

PAW PRINTS



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 Assistant Principals:
 David Greenfield 6th
 Karen Birke 7th
 Irene Gonzalez 8th

March

By Hailey Anderson, Erica Hoy, Hannah Wingate, Isabelle Powell & Laura Ramirez

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
NJHS	3-4-20	Cafeteria	4-5 pm
Anime	Mondays	184	4-5 pm
First Priority	Wednesdays	131	8:30-9 am
D&D	Wednesdays	510	4-5 pm
CHOC	Tuesdays	Media	4-5 pm
GSA	Thursdays	Media	4-5 pm
Student Council	3-11-20	Media	4-5 pm
STEM	3/3-3/31	216	4-5 pm
World Languages	Tuesdays	208	8:45 am
Chess	Tuesdays	Media	4-5 pm
FFEA	Tuesdays	404	4-5 pm
Human Relations	3-27-29	133	4-5 pm
Campus Life	Thursdays	P8	Lunches
Book Club	Mondays	179	4-5 pm

DAYS OFF

3-17-20 Teacher Planning
 3-16-20 Early Release
 3-29-20 Teacher Planning
 3-23-20 3-27-20 Spring Break

Indian Ridge Got Talent!

Our Student Council will be hosting a student talent and fashion on March 5th, from 6:00-8:00 pm

Practice Dates, in the auditorium,

4-5:30pm:

3-2-20

3-4-20

3-5-20

The next SAC meeting will be on March 10, at 4:30 in the Media Center.



A Deadly Virus

By Ryan Seiden



Coronavirus is a SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) related respiratory illness. It originated from animals in China, infecting about 93,000 people and has caused approximately 3,164 deaths. The disease is currently spreading from person to person via respiratory droplets which includes coughing or sneezing. Jacqueline Correa, a seventh grader at Indian Ridge Middle School, comments, "My concerns about the Coronavirus is a 7 out of 10 because a cure is still not known, and it is extremely contagious and spreadable."

Many students are talking about the disease and are concerned about what the virus is doing to people. Others are relaxed and not as worried like Gavyn Nelson, 6th grader. Nelson adds, "I have not heard the virus spreading to Florida, so I am not stressing over the symptoms." These symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, and even death. They can start to manifest in as little as two days or as long as 14 days.

Many people are wondering how to prevent the Coronavirus, but there is no real prevention at the moment. Scientists from the CDC suggest that you wash your hands multiple times a day and stay away from any sick people. There have been 6 deaths reported in the United States and the CDC is trying to prevent the virus from spreading throughout our nation. In The America the most recent death was They hope that everyone stays informed and stays away from anyone exposed or sick.



This is a picture of people trying to stay safe from the coronavirus.

Photo Credit: CNN.com



This is a picture of people spraying down passengers coming off of a plane for the corona virus.

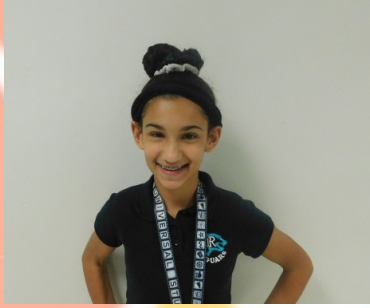
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Horoscope Interests



By: Ashley Ottey, Catherine Truong, Kaylin Hadbafnick



Lexi Arencibia, is very enthusiastic about horoscopes and loves to learn more day by day.

Photo By: Sophia Cadavid

There is a good chance that you know what zodiac signs are, but just in case, zodiac signs are astrological signs based off your birth date and are named after constellations. Every sign has something unique about them to describe you. That is the reason why we love them. They always have words to describe a sign and it's always fun to read about. Lexi Arencibia (seventh grader) has an interest with horoscopes and thinks "They are unique and mean their own individual thing." As a Cancer, Arencibia thinks she is "creative but not clingy", as those characteristics are associated with her sign.

Not everything your horoscope says will be true though, but, there's never any harm in reading about it. Each sign has a different meaning and different persona and horoscopes can even guide you to make decisions in everyday life. For example, when you read your horoscope, you can find a lot of things similar to what you would do in a certain situation. In that way, they can help you make your choices. If you are ever bored, they can also be a way to entertain you. So, before deciding whether or not horoscopes are relevant or not, think about how they can help you and guide you in everyday life.



This a horoscope wheel
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These are the zodiac sign
constellations. Photo credit:
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Spring Word Search!

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

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Daylight Savings Woes

By: Andrew Hutchins & Owen Melville

For many Americans, daylight savings time is the bane of the soul. One hour less of sleep, it's all dark out and not a fun experience for anyone. Why do we participate in such an inane practice? Well for starters we need to find its origin. According to TimeandDate.com, in 1784, Benjamin Franklin proposed the first integration of this idea. Later, a man named George Hudson made it into the modern concept it is today. Thanks to their work, Americans must wake up a full hour earlier than we're accustomed to. Why does this thing exist? The original idea of daylight savings time was intended to give us more time in daylight to be more "productive". It also was intended to give farmers more time to work on the farm. However, farmers don't get any more time than they did before and the clock is set back in the summer, where the farmers do absolutely nothing! They plant in the spring and harvest in the fall.

So why do we have it anyway? Well, maybe back in the days without modern technology, kids loved having that extra hour of play time before curfew. But with the era of phones, curfews aren't really a problem. If you're out too late, all your mom must do is simply give a call to get you home. Fellow students at Indian Ridge also agree. William Dorr, 7th grade student at Indian Ridge says that the resetting of the clocks cause confusion, especially the first few days. Alon Regev agreed that they should either get rid of it completely or make it so that either one stays active. All in all, daylight savings should be abolished, in our opinion.

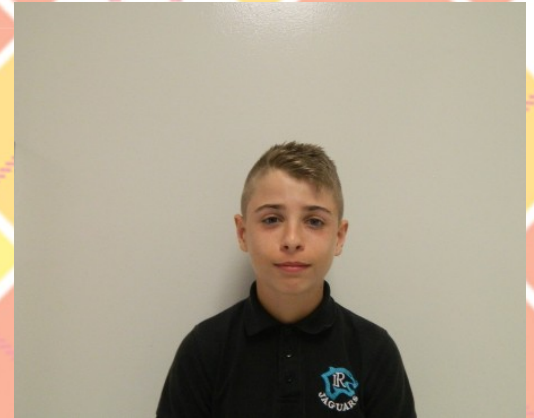


Photo Credit Giuliana Brosz

William Dorr, a seventh grade student gave his opinions on daylight savings. He believes that setting back the clocks is nonsense and that it just creates confusion.



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Alon Regev, seventh grade student at Indian Ridge, also gave his opinion on daylight savings. Alon Regev also agrees with the fact the daylight savings should be put to rest.



Quiz Time!

By: Haylee SantAntonio, Madden Edwards, Lana Tarr, Bella Mceachron, Claire Shannon

Take this quiz to determine your spirit animal: a bear, a bunny, or a deer.



WHAT WOULD THE LEPRECHAUN FIND AT THE END OF YOUR RAINBOW?

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| 1. You get a birthday card from Grandma. Inside you hope there is: | 3. Your parents take you on a dream vacation. Where do you go? | 5. Your dream job would be: |
| A. A \$20 bill | A. Paris, Dubai, and Venice | A. Lawyer or doctor |
| B. Chick-fil-a gift cards | B. An all-you-can-eat cruise | B. Chef |
| C. Nothing, the card was plenty. | C. Camping at Yosemite | C. CSI or law enforcement |
| 2. What's your favorite type of movie? | 4. What do you usually do with friends? | 6. Do you believe in leprechauns? |
| A. Action | A. Go shopping | A. Absolutely! |
| B. Comedy | B. Go out to eat | B. Only in Lucky Charms commercials! |
| C. Horror | C. Play video games | C. Definitely not! They're fake! |

Mostly C's: A trap!

Mostly B's: Food

Mostly A's: Money

Surveys



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What iPhone 11 color?

Red

7.0%

Yellow

2.0%

Mint Green

24.0%

Black

13.0%

Lavender

28.0%

White

26.0%

Out of 46 people 3 choose yellow for their favorite i phone 11 color

Out of 46 people 6 choose black

Out of 46 people 12 choose white

Out of 46 people 3 chose red

Out of 46 people 11 chose mint

Out of 46 people 13 chose lavender

Leaping into Leap Year

By: Natalie Pascut and Lexi Arencibia

Most people know about Leap Year and know what it is, but the average person doesn't know why it occurs and much about this extra day. To start, many don't know that Leap Year, technically, is not every 4 years. It's every year that is divisible by 4 and 400. That's why 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not Leap Years.

Why do Leap Years exist? Well, after one year or one revolution around the sun, we accumulate 6 extra hours. After, (about), 4 years/revolutions we have gathered enough extra hours to create a extra day. The day also helps with keeping the Gregorian calendar intact.

Now, what about people who have their birthdays on this extra day? People have mixed opinions about this. Some would like to have their birthday on February 29 while others think it would be a pain. For example, Mirlande Hilaire wouldn't want to be born on leap day, she states, "I would be sad. I love celebrating my birthday. I have a friend [born on leap day] that only celebrates every four years!" Hilaire's friend celebrates every four years but most people on this day choose to blow out their candles on February 28 or March 1. On the other hand, people like Anna Volpe say, "I would love to have my birthday on February 29 because I think it's cool and unique."

Did you know that people born on leap day are often called "leaplings" or "leapers". According to History.com, about 4.1 million people around the world have been born on February 29. Only 4.1 million out of the 8 billion population! So, being a "leaper" is definitely rare and special.



February 29 is a extra day that only appears on a leap year.

Black History Month at IRMS

By Isha Pattal and Charlee Shon

Most people know that the month of February is considered to be an eventful month, with Valentine's Day and Presidents Day. However, many people might not know that the entire month is dedicated to black history. At Indian Ridge Middle School, history and civics teachers are educating their students about the importance of the event, by coming up with interesting projects and lessons. Ms. Nortmann, a 7th grade civics teacher, is allowing her students to gain a bit of extra credit at the end of February with weekly questions about black history. Some of them include, "What year was 'Martin Luther King Day' first recognized as a national holiday?" and "Who was the first black Supreme Court Justice? Which President appointed this person?" She feels that it is necessary for students to learn more about the people who have help advanced the nation, and activities like these have been most helpful in doing just that. She says, "Everyone should definitely educate themselves. Especially on such a significant part of our history." Along with her, other teachers have made efforts in educating their students in black history month too, namely Mr. Gurtov, a 6th grade world history teacher. He is having his students create a poster on one main black figure in history that they can connect to. Gurtov said, "I'm mostly having my students do this project to make sure they understand the contributions of such important people." Either way, from Valentine's day to leap day, 2020's February was one to remember and it's great to know that teachers at Indian Ridge Middle School at made efforts to educate their students on such impactful people/events that made history!



Photo Credit
Anna Volpe

Ms. Nortmann, a civics teacher whos educating students about black history month.



A Celebration of...

African American Culture



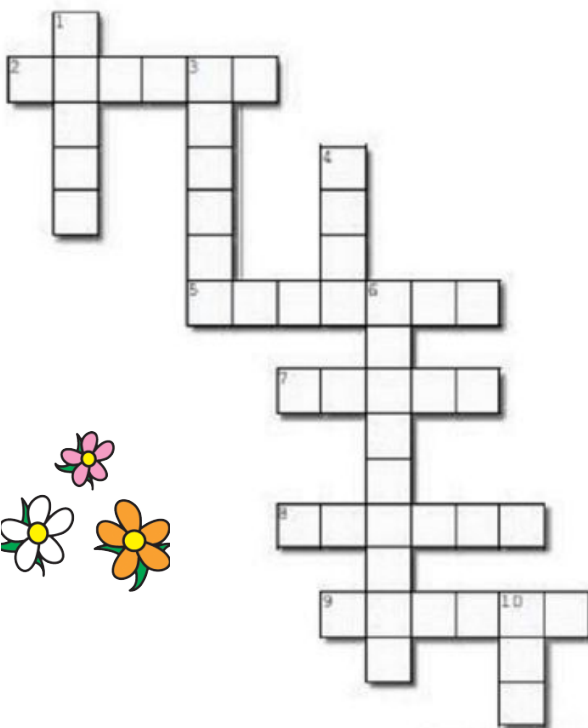
On Wednesday, February 5th, 2020, Indian Ridge Middle School students celebrated African American Culture and accomplishments through song, dramatic readings, poetry and step team performances. The performers were elated to share their art forms that reflected how African Americans have positively contributed to our society. "Keeping the dream alive" was further evidenced by our guest speaker Mr. Hardge. He was able to inspire students to view Black History in an appealing manner that was interactive and educational.



Spring Crossword

By Maryn Buchsbaum, Danielle Glen

Spring Crossword



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net


Across

2. April showers bring May _____
5. This appears after a rain storm
7. When the chicken leaves the egg
8. The season after Winter
9. If you find one with four leaves you get good luck

Down

1. When the flower starts to grow
3. The mascot of this holiday is a bunny
4. The storm clouds bring
6. This animal starts as a caterpillar
10. Parents hide these for children to search for

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