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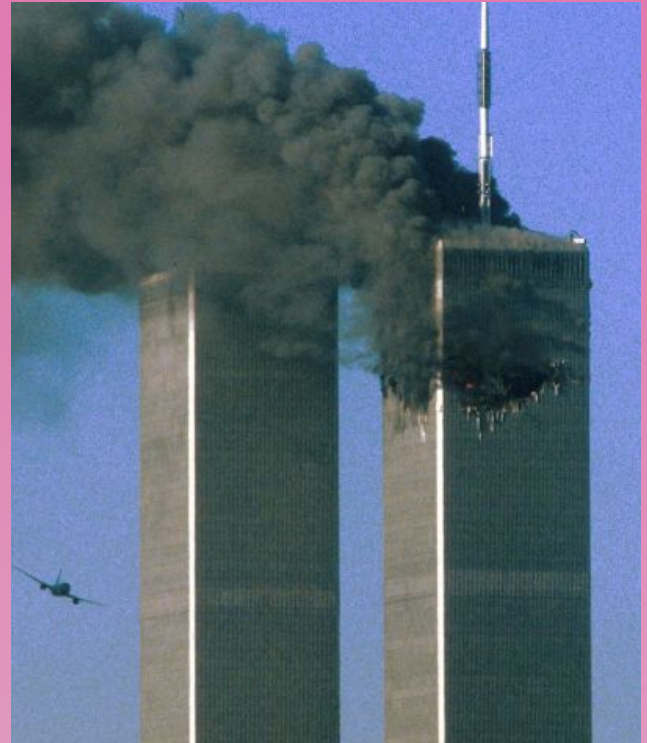
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# The Historic Tragedy of 9/11

By Nikolai Williams and Rose David-Adelee

On September 11, 2001, a sequence of arranged terrorist attacks killed 2,977 people using aircrafts. The Terrorists were all part of a group called al-Qaeda. Some people may have been in school as a student or at their job trying to make money during 9/11. No matter where they were they each had the same reaction. From multiple perspectives everyone was in shock and heart-broken. The people involved in the attacks destroyed things that were important and represented the whole country. The World Trade Center played a big part in population and economic power in America. According to multiple resources, the terrorists knew this so they wanted to destroy it and take it away. They went to the World Trade Center which included the Twin Towers. They also went to Washington D.C. and flew an airplane into the Pentagon. According to the Washington Post, another airplane, Flight 93, was hijacked and headed toward Washington, D.C., with either the Capitol Building or the White House as the main target. It was diverted when passengers overtook the terrorist.

The people who did this wanted our country to get weaker and lose some of it's freedom. 9/11 has greatly influenced and changed the whole nation. We lost many lives and some of our famous buildings that day. We will never forget the day of September 11, 2001.



*Photo Credit: Sean Adair*

*The Twin Towers were one of the main things the terrorist attacked and destroyed in 9/11.*

Ms. Nortmann, a seventh grade civics teacher, said she was in her car driving to her college class when she heard on the radio that America had been attacked. At first, she had no reaction because she thought they were joking, but then it became profoundly serious. She was shocked and surprised. Ms. Nortmann also mentioned, "The community came together and stayed strong together." She is grateful that she did not know anybody that was in the attack because then she would have been devastated.

Patriot Day, September 11th, was made into a national holiday in 2002.

Since then,

**Color of the year 2001: Fuchsia Rose**

# What was the No Child Left Behind Act?

By Matthew Wheeler and Samantha Almontee

The No Child Left Behind Act is an bill introduced in 2000, and put into law in 2002. President George W. Bush proposed and signed this into law. This act was replaced the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and was intended to reduce the learning gap for disadvantaged students. This means that students that lived in poorer neighborhoods were going to be given better funding, and schools would be held more accountable for helping these students that had fallen below grade level catch up. This act also made standardized reading and math tests, known as the FSA here in Florida, mandatory, and passing the test was required to go onto the next grade level from grades 3-8. The No Child Left Behind Act guarantees top-tier education no matter where you are from, your socioeconomic status (how much money your household has, or doesn't have), color of your skin, or need for special education services. This gives every child an opportunity to have a great education and future for themselves. Mr. Brosz, a former teacher, and current Media Specialist has worked here at Indian Ridge for 21 years. He explained that, "The FSA adds stress, but students are benefiting from it because it shows what level they are in. With a huge



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No Child Left Behind Act in chalk in front of a building that made it happen, the Senate.

test like that, with such high stakes, it could negatively affect the child with the anxiety and their overall performance during the FSA." The No Child Left Behind Act required teachers to be highly qualified. It specifically said that teachers must have a bachelor's degree in the subject they are teaching for the best education for their students.

The No Child Left Behind Act was replaced in 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act, according to understood.org.

**Color of the year 2002: True Red**

## Iraq War

Not all things that were trending in 2003 were all about sunshine and rainbows, more like violence and chaos. The Iraq war stayed around for over 7 years, from March 20, 2003, to December 15, 2011. This war caused at least one hundred thousand deaths and our beloved soldiers were greatly impacted. Tens of thousands of Iraq's members were killed. There were two phases to this war, the first one being quick and snappy. United States and Great Britain combined forces to wipe out and invade Iraq's military. The second phase, however, was not as great, lasting way longer and even more brutal. In 2007 the violence slowly declined, and the war came to its last straw in 2011. Advanced civics student Ariel Weiss loves to learn about the Iraq war. She believes it is one of the most interesting wars in history. Ariel claims, "the collapse of the Ba'athist government was definitely one of the most surprising outcomes of this war."

Photo Credit CAP (Center for American Progress)



Soldiers line up for a joint prayer outside Fallujah Iran.



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Charles Van  
Boers/U.S.  
Department  
of Defense

U.S. soldiers in Sāmarrā, Iraq.

## Space Shuttle Crash

The Space Shuttle Columbia disaster occurred on February 1, 2003 and it was not pretty. It was a fatal incident, killing all seven of the members that were on the spacecraft. The shuttle was traveling eighteen times the speed of sound and was 30 miles above Texas when disaster struck. When the space shuttle entered the atmosphere, it disintegrated. It was Columbia's 28th mission. Unfortunately, foam insulation broke off into the space shuttle tank. This caused severe damage and resulted in unfortunate deaths. Father of seventh grade student Arianna Combs, Jeff Combs, believes this is a very devastating event. "It was very ironic, that these astronauts that were well prepared had reached the end of the line."

Photo Credit NASA



Crew of the space shuttle Columbia (left to right):  
David Brown, Rick Husband, Laurel Clark,  
Kalpana Chawla, Michael Anderson, William  
McCool, and Ilan Ramon.

On December 26, 2004, the largest earthquake in 40 years originated from the Indian Ocean, near Indonesia, and measured a 9.3 on the Richter Scale. The Richter Scale is a gauging tool used to see the power of an earthquake. Based on the NOAA, the coasts of Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, the Maldives, Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and even as far as East Africa were all rocketed with tsunami waves created from the undersea earthquake. Dr. Yasmeen Khan, originally from the Andaman Islands on the coast of India, now a parent of an IRMS student, remembered, "It was horrible! I had never heard of a tsunami before this. The entire lower levels of the islands were completely wiped away. It was a dreadful time!" According to Dr. Khan, people who were sleeping in the lower altitudes were just "wiped away". Her family lives high up, so they were spared. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands were shifted more than 100 feet to the southwest. The tsunami ripped apart homes, smashed boats, toppled coconut trees, and killed hundred of thousands. There were at least 290,000 confirmed deaths from South Asia to South Africa as a result of the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami. More than 2 million were displaced.

## Deadliest Storm



The path of the 2004 tsunami.



Tourists in the path of the tsunami, near southern Thailand.

Photo Credit AFP/Getty Images

## Water on Mars?

On January 4, 2004, Spirit, a space rover, landed on Mars in an attempt to find evidence of water. Less than a month later, Spirit's twin rover, Opportunity, landed on the opposite side of Mars. They were there to search for evidence of water, analyze the rocks, assess the terrain, and see if there were ever conditions for life on Mars. Spirit found evidence that there had been water before, because there were meteoroids that were exposed to water. Katelyn Killoran, a 6th grader at IRMS who is fascinated with space, says that while she thinks it is really cool what Spirit and Opportunity did. She hopes that, "We'll fix the atmosphere in time so that we don't have to abandon our beloved home." Scientists lost contact with Spirit in March of 2010 and officially ended the mission on May 24, 2011. Opportunity got swept away in a planet-size dust storm in June of 2018, and is no longer functional.

Photo Credit NASA



An artist's concept of Spirit.

# PUZZLES AND GAMES



By: Addison Brawner and Arianna Vassell

**Finish the lyrics: Do you know the lyrics to these popular 2005 songs? Finish these lyrics to find out!**

“It started out with a kiss how did it end up like this it was only a \_\_\_\_\_”  
by The Killers

“A few times I've been around that track So it's not just gonna happen like that 'Cause I ain't  
no \_\_\_\_\_”  
by Gwen Stefani

“Come, Mr. DJ, song pon de replay Come, Mr. DJ, won't you turn the music \_\_\_\_\_”  
by Rihanna

“If I was rich girl (na, na) Sec, I'd have all the money in the world, if I was a wealthy \_\_\_\_\_”  
by Gwen Stefani

“I drive these brothers crazy I do it on the daily They treat me really \_\_\_\_\_”  
by Black Eyed Peas

“I lost a part of me When you left, boy, can't you see? Boy, come back, baby, please ‘Cause we  
belong \_\_\_\_\_” by Mariah Carey

**Word scramble: Unscramble these 2005 movie and TV show Titles!**



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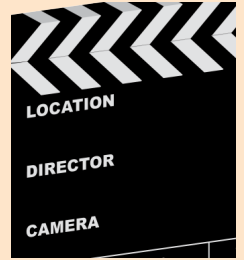
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# PUZZLES AND GAMES

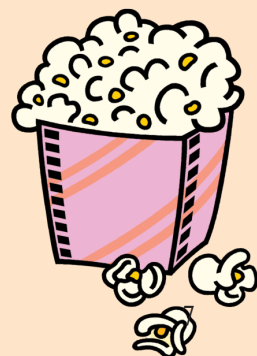
By: Mishary Hossain

**Word search: Attempt to find these movies titles in this 2006 themed word search:**



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Superman Return      Dead Mans Chest      Happy Feet  
Open Season            The Last Stand  
Cars                      Gridiron



**Color of the Year: Sanddollar**

# - Popular Movies and TV Shows in 2007-2008

## *Phineas and Ferb* By Alex Lattanzio

Phineas and Ferb premiered August 17, 2007 and went off the air June 12, 2015. 331 voice actors and 264 characters worked in the eight year long show. Some of the voice actors that starred in this show were Vincent Martella, who played Phineas Flynn, Thomas Brodie-Sangster, who played Phineas' stepbrother Ferb Fletcher, Ashely Tisdale as Candace Flynn, and Dee Bradley Baker as Perry the Platypus. Phineas and Ferb is about two stepbrothers who invent things daily throughout their summer vacation. In this show Phineas and Ferb's ideas always get mixed up, along with their pet platypus which is named Perry. Perry is always fighting with Dr. Doofenshmirts. Phineas and Ferb are trying to make their inventions, while Candace, on the other hand, tries to get them in trouble. The main villains of Phineas and Ferb are Heinz Doofenshmirts, Super Super Big Doctor, Vanessa Doofenshmirts, and Mr. and Mrs. Doofenshmirts. This show originated from the true story of a Russian girl born in 1993, by the name of Candace Flynn, who had several mental illnesses such as Schizophrenia. Along with her stepbrother Ferb who is nonverbally autistic. The show won various awards, such as the Primetime Creative Arts Emmy, the Daytime Creative Arts Emmy, the award for Outstanding Writing in an Animated Program, and the Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement in Animation. The creators, Dan Povenmire and Jeff "Swampy" Marsh, voice Dr. Doofenshmirts and Major Monogram. The creators said that the show took sixteen years to develop. Dan Povenmire and Jeff "Swampy" Marsh came out with a movie called Phineas and Ferb the Movie: Candace Against the Universe. When Phineas and Ferb the Movie: Candace Against the Universe premiered, the show was viewed over 7.3 million times. You can now watch Phineas and Ferb on Disney+.



Photo Credit: Disney Plus  
Phineas, Ferb, and friends rock the  
basketball court!

**Color of the Year 2007: Hot Chili Pepper**



# Iron Man

Layout and Copy by Julia Savin

Iron Man is a superhero movie based off an original character by Stan Lee. It follows the main character, Tony Stark (portrayed by Robert Downey Jr.) as he is kidnapped by a terrorist organization called the Ten Rings, who try to force him to make a weapon of mass destruction. Stark, though pretending to make a powerful missile, actually builds a powerful super suit for himself, and escapes from his captors. Stark uses his powerful suit to protect the world from evil. He soon gains the name “Iron Man” after his metallic suit. Obadiah Stone, Stark’s father’s former partner, attempts to replace Stark as head of the company and supplies weapons to the Ten Rings, the same organization that kidnapped Stark at the beginning of the movie. Enraged, Stark attacks the Ten Rings and saves a small town from the deadly missiles. After this, Stone secretly meets the leader of the Ten Rings and kills him, stealing Stark’s original Iron Man suit. Stone is infuriated when he finds out that he cannot power the suit without the powerful reactor which resides in Stark’s chest, and he attempts to kill Stark in order to steal the reactor. Stark is able to use his original reactor as a makeshift and kill Stone, saving the day. Iron Man was well received by viewers, earning a 4.7 star rating overall.



Photo Credit: Marvel Studios  
Iron Man’s high tech suit is indestructible!

Photo Credit: Amazon  
Spider-Man’s suit is covered in a black alien symbiote.



# Spiderman 3

Spider Man 3 is a two hour and nineteen minute superhero movie. It was brought to theaters on May 4, 2007 by Marvel Studios. Spiderman 3 stars Tobey Maguire as Spider-Man and Kirsten Dunst as M.J. The movie follows Peter Parker as he finally feels secure in his secret identity as Spider-Man, and plans to propose to his long-time girlfriend, M.J. While the couple are watching a meteor shower, a meteor falls to Earth carrying an alien symbiote. The symbiote follows Spider-Man home and eventually forms another black suit for Parker which is incredibly powerful, but brings out the dark side in his personality, making him irritable and blood thirsty. Spider-Man 3 was not well received by critics. The movie only earned three out of five stars on Common Sense Media. As quoted by Wikipedia, “Manohla Dargis of The New York Times deplored the film's pacing as ‘mostly just plods’ and said it lacked humor.” 7th grader Lylah Fine says, “I think the movie is a classic, but Tobey Maguire didn’t do well portraying Peter Parker as a young kid.”

# Sports Throwback

## 2009

By Anna Acosta-Hernandez, Keven Cabrera, Kaylie Gonzalez, Isabella Pardo, Kyra Vaccato

### Hit a Homerun to the World Series!

The 2009 Major League Baseball season was a homerun! It began on April 5, 2009. The champions were the New York Yankees. There was a total of 162 games with the New York Yankees winning 103 and losing 59. The regular season was extended by two days for a knockout game between the Detroit Tigers and Minnesota Twins to decide the champions of the League Central Division of America. The knockout round began the next day with the Series Division. The World Series began on October 28 and ended on November 4, when the New York Yankees beat the Philadelphia Phillies in six games.



New York Yankees celebrate at the Baseball World Series 2009  
Photo credit pinterest.com

This was the second time the season ended in November. The only other example is the 2001 World Series, when the 9/11 attacks delayed the end of the season. Baseball was guaranteed to continue when Game 4 took place on Sunday, November 1. If all seven games are played in the 2009 World Series, then Game 7 would have been played on November 5, the final day of the World Series. The American League champions secured a home-field advantage in the World Championship with a 4-3 win in the AllStar Game at Bush Stadium in St. Louis, Missouri on July 14. The 2009 baseball season was one to remember because of the outstanding performance of our beloved players.

### Practice+ Sacrifice= SUCCESS

‘Instant replay’ back to 2009! In the 2009 Super Bowl season, which occurred in 2010, the New Orleans Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts, winning 31-17 at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida. The fans went wild when they saw the MVP (Most Valuable Player), Drew Brees, run onto the field. That night he also played as the quarterback and carried out 32 of 39 passes for 288 yards and scored two touchdowns.

The remarkable performance of Carrie Underwood’s version of the National Anthem left America speechless. Another sensational performance that evening was the Halftime Show which was performed by “The Who”. An 8th grader, Alexis Lyons says, “I love football for the competition. I love watching the players get their adrenaline up to play and fight to win.” Another Jaguar, Cameron Bastion, says when he goes on the field, “all my troubles get washed away.” He also says that he enjoys the feeling of winning. People all over America tuned in February 7, 2010 to watch the unbelievable game.



Quarterback, Drew Brees holds the Super Bowl 2009 trophy after a win!  
Photo credits New York Times

# Sports Throwback

2010

By Anna Acosta-Hernandez, Keven Cabrera, Kaylie Gonzalez, Isabella Pardo, Kyra Vaccato

## Kick Off the World Cup

Most of this generation was too small to recall, but the 2010 FIFA World Cup was one to remember. Held from June 11 to July 11, in FNB Stadium, South Africa, this World Cup was the first in many things. From Spain's first victory and the first cup in the decade, it was sure to 'wow' the crowd. There were 32 teams that competed in 64 matches to win the gold. Spain won with by a score of 0-1 after playing for extra time against the Netherlands. Carles Puyol, was the one who gave Spain the winning point. The runners-up were the Netherlands, Germany, and Uruguay. This World Cup was the third most viewed in history, having over three million people (about the population of Arkansas) attending the matches out of the three and a half billion people who watched from home. 7th grader Lucas



During the FIFA World Cup 2010 Siphwe Tshabalala (center) receives the ball and scores the first goal.

Photo credit Boston.com

Martinez says, "The FIFA World Cup was cool since it's a national team's event." Sixth grader Adrian Mcquire states "It's awesome how everybody plays soccer really good in the World Cup." Every four years, the FIFA World Cup brings together many families to spend time with each other and have fun watching soccer. But it's safe to say, the South Africa 2010 FIFA World Cup was more than anybody could have ever hoped for!

## Skating into 2010

The 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics did not fail to disappoint. With all the skiing, sledding, skating, and snowboarding, it slid right into the record books! From February 12 to February 27, 82 teams competed in 86 events to win the gold. The United States of America won the most medals with a total of 37. Canada won the most gold medals, with a total of 14 . The events included Alpine Skiing, Figure Skating, Short Track Speed Skating, Biathlon, Freestyle Skiing, Skeleton, Bobsledding, Ice Hockey, Ski Jumping, Cross Country Skiing, Luge, Snowboard, Curling, Nordic Combined, and Speed Skating. Speed skating took place in Richmond, while

snowboard and freestyle skiing events were hosted at Cypress Mountain in the District of West Vancouver. There were 2,566 athletes from all around the world. With 82 teams from United States, to Australia, and all the way to Sweden, this had to be one of the best Winter Olympics yet! Petter Northug, a Cross Country skier, won two gold medals, one silver, and one bronze. From inspiring the growth of winter sports across Canada, to fueling lasting community, and transport and environmental improvements throughout the region, the Winter Olympics yielded a legacy that stands strong today.



The Olympic flame was lit during the closing ceremony of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Photo Credits The Guardian

**Color of the Year: Turquoise**

# 2011 in Review

By Morgan O'Steen and Rolando Tomasini

On March 11, 2011, after a historic 9.0-magnitude earthquake, a fifteen meter tsunami, known as Tohoku, hit Fukushima, Japan.

The tsunami hit the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant and cooled the reactors which caused the explosion. This nuclear incident was rated level seven on the International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale (INES). The combined power of the earthquake and the tsunami went on to kill 19,500 people. Although no people were killed right at the time of the explosion, 2,000 people were killed in the following months due to radiation exposure.

The nightmare still continues. Some of the long term affects include radiation in the area for the next 50 years affecting the people, agriculture, and the local and global economy.



Above: Workers try to put out the fires in the reactors  
Photo Credit: Suffolk University

Osama Bin Laden was the leader of the terrorists group that caused the September 11, attacks in 2001. After the attacks, Osama Bin Laden fled and went into hiding in Pakistan. On May 2, 2011, President Obama announced that the U.S. Military found and killed Osama Bin Laden. American intelligence tracked down one of his employees that later led the Military to him. He was shot and killed by US Navy SEAL Robert O'Neill. Ms. Casablanca, a 7th grader teacher in the Ridge, noted that she felt no relief at all , she felt scared that another attack would come as a reaction. In the end, he was given the proper Islamic burial and was put into the Arabian Sea. Although 9/11 happened more than 20 years ago, Americans still mourn for the loss of their loved ones and give their respect to those who lost their lives to save others.



Above: Osama Bin Laden, leader of Al-Qaeda  
Photo credit: History

# 2012 in Review

By Amiyah Blandon and Lylah Fine

In 2012, Barack Obama, a democrat, was running against Mitt Romney, a republican. On November 6, 2012, Obama won with 51.1% of the popular votes and 332 electoral votes. That popular vote seems like a narrow escape. Romney won 47.2% of their popular votes and 206 electoral votes. This time, it was not a close call and Obama won. Barack Obama ended up being the first ever African American president to be elected and re-elected.



Romney and Obama's 2012 presidential debate

Photo credit: Cape Cod Times

According to A&E Television Networks Barack Obama was born in Hawaii in 1961. His mother was American, and his father was Kenyan. Honolulu, Hawaii is where Obama spent most of his childhood while his mother attended college. After successfully completing Harvard Law School, Obama then became a professor at the University of Chicago. Then, he was the Senator of Illinois until 2005. Soon after, he became the 44th and first African American president.

In Barack Obama's re-election Campaign, his focus was America moving forward after an economic crisis called the Great Recession. It was caused by a lot of people loaning money, and failure of financial regulations. He wanted to try his best to get America back to how it was, so in his campaign he focused on moving forward and made his slogan "Forward." He wanted America to know that he was there for them, and he had a plan.

Mitt Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, was focused on the single idea that the economy was bad and of course because of Obama's failures. He wanted to make the people believe that he had enough business skills to fix Obama's mistakes. America did not believe him enough, which is why Obama still won and was re-elected to be the president again.

Obama continued to be president and make good decisions. His final term ended in 2016 when Donald Trump became President?



Obama making a speech to rebuke former president Trump

Photo Credit: CNN

**Color of the year:  
Tangerine Tango**

# TOP HITS OF 2013

by Hayden Anton, Sophia Sierra, and Kelley Wyatt

From Miley Cryus to Imagine Dragons, the music enjoyed in 2013-2014 was awesome! It is guaranteed to get you up on your feet singing and dancing!

**Color of the Year:**  
**emerald green**

**2013-** Cory Monteith was a Canadian actor, singer, and musician, known for his role as Finn Hudson on the Fox television series *Glee*. He sadly passed away on July 13, 2013.

**2013-** “Roar” by Katy Perry is a song that shows you can be strong and brave, show someone that you know you're fantastic, and also that you are able to show your emotions.

**2013-** “Royals” by Lorde is part of the album “Pure Heroine” and is to show people that you don't have to be a royal to be a queen.

**2013-** One Republic came out with the song “Counting Stars” in 2013 and was nominated for the World Music Award for World's Best Song.

## “I came in like a wrecking ball”

Miley Cyrus “came in like a wrecking ball” and won the MTV Europe Music Award for best video, “Wrecking Ball” is a song in the album “Bangerz” and is known as a pop song. Many people think the song was dedicated to her ex-husband Liam Hemsworth, but it is not yet confirmed.



Photo by kktz Miley Cyrus' Wrecking Ball won the MTV Europe Music Award for Best Video in 2013.

## “I knew you were trouble when you walked in”

In 2013, Taylor Swift released her album “Red” which includes sixteen songs. One of her most famous songs from this album, “I Knew You Were Trouble,” had been performed by Swift at the BRIT Music Awards when she was nominated for International Female Solo Artist in 2013.



Photo by Getty Images Taylor Swift's “Red” Album has sixteen tracks, and there are six bonus tracks on the deluxe version of the album.

## “Radioactive, radioactive”

Imagine Dragons' “Radioactive” is a song that according to MTV news is, “a very powerful sounding song and has a lot of personal stories behind it.” The song is about having an awakening. Kind of like waking up one day and deciding to do something new. It is on the album “Night Visions” as the opening track.



Photo by IMDb The song “Radioactive” is known as the genre Electronic rock alternative rock Dubstep.

# TOP HITS OF 2014

by Hayden Anton, Sophia Sierra, and Kelley Wyatt

## Color of the Year:

## Radiant Orchid

### “Does it ever drive you crazy just how fast the night changes?”

Night Changes from the album “Four” came out in November of 2014. The band included Louis Tomlinson, Harry Styles, Niall Horan, Liam Payne, and Zayn Malik. The song gave an upbeat vibe and described how it felt when plans didn’t go as expected. It was the second and final single from their fourth studio album.



Photo by Spotify

This song won the Teen Choice Award for Choice Music: Love Song.

### “She looks so perfect standing there”



Photo by Amazon

This song won the ARIA Music Award for Song of the Year

“She Looks So Perfect” by 5 Seconds of Summer is a pop and punk band with four members: Calum Hood, Luke Hemmings, Ashton Irwin, and Michael Clifford. “She Looks So Perfect” is one of their top ten most popular songs. It was taken from their self titled debut album and was released in February of 2014. It reached a triple platinum in the Australian Recording Industry Association and won Song of the Year at the ARIA music awards. This song is about the infatuation with a girl no matter how they look.

### “I’m gonna’ swing from the chandelier”

Chandelier by Sia is an electropop ballad song. The lyrics of Sia's “Chandelier” are about a party girls' love for living life to the fullest. She knows she's the one for a good time. Maddie Ziegler appeared in this music video as a main dancer at the age of eleven. This is from her sixth studio album, “1000 Forms of Fear.” The song was released on March 17, 2014 as the lead single from the album.



Photo by Art Station

“Chandelier” from the album “1000 Forms of Fear” sold over two million copies in the U.S.

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**2014-** “All About that Bass” by Meghan Trainor is a pop song that shows all sizes matter and everyone has their own beauty. No matter how you look, you’re perfect.

**2014-** “Break Free” by Ariana Grande is explaining that people can’t control you and showing you that you can break free, too.

**2014-** “Blank Space” by Taylor Swift is one of the many songs in the album “1989” and won the MTV Music award for best pop video.

**2014-** “Uptown Funk” by Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars is expressing their love for themselves and is know as a funk, boogie, and pop song.

# Jaguar On The Spot

By: Kennedy Eltezin, Kendra Spitaleri, Angelina Mauro, Dararan Bispham

## I KNOW 2015 LIKE I KNOW MY OWN MIND

Should *Hamilton* be played in social studies classes?



Sinem Kol is passionate about the history *Hamilton* reveals.  
Photo by Kendra Spitaleri

*Hamilton* was released on January 20, 2015 and it is already a big hit with its historical references and songs! Sinem Kol, a 7th grader at IRMS, has enjoyed watching the *Hamilton* musical and listening to the catchy songs made by Lin-Manuel Miranda. Sinem agrees that it should be played in social studies classes because of the historical information such as *Common Sense* by Thomas Paine, the Declaration of Independence, and how the United States started by separating from the British. Sinem suggests that *Hamilton* is a great way to provide the history of the United States in schools by playing it in students' social studies classes because it make learning fun!

6th grade history teacher, Mrs. Brosz argues that, "*Hamilton* is a very informational but fun way to educate students about the history of the U.S. It provides information about the beginning of the government and how it grew throughout the decades." *Hamilton* also provided information about the founding fathers and their important roles throughout the creation of the Constitution. However, Mrs. Brosz thinks that *Hamilton* is more suiting for 7th to 8th grade social studies because it goes into

depth about the Colonial War, the U.S. Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence. These are all important topics learned throughout school



Mrs. Brosz thinks that showing *Hamilton* in social studies classes will help the students understand more U.S. history  
Photo by Kennedy Eltezin



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## SPIN OUR WAY INTO 2016!

Fidget spinners became a popular fidget toy to play with starting in 2016. However, they have been banned in most schools. Some feel strongly that they should be allowed in classes. 7th grader at IRMS, Hannah Secu thinks that fidget spinners should be allowed at schools because they help students focus in their classes. Many students have a hard time focusing so she believes having fidgets can help. She thinks students can get overwhelmed with work, and keeping their hands busy can provide stress relief to help get students' brains back into focus! It is also good for students to be able to have a brain break and use fidget spinners.

Ms. Felder, the 7th grade secretary at IRMS, disagrees that fidget spinners should be allowed at school for students to play with. She states, "I think fidget spinners can become a distraction to students and turns their focus off of schoolwork." She mentioned that she has tried playing with a fidget spinners before, however she does not believe that they should be allowed in school.

Should fidget spinners be allowed in school?



Hannah Secu enjoys having fidget toys in school.

Photo by Angelina Mauro



Ms. Felder is against fidget spinners in the classroom

Photo by Dararan Bispham

# Editorials

## 2017 Do You Think Climate Change Affects Your Life?

**Of Course!** By Sophia Sierra

In my opinion, climate change is a severe problem. First off, climate change is affecting our environment. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, “A warmer climate is expected to increase the risk of illnesses and death from extreme heat and poor air quality. Climate change will likely increase the frequency and strength of extreme events such as floods, droughts, and storms that threaten human health and safety.” In 2017, we had many powerful storms hit all around the world. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria were all very severe storms that caused a lot of hardships. Both Hurricane Harvey and Irma were Category 5 hurricanes and Hurricane Maria was Category 4. The rising intensity of these hurricanes proved to people how climate change was affecting our planet. With all the potential problems climate change can and will cause, it should definitely be important to people. Through committees and agencies, people all over the world have been studying climate change and thinking of ways to educate the world about it. If climate change can potentially damage our world and environment, we should be thinking and trying to help the situation from right now.

By Gabby Larson **Not at all.**

In my opinion, climate change does not effect our daily lives. As a 13 year old student I rarely ever even hear about climate change. Only when the news is playing in the background while I do my homework. It's also not on my top 10 things I need to worry about list either. I feel it is more important to focus on school and sports and not on climate change on the daily. My life is focused on what will help me succeed in the future. Climate change isn't affecting me in my daily life so I never really think about it.

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This photo represents climate change, and how it effects our



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For years people in our communities have been working to educate our world about climate change.

# Editorials

By: Kheira Marouf and Akshay Bhardwaj

## 2018 Do you think they should consider a death penalty as a punishment for school shooters?

**YES!** By Kheira Marouf

By Akshay Bhardwaj **Definitely Not!**

Death penalties should be considered for school shooters. They have caused or are still causing pain to families and students, especially students that survived or went through the experience of hiding behind doors and desks to protect them from horrible people who have tried or have took other people's lives. They deserve to feel what other students went through when they were causing why school shootings happen such as MSD. Therefore, yes, I think death penalties should be considered for them and that cause.

I think that school shooters should not face a death penalty because no matter how wrong their actions were, nobody deserves to die. They also have a family, and people who love him. The shooter's death would be devastating for their families. It's normal to want them dead, but it would be wrong. The shooter's life is not worth any less than the people he/she killed. If they decide to kill the shooter, they will be doing the same thing the shooter did. The shooters cannot hurt anyone from jail, and do not enjoy it there, so why would a death penalty even be considered?



Photo Credit Sharon Aron Baron on parklandtalk. This is a picture of MSD, where a school shooting occurred.



Photo Credit Joe Amon/ The Denver Post  
This photo shows STEM School Highlands Ranch shooter, Devon Erickson appearing for his court trial.

# Informational Text With Questions

Lily Shuman, Hayden Anton, Kelley Wyatt, Victoria De Leon Regil, Enrique Leyva



Photo by Instagram

To help you look VSCO all you need is a Fjallraven Kanken bag and a friendship bracelet.

# 2019

## “And I oop, Sksksksk”

VSCO was just an app and now it's a clothing trend, VSCO, the app, is where you post pictures and other people view them. It became a trend by saving the turtles by not using plastic straws. Some things you will need to look like a VSCO is an oversized T-shirt, hydro flask, scrunchie, Crocs, Nike socks, and they say “And I oop, sksksksk.”

Scrunchies, hydro flasks, and friendship bracelets filled the streets as the hottest trend of the season began to skyrocket. The name VSCO came from an “aesthetic” app where you could post pictures of your liking and put filters over them to make them look pleasing. TikTok started to gain popularity in the summer of 2019 and with new people joining the app, innovative ideas came along. The trend “VSCO girl” also became a popular conversation, something you would hear. The article “VSCO Girl Phenomenon is no Joke!” highlights that, “VSCO girls are known for wearing Birkenstocks or Crocs, drinking out of Hydroflasks, sporting scrunchies on their wrists, making friendship bracelets, using Internet phrases, and donning oversized T-shirts.” They wouldn't just wear flashy clothes but say catchphrases such as “sksksk” or “and I oop”. It soon became the joke of the season. In the article, “What Is A VSCO Girl” Greer Jones makes fun of VSCO girls saying, “Today I'm going to be trying to become a VSCO girl, because that's my life goal, you know, I'm not focusing on college, not focusing on my grades, because that's irrelevant. I really look up to the girls on VSCO.” The trend later died out in early 2020 but, TikTok will always remember the cringy VSCO girls who became one of the biggest trends in 2019.

## QUESTIONS :

1. What are three items that make you look like a VSCO girl?
2. What made the trend VSCO popular?
3. What is the most popular phrase as a VSCO girl?
4. Where did the name VSCO come from?
5. What does the app VSCO do?



Photo by Heaven

VSCO can make you who you want to be and make you the only version of yourself. You pick and choose your outfit. VSCO makes dreams come true.

Color of the year: Living Coral

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# 2020

## COVID takes Control

At first COVID-19 was just a silly virus, but now its a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 has been the biggest worry between 2020 through 2022, impacting jobs and homes, forcing schools to put kids online for two years, and even causing deaths. Due to COVID-19, people now have the option to wear masks to be safe.

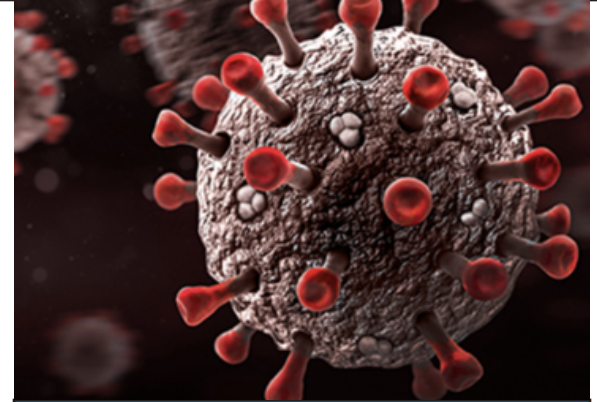


Photo by Marc Shapiro

COVID-19 is a virus that has caused many deaths. Under a microscope it looks like something that is small but it is actually a big deal.

The Coronavirus actually began spreading in 2019, but we remember its impact from 2020. On March 11, 2020, COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic. We were all told to quarantine ourselves in our homes as scientists began developing a vaccine. At first the vaccine seemed to be the solution and life could go back to normal. But as more people went back to schools, parks, and more public places, the Coronavirus' true strength was shown. COVID cases were sent to a record high and soon the death toll rose along with it. Right now, the United States leads all countries with nearly 60 million cases, followed by India and Brazil with 35 million and 22 million, respectively. As of January 6, 2022, the Coronavirus that was supposed to be all but extinguished, has killed 5.5 million people worldwide. Getting vaccinated remains the best way to protect yourself from the coronavirus. According to the CDC, health experts advise you to wear a mask, wash your hands, avoid crowds, and to monitor your health daily. According to covid19.who.int, "Globally, as of 4:52pm CET, 11 January 2022, there have been 308,458,509 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 5,492,595 deaths, reported to WHO," which stands for World Health Organization. As of 11, January 2022, a total of 9,194,549,698 vaccine doses have been administered.

## QUESTIONS:

1. How many people has COVID been the cause of death for?
2. How many confirmed cases have there been as of January
3. What does "WHO" stand for?
4. What do health experts advise to help keep you safe?
5. On what date did COVID-19 get declared as a global pandemic?



To help you stay safe CDC recommends getting tested or getting vaccinated.

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# 2021 in a Nutshell

By; Samantha Almonte

**JANURARY 20: JOE BIDEN BECOMES PRESIDENT**



**May 10: Free Palestine Act**

**June 6: Black Lives Matter Protest**



**September 4: Harry Styles Love On Tour**



**November 25: Venus, Saturn, and Jupiter Align**



**Color of the year: Sunny yellow**

# Upcoming Events of 2022

By: Samantha Almonte

**February 8-February 20:  
Ain't Too Proud: The Life  
and Times of The  
Temptations Boletos**



**February 14: Early Release &  
Valentine's day!**



**February 21: No School**

**March 20: First day of Spring!**

**March 18-25: Spring Break!**

**April 17: Easter Day!**



**May 16: Lunar Eclipse**



**Color of the year: Very Peri**