

THE PAW PRINT POST

January Issue

Journalism Elective

The Cold Never Botherd Us Anyway?

By: Saioa Elesgarai and Emily Ryan

From January 3rd through the 5th, there was a Winter Storm, or Cyclone Bomb, that impacted the east-coast states, and brought cold temperatures and high winds due to a Northward shift in the jet stream. The Winter Storm resembled a hurricane and grew intensely and quickly. As the pressure dropped, the storm turned counter clockwise. Not only did it affect people and homes, it caused about a foot of snow and ice-capped waters in Boston. Besides the snow in Boston, the storm also raised the record of a high tide with its' strong winds. The Winter Storm, nicknamed both Grayson and Brody by different news sources, also knocked out heat, power, and communication to all of the states that were impacted. Over 20,000 people in Massachusetts lost power, not including any lost in other states.

This cyclone Bomb was very costly. It would take many services to clean the snow and fix the power. Being prepared is a big thing when it comes to these storms. As more storms come, stay safe and stay warm!



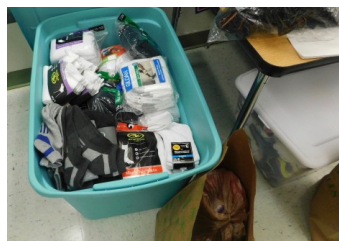
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NJHS Sockdrive

By: Emily Ryan

In the month of January, Indian Ridge Middle School is holding a sock drive for homeless shelters, by turning in any size socks.

The sock drive began the 10th of January and ran until the 29th. Many students donated to the sock drive by turning in the socks to their second period teacher. The teacher who has the most socks will win a Dunkin' Donuts party. Anna Fox, an NJHS member, said, "We want to donate socks to the people who need them. I like helping people, it feels good." Many members of NJHS have been putting up posters to help promote the sock drive. Thanks to the students, NJHS has gathered lots of socks for local community shelters and those in need to enjoy!



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

Beyond the Ridge

The Olympic Controversy

By: Sean Craney and Zachary Montcalgre

Russian Athletes have been accused of doping and are not allowed to participate in the 2018 Winter Olympics. Russia has been stripped of 51 Olympic medals as a result; this is four times the number of the closest runner-up. After they had their medals taken away Russia went from first place into fourth. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has banned 43 athletes and all 43 of them are going to Court of Arbitration to appeal their lifetime ban. The IOC has been re-testing all Russian athletes to see who can compete under a neutral flag and colors. This cover-up of athletes has been going on since 2011 according to the IOC, and the committee is asking Russia to pay 15 million dollars in order to cover the costs of the investigation that took almost a year and a half to complete. A whistle blower in Russia by the name of Grigory Rodchenkov, who was the former head of Moscow's discredited anti-doping laboratory, revealed that there was a state run doping scheme in 2016. A whistle blower is someone who reveals information.



Photo Credit: Mexico News Network

After all that, 22 people were banned from the Winter Olympics. They were all stripped of their medals from the 2014 Olympics. They lost four gold, six silver, and one bronze medal. Their doping scheme helped over 1000 athletes achieve victories they may not have otherwise gotten.



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What's Trending...

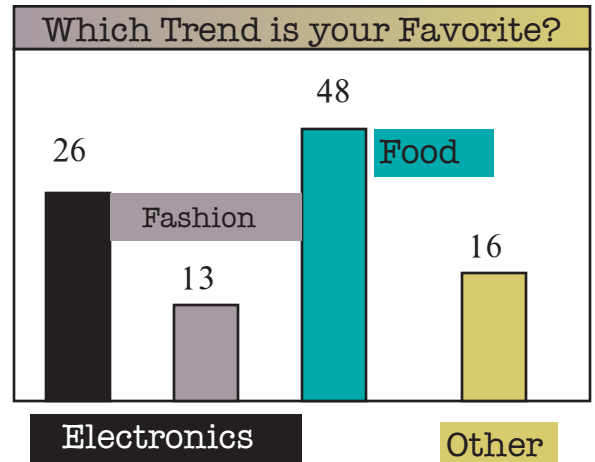
2018 Trends By Diya Mehta

With the start of the new year, predictions were made about what will be hot, and not, in 2018. From electronic trends to food trends to fashion trends, people seemed to be very excited and eager for what this year has to bring.

There are so many new phones coming out in 2018. One is the Google Pixel 3. This is the next phone in the smart, popular line of Google Pixels. Another long-awaited release is the Samsung Galaxy s9, which will sport a better camera than its predecessor, the Samsung Galaxy s8. A Samsung Galaxy s9 Mini is also rumored to come out, a smaller version of the s9. Samsung is also being rumored to come out with a foldable phone—The Samsung Galaxy Note X. It is supposed to have two OLED panels, connected by a hinge. It can be folded to be used as a phone, and then unfolded to be used as a tablet. Samsung reportedly ordered enough components to make 2000-3000 phones. With this limited amount, these phones are likely not to be revealed to the public or outside their manufacturing place, South Korea. Apple may also make three new iPhones, in bigger and smaller versions on the iPhone X.

Awards Season 2018 By Emma Barney

We are midway into awards season, with the Grammy's on the 28th of January and the upcoming Oscars on March 4th. The Golden Globes were January 8th and they showcased the empowering Time's Up movement. As a part of this movement, all attendees were encouraged to wear black to show that they think 'time's up' on sexual harassment towards men and woman. This campaign was started January 1st, 2018 in response to the accusations of sexual harassment by the producer Harvey Weinstein. The Golden Globes were made greater with the words of Oprah Winfrey, who gave an electrifying speech as she accepted the Cecil B. DeMille Award for outstanding contributions in entertainment. Her speech touched on the bias that is still deeply rooted in the industry. It also touched the hearts of many.



Charcoal food is the new food trend. Pitch dark food is in. The activated charcoal is made by burning coconut shells, wood, or other plant materials. It is considered "activated" because it was negatively charged, and is supposed to bind positive charged ions like chemicals and remove them from your body. Another trend that may happen is hydrogen water. People need water to function properly, so why not spice it up a little bit? Hydrogen water contains special hydrogen particles that have many benefits, like stopping disease development and aging. HTWO claims that Olympic Gold Medalists drink this water.



Photo Credit: Variety

Pawesome Players

Serving Up A Great Season

By: Sydney Long & Elisha Peter

This year's volleyball team is off to a great start! With many amazing wins, the teams have both had great success so far in the season. Currently, both teams have a record of 6-2. The boy's volleyball team practices in the morning from 7:45-9:00, while the girl's team practices after school from 4:00-5:30. Starting now, mid-season, girls play first while boys play shortly after them. The games start at 4:30, either home or away, and end around 6:30. The last game for the season was Wednesday, January 31, 2018, a home game against Bair Middle School, with both the boys and girls team keeping their winning streak alive.

"The boys volleyball team is doing very well this year. We are in a tough division and unfortunately we lost two difficult games," stated Coach Lendinara. This is Coach Santos' first year as a volleyball coach. She said, "I feel like I am part of a new family. I am loving every minute of it. I have a great team and the sweetest girls. I am very proud of their efforts and our accomplishments." The season has come to a very successful end, but will start back up again this December of 2018!



Pawesome Players

IRMS FLAG FOOTBALL STARS

Snapping into the New Season

By: Camryn Kreitman & Camila De Leon Regil

Flag football is a fun, no contact sport. Flag football is almost the same as tackle football, but instead of tackling players, the goal is to deflag one of the offensive teams' players. Indian Ridge offers boys and girls an amazing flag football team experience. Both the girls and boys football teams practice from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. after school everyday near the boys basketball courts and the track. Both teams' home games are played at Western High School at 4:30 p.m. as well. The flag football teams' first game for both boys and girls was on Thursday, February 1st. The boys did not end up getting to play due to the referee not showing up. The girls did play, with a score of 40-0, and secured a win. On Monday, February 5th, the boys and girls had another game, with both teams taking home the win. Ashton Jackson, an 8th grader on the boys team, was asked "What is your favorite part of flag football?" He replied, "My favorite part is the speed of the game and adrenaline I get." Jackson prefers playing wide receiver and running back the most. We wish both teams much success as we are confident in the amazing skills and abilities they have. Make it a great season Jags!

Boys Flag Football Coach: Mr. Cochran

Brody Aceto
Acciani Crutcher
Korie R. De Mascola
Tyler Grove
Lucas J. Helf
Ashton A. Jackson
Trace J. McDoland
Gunner W. McGahee
Justin H. Mohabir
Aaron Myles
Luke Neveloff
Hayden Oshea
Lorenzo Wright



First game-
no score

Second game-
27-14 (won).

Girls Flag Football Coach: Mr. Leonard

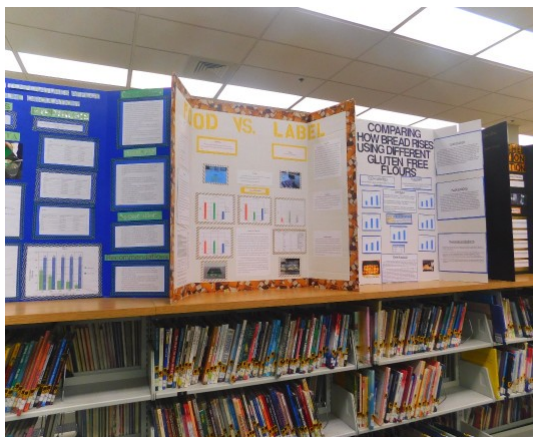
Alexis Haire
Sydney Brennan
Sydney Ford
Mia Young
Jordan Pravato
Keirra McNichol
Victoria Wright
Angela Cruzat
Samantha Boles
Annabel Alazraki
Madison Byrne
Jahnae Caval Canti
Kate Charlotin
Taylor Zollo



First game-
40-0 (won).

Second game-
7-0 (won).

The Jaguar Den



Mrs. Hazza's students' Science Fair boards were on display in the IRMS Media Center throughout the week of January 15th.



The 2018 IRMS Spelling Bee participants hold up their certificates and smile for the cameras.

Spelling Bee 2018

by: Catherine Otero

B-E-E, bee. That's right folks, it's spelling bee season and all 40 spellers were excited to participate in this year's spelling bee! It took place on Friday, January 19th, during first and second period in the IRMS auditorium. There were 15 compelling rounds and those rounds ended up leading to the winner: Sophia Ewald! Sophia has won the title of "Indian Ridge Spelling Bee Champion" and she will move onto the Broward County Spelling Bee in March.

The Science Fair

By: Daniel Coulson

The week of January 11th was a fun one for all future scientists, as Mrs. Hazza's seventh grade students completed their science fair projects with hope that their experiment was good enough to go to the next level. This year, Mrs. Hazza spent time making sure all her students knew their deadlines and what websites could be used for projects, as well as handling all the paperwork. The judging team was composed of Indian Ridge's own science department, as well as some teachers and professionals from other schools. The projects were scored on creativity, the student's ability to follow the rubric, and the use of the scientific method. The 10 chosen winners were Madelyn Streisfeld, Madison Feller, Jessica Cohen, Johnathan Fuentes, Ayden Spellberg, Maya Hernandez, Brennan Dickson, Abby Devendorf, Kristen Thomas, and Samantha Orcinolo! These students will move on to the Broward County Science Fair. Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

Student Sonneteers

By: Madelyn Streisfeld

Calling all writers! Are you an aspiring author or poet? The annual Literary Fair is in full swing here at IRMS! Students in all grades are putting together their own work to submit into the fair. Categories range from comic strips and cartoons to poems, personal narratives, and essays! Teachers are assigning their students different categories to enter, and there is already a huge amount of creativity flowing through our school! Submissions are due by February 20th to Mrs. Calixtro, who chairs the Literary Fair. The top 3 winners for each category will get their piece published in the Indian Ridge Literary Fair magazine and the first place winners will move on to the County competition! Mr. Haase, a seventh grade language arts teacher, is setting his students up for success with their own personal narratives, poems for two voices, original myths, and more! He incorporates different categories into his lesson plans for the year. "Participating in the Literary Fair allows students to understand that there is an audience beyond their teachers, and that their voice can be expressed creatively through other forms of writing besides essays." he says.

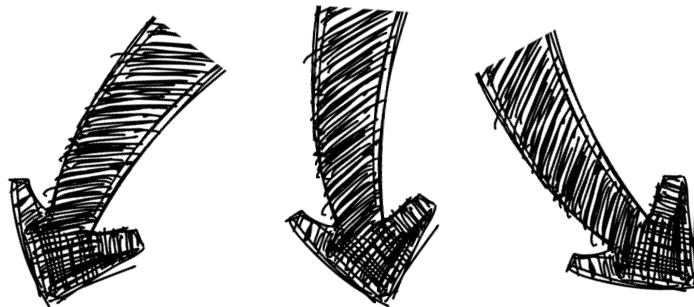
Jaguar on the Spot

BSAs: Are They Worth the Buzz?

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

BSAs: the practice tests that all sixth and seventh graders have to take to be mentally and physically prepared for the real test or the FSAs and EOCs. On January 22 - 26, students took the Broward Standards Assessment, or BSAs. Sixth grade students took the math and reading BSAs on January 22 and 26. Seventh grade students took them on January 24 and 25. The FSAs have yet to happen, but will kick off at the beginning of March with the writing FSAs. Seventh grade students are also required to take the Civics EOCs this year. Eighth grade students took the pre-SAT or the PSA Ts this year. With all the students testing, we hope they are prepared for the real thing. We asked IRMS students if they believe that the BSAs are helpful in preparing them for the state assessments toward the end of the school year. Here are the opinions of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders!

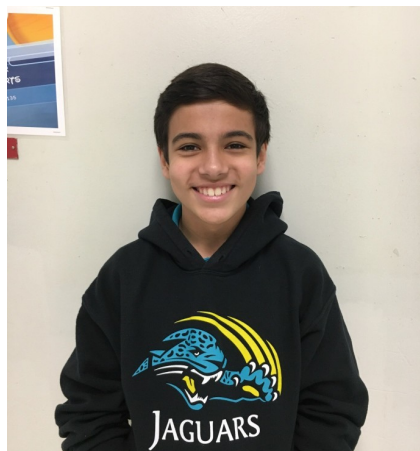
The BSA (formerly BAFS) is used to predict student success on the Spring FSA.



In some previous years, the BSA has been administered two to three times per year!



“The BSAs are important because they help you practice for the bigger tests that determine whether you go on to the next grade.” says 6th grader Bradley Tengeres.



“I feel like the BSAs are unnecessary because everything we’ve learned all year doesn’t need to be determined by a practice test.” says 7th grader Andrew Morales.



“I think the BSAs are important because they are a good way to know what you are good at and what you still need to learn/work on.” says 8th grader Noor Azcem.

Pawsome Clubs

Checkmate!

By: Cristian Carrillo and Ethan Horwitz

The IRMS Chess Club meets in the media center every Thursday to discuss strategies, play chess, and improve their skills. The chess club is advised by Mr. Rosasco, and was previously advised by Mr. Muniz. Last year the chess club played an elementary school, a high school, and a charter school, and won the tournament.

There are currently 23 members in the chess club, but new members are always welcome. Mr. Rosasco hopes to play other schools in the month of April. This year, Indian Ridge hopes replicate last year's outcome and again bring home the gold. As Mr. Rosasco says, "I would like to try to do that again this year." If you have any questions on chess club, or want to join, you can see Mr. Rosasco or drop by during a Chess Club meeting.



Meme Club

By: Madison Green and Ethan Horwitz

The IRMS Meme Club is a club dedicated to playing board games and having fun with others after school. The club meets every Thursday in portable 29 and is run by Mr. Desir. In the club they play games like "Apples to Apples" and "Kahoot". He has been running the Meme Club for two and a half years, but the club has been around before he started.

Mr. Desir took over The Meme Club after the previous teacher who was advising it left. Several students came to him and said that he should run it. Mr. Desir said that seeing how much students loved the club motivated him to take over, and the rest is history.

Electives That Make Us Go Wild!

Making Headlines and Meeting Deadlines!

By: Chloe Bruce and Madison Green

Yearbook is an elective program run by Ms. Didier in first period. The students take pictures, design pages, and develop the theme of the yearbook. Our yearbook is completely student made, with little help from teachers. The students receive deadlines, and get their pages done and turned in each and every time. They also decide on the cover and layout of the IRMS yearbook.

Most students in yearbook are assigned about three pages to get done throughout the year, with approximately one or two deadlines each quarter.

They are responsible for attending all IRMS events including sports, clubs, dances, and awards ceremonies. The yearbook students are the eyes, ears, and lenses of the school, and even though it seems like a lot of work, there is no other elective class that allows you to make something that people pay for!

Journalism is a 7th grade prerequisite for yearbook. That means that if you want to take yearbook in 8th grade, you have to take journalism in 7th grade first. Both of the electives are run by Ms. Didier.



The Jaguar Debate!

By: Camila Rosales and Madison Green

Debate is an elective run by Mrs. Manriquez that is held in 6th period in room 220. Debate is the elective 8th graders can take after speech class in 7th grade run by Mrs. Kannal. As said by Kaitlyn Cruz “ Debate helps you gain knowledge about what’s going on in the world.”

You do not have to take speech class in 7th grade to get into the 8th grade debate class; however, most people in debate say it is helpful. Debate helps improve your academic performance, vocabulary and grammar. It is also a good skill to have later in life according to Mrs. Manriquez.

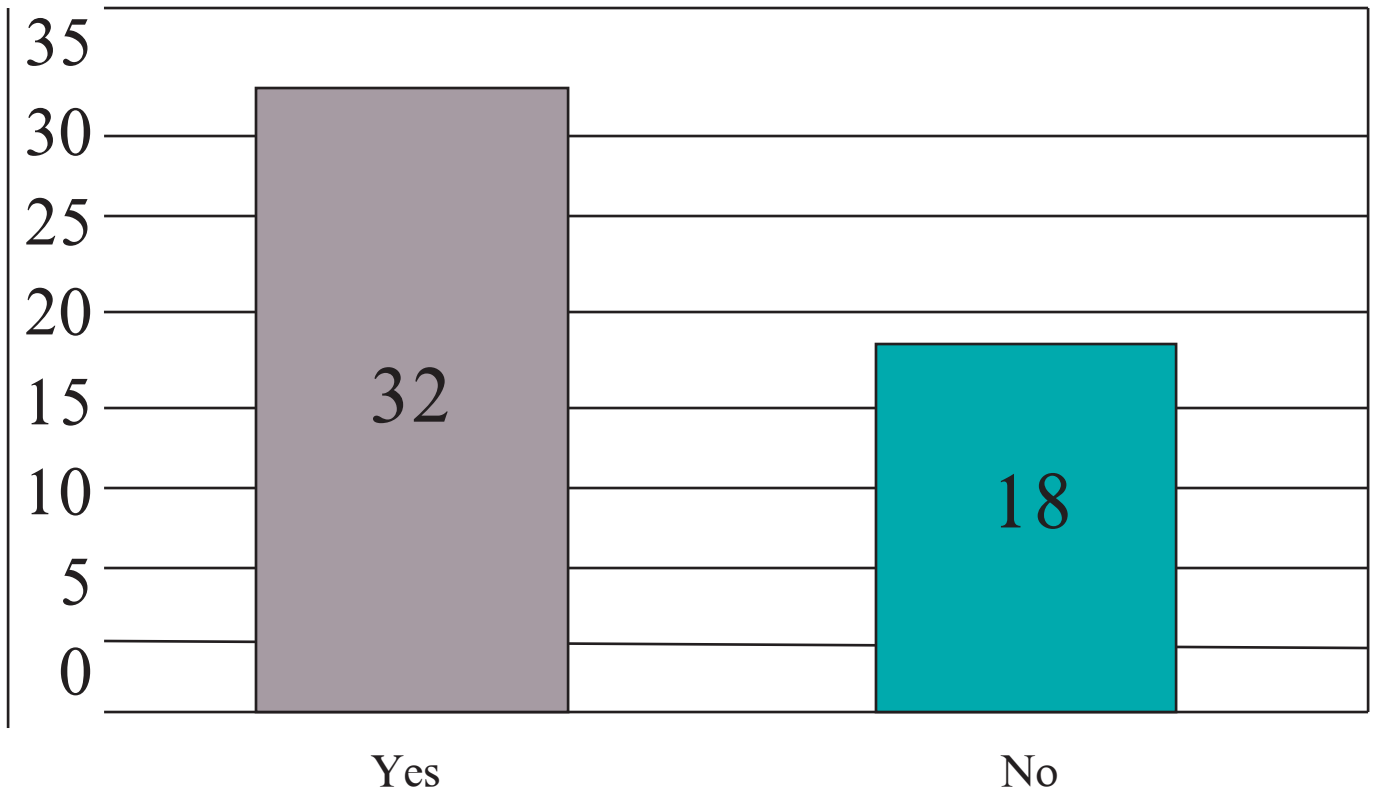
Up for Debate

Don't Be Late on the Date

By: Cami Cala and Andrew Morales

Indian Ridge Middle School has recently done its first tardy sweep of the year. Many people got after-school detention due to being late to class during the tardy sweep. According to Mr. Lyons, 56 students were caught being late during the sweep and 51 students attended the after school detention. Mr. Lyons also stated “The students who did not attend were charged with an automatic Saturday school.” These sweeps are going to occur more often as the year continues, so don't be late!

Do tardy sweeps make you more cautious of your time between periods?



Poll taken by Jasmin Mathney and Claire Cheatham

Jaguar Judges

Valentine's Day is a time of love and relationships. Our middle school has relationships here and there. But do teenagers really understand what its like to be committed and in love? So we ask the question , is Valentine's Day important to this generation? At this

Cami Cala

Love, relationships, and feelings for one another is what Valentine's Day is about. Middle school teenagers don't understand the meaning of true love. Valentine's Day is the day Cupid comes and connects people together, this is not made for middle school teens. Also, Valentine's Day is not about how much chocolate, flowers, or gifts you get, it's about showing love to one another. Middle School is not a time for love because we are only teens, not adults. Teenagers do not need to worry about love at this time. Middle school is a time for learning from your mistakes and trial and error.

At this age, I feel Valentine's Day lacks importance. Kids don't have the state of mind to really understand what this holiday is about. Valentine's Day is supposed to represent love, appreciation, and possibly dedication to a loved one, but teens have a hard time comprehending this. A day about love doesn't accommodate people who have yet to experience a true relationship. Valentine's Day became a holiday to show verbal feelings toward your loved ones. It wasn't created to spend money on objects like treats and teddy bears. This generation struggles to find the significance of Valentine's Day.

Claire Cheatham

Valentine's Day should be important this age because its a time when kids could share dedication and love to family and friends. Kids do often misinterpret Valentine's Day to be about gifts. To kids it should just be physically being with your loved ones and show how much you care about them. Dedicating a day to show the love you have for your loved ones is what makes Valentine's Day so special. So, this special holiday is what should be important to this generation at this age.

Andrew Morales

Love is not a skill you can learn as you age. You are born with the thought of love, and it is on your mind every day, from the day you're born until the day you pass away. I believe that our generation has the ability to love and to enjoy Valentine's Day for what it is. Middle school relationships already exist, and it does provide a companion in times of need. Also, being exposed to rejection, acceptance, and just maintaining a relationship can provide experience for later years when relationships can affect the rest of your life. Teenagers always feel love, and Valentine's Day can allow them to embrace the love.

Welcome to the Jungle

Writing Camp and Smart Bond at Indian Ridge Middle

By: Aysia Jarrett

A free program providing kids enrichment and tutoring them in writing strategies has now been announced. Writing camp, held in the media center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 is here for students who need more help in their writing and ELA classes. This will prepare the Jaguars for the FSA (Florida Standards Assessment). Children must have a positive attitude and be willing to learn these academics. Indian Ridge has been providing more programs to help children excel in academics. The school thanks parents for being a part in the students' school life and for supporting the programs that will enhance their education. If you have any questions regarding writing camp contact Irene Ortiz, assistant principal, or Kellee Davis, interim assistant principal, at 754-323-3300. Parents are responsible for providing transportation and students are to arrive on time if they expect to improve their writing skills.



Left: Kids learning at writing camp.



Right: You can see how the school is getting a new paint job.

By: Amber Kelly

Indian Ridge Middle School is finally using their smart bond facility money to renovate the school. Principle Zagari plans on using the money to redo most of the school and improve the looks. Roof work has been done during mid January, and was also done during the night and on weekends to not disturb the learning of our students. Exterior painting on the school has been started as well. It began on building 4 and 5, this was done during the school days. Some fantastic news for all the students complaining of the heat is that the school is replacing the AC units!



Outside of the Jungle Walls

UCF fans threw a parade for their undefeated Knights, in Disney World.



Champions!

By: Eli Seiden

On January 1st, 2018, the University of Central Florida football team completed a perfect season. After their first game of the season, many people knew this season would be a special one. They played the FIU Golden Panthers in an interstate battle and destroyed them, 61-17. After that win, Hurricane Irma hit. That resulted in 2 games of the season being postponed. Eventually, these games were made up, and the Knights dominated. Continuing the season, they ran over every team that stood in their way, until there was one team left, Auburn. The game was close and it would come down to the wire. With 24 seconds left, the tiger's, quarterback was picked off while leading a game tying drive. This sealed the deal and capped off the season. The final score was 34-27, and helped the Knights come in sixth place.

Gunshot scare at Sawgrass Mills

On December 31, in Sunrise at the Sawgrass Mall, someone set off fireworks that led mall goers to think that there was a gun shot. On that Sunday, shoppers sprinted out the mall, or at least the ones that couldn't hide. Our fellow 7th grade Jag, Emily Boyce, was there at the scene. "I had just went blank. My first instinct was to run but there was so many people so I tried to hide." An event like this can change a person's life forever, but Emily doesn't seem to be greatly affected by this event. However, she doesn't really feel comfortable going to the mall again. "I haven't gone to that mall in weeks because I don't really like the Sawgrass Mills. I go to other malls but now since this happened I don't plan on going by myself anymore." Later on, the police later found out that the "gunshot" noise was actually distraction a distraction for a Rolex wristwatch robbery.

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Giana
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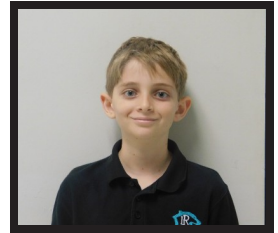
Cubs of Character

Got Kindness?

Kindness- the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

Got Respect?

Respect - a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements.



Giselle Bouzglou

Q: How do you think you earned the respect award?
A: I respect people and teachers. I don't take things from my peers without asking first.

Kavina Ramsingh

Q: Why do you think it's important to respect others?
A: I treat people the way that I would like to be treated. It's important to use the Golden Rule inside and outside of school.

Ethan Horwitz

Q: Why do you think it's important to use respect?
A: It's important so that my teachers will not get frustrated with me.

8th Grade

KINDNESS: Annalise Modafferi, Jason Fernandez, Noor Azeem, Paris Pointville, Deandra Montoya, Bao Le, Hannah Egert, Kimberly Torres, Daniella Rodriguez, Brianna Perez, Susan Rossano, Jacob Pamplin, Samantha Smith, Bianca Cingliano, Eric Pinhero, Hunter Howard

RESPECT: Brody Aceto, Allie Wohlgemuth, Kavina Ramsingh, Kenny Nguyen, Frank Rosario, Gabrielle Douglas, Taylor Greist, Cole Freeberg, Kyle Nilsson, Austin Murtha, Stefan Badiu, Gianna Marra, John Roberts, Alexandra Feldman

6th Grade

KINDNESS: Braelyn Diaz, Tram Nguyen, Hannah Keller, Natalie Hernandez, Audrey Schambach, Camila Gonzales, Sofia Davila, Sage Cuervas, Edie Kilpark, Thomas, Stelljes, Tjinh Tran, Vanessa Flores, Emilio Herrera, Kylee Hock, Walter Casco, Emily Quinn, Anthonella Catilino

RESPECT: Austin Gains, Kierra Williams, Giselle Bouzaglou, Jayden Zayas, Ariella Pacher, Spencer Douglas, Anh Pham, Hactor Cordero, Taeyoung Kim, Mitchell Beckford, Sedra Haboub, Ariella Packer, Yaritza Figueroa, Dalila Blanco-Oriol, Ching Nguyen, Paola Almodovar, Emily Nguyen

7th Grade

KINDNESS: Alexandra Dorr, Ella Harhart, Sarah Abbott, Simran Bhardwaj, Jasmin Mathney, Paula Gorokhovskiy, Kristela Malaj, Sarah Aguian, Stepphanie Andrade, Daniella Diaz, Abby Devendorf, Lillian Young, Saioa Elesgarai,
RESPECT: Alejandra Umana, Estafanie Parra, Joel Eniola, Isabella Fonte, Ethan Horwitz, Ashley Archila, Ariel Rivero, Daniel Coulson, Kyle Sadowski, Erika Rodriguez, Samantha Orcinolo, Jake Trento, Brennan Dickson, Jesus Aguilar Castro, Kamaya Todd, Brooke Zwick, Marcelo Torres, Michal SHoshan, Gisella Klavas, Kendall Martin, Sophia Tome, Brian King, Zachary Davis, Maya Yenor

Staff "Spot" light



Mr. Brosz has many jobs at Indian Ridge Middle School. His jobs include supervising Before Care, running the Media Center, coaching golf, and coaching track and field. He is also the union representative for Indian Ridge. This is the only place he has ever worked at, and he loves his job. Mr. Brosz stated, "I got lucky, and I will work here till I am 70 years old." His future plans for this school are to build a retractable wall in the media center. This would allow meetings to take place and have students to get access to the library at the same time. Mr. Brosz always get to school before the sun rises, and always leaves after the sun sets. He tries his hardest to influence students to incorporate kindness and respect to their lives. All of the students and staff at IRMS are extremely appreciative of all that Mr. Brosz does for our school.

By- Ashley Castresana, Jenna Sakhleh, and Ariel Rivero



Paws-ing to Remember the Past

Martin Luther King Junior Day

By: Kira Patel And Quinn Kustin

The national holiday, Martin Luther King Junior Day, is held on the third Monday of January, and it celebrates King's life and achievement as an influential American civil rights leader.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist. King was mainly known for being a chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movements which were (and continue to be) successful protests against racial discrimination in federal and state law. He campaigned against ending racial segregation on public transportation and for racial equality. Most believe he was the most important voice of the American Civil Rights Movement because he never got tired of trying to end segregation laws. He made people realize "all men are created equal."

We celebrate the third Monday in January to honor all the amazing things that MLK did for America and us as diverse citizens. He successfully fought for our equal rights. Martin Luther King, Jr. started bus boycotts and helped to find the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He also publicly presented many speeches but his most well known speech was the "I Have A Dream Speech." It really got people to drive for equal treatment. This is why we have one specific day in honor of him. For all of his hard work King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Gold Medal, and much more. In honor of all the things he did, we have the day off to honor this great man, attend Martin Luther King Day marches and other events that are held for him.

**I believe that unarmed truth
and unconditional love will
have the final word.**

-Martin Luther King Jr.



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