

# THE PAW PRINT POST

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Journalism Elective

## Irma Devastates Florida

Hurricane Irma hit Florida on September 9, 2017 at a devastating Category four. The destructive hurricane, at its peak, was 400 miles across. Waves from Irma rose up to twenty-three feet. The storm cost the state of Florida over one hundred and twenty five billion dollars in damage. Hurricane Irma was responsible for 68 horrific deaths in Florida.

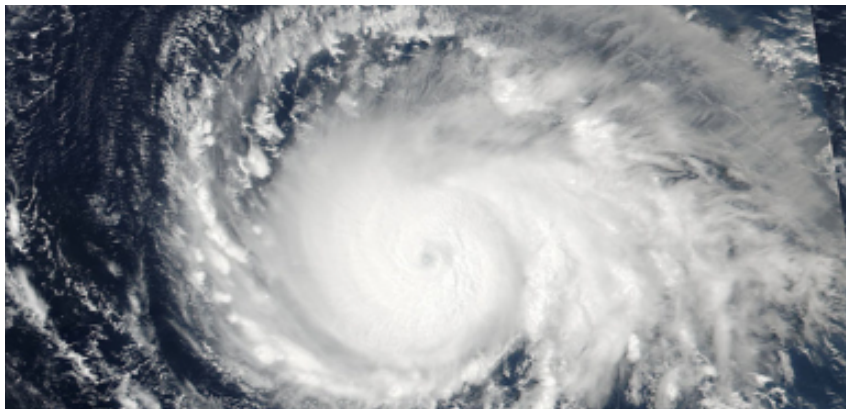
Florida, Cuba, The Bahamas, Georgia, South

Carolina and North Carolina were all hit by the Hurricane Irma. Schools, hospitals, and other public places were used as shelters when Irma hit. Even our very own Indian Ridge Middle School was used as a shelter for people with medical and special needs concerns. “About two hundred fifty people stayed at our school” said Mr.Zagari, our principal.

When asked if the space was uncomfortable, Mr. Zagari said, “The space

was crowded but it was tolerable”. It may not have been as comfortable as home, but our shelter helped many citizens in need.

Special thanks to Mr. Berg and the entire facilities staff, Ms. Flores, the cafeteria manager and her entire staff, as well as Mr. Lyons, and Ms. Donovan for all of their assistance in keeping our school, and all of those using the school for shelter, safe, clean, and “paw”fect!



Hurricane Irma growing in size before hitting Florida.

**Administration:**  
**Frank Zagari, Principal**  
**Kienna Knowles, 6th grade**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Michael Lyons, 7th grade**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Elpidio Muniz, 8th grade**  
**Assistant Principal**

\*\*\*Throughout the year, IRMS conducts safety and security drills campus-wide as a precautionary measure.\*\*\*

# Beyond the Ridge

## A technology fun filled festival

by Jasmin Mathney

Digital Fest 2017 is in full gear in the United Kingdom right now. It started on September 14th and runs through October 13th. This annual special event is called Digital Festival and takes place in Europe, but countries all over the world, including Israel take part in their own versions of Digital Fest as a worldwide embrace of technology and its effects on the human race.

The founders of this festival include Uldis Leiterts (Co-Founder and Strategy), Dagnija Lejina (Co-Founder and CEO), and Juris Sleiers (Co-Founder and lifestyle). Digital Fest lasts for about a month and lets people engage in the culture of technology. New technology ideas are submitted every year to add a better experience for others. Top level art, amazing performers, and improved technology are all feature of this event.

Digital Fest was designed to bring an large amount of people together to incorporate technology and the many uses and functions of a variety of electronic devices. This event is actively involved in new global innovations and improvements of technology. Digital Fest is a true celebration of people being involved in the new technology world we have today.

## Discovering Explosives

by Claire Cheatham

Frankfurt, Germany discovered an old bomb from World War II September 2nd. Thousands have evacuated. This is now known as the biggest evacuation since the YEAR. The bomb, nick-named Blockbuster, was discovered early this month. The bomb was believed to be a from the British military.. Places like hospitals, care homes, opera houses, and Germany's central bank were all ordered to evacuate, with more than 60,000 people relocating to outside the radius of the bomb. This bomb may be 70 years old but it could still be deadly.

Bombs are regularly found in Germany but none of them were as vicious as Blockbuster. In 2010 three bomb experts were unfortunately killed in Gottingen, Germany, due to the deadly fuses as they were preparing to demolish it. That bomb, however, is much smaller than Blockbuster. But luckily the experts who defused Blockbuster accomplished it successfully. All the families and hospitals, care homes, opera houses, and banks returned to Frankfurt safely.



# What's Trending...

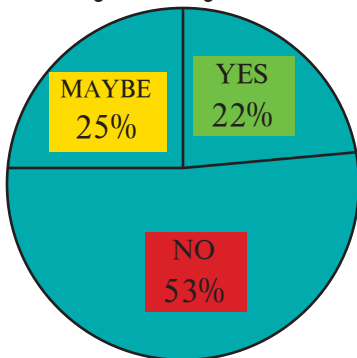
## Powering On the iPhone X

by Cami Cala

Apple just released information about a brand-new iPhone called the iPhone X. According to the Apple website it will be available for pre-order on October 27, 2017 and available everywhere November 3, 2017 at a price of \$1,000. Phones are rapidly improving and with new updates constantly becoming available on all phones, it may seem everybody around the world will be lining up for the X. However, a poll taken around our school shows otherwise. There are many cons to this phone as well as pros. The iPhone X comes with a wireless charger but if it breaks the

replacement cost is pricey. The new phone coming out includes the IOS 11 which has many bugs and problems associated with it. The phone, as pretty as it is, has extremely fragile glass. It doesn't include a headphone jack and requires almost \$200 to replace these wireless Apple earbuds. But, the iPhone X isn't all bad. Its vertical camera adds a better quality photo and can reach better angles of a picture. Although the IOS 11 has bugs the improvements on the phone are causing everyone to love it. The electronic comes with a face recognition that adds better security on it. The new iPhone X is water resistant which now makes them competitive with phones like the Galaxy. The new Wi-Fi wireless charger is amazing because batteries die quickly. Would you buy the iPhone X?

Would you buy the new



iPhone X if you could?



Image courtesy of TechCrunch and Bryce Durbin

## Will These Cars "Lyft" You Up?

by Andrew Morales

In the future, the transportation company "Lyft" is going to be implementing self-driving cars on certain routes in California. This is being done through a partnership between Lyft and Drive.ai, a company specializing in developing self-driving cars. Only a handful of lucky people are able to experience this now, as demos have already begun.

A date hasn't been chosen yet for this is to begin. Development is still underway, and Lyft doesn't think this will be happening until at least next year. With Drive.ai, Lyft is trying to develop their special Lyft-branded cars for use. As always, safety precautions are being taken. A human driver will still be present in case of emergency. If something were to happen, they human driver will immediately take the wheel and deal with the malfunction.

However, people are skeptical. Will the human drivers lose their jobs? Lyft has already dealt with and considered this problem. Lyft is going to be developing new jobs especially to work with this program. Scholarships were even given out to help students get jobs at Lyft. You can download the app Lyft for free on iTunes for Apple products and Google Play Android products.

# Paw - some Players

The great Michael Jordan once said that "There is no I in team, but there is in win". That is why the Jaguars make such a great team. It's the season of sports for Indian Ridge or the 2017/18 school year and we're giving you the scoop on all the latest tryouts this month. The first tryout of the year was soccer, and boy were they ecstatic. Cheerleaders then came to together to claim their spotlight on the Indian Ridge Cheer Squad. Shortly thereafter, rookies dribbled their way onto the basketball team, while



## Basketball

The Jags basketball team is coming back strong for yet again another amazing season. Tryouts were held the week of the 18th through the 22nd for girls and the week of the 25th through the 29th for the boys with tryouts for 6th grade boys on Monday 9/25, 7th grade boys on 9/26th, and 8th grade boys on the 27th. We interviewed the Girls basketball coach and 7th grade Civics teacher Mr. Conrad about why he decided to coach the basketball team. He said, "I played basketball growing up; it's my favorite sport. They needed a coach the first year I started so I figured why not..." Coach Conrad has been coaching the Girls basketball team for 13 years and from what he says he enjoys being around the sport. Callbacks were held on Thursday 9/28.



## Cheerleading

Starting with the amazing cheer coach, Ms. Dale. According to her, she is looking forward to coaching the cheerleading team yet again. "This is my fourth year coaching cheerleading at IRMS however, I've cheered all my life...and I'm pretty excited for the fifth year here." The cheer team has been supporting the basketball team, by going to every game including away games. Practices to learn the dance and cheer were on Tuesday, 9/19 and Wednesday, 9/20. The tryouts for cheerleaders were delayed due to the events of Hurricane Irma. Monday, September 25th was the official tryouts.

by Aysia Jarrett, Amber Kelly, Giana Mattis, Eli Seiden

## Golf

The Golf Team is in full swing this year at IRMS. If you ever wanted to learn or play golf competitively, but never knew of any local teams, this is your opportunity to join the golf team at The Home of The Jags. The first ever golf coach is also our Media Specialist at Indian Ridge, Mr. Brosz. Based on his words, he is excited to coach the golf team, "especially after [yesterday's] tryouts. There's lots of good golfers." Looks like there will be a strong golf team at Indian Ridge. Mr. Brosz was also asked how he thinks the season will go and he replied, "after seeing what I observed yesterday [the season will go] pretty good."

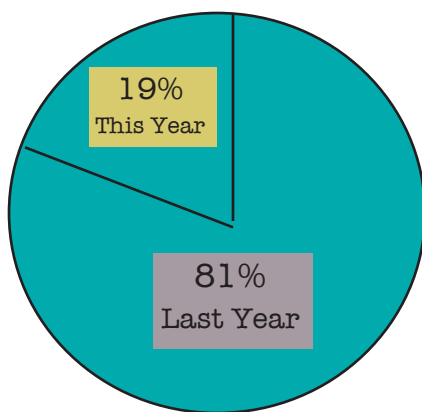


# The Jaguar Den

**The Jaguar Den is about student life. We find out about what's going on at school, and write about it to keep you updated. For example we will keep you updated with sports, clubs, electives, and much**

By: Ashley Castresana, Carly Heilig, Jenna Sakhleh, and Ariel Rivero

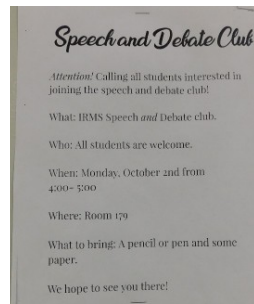
Did you have more homework this year or last year?



This month was very hectic. We lost 7 days of school, so many clubs and games were postponed. Many people are trying out for sports. One of the biggest groups of people that were trying out for a sport was cheerleading. Most of these girls practice everyday worrying that they are going to mess up their jumps, routines, or cheers. Many students tried out but only 24 girls made the team.



Coach Dale is talking to the girls about tryouts.



When you look around the school, you see posters everywhere. Some are inspirational, some are advertising clubs and sports, and some are about upcoming events, such as dances or fundraisers. Sometimes, even teachers have bulletin boards and student projects hanging up outside of their classes! Whenever you walk through the halls, you will see posters that will make you happy and excited for new clubs and events!



The SVE class has hung up this beautiful collaborative poster.

# Jaguar on the Spot

**Every month, we will pull students out of their classes and interview them right on the spot, putting them in the hot seat. We ask them questions about school and their lives.**

**For this month's issue of Jaguar on the Spot, we asked the students**



By: Carly Heilig, Ashley Castresana, Jenna Sakhleh, and Ariel Rivero

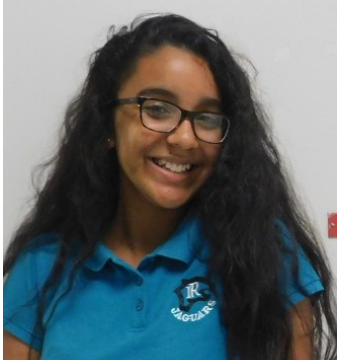
**6th graders: , How is the change from elementary school to middle school?**

Joey Fisher, Ms. Hogg's Period 2

"The change was easy, but moving to different classes is hard."

Mason Lobracco, Ms. Ender's Period 2

"It's hard to go to different classes."



**7th graders: How is this year different than last year?**

Josafath Lopez Villegas, Ms. Golembiowski's Period 2

"Sixth grade was a little bit more exciting, but seventh grade is a whole new world, because you know more about the school."

Elisha Peters, Ms. Didier's Period 2, "This year I have little homework and more classwork, but last year I had more homework and less classwork."



**8th graders: Are you excited that this is your last year of middle school?**

Gianna Santoriello, Ms. Crow's Period 2

"It's sad because middle school is fun."

Wendy Fuentes, Ms. Iniguez's Period 2

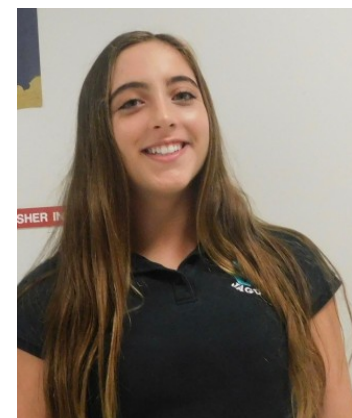
"I'm excited because my sister has friends who go to Western who I'm also friends with, so I'll get to see them."



**But overall?**

Dylan Farrie, Ms. Didier's Period 1

"The first week of school was chill."



# Pawsome Clubs

## CHOC Students Want to Build School in Nigeria

By: Saioa Elesgarai

Children Helping Other Children (CHOC) is a club led by Mrs. Weintraub. They are dedicated to helping other children in need, both at school and in the community. Whether it is foster care children or kids in the hospitals, CHOC is there to lend a helping hand. CHOC takes place in room 502 after school from 4 to 5:00 every Tuesday. The club's purpose this year is to run fundraisers to help pay for a school in Nigeria for orphans who cannot receive an education.

Mrs. Weintraub stated, "My goal by the end of the year and a half is to raise at least \$25,000." CHOC will then use that money to help pay for books, teachers, and building supplies to help create the school.

CHOC started after a scary situation. "My daughter Morgan had a history of Retinoblastoma so my husband and I started a charity which she was a part of." Mrs. Weintraub replied. Then in 8th grade, Morgan wanted to start a club named CHOC. Indian Ridge was the perfect location to start.

For more information about CHOC visit the Indian Ridge website or visit Mrs. Weintraub in room 502 for any more details.

## S.W.A.T Fights Against Tobacco

By: Emily Ryan and Elisha Peter

S.W.A.T. is a club at Indian Ridge Middle School that stands for "Students Working Against Tobacco." It's sponsored by the hard-working, enthusiastic teacher, Ms. Ingraham. S.W.A.T encourages you to come and help fight against smoking and drugs. S.W.A.T meets from 8:45-9:15 on ??? mornings. S.W.A.T. is a big impact on our community and district. If you would like to learn more about S.W.A.T., visit Ms. Ingraham in room 412 or contact her at [shondra.ingraham@browardschools.com](mailto:shondra.ingraham@browardschools.com).

### Q&A with Ms. Ingraham

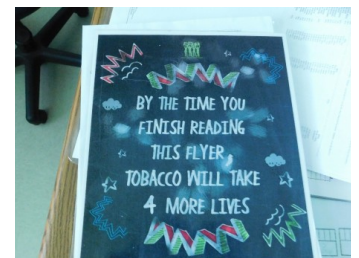
What is the purpose of the S.W.A.T club?  
"S.W.A.T. is Florida's state-wide youth organization working to mobilize, educate, and equip Florida youth to revolt against de-glamorized Big Tobacco. We are an untied movement of empowered youth working towards a tobacco free future."

What goals are you trying to accomplish by the end of the year?

"[We want] to educate as many students as possible about the negative health issues caused by tobacco and drug use. We are here to inform the community that our students are standing up against the mission of tobacco companies."



Mrs. Weintraub talks about schools in Nigeria.



SWAT reminds us of the risk of tobacco addiction.



# Electives That Make Us Go Wild!

## Introducing Kids To Art by Kira Patel and Elisha Peter

Art is an elective for 6th,7th, and 8th graders at Indian Ridge Middle School. It's taught Ms. Iniguez. In the month of September in room 208, the students were finishing their portfolios and working on a project called "Find Art" and "Applied Art." By being creative and expressing their own personalities, they're working their way up to becoming successful artists! They are working on these projects so they can investigate what art truly is. We interviewed Ms. Iniguez for greater depth on what art means to her. Ms. Iniguez said that as a child she "loved looking at other amazing artists' and their work." Now as an adult, she said, "I love seeing what my students create and I love to share my passion for art with them." If you're interested in art and learning about what art is next year, you should consider joining art in Ms. Iniguez's class!

## Peer Counseling Students Help Support Peace Week

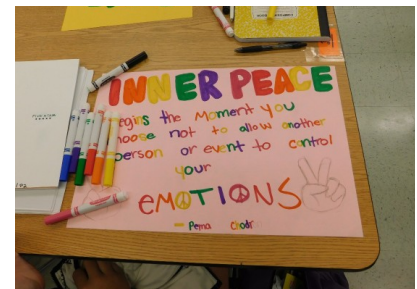
by Saioa Elesgarai, Emily Ryan, and Quinn Kustin

Mrs. Golembiowski is the teacher for peer counseling for 7th and 8th graders. Peer counseling is a way to help others through kindness, passion, and determination for students and teachers who need help. Peer counseling takes place in room 216 in the 7th and 8th grade hallways. During last week, Mrs. G taught us the importance of peace and how to spread it. It is important to spread peace and kindness so the world will be a better place and there will be no more violence.

We interviewed Mrs. G about peer counseling. We asked her what is the mission statement or overall purpose of peer counseling. She responded, "The overall purpose is to help others through kindness, passion, and determination. We want to start up snack chat program for kids who eat alone." The snack chat program lets kids who do not have anyone to talk to at lunch socialize with other kids. "This year my goals are to have students accept more and judge less, accept kindness, and complete a new bully statement," commented Mrs. Golembiowski. If you would like to learn more about peer counseling go to the Indian Ridge website or contact Mrs. G in room 216.



Sara Shadmi's Art Portfolio



Lea Yaeger's Peace Project

# Up for Debate

## DID YOU EVACUATE FOR IRMA?

by Diya Mehta

Out of the 18 people we surveyed, 17% evacuated and 83% did not evacuate. Hurricane Irma was an extremely powerful and intense Category 5 hurricane. Its highest sustained winds (185 miles per hour) were the worst since Hurricane Wilma in 2005. It devastated many Caribbean Islands and then was projected to hit South Florida as a Category 5. But instead it hit the Keys as a Category 4 and stayed on the west coast of Florida. We were safe from the brunt of the storm, but nobody knew this beforehand as predictions cannot always be 100% accurate, so people evacuated, knowing the devastation hurricanes can cause. 6th Grader Karina Telles said, "It was my first hurricane, so I evacuated." 7th Grader Josafath Lopecvillegas also evacuated and said, "I wanted wi-fi, so I evacuated." Though Irma's eye missed South Florida, the power still went out, causing wi-fi services to drop. Many people didn't evacuate, because they were prepared for the dangerous hurricane and had supplies.

"My house was built after 1930, after a hurricane, so it was safe," said Sophie Herrera 6th grader.

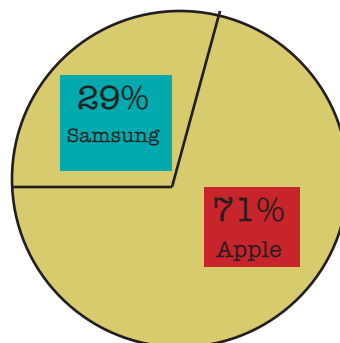
Carsten Wolz, 6th grade said, "I live in a concrete block house," and Taewong Kim, 6th grade said, "I have hurricane impact-resistant windows."

No matter what you do when hurricane strikes, it is important to be safe. If you don't evacuate, make sure you have plenty of food, water, flashlights, batteries, and are in a stable home. If you do evacuate, take into account the traffic on the roads and if you take a plane, book it ahead of time so it doesn't get cancelled or full.



Zachary Montealegre prefers Samsung over Apple.

### Apple or Samsung?



Taewong Kim likes Apple more

# Jaguar Judges

## IS ONE WAY THE ONLY WAY?

Editorials- Newspaper staff members give their opinion on current events. The opinions presented in these editorials do not represent the opinions of all students, staff, or the school.

I completely agree with getting rid of one way hallways because they were a hassle. If you missed your class you would have to go down that hallway, go down another one in the other direction, and then go back to your hallway. I didn't understand why the teachers thought it was easier for them but the teachers loved it. I'm so happy that they got rid of one way hallways.

-Sean Craney

I think one-way hallways were probably the worst part of switching classes. It was really annoying to take a loop around the building just to go to one classroom across the hall. I understand that the one-way hallways are helpful in controlling the amount of pushing and shoving in the halls, but it is also extremely inconvenient and insensible.

- Diya Mehta



Thank goodness one-way hallways are gone! They were a waste of time and made no sense. It made switching classes so annoying. Yes, they may have made it easier in some sense, but in other ways they were a total inconvenience. So, I'm very happy that they were diminished because it makes traveling from class to class so much easier!

- Emma Barney

One-way hallways were a giant pain in the neck! I got so frustrated because one of my classrooms is closer when the one-way hallways are gone. I would have to go around a corner out of the way to get to my class but now I can just get straight there. Teachers probably thought it was easier to just let them all go one way. But I am so glad they are gone!

-Zachary Montealegre

# Welcome to the Jungle

## DANCING JAGS AND FILLING UP BAGS

By: Camryn Kreitman & Camila De Leon Regil

Welcome back fellow students and welcome to all of our new students attending Indian Ridge this school year! We have so many exciting events coming up and we hope that you all can attend! Do you like dancing, eating, listening to good music with friends, and having fun? We're kicking it off with a super enjoyable dance for the 6th graders joining our pack this year. It will be happening on October 6th, from 4 to 6 p.m, so save the date! In addition there will be food and beverages available for purchase. Make sure you have a scheduled ride to pick you up as buses will not be available. Hope to see you there!

Due to the effects of Hurricane Irma, IRMS is holding a hurricane relief

collection to give back to those struggling and those who need our help. You can bring donations such as: backpacks, notebooks, pens and pencils, and all school supplies. Gently used or new books and games/ are greatly appreciated too. We are also accepting baby wipes, toiletries, and bedding (sleeping bags, blankets, new pillows). Lastly, brooms, paper towels and candles are very much needed. Please donate if you can, and thank you for helping.

Collections were held during all three grade level Open Houses and will continue for a short period of time.

### Upcoming Events:

#### **6th Grade Dance:**

10/6, 4-6pm

#### **Hispanic Fair:**

10/14, 11-3

#### **No School 10/20**

(Early release on 10/19 has been CANCELED due to Hurricane Irma)



Parents visit the PTA booth at Open House.

# Outside of the Jungle Walls

## EYE TO EYE WITH IRMA

By: Logan Wealcatch & Sydney Long

Hurricane Irma made landfall into our local area around 3AM on September 10, 2017, quickly becoming one of the most destructive, and expensive hurricanes ever to hit South Florida. According to USA Today, 25 counties were without power at some point during the storm. Forty two lives were lost, homes were destroyed, communities wrecked, and families separated. Irma has caused an increase in financial cost for everyday necessities. Prices on gas, insurance, and general hurricane supplies such as water, batteries, and propane have gone through the (leaky) roof, causing families to be stranded and struggle even more through this hard time. One of our own students, Anthony Molnar, said that he ran out of supplies, and couldn't get anymore. Irma has really affected the overall cost of living in South Florida.

It took a while for people to prepare and get ready for this devastating storm. Ariella Packer told us, "My family and I bought water, food, and boarded up our windows with plywood." People were also crowding stores to get generators, flashlights, and other electrical supplies they may have needed. Most stores were quickly sold out during the rush to prepare. South Florida, the Keys, and people around the country are coming together to help the families and communities affected by Hurricane Irma, including students and families here at Indian Ridge Middle School.



# Cubs of Character

At the end of each month, teachers select students who they believe really express what it means to be a Cub of Character. These students are recognized this month as being cooperative amongst their peers. We are proud of these students who continue to "Strive with Jaguar Pride" every day!



Gianna Balan, Priscilla Ortiz, and Daniel Chevere demonstrate cooperation by working together on a lab in science.

## Cooperation:

A willingness and ability to work with others to accomplish a common goal, solve problems, and achieve success.

"Alone we can do so little."

- Helen Keller

"The path to greatest is along with others."

-Baltasar Gracian

## 6th Grade

Hector Cordero  
 Maya Hyder  
 Kai Navarro  
 Adam Rosen  
 Giselle Bouzaglou  
 Mitchell Beckford  
 Walter Casco  
 Anthony Prieto  
 Duncan Bennett  
 Valentina Russo  
 Navaeh Bustillo  
 Lexi Chenven  
 Sophia Davilla  
 Vallenilla  
 Madison Adkins  
 Abbigail Mcfaul  
 Tam Ho  
 Zoey Molina  
 Agustina Campos  
 Amy Yu

## 7th Grade

Diland Gonzales  
 Peter Skumanich  
 Sienna Rapp  
 Brooke Zwick  
 Nora Aboelela  
 Ashton Villegas  
 Romina Callejas  
 Madelyn Streisfeld  
 Samantha Reavena  
 Titarina Carpio  
 Mia Parmino  
 Erika Rodriguez  
 Kalie Huckabone  
 Jamie Shrewsbury  
 Genesis Cabellero  
 Selene Lopez  
 Jillian Jones  
 Jasmin Mathney  
 Mia Rincan  
 Sarah Abbott  
 Amanda Hoy

## 8th Grade

Italo Goncalves  
 Heeyoung Im  
 Nicholas Lopez  
 Yustin Gonzales  
 Emily Perez  
 Dylan Schecter  
 Taekyoung Kim  
 Anna Fox  
 Peter Stein  
 Dean Condon  
 Courtney Wallace  
 Shawn Bennet  
 Camdyn  
 Carmichael  
 Ari Marinberg  
 Jacob Pamplin  
 Emily Crites  
 Alexander Forcier

By Daniel Coulson, Madison Feller, Madelyn Streisfeld, and Catherine Otero

# Staff "Spot" light

## After Irma: Facility Staff to the Rescue!

by Madelyn Streisfeld & Daniel Coulson

During the month of September, we shine the "Spot"light on our very own Facility Managers here at IRMS. They do so much for our school, and we wanted to take a moment to recognize them for all their hard work. Our Facility Manager, Mr. Berg, has been working at our school for 14 years, and his Assistant Manager, Mr. Griffin, has been a part of our staff for 21 years! When asking them what their daily schedule looks like, we learned that they work extremely long hours from 6 am to 2:30 pm running back and forth across our school completing many different tasks whenever he is called. From there, he moves on to the cafeteria, where he, Mr. Griffin, and their team, begin their work cleaning up every hallway and classroom. They work until 10:30 PM on most nights, and then they go home for a few hours, waking up again to come prepare our school for another day. While most of us were somewhat enjoying our week-and-a-half "break" during Hurricane Irma, there were some people who didn't waste any time and came right back to work after the storm hit. To make our school a beautiful learning environment again, the facilities staff, including Mr. Berg, Mr. Griffin, Ms. DeFranco, Mr. Franco, Mr. Grant, Ms. Higley, Mr. Roper, Mr. Wilhelm, & Mr. Cazimir, returned to Indian Ridge the day after Irma to begin the clean-up process. They had to work day and night to clear the debris from sidewalks and pathways, making it appear as if the storm had not even affected IRMS. We asked Mr. Berg how he and his team got it all done in such a short amount of time, and to this he replied, "I have a great crew, we all work together well. They make me look good!"

We should all take time out of our day to recognize our incredible facilities staff. They do so much for our school. We asked Mr. Berg and Mr. Griffin what advice they have for students. They both replied very similarly and strongly, saying that along with having respect for their teachers and doing their best in class, it's important that students do their part to take great care

of our wonderful school.

As students, teachers, and staff, we spend most of our day right here, and it's almost like a second home to many of us. If everyone works to keep our school clean and safe, it will be even more beautiful than it already is. So, when you are walking in the hallways and come across a facility staff member, thank them for all they do for us every day!



## Q&A with Mr. Muniz

by Madison Feller and Catherine Otero

Q: "How do you feel, in general, about our custodial staff?"

A: "I believe our custodial staff is 'top flight', they all work very hard to make sure all students and teachers are taken care of."

Q: "What is one thing you would like to let students know about our custodians and the work they do?"

A: "They can trust the custodial staff and that the custodial staff are willing to listen to the student's problems and take care of them."

Q: "Any words of thanks for all they do that you'd like to share?"

A: "To the hardest working staff at IRMS, a very big thank you from Mr. Muniz!"

# Paws-ing to Remember the Past

## 9/11, A Day to Remember

On September 11th, 2001, a crime against America was executed. Four commercial airline planes were hijacked by the terrorist group named Al-Qaeda. Two of the planes were flown directly into the World Trade Center in New York City. This resulted in a catastrophic death toll of 2,977 victims. This event was a real eye-opener to the people of the world.

Furthermore, the two other hijacked planes were headed to Washington D.C. and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Brosz, who was in Italy at the time of the attacks waiting to fly back to the United States recalls, "My friend told me, 'Don't get on the plane! Don't get on the plane! There's kamikazes on the planes in New York!'" One of the aircrafts was flown into the Pentagon in D.C. Fortunately, the final plane was overthrown by its passengers, which led to it ultimately crashing in a field in Pennsylvania. The final plane's exact target is still unknown; however, one can only guess

that if the plane did hit its intended destination, then it would most likely have resulted in even more casualties. Unfortunately, only about 60% of the people who died at the World Trade Center have been identified.

As stated previously, this tragedy really opened up the minds of American citizens. As Indian Ridge's own Mrs. Brown remembers, "Airport security was strongly enforced," which then led to the creation of the TSA (the Transportation Security Administration). Mrs. Brown was on morning duty at school during attacks, and remembers Mr. Muniz calling her over to show her what was happening. Her son was a student at NYU at the time.

As Mrs. Brosz explained, "It made me weary and afraid to go on planes for a long time." This event also raised skepticism and distrust amongst Americans. Unfortunately, according to Mrs. Brown, "My son's friend was bullied due to his race, even though he himself had no association with them

whatsoever."

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