

# *Paw* PRINTS

DECEMBER EDITION 22



**Administration:**

**Principal: Ian Murray**

**6th Grade: Irene Gonzalez**

**7th Grade: David Malca**

**8th Grade: Karen Birke**



# Harvesting a generous heart

By Emma Gutterman, Nicholas Osorio, Keiko Barilea, Riley Rodriguez, and Josh Desmarais

It is that time of year again at IRMS! The Harvest Drive is back! Students brought canned and boxed foods all throughout November. All items were to be given to the students' second period teacher. There were three top class winners, but the class that brought the most items won an ice cream party! The school does this yearly to provide families with food for the holidays. The school has collected over one thousand items this year for families in need. Now, with all the food donations that the school has received from the students and teachers, the school is able to give the items to the families so they can have an even more wonderful holiday!

Unfortunately, right in the middle of the Harvest Drive, Hurricane Nicole impacted South Florida. Because of this end of season surprise, the Harvest Drive was pushed back, and the students had to bring in their items on a different day so that they could turn in their boxes and cans. The hurricane did little to no damage to the school, thankfully. Nicole was mostly heavy rains, flooding, and winds. It made landfall as a Category 1 storm in Vero Beach. The weekend after hitting the east coast of Florida last November, Broward decided to close the schools for the week due to the potential high-speed winds. Luckily, after coming back from the closed school week, which also included Election Day and Veteran's Day, the Harvest Drive picked back up where it left off!

Maria Calle from Mrs. Vasquez's sixth grade class said, "It was cool. I brought in most items in my class. I brought at least 15 items for the Harvest Drive." Jack Murphy from Mr. Haase's seventh grade class says "I was happy and surprised when we won the Harvest Drive for our grade. Valentina Garcia, Jeremy Lawrence, and Julian Perez from Ms. Overcash's eighth grade class all said, "We were happy and excited when they announced that we won first place for our grade. Jeremy brought 18 items, Valentina brought 16 items, and Julian brought 19 items for the Harvest drive." In all, the school donated over one thousand items! IRMS is proud of the students and staff for the challenging work they put into the Harvest drive this year. Remember, every can or box counts!



## IRMS Harvest Drive Winners

Photo credit Nicolas Osorio.  
For 6th grade Ms. Vasquez's 2nd period class came in first place. Ms. Vasquez's class ended with 710 point from all the items the students brought in for the Harvest Drive.



Photo credit Emma Gutterman.  
Mr. Haase's 2nd period class came in first place for 7th grade for the Harvest Drive. Mr. Haase's class had 468 point at the end of the Harvest Drive this year.



Photo credit Emma Gutterman.  
Ms. Overcash's 8th grade 2nd period class came in first place for the Harvest drive this year. Ms. Overcash's class had 75 points by the time the Harvest Drive was wrapping up.



- Friday 11/4/2022-Pasta**
- Monday 11/7/2022-Canned soup**
- Wednesday 11/9/2022- canned beans**
- Thursday 11/10/2022- Canned Vegetables**
- Monday 11/14/2022- Tuna**
- Wednesday 11/16/2022- P.B. and jelly**
- Specialty item- Mac & cheese**



Photo Credit Keiko Barilea  
Logan Rigaud and Antonio Capato, both in 7th grade are holding a few harvest drive items that were asked for this year.



Photo credit Keiko Barilea  
These boxes are filled with just some of the items collected this year.

# Whats Trending?

By Emma Weissman and Tara Brewster

## Wakanda Forever

After coming to theaters on November 11th, Wakanda Forever made \$180 million dollars on opening night, the highest November debut in history. It has had an impression with a 95% audience score according to Rotten Tomatoes. According to the article, "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever – An Emotional Roller Coaster" by Tessa Smith, this movie was extremely emotional and important to many people and was very symbolic. But it was not only emotional to the audience, but for the cast and director as well, due to having close association with Chadwick Boseman, the original Black Panther, who passed away in 2019 due to colon cancer. He was a very influential figure to many people and the movie had many tributes made to Boseman and many people felt that Marvel honored him and his legacy well. A Black Panther sequel seemed almost impossible because of Boseman's sudden passing, but Marvel was able to do it and do it very well, fans believe. It was directed by Ryan Coogler and had many reoccurring characters as well as some new ones such as the main antagonist, Namur. The movie has many scenes with CGI, and this comes as no surprise due to the budget for the movie being \$250 million dollars! Many fans believe that it will certainly go down as one of Marvel's best movies in history. Alberto Aguilar, a sixth grader at the Ridge, was very excited to see the movie and predicted it would be a very emotional experience. "I feel like there will be many changes because the actor passed away (Chadwick Boseman), so a lot of things might change because it was unexpected." he exclaimed. He believes that Shuri, the sister and the new Black Panther, is honoring Boseman and will live up to the expectations placed upon her.



Photo Credit: Marvel



Photo Credit: Emma Weissman

## Avatar: The Way of Water

After waiting 13 years, Avatar: The Way of Water, is finally being released on December 16, 2022! The movie will be about Jake Sully (played by Sam Worthington) and Neytiri (played by Zoe Saldana) forming a family, and they are trying everything they can to stay together and safe. They will also leave their home and travel in water and to other regions of Pandora as a family. During the journey, the family experiences tragedy and danger. They flee to the Metkayina's water world. Towards the end including the climax, Jake Sully, as an avatar, fights a difficult war against humans. The producers tried to make the film as authentic as possible and developed new technology in order to film motion capture scenes underwater. The movie was in progress for some years and has very modern technology within the CGI. The budget is 250 million US dollars! It's three hours and ten minutes long! A new aquatic clan of avatars will be introduced along with new diverse aquatic creatures. Some cast members held their breath underwater for over five minutes! The main characters of this film had to perform intense parkour and underwater training while shooting the movie. Logan Sterner, a seventh grader at Indian Ridge, is a big fan of Avatar. The reason he is most excited for the movie is how the producers changed the environment while the Avatars were living with humans and how the CGI was improved from 2009. He explained that Avatar 2 will be better than the first movie because it'll be interesting seeing them develop with the humans. "The ride at Disney did a very good job of showing Pandora. It's so awesome because it's very immersive and it really feels like your flying, aside with showing you all of Pandora instead of only one place like most rides." He also adds that the floating islands look real, and it feels like you are there.

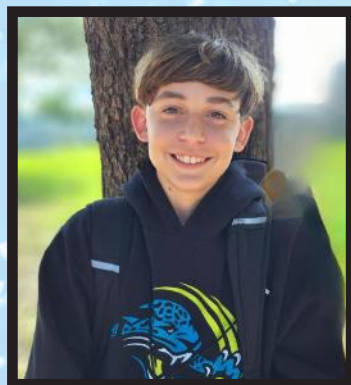


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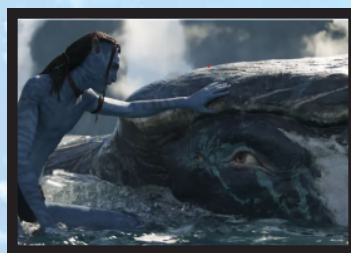


Photo Credit: Disney

# Jaguar On The Spot

By Kenzy Kader, Katelyn Killoran, and Madison Gonzalez

Students were asked if they prefer the FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) or FAST Testing.



Photo Credit: Katelyn Killoran

Toleah Davis, a 7th grader, likes how the FAST testing is online, making it easier for her. This is because she has grown more accustomed to online things,

Toleah feels much better with FAST testing now that its online.



Photo Credit: Katelyn Killoran

Ruby Pinedo likes the FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) because you only have one test because she have one test and get it over with than have three tests a year, she thinks that there is no point because you are doing the same thing.

Ruby misses the FSA, Now that it is gone.

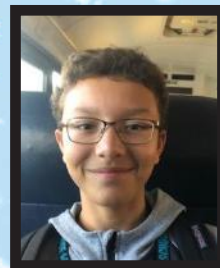


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Christian Perez, an 8th grader at IRMS, would rather have the FAST testing. "I like the FAST better because its more separated and they don't take as long."

Christain feels that FAST testing is better because you don't have to do it in one sitting.

Mr. Haase, a 7th grade language arts teacher, believes in neither standardized test. He states, "...I don't find a difference between the two...." He appeals to the idea that they are mostly the same. The only reason he prefers the FSA is because there were reduced opportunities, since there was only one test.



Photo Credit: Katelyn Killoran

Mr. Haase claims that he would rather have students take the FSA.



Sofia Venezuela- Rivera, a 7th grader at IRMS, states, "I like the FSA better because at the end of the year, there's not much to stress over; you already know the material... I think it's easier for you if you have plans, instead of it being at the beginning or middle of the year, you don't have to interrupt those plans."



Photo Credit: Katelyn Killoran

Sofia Venezuela prefers FAST testing.

Noa Baruk, a 6th grader at the Ridge, likes FSA. Noa feels this way because its on paper. She mentions getting distracted with online tasks. She benefits from having it once per year because it is less stress on her and many others.



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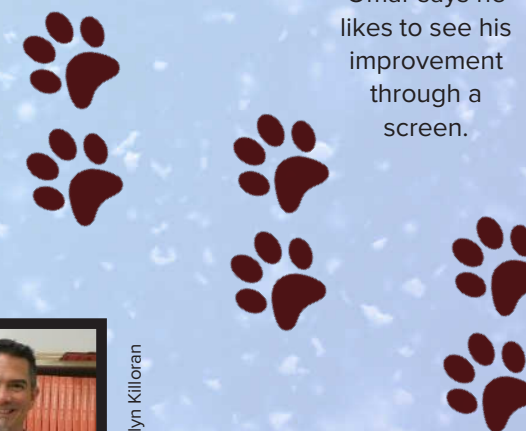
Noa is team FSA; she would rather test once a year.

Omar Bacchas likes FAST testing because it shows your growth. He prefers how the test is online.



Photo Credit: Katelyn Killoran

Omar says he likes to see his improvement through a screen.



# PUZZLES & GAMES

BY KAILEY GOLD, KAYLA ANDERSON, JAYDA GARDNER, ELISE KOONTZ, AND LEEYA EVRON

IF YOU CAN READ THIS AND PROVIDE  
ANSWERS TO OUR MINDS CAN DO  
AMAZING THINGS. WE GET OFF  
SCHOOL SOON AND WE WILL BE  
WINTER BREAK. THEN, WE HAVE A  
CHANCE TO CELEBRATE SO MANY  
DIFFERENT HOLIDAYS. CHRISTMAS,  
HANUKKAH, Kwanzaa, AND NEW  
YEAR ARE JUST SOME OF THE  
HOLIDAYS CELEBRATED. ONLY  
CERTAIN PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO  
READ THIS AND YOU ARE READING  
WITHOUT EVEN THINKING.  
SO THIS IS A FRIEND AND SHE  
IF SHEY CAN READ AND TOO!

## Finish the lyric, TikTok edition

1. What's goin' on on the \_\_\_\_? I love this \_\_\_\_, baby, but I can't see \_\_\_\_ anymore- Keep it \_\_\_\_, what's the name of this club?  
-Lady Gaga
2. Is it too \_\_\_\_ to pursue? I bite my \_\_\_\_, it's a bad \_\_\_\_  
-Steve Lacy
3. You have to show them that you're really not \_\_\_\_ You're playin' with your \_\_\_\_, this ain't no truth or dare They'll \_\_\_\_ you, then they'll beat you Then they'll tell you it's fair, So \_\_\_\_ it  
-Michael Jackson
4. And all I am is a \_\_\_\_ I want the \_\_\_\_ in my hands I hate the beach But I \_\_\_\_ in California with my toes in the sand Use the sleeves of my \_\_\_\_ Let's have an adventure Head in the clouds but my \_\_\_\_ centered  
-The Neighborhood

## Unscramble the Letters

### Holiday Edition

1. Mhrtsicsa
2. Kunahha
3. Gonegg
4. Rwniet
5. Dielrde
6. Akwnzaa

Christmas, Hanukkah, winter, dreidel, Kwanzaa



# Sports

By Lacie Nafpliotis, Catherine Minarik, Zoe Korn, and Hetzai Gamboa



PHoto Credit ESPN

The starting lineup for the USWNT on 11/13/22.

## USWNT

By Zoe Korn

Dribble, pass, shoot, score! If Americans have been paying attention to the status of the U.S. Womens National Team, they would have noticed that the team has been on quite a streak lately. They have lost their last three international friendly games, which is very unusual for the team. USWNT has not lost three games in a row since 1993. They lost to England, Spain's B team, and Germany right here in Ft. Lauderdale. This also ended their 71-game win streak. On November 13, they redeemed themselves by winning to Germany 2-1. This means a lot to the team because if they had lost, they would have been the first U.S. team to lose four games in a row. The two goals scored on 11/13 were by Mallory Pugh and Sophia Smith. Smith earned MVP of the NWSL this year.

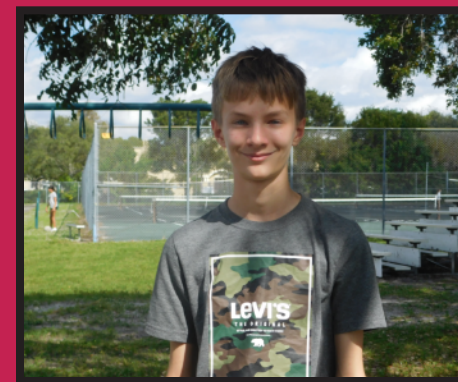
Positive energy is fuel for success. After the USWNT most recent games, spectators may suspect that there could be a reason why the team wasn't doing so well. Reporters say that coach Vlatko Andonovski scheduled the games against harder teams to prepare them for the Olympic games, but was that a smart move for the team as a whole?

Carli Lloyd, a retired player who won two Olympic medals, scored 134 goals, and made 316 international appearances, has some different thoughts on the topic. She thinks the reason for these losses is the team's mentality. Lloyd claims ever since she retired, the team's mentality has decreased. She also said, "And by culture, I am referring to mentality, respect for coaches, teammates, support staff. I am also talking about the drive, the desire, the hunger, the fight, the accepting the role and doing it to the best of your ability." Carli Lloyd has been very observant of the team's status, as people can tell by her social media posts. The fans wonder if she is right after all.



## Jaguar Volleyball

By Lacie Nafpliotis



Photocredit Hetzai Gamboa

Connor LeBlanc is a seventh grader who made the volleyball team for the first time.



Photocredit Hetzai Gamboa

Coach Lendinera is back to coaching the boys and is coaching the girls volleyball time for the first time.

The Jaguar volleyball team is back and better than ever! The volleyball season runs from December until February, and the new teams are looking forward to this season. Coach Lendinara is excited for the season. She states, "I have a lot of standout players and I have six returning players [on the boys team]. I am very excited and we're going to be competitive." For the coach, it is extremely hard to choose who should be on the team. When looking for new talent, Lendinara looks for leadership, coachability, and if they are good students. The seventh-grade student, Connor LeBlanc, fit this description well. He says he is excited to see his friends cheering him on at his games. A sixth-grade student, Khloe Branch, made the girls team. She was extremely excited when she made the team. She revealed that she was confident because she had been on a team before.

Even though they are excited, there is always room to improve. Connor mentions, "I want to improve on my jump and form." Even the coach agrees. She says that even though the team was good last year. To be better, however, the team needs to work on the fundamentals and work together as a team. Each team has fifteen players, and only six plays during the game. Each game is another chance to improve.

# Clubs and Events!

## Anime Club



Photo Credit: Riley Tinder  
Marissa Naur, a member of the anime club hosted by Ms. Munoz.

Anime Club is a club for everybody to join! All kinds of anime and manga enjoyers around Indian Ridge Middle School are welcome. Ms. Munoz, who also teaches 8th grade language arts and debate, hosts the Anime Club meetings every Monday from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Students with favorite anime shows or movies feel heard out in this club, since they can make recommendations to watch at the club. Member, Marissa Naur, states, “A good holiday themed anime show is Soul Eater.” Speaking of holidays, Anime Club also holds events for the holidays, like the Anime Club Christmas party! “We have mini games, food, and of course cosplaying as our favorite anime characters!” says Marissa. Members of the Anime Club say that that is the most fun and exciting event held, aside from the Naruto run contest, where members are challenged to run from one end of a sidewalk to another like the well-known anime character, Naruto. If you are interested in anime, manga, and cosplay... this club is for you!!

## Eco Agency

By Riley Tinder and Savannah Gallardo

The environmental club is a relatively new club at the Ridge, with Sanya Ahmed as its founding president. The club’s focus is to educate and inform students about the environment and issues with it. “We realize that were not going to change the world with this club at our school, we are just trying to educate the kids at our school so that when we move forward, we can actually bring change, because it's so common the quote that's like, ‘We are the future’,” Sanya says. She states that she made the club because she really cares for the environment, and has been trying to preserve what we have already for most of her life. Most people would wonder what Sanya does as the president, and really, it's more than you think. “Right now I'm honestly doing everything, for the entire club, but we just had our elections, so now i'm going to have a lot more help. So as president, I plan the meetings, I speak during the meetings and go in front of everyone. I also direct the meetings, and I make all the decisions.” Donovan Truong, one of the members of the Eco Agency, tells what the club plans to do in the future. Donovan says, “We are going to be teaching more people about the environment and bring more awareness to the school because not a lot of people care about it.” The club also is expecting to sponsor events, do a beach clean-up, observing parks, and fun projects. So far, Sanya's hard work has been worth it, and she continues to strive to make this club exceed anyone's expectations. This club was needed at this school, and it continues to make a difference for the better, even in it's early stages. She hopes to make this club much, much bigger, with only 30 regular attending members currently.



Photo Credit: Riley Tinder  
Sanya Ahmed, the founding president of the Eco Agency, is also the Editor in Chief of the Yearbook.

## Grandparents' Day

By Kaylee Lasseter and Savannah Gallardo

Grandparents Day! This was truly a treat to experience. The event started with all kinds of conversations and a full selection of any food including donuts, cupcakes, lemon bars, fruit, orange juice, coffee, and more. Then, there were a few different performances including things like, piano, dancing, and a beautiful ballet performance by Samirah Adams. In the end, all the grandparents and kids were smiling and pleased, happy to be with family.



Photo Credit: Kaylee Lasseter  
Students and their grandparents have a great time eating food and watching performances on Grandparent's Day.

# Editorials

Here at the Ridge, in order to go on field trips you have to be a well behaved student. There is many controversy on these restrictions. Are they really necessary?

## Yes

By Valentina Carey

Yes, if students get in trouble and violate a rule there should be consequences, and they should not be allowed to go on an IRMS field trip. If they cannot behave at school just imagine how it would be like with all their friends in a public place. With only a few chaperons and teachers, it would be crazy for the supervisors. That is why there needs to be consequences for students to behave. Also, going on a field trip is a privilege. If students are failing a class, they need to focus on school. When a field trip is coming up, and a student really wants to go, they will work super hard to get a grade better and act normal at IRMS. Field trip restrictions don't only help the field trip be more organized, but they help students overall performance.



Journalism students learn all about teamwork at a workshop in Epcot. Because it was a curriculum based field trip, there were no restrictions on attendance for this activity.

## No

By Mia Iracce and Taylor Gold

There should not be field trip restrictions at Indian Ridge. Every student deserves to go on field trips regardless of their behavior. For example, if a student is disrespectful to a teacher, it may be just because they are having a bad day or having problems at home. Also, students may act differently at school which is a place they don't want to be compared to a fun place outside of school. In addition, on a field trip students are able to learn and enjoy being outside of their usual environment. Doing a workshop in a fun place like Disney, and dissecting squid at a museum are both interactive learning experiences on field trips. All students should be able to participate and go on field trips.

## Neutral

By Avery Wright

To go on the end of year field trip you have to have acceptable grades, but if you are trying hard and getting D's and C's while constantly improving them you should be allowed to go. On the other hand, if you are not paying attention and not getting your work done, you should not be allowed on the field trip. If you are still trying your best in school you should be able to go on the field trip, but other students that are not trying their best and playing around should not be able to go. For the trip, you also cant get detentions, suspensions, and Saturday schools, but some kids learn from their mistakes and will not make bad choices again. The restrictions should be more lenient, but when it comes to the trip there shouldn't be misbehaving kids.

# Assigned Lunch Tables

Assigned lunch tables are required at Indian Ridge Middle School. Some students dislike them, but they are also very beneficial.

## No

By Harlowe Battaglia

Students at IRMS should not have assigned lunch tables. Assigned lunch tables don't give an opportunity to sit somewhere comfortable and do not let them sit with people they know. For example, if a student is getting bullied it can be hard to ignore the mean comments if they are forced to sit with certain kids. They should be able to walk away from the situation and ignore the rude comments. Sitting at the table you choose is better for students because it allows them to have a better chance to socialize with people. If lunch tables are not assigned students will then be able to enjoy their free time at lunch. In previous years before COVID-19 IRMS had assigned lunch tables for only 6th graders while 7th and 8th grade could sit at whichever table they wanted with whoever they wanted. Lunch tables should not still be assigned because the virus is vaccinated, there are not many cases.



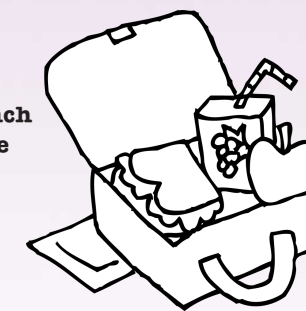
Photo Credit Mitchell Furniture  
This is what Indian Ridge's lunch tables took like.

## Yes

By Taylor Gold

Students at IRMS have assigned lunch tables and it should stay that way. Assigned lunch tables ensure the safety of students. If there was free seating, kids may get out of control and too many people would sit at one table. Lunch is a time where kids should be sitting down and eating. They shouldn't be roaming around the cafeteria and sitting at 10 different tables. Some students don't have a big group of friends to sit with and assigned lunch tables make sure they aren't alone. Kimberly Tengeres (8th grade) believes that even if people don't have a lot of friends, assigned lunch tables allow them to sit with people. She also states, "If there is something going on around school, they can find a student easily due to their lunch table." An emergency at the Ridge could happen at any moment, and we need to be prepared. For example, an emergency could occur at lunch. If a student is a needed by an administrator, assigned lunch tables will help with that. The administrator will be able to find the student easily and safely. Assigned lunch tables are very important for the safety and well being of students at Indian Ridge Middle School.

A lot students at lunch tables bring their own lunch and have fun at their table talking about what food they brought.



# History of Our Heroes:

Veterans Day is celebrated annually on November 11th to give honor and thanks to those dead or alive, who have served in the U.S. military during war or peacetime. One way to do this is by having a better understanding of what each branch in the military has done and still does to make America a happier and safer country.

## Army:

By Bryanna Torres

The Army is the most well-known military branch, a powerful fighting force that defends and serves our nation. The Army primarily is based on land but can fight through the air and sea as well. It has the most soldier recruits compared to other parts of the military. The branch gets involved in conflicts throughout the world and is the main ground-based offensive and defensive force of the United States.

The purpose of this branch is to preserve peace and security as well as to defend the United States, supporting national policies, executing national tasks, and protect our nation from others that prove to be aggressive toward the United States.

Founded on June 14th, 1775, the Army is the oldest branch of the military and has fought and defended our nation since the 19th century. Without the founding of the Army, it is very possible that the other branches would not exist today.

Ms. Didier's grandfather was in the Army, and he would tell her all about his experiences while he was there. According to Ms. Didier, "I think what it helped me learn was loyalty. He loved his country and loved the experience of being in the military." To be in the military for any branch, it takes lots of courage and loyalty, especially because a person might have to give up their life to save others.

## Marine Corps:

By Christian Rodriguez

The Marine Corps is the second of five branches in the U.S. military. The soldiers in the Marine Corps carry out missions on land, sea, and in the air, and are mostly used for quick responses to serious emergencies in the U.S. or in other countries in the world. In major conflicts, the Marines are usually the first to be sent out to war before anyone else, and they find safe ground until the rest of the military can mobilize. Therefore, one of their slogans is, "First to Fight."

When most people think of the word "marine", they think of the water or ocean, similar to where the Navy operates. This is actually not too far off from how the Marines work, too. The Marine Corps are also a part of the Department of the Navy and operates very closely with the U.S. Naval forces at sea. Not only do they serve on Navy ships and protect naval bases, but they also guard U.S. embassies and provide a strike force to protect the U.S.

The Marine Corps was founded on November 10, 1775, after the Continental Congress ordered that the Marines must serve alongside the rest of the U.S. military as landing forces. To this day, the Marines have performed and succeeded in over 300 landings on foreign territories and served in every major U.S. Naval action since then. One of the most important mottos in the Marines is the Latin term, "Semper Paratus," short for "Semper Fidelis," which means, "always faithful". This represents the Marines' loyalty to one another and to the U.S.



Photo Credit Jessica Scott  
An Army soldier jumping out of a boat during a military event at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, April 8th, 2021.



Photo Credit Nicholas Hanson  
The Marine Corps saluting to their captain as he walks past them.

## Navy:

By Nichole Clausen

One of the five branches of the United States military is the Navy. The Navy is one of the uniformed services of the United States and is also known as the maritime service branch of the United States Armed Forces. The Navy was originally founded October 13, 1775. The Navy has up to six different commanders and the main colors that symbolize it are blue and gold. The badges that are seen on some uniforms are the Presidential Unit Citation, the Navy Unit Commendation, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation. The Navy's different services are sea control, power projection, deterrence, maritime security, and sealift. The Navy's headquarter is at the Pentagon which is located in Arlington County, Virginia.

The United States Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy which had been founded during the Revolutionary War. The Navy produced a large community of captains, shipbuilders, and sailors because it was rooted in the colonial seafaring tradition. The United States Navy used many of its assets protecting and transporting various soldiers and marines of the American Expeditionary Force and war resources across the Atlantic in cruisers and Transport Forces during World War.

According to Ms. McGann, a sixth grade language arts teacher, "When my son joined the Navy, I felt nervous and concerned because I wanted everything to go well." People like Ms. McGann's son who choose to sacrifice their life for their country put themselves in danger on a daily basis to protect the lives of U.S. citizens. Because of this, there is always a chance that something may go wrong while being a part of any branch in the military, but they do it to enhance the community today.

## Air Force:

By Donovan Truong

The U.S military's National Air Force is the fourth of five military branches. It provides the Army and Navy with support and resources, but what does the National Air Force do? The National Air Force protects the United States from potential harm from in the air. They are responsible for aerial defense, carrying out attacks on enemy targets both in the air and on the ground, and controlling both air and space related missions. The National Air Force consists of fighter jets, bombers, and other aircraft.

The first aircraft was developed and used in warfare in the 20th century. The Air Force was made in 1907 when the U.S Army bought its first airplane. They officially made the first aviation school in the country, and when World War I ended, the AAS (Army Air Service) had more than 5,000+ planes. In 1926, the AAS was renamed as Army Air Corps, and then in 1941, it became the U.S Army Air Forces. Today, the Air Force is a modern, and technologically advanced military branch, with more than 2.4 million airmen throughout history, and 5,200+ aircraft. It plays a key role in the nation's intelligence and space programs.

## Coast Guard:

By Cayden Fratina

One of the five national military services, the Coast Guard plays a vital role in the coastal areas of the United States and its surrounding areas. The U.S Coast Guard mainly exists to further improve the nation's safety, security, and prosperity along the coasts. Although the Coast Guard mainly operates the United States coastlines, soldiers serve in Iraq, Japan, Afghanistan, the Netherlands, the Arctic, and many other countries.

While the Coast Guard primarily focuses on the U.S coastlines, soldiers certainly are not limited to just that. The Coast Guard is also responsible for protecting the United States waterways. Soldiers manage these waterways through various activities such as enforcing navigation laws, creating limited access areas, permitting marine events, and providing safety hazard information to mariners.

The United States Coast Guard was founded on August 4, 1770, by Alexander Hamilton. This branch was originally created to enforce federal trade laws, and to prevent smuggling. The Coast Guard's motto is "Semper Paratus," which is Latin for "Always Ready." This motto was decided on June 25, 1987, and represents the branch's constant readiness to preserve and protect the United States.



Photo Credit Catie Savage  
Navy crew members are showing what the Navy apparel looks like.



Photo Credit Air force  
Two air force soldiers jump out a plane to help the other soldiers on land.



Photo Credit Katie B.  
Two soldiers in the Coast Guard on a search and rescue mission by the coast of Florida.



# Questions:

1. List 3 ways that the Army contributes to protecting the United States. Explain how they do it.
2. In what ways are the Marine Corps different from the other branches of the military? How are they similar? What is the main reason this branch is so important and crucial to the U.S. military's success?
3. Using research, explain why the Army Air Service (AAS), was renamed to the Army Air Corps, and then to the Army Air Force.
4. Which of the following is NOT one of the services that the Navy provides:
  - A. Sea control
  - B. Maritime security
  - C. Search for long lost ocean treasures
  - D. Sealift
5. What is another term for, "Always Ready"?
  - A. "Semper Paratus"
  - B. "Semper Fi"
  - C. "Prepared"
  - D. "Organized"
6. Think about a time when you looked up to a hero. A hero can range from a superhero that you have seen on the TV, to a family member. Define what characteristics make this person a hero. How has this person impacted your life? How has this person affected the way that you live today?

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# Upcoming Events

**7th Grade IRMS Winter Dance-  
12/08/2022**

**Toy Drive at IRMS-  
11/14/2022-12/12/2022**

**IRMS Winter Band Concerts-  
12/14 & 15**

**Jingle Ball concert-  
12/17/2022**

**Florida State Football  
Championship- 12/17/2022**

**Miami Dolphins vs.  
Green Bay Packers-  
12/25/2022**

**New Years Day- 1/1/2023**

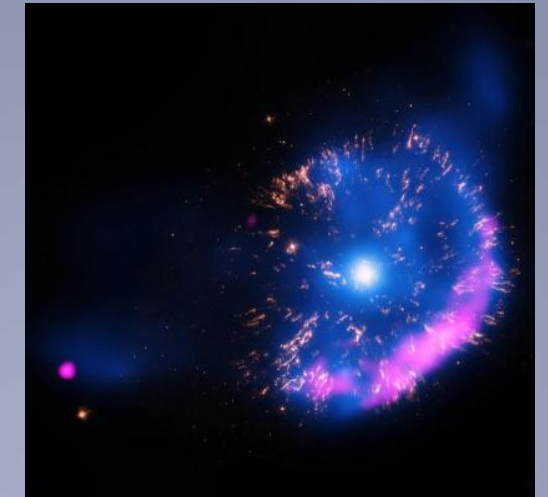


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