

# PAW PRINTS



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A small red heart with a black outline and a larger, hand-drawn heart with red and black outlines.

## Think Before You Post!

By Dylan Depremo Elijah Forst Caroline Walsh

Social media- a platform used by 45% of people. It can be a person's best friend, or something that ruins their life with the click of a button. Recently a controversy plagued some students at our school, resulting in unfavorable consequences. In order to counteract certain social media outlets, and their unforgiving environments, let's highlight how to stay safe, and why it's important.

A person's social media accounts can never truly be deleted. If someone takes a picture or even just has a memory of it, it will not fully be gone. Future employers can look back through a person's whole life using their posts from the past. Sixth grader Paul Cristafaro said, "I think social media could be used against me in the future. It could be through my boss, or if I become someone famous it could form a scandal." If people understand the future possible problems, including today's youth, then why do people post in the moment instead of thinking about their future?

People who post in the moment make up the majority, out of the 7 people interviewed, all of them said that they posted without thinking about future problems. If people are naturally posting in the moment, a sort of filtering system could help people so that they would be fine with the posts even in the future. When asked, Ms. Bromante said, "I think people can build up a filter system of their own by making sure to think before posting anything." She also noted "Remember: Once posted, always posted." Even a simple thought process like this could save a your future career.

Thinking for just a second more could have a positive impact later in life. If a person built an account with the knowledge that nothing can truly be deleted, they might think twice before posting something to hurt someone. Students need to start considering the long-term effects of their postings. Instead of posting in the moment they should think about what they're doing. Remember that social media can damage your reputation, or someone else's. So think before you post!

### Administration

Principal- Ian Murray

7th grade- Karen Birke

6th grade- David Greenfield

8th grade- Irene Ortiz

# The Right or The Left: What do You Pick?

By: Isabelle Powell

We all have that one class that seems like it's located at the end of the earth. To make matters worse, there's only one way to get there. Your only option is a one-way hallway. The one-way hallway really has no respect for weather, student population size, or even students that are injured. These things add to the congestion of the one-way hallway which is already slow, kind of like the I-95 in Miami during rush hour!

With all that, on a personal note, I remember on the first day of school the one-way hallway I encountered reminded me of an ocean riptide. Feeling overwhelmed is just one reason why one-way hallways should not be included in schools.

A second reason why one way hallways are a nuisance is students behavior in the hallways. They run instead of walking which can result in collisions. Also, some even participate in horseplay, such as the throwing of school supplies or tripping. In one-way hallways many school safety violations occur if students are not vigilant and careful.

Kids stop and start talking to their friends which could block the flow of students behind them. Due to lack of movement in the hallways it causes frustration as students are late to class with no explanation to give. This causes tardiness which leads to detentions. Even the four minute bell change can seem like it isn't enough when students are plagued by obstacles.

At the end of the day, timing is everything. One-way hallways are a fact of life for us as students. If everyone concerned would follow the rules that would eliminate the safety issues and disruptions to the flow of students, the one-way hallway system could work. We would then be able to get to class on time and more importantly be prepared to start our lessons with one or two minutes to spare. I think that this is truly an issue worth speaking about, don't you?



Picture credit:  
Oscar Franco  
This is a photo of the  
one way hallway  
towards the left side  
of the school.

# Should There Be AB Schedules For Indian Ridge?

By Erica Hoy and Laura Ramirez

Many middle schools in Broward County have, or have considered, switching over to an AB schedule. It gives students more time to study, but all that time can cause kids to lose their attention spans during classes. So, should Indian Ridge make the switch to AB schedule?

Many students have an opinion on whether the school should or shouldn't have AB schedule. Some students say that Indian Ridge should switch to it, and others strongly disagree. Kayla Smith, 6th grade, thinks Indian Ridge should have an AB schedule because it takes a lot of stress off the students and staff. She also thinks that it would give the teachers more time and would allow them to do more in their schedule. Smith says that it will have a good effect on the students because they wouldn't be overwhelmed with changing all their classes. Andrew Gittleman, 6th grade, also agrees that Indian Ridge should switch over to an AB schedule. "It would give you a longer time in one class so you would have more time to work." But are there any downsides to having an AB schedule?

Some students believe that schools shouldn't have AB schedules because they have their own strong opinion. 7th grader Donnie Crespo believes that we shouldn't have AB schedule because he would rather get through all his classes in one day instead of having all his classes split into two days and forgetting the material. 8th grader Jessika Whitman has a different opinion about having an AB schedule. She states, "Not really because my sister is in high school and you literally have to carry your books and change in and out of classes and I think that would be too much for this school."

Students have different opinions about school's time layout, and faculty should hear the students voices. Why not put it to a vote?



Photo credit:  
Hailey Gonzalez  
Andrew Gittleman  
is a 6th grader that  
agreed to AB  
schedule



Dylan Montealegre  
said that teachers should  
allow you to charge your  
phone.  
Photo credit: Giuliana  
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## Plug In or Plug Out?

By Hailey Anderson and Hannah Wingate

Should students be allowed to charge their phone in class? YES or NO? Have you ever been in class and you had to text a family member or someone important but your phone is dead and your charger is not working properly? This is an ideal scenario where teachers should let their students charge their phone in class, but unfortunately most teachers do not agree. Here are the opposing sides:

**Yes**, teachers should let their students charge their phone in class because in case of emergency it is good to have someone to contact. When you are in that situation you may have to contact family, close friends, or law enforcement. Dylan Montealegre said, "You need your phone charged for emergencies." If you have an older phone, it has a higher probability of losing battery charge quicker than newer models and your parents may want to know when you get off the bus, get home, or any other situation. Students should be able to charge their phone because there may be an emergency where they need to contact important people.

**No**, teachers should not allow their students to charge their phone in class because they can get distracted and could interrupt another students learning time. One reason why we say phones are a distraction is because they hinder the learning experience because you are more focused on if your phone is charging than what is going on in your class. Another reason is that phone charging in class could interrupt a classmate learning what the teacher is talking about because you are asking to charge your phone. That is why teachers don't allow students to charge their phones.

Do you agree with teachers or do you think they need to change their minds?

# Kobe Bryant

By Danielle Glen, Maryn Buchsbaum, Maya Halciug, Anastasia Spraker, Daniella Valdivieso

The recent passing of basketball legend, Kobe Bryant, has devastated his fans, admirers, and loved ones. Bryant was an NBA MVP who had a 20-year career with the Lakers. He was looked up to by many young basketball fans and was an extraordinary player. Kobe was an inspiration outside of the court as well as supporting many charities including the one he created with his wife called the Kobe and Vanessa Bryant Family Foundation which was started to help improve the lives of young people and families.

Kobe Bean Bryant was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 23, 1978. He was the youngest child in his family and the only boy. His mother's name was Pamela Cox and his father was former NBA star Joe Bryant. When he was six years old, his father retired from NBA and his family moved to Rieti, a city in Italy. Bryant learned to speak fluent Italian. He began playing basketball at the young age of three and when he was growing up his favorite team was the Lakers. In the summers, Bryant would come back to the U.S.A. to play in a summer basketball league. He gained national recognition during his high school career at Lower Merion High School. He played on the varsity team as a freshman, leading his team to a 20-4 record.

Bryant dedicated his whole life to basketball. In high school he was recognized as the top high school basketball player in the country. By the time he finished high school,

Bryant had entered the NBA (National Basketball Association). Bryant was selected by the Charlotte Hornets for the 1996 NBA draft. Later on he would be traded to the Los Angeles Lakers. He played for the Los Angeles Lakers and won five NBA championships along with being an 18-time All Star, 15-time member of the All-NBA Team, and considered one of the world's greatest players of all time. After playing for a twenty season career, he retired after the 2015-2016 season due to suffering from season-ending injuries.

On January 26th, 2020, Bryant was in a helicopter with his daughter heading to her basketball tournament. The helicopter pilot was receiving air traffic, so he began to circle for fourteen minutes. All of a sudden the engine started to fail, and the helicopter started going down. There were nine people aboard and eight died including Bryant, his daughter, and his daughters' friend. "Tragic, absolutely tragic. I don't care if you are a fan or you truly dislike him. For somebody to die that way it's truly sad, he had millions of fans who loved him." Said Mr. Brosz. Kobe Bryant was the greatest player that I



Photo Credit:  
Oscar Franco  
Mr. Brosz feels the pain the loss of a great athlete.



Photo credit:  
time.com  
This is Kobe Bryant at his finest before he sadly passed on January 26, 2020

## WHAT SHOULD IRMS DO TO CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY?

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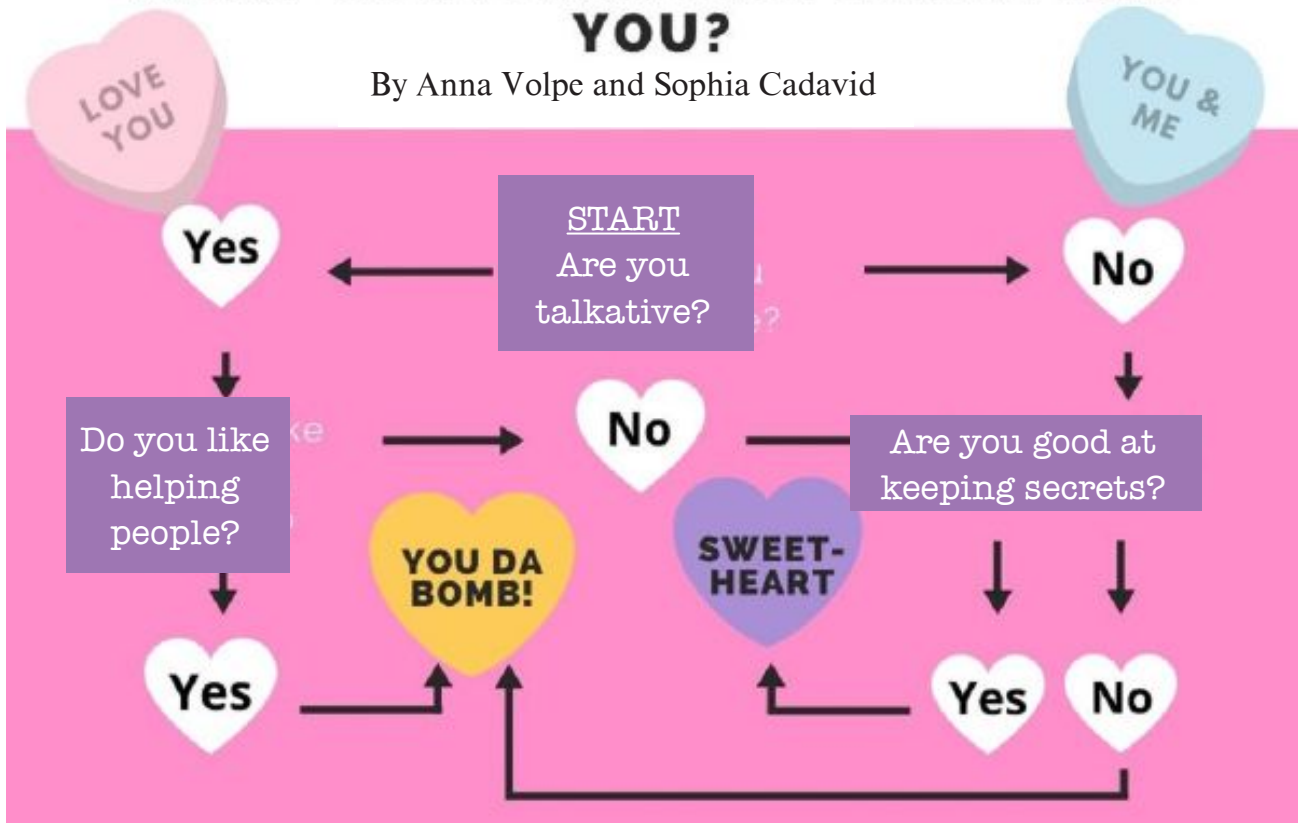
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## WHAT CONVERSATION HEART ARE YOU?

By Anna Volpe and Sophia Cadavid





# Puzzles and Games



By Catherine Truong, Ashley Ottey, Andrew Hutchins, Owen Melville, and Kaylin Hadbafnick

## Word Unscramble

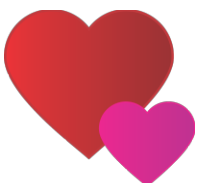
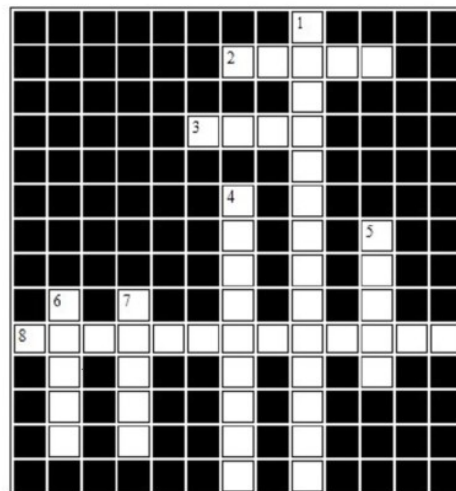
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1 Valentine, 2 Heart, 3 Love, 4 Chocolate, 5 Flower, 6 Sweetheart, 7 February, 8 Card

## Word Search

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p	t	p	i	n	k	t	t	l	a	r	Love
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v	h	r	n	p	l	e	u	c	g		candy
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											hugs

## Crossword



### Across

- A symbol associated with love
- A strong feeling that can go to anything
- A bond between living things

### Down

- February 14
- Made from the coco plant
- A character associated love
- Circulates blood
- Typically high in sugar



It's crazy to think that the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting occurred almost two years ago. On February 14, 2018 at 2:21 – 2:27 P.M., 17 teachers and students were fatally shot and killed. Nikolas Cruz, a 19-year-old former student attacked the high school towards the end of the day with a deadly weapon. Among the 17 people, 3 of them were staff members, and 14 were students. Up until the MSD shooting in 2018, Columbine High School in Colorado was the number 1 school shooting in the US. What happened in Parkland, Florida cannot be taken back from history, but we can still work our hardest to keep our schools safe. This article was written in honor of, Alyssa Alhadef (14), Scott Beigel (35), Martin Duque (14), Nicholas Dworet (17), Aaron Feis (37), Jaime Guttenberg (14), Chris Hixon (49), Luke Hoyer (15), Cara Loughran (14), Gina Montalto (14), Joaquin Oliver (17), Alaina Petty (14), Meadow Pollack (18), Helena Ramsay (17), Alex Schachter (14), Carmen Schentrup (16), and Peter Wang (15).

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