teachers have noticed how hard she has been working" People who are nominated truly strive and do their best to work hard.



Gina Cassarino is an 8th grader who was nominated for the Rising Star Awards.



The Rising Star Award is a great celebration for all kids to get recognized



Saioa Elesgarai a 7th grader who attended the straight A cabaret

## Celebrating the A's

By: Jasmin Mathney

Straight A students received an award in an assembly in the auditorium on Feb.8th at 2:20pm for their excellent grades and outstanding work ethic to achieve this goal. Students that are given an award, also receive a certificate and are congratulated by many administrators. During the gathering, there were 104 sixth graders, 108 seventh graders, and 104 eighth graders that attended the ceremony to honor their extraordinary grades. One of the straight A students, Saioa Elesgarai, was overjoyed with happiness and excitement for the pride that she felt when reaching her ambition to acquire all A's. Along with the praise from school employees, parents are permitted to join to demonstrate their support for their child or children. After everyone is presented with their award, students are appointed to the snack table which provided pizza and refreshments.

# Outside of the Jungle Walls

## Trip to Tallahassee

By Andrew Morales

Students and teachers at multiple schools across Florida marched outside on Tuesday, February 21st, to protest gun violence following the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting. Students walked in silence or in protest around their school, down the street, and even all the way to Douglas. Following this, about 100 Douglas students drove over 400 miles to Tallahassee to protest for stricter gun laws and to ban the semiautomatic weapon used at multiple school tragedies. While there, the House was in session and the protestors flooded the Capitol to protest the rejection to debate the assault weapon ban. But, to the protestors misfortune, the bill proposal was dropped before it could be voted on. It seems as though protestors are not going to give up though, and are blowing up social media and the news to spread their message and hopefully make a change.



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The Wildcats go to 2018 State Championships: Photo Credit- Twitter

## Rounding Off To Championships

Western High School's cheerleaders made their way to State Championships on February 3rd and February 4th in Gainesville, Florida, their routine was one to remember. The Wildcats dominated the stage with a powerful and remarkable performance. For the fifth year in a row the Western Wildcats have gone to State Championships. Although they did not win 1st place the Western Wildcats took 4th place. Coach Carrie Norton, says "as far as the performance, they did great and gave 100%". For 5 months straight, the team has practiced and rehearsed over and over just to be in State Championships. Their non-stop training definitely was worth it because the team's superb routine made the crowds go wild. "The program is made up of 9th through 12th graders who put in a lot of time and dedication" says Norton. Even if they don't bring home 1st place it will be a great experience. Lastly Coach Norton says, "The 5 days a week all for two minutes and thirty seconds of pure love for this sport."

By Claire Cheatham

# Cubs of Character

## Honesty

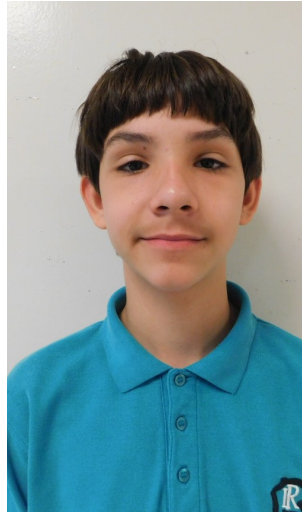
Merriam Webster Dictionary defines honesty as “a fairness and straightforwardness of conduct.”

By: Eli Seiden

These children do just that.

### 6th Grade

Marium Kolly, Janessa Raghunandan, Chloe Blanchard, Mark Cunningham, Neyser Reyes Padilla, Daphne Bendayan, Ryan Reynolds, Yaakov Berman, Alexis Chenven, Emillio Herrera, Erik Dickson, Luke Vitta, Daniel Ortega, Bradley Tengeres, Alyssa Boyd, Nathan Remillard, Clint Wilson, Gunner Murphey, Tyler Jenkins, Zara Maraj, Ron Bensimon



#### Ryan Reynolds

Q: What does honesty mean to you?

A: “It means not to lie, be truthful, and to not make anything up because of selfish needs.”

### 7th Grade

Mackenzie Defricke, Gabriela Martinez, Sydney Weinstein, Sophia Devici, Ariel Rito, Zoey Manriquez, Samuel Grates, Brady Feiner, Ariel Rivera, Melissa Maldonado, Joseph Santini, Justin Cruzet, Damon Bell, Samantha Urso, Hannah DeSousa



#### Ariel Rivero

Q: What do you believe you did to deserve this award?

A: “I tell the truth a majority of the time.”

### 8th Grade

Bayley Chaplin, James David, William Hernandez, Zachary Fisher, Ethan Strain, Liviya Medina, Peter Stein, Marcelo Torres, Jade Garcia Chahwan, Erick Matisinho, Jennie Norton, Holly Hudson, Naiya Rampat, Anaya Harris, Christian Handel



#### Erick Matisinho

Q: How do you use honesty in your daily life?

A: “I try to keep myself prepared for whenever I have to tell the truth.”

# Staff "Spot" light

Mr. Leonard, a 6 foot 6 inch addition to the Indian Ridge family has been a substitute for Broward County since August and recently became a full time employee for Indian Ridge. He is already the assistant basketball coach for the boys, girls flag football coach, the IBM (internal behavior modification) counselor, bus loop monitor, and a substitute. Mr. Leonard has been a substitute at Indian Ridge Middle School since January of 2017. He decided to join the Indian Ridge family because he "liked the school and the atmosphere." "I felt like there was a mutual partnership here. When I had the opportunity to work here I jumped on it," Leonard says.

In IBM, the part he feels that is the most rewarding is "I get the chance to work with small groups." Mr. Leonard has played a beneficial role at Indian Ridge, and our school is grateful to have staff members like Mr. Leonard to help around campus.

By- Aysia Jarrett, Giana Mattis & Amber Kelly

## MR.

## LEONARD



# Paws-ing to Remember the Past

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### How It All Started

by Ashley Castresana

In the United States, year 1926, Carter G. Woodson and the Association of the Study of Negro Life and History officially declared “ Negro History Week” the second week of February. This week was chosen because two dates that were in the same week black communities had celebrated, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass birthdays. After this many Negro celebrated this week so did school starting to teach students about black history. Till 1969 when Black History Month was suggested to Black United Students at Kent State University. 6 years later, Black History Month is celebrate across the United States.

Carter G.  
Woodson



Kent State  
University

### George W. Carver

by Ariel Rivero

George Washington Carver was an African-American inventor/botanist born in Diamond, Montana. His great deeds in the fields have earned this man the spotlight in Black History Month.

He actively promoted alternatives to cotton plants during the times of slavery to prevent the problem of soil depletion. He is known for his work with peanuts, even though he did not invent peanut butter as many would believe.

Carver died on January 5, 1943 in Tuskegee, Alaska. He was educated in 4 schools and universities from 1885 to 1896.



### Lois Mailou Jones by Ariel Rivero



Lois Mailou Jones was an African-American influential artist who was into the infamous Harlem Renaissance, which involved jazz music, and born on November 3rd, 1905 in Boston, Massachusetts.



She was the only female African-American influential artist in the 30's and 40's to achieve fame abroad since in America, she lived during the times of segregation. She died on June 9, 1998. Her legacy lives on to this day as her art is displayed on museums everywhere in America.



# School Advisory Council (SAC)



**School Advisory Councils (SAC) sets up priorities and student performance standards that serve as guiding principles for schools.**

**A School Advisory Council looks at aspects of their school as suggested by the priorities and develops a written School Improvement Plan as part of the school and District's continuous growth model.**

**Additional information may be ascertained from the Office for School Performance and Accountability website. SAC meetings are conducted the second Tuesday of each month at 4:15 PM in the Media Center.**