

THE PAW PRINT POST

April Issue

Journalism Elective

Yay To Earth Day

By. Claire Cheatham

Earth Day, a unique worldwide event celebrated on April 22nd and dedicated to protecting our planet Earth. Millions of people around the world come together in festivals and other events to help out in saving Earth's natural resources. In 1970, Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin was concerned about Earth's big pollution problem. The U.S. government was not taking immediate action, so Nelson decided to create an initiative. Senator Nelson gave many speeches to large audiences in support of this cause. Many caught on to the thought of Earth Day and now millions come together in hopes to save Earth's polluted environment. If you'd like to help out the planet and participate in supporting Earth Day there are many things you can do. Local events going on involving Earth Day are the Earth Day Craft Festival, Down to Earth Day yoga class and many more. Other simple things you can do to help the environment are recycling, conserve water, and not littering. Thanks to Earth Day there can be hope to eliminate pollution and all of the factors that cause it.



7th Annual Riverbend Earth Day Festival Credit: The Nature



Senator Gaylord Nelson speaking. Photo credit:

Jokes On You! By: Jasmin Mathney

April Fool's is a day to plan schemes and practical jokes to prank friends and family. It takes place on April 1st and is celebrated in 11 countries. Some of the countries include the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Greenland. Playing harmless pranks has become a relatively common action on April Fool's Day. Unsuspecting victims are normally notified right after a prank has taken place by shouting "April Fool's!" April Fool's Day is also referred to as All Fool's Day. Ariel Rivero said, "April Fools is a day of pure unadulterated madness." This year, April Fool's Day fell on Easter Sunday, prompting lots of empty eggs and fake jellybeans! Food pranks, scaring friends and family, and fake props are among the most popular April Fool's Day activities.



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Administration

Mr. Frank Zagari, Principal

Ms. Irene Ortiz, 8th grade Assistant Principal

Mr. Michael Lyons, 7th grade Assistant Principal

Ms. Kienna Knowles, 6th grade Assistant Principal

International News

On April 4th, the United States was hit with huge news. China, one of the United States' biggest allies, had imposed tariffs on 105 products. These included technology, like cars and televisions, and food, like corn and chicken. In 2017, The US received \$505 billion in products from China. The US only gave China \$130 billion in products in return. This is a massive gap of \$375 billion dollars. Luckily, Xi Jinping took these tariffs down. The United States and China are coming to an agreement. Both countries have begun to remove the tariffs set on each other. This is very important for the U.S. because without China, many U.S. businesses would have shut down. Let's just say, it's very good that these tariffs are coming down.

USA vs. China

By: Eli Seiden



VS.



A Royal Surprise

By: Amber Kelly



Photo credit: Entertainment Weekly

April is the month for this British baby to be born. Princess Katherine Middleton and Prince William Arthur Phillip Louis, Dutch and Duchess of Cambridge, are due for another child sometime this month. This is going to be their third child after Prince George, age 4, and Princess Charlotte, age 2. Princess Kate announced and confirmed her pregnancy on October 17th, but new about the pregnancy in September. Now the due date and gender has not been released, but it is possible for the royal baby to be born April 29th, on their anniversary, or possibly April 26th, Queen's Elizabeth's birthday. But none the less, the baby is expected to be born in late April. During past pregnancies, Princess Kate has suffered hyperemesis gravidarum, which is severe morning sickness.

The royal baby, a boy named Louis (pronounced Lu-ee) Arthur Charles, was born on April 23, 2018 . He is fifth in line for the throne.

What's Trending...

FACT or MYTH: Vaping Myths Debunked

Over the past few years there has been an outbreak in the use of E-cigarettes. Some people believe it is a healthier alternative to smoking tobacco. On the contrary some say it's just as bad or worse than smoking a cigarette. There are many rumors floating around about vaping, some myths and some facts. Vaping is the art of inhaling and exhaling aerosol from an electronic cigarette or similar device. This creates a cloudy vapor like substance when exhaled. Vaping has slowly become more of an epidemic especially among teen due to its sleek design and "flavors" marketed towards kids.

CAUTION



MYTH: E-cigarettes are safe.

FACT: E-cigarettes are unregulated tobacco products.

WHY: Nearly 500 brands and 7,700 flavors of e-cigarettes are on the market and none of them have been evaluated by the FDA. We don't know for sure what's in them. Studies have found toxic chemicals, including an ingredient used in antifreeze and formaldehyde in e-cigarettes.

MYTH: There's no secondhand emissions from e-cigarettes.

FACT: E-cigarettes expose others to secondhand emissions.

WHY:

The aerosol (vapor) emitted by e-cigarettes and exhaled by users contains carcinogens, such as formaldehyde, according to early studies. Little is known about these emissions or the potential harm they can cause.

by; Giana Mattis

MYTH; E-cigarettes aren't marketed to kids.

FACT: E-cigarette use among middle and high school students more than tripled from 2013 to 2015.

WHY: With aggressive industry tactics such as cartoon characters and candy flavors including bubble gum, fruit loops, chocolate and strawberry, it's no surprise studies show a dramatic increase in kids using e-cigarettes. For the first time ever, teens are smoking e-cigarettes more than traditional cigarettes.



All information from www.lung.org

Fortnite

By: Aysia Jarrett

Fortnite is an online game where there are 100 players being taken to an island and fight to be the last one standing. You can play Fortnite on PS4, Xbox, macOS, Microsoft Windows, and recently on mobile devices. It's a cross between Hunger Games and Minecraft, where you have to run away from a storm on an island with many people you may not know. According to many, the best landing spots in Fortnite are lonely lodges for the chests. tilted towers for the kills. and shifty shafts for the loot. Whether you're teaming up with friends or working by yourself, everyone in the end tries to be the one to get the Victory Royale!

Pawesome Players

Indian Ridge Middle School has many team sports to offer students such as basketball, volleyball, and track. Although we may have a variety of sports to offer, we still don't have all the sports that some students would like to participate in. When interviewing students and staff, some of the sports that came up the most were tennis, softball, and lacrosse.

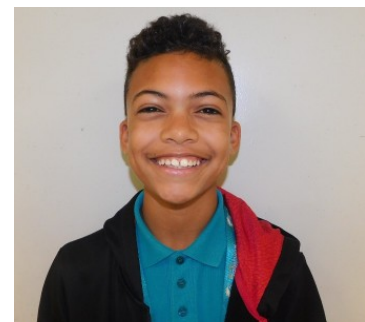
7th grader Madelyn Streisfeld said she would want more sports included at Indian Ridge because she feels its important to include all different sports since some students may not be able to afford participating in a sport outside of school, It would allow students to try new sports with no cost. Joviani Major, 6th grader, said that there are plenty of sports at Indian Ridge Middle School, and there doesn't need to be any more.

If other sports were added, students and teachers would have their own opinions on which sports they would want. Would they want tennis, lacrosse, water polo, or any other sport? Indian Ridge did add a new sport this year though. This year they added golf. Numerous students participated in golf, and many enjoyed it. If they added other sports, it's possible that it would give more students and staff the opportunity to enjoy an extracurricular activity that they're interested in. If there were new sports added, would you tryout for any?



Sophia Devia, 7th grade, feels that she would want “tennis, baseball, and softball.” She believes that Indian Ridge Middle School focuses only on a certain amount of sports. Sophia thinks that more students will be interested in sports if we have more to offer.

Ms. Escobar, one of Indian Ridge's track coaches, believes that its a great idea to have more sports such as softball, tennis, and lacrosse. “The more sports, the better.” She thinks that if more sports were added, more students will be interested in sports.



Joviani Major, 6th grade, thinks that there are already enough sports at Indian Ridge. He thinks that we do not need to add any new sports because there are already plenty sports to offer.

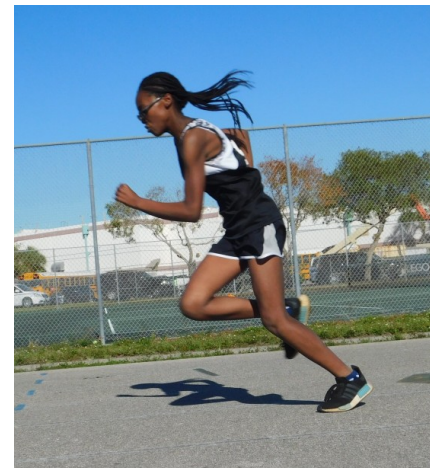
Pawesome Players

Carli Lloyd, 100 goal!

By: Ashley Castresana



Carli Lloyd, midfielder for the US Women’s National Soccer Team and Sky Blue FC, is an inspiration to many, being one of the five women to ever score 100 goals. Recently, on April 8 2018, Carli Lloyd attained her 100th national goal at BBVA Stadium in Houston, Texas. She scored 36 goals from the age of 26-30, but scored 62 goals from the ages of 30-35. This just goes to show that no matter what you do in life, there’s always room to learn more and improve yourself. Carli Lloyd is a World Cup champion and two-time FIFA Player of the Year. Carli Lloyd has broken records, trained tirelessly, and she just keeps on getting better. Ms. Didier, the yearbook and newspaper editor played soccer with Lloyd in high school and says, “Even at 14, Carli was a superstar. I’m so proud to say that she represents our hometown!”



Out in the Fields

by Ariel Rivero

Time to track it! It’s the end of the year, and these Jaguar Elites run to victory as it slowly comes to a close. As of the publishing of the April Edition of the *Paw Print Post*, the two veteran students in track were Lea Kessler and Regan Morrall.

The track consists of 3 main events. Mr. Brosz said that it consists of “jumping events, throwing events, and **mostly running events**” after an interview done with him. First, Lea Kessler was interviewed. She was asked, “What have you learned from track over this entire school year?” She responded, “You have to be responsible and be loyal to the entire team.” Second, Regan Morrall was interviewed. She was asked, “In your own words, what do you think a Jaguar Elite is from all your experience?” She responded, “Discipline and, to just, push through even though I didn’t want to. But I did.”

The track team is still wonderfully remarkable to this day. Go Track Team!

The Jaguar Den

Science Final Exam

By: Kira Patel & Quinn Kustin

In May the first science end of course exams will be taken in 6th and 7th grade. Sixth grades' EOC will cover only earth science only and 7th grades EOC will cover life science only.

Sixth through eighth grade have all had a writing, reading, and math FSA in previous years, as well as seventh grade having a civics EOC, and eighth grade having either a biology EOC or a science FCAT. Then, the same people who made the eighth grade EOC made tests called "District Final Exams" for 6th grade and 7th grade.

We asked Ms. Enders, the science department head, why the final exams were created. She said, "Students were not necessarily getting practice with FCAT type questions for the 3 years between 5th and 8th grade, and the district wanted students to be acclimated with the type of test they would be taking in 8th grade. The district final exam is also a way to ensure that all teachers in every school in the district are covering the same concepts and with similar intensity."

Ms. Enders told us that this year was a pilot year. This means that new tests can be fixed or, "tweaked," by the creators of the EOC's and FCAT's. The grades on these tests can help the teachers understand what it is they need to work harder on and what they need to spend less time teaching in case "the students are grasping the subject too easily." The students remember taking the the science test in fifth grade, and now this new district exam will be part of middle school as well.

Mathnasium

By: Kira Patel

Mathnasium is an event held every year where students have the chance to come to school from 6:00 to 7:30pm for rewards, giveaways, and fun math games. Students travel from station to station completing fun math related challenges and activities. Mrs. Abrahamson is the math department head and is in charge of Mathnasium. Some math teachers even gave their students extra credit if they went and got their Mathnasium flyer signed. Before you begin you receive a punch card. After every station you complete, the volunteer working at the station will give you a hole punch. At the end students guess how many Starbursts are in a jar and whoever was the closest gets the jar and candy! Mathnasium > staying at home!

One-Way Hall Way Is Back

By: Quinn Kustin

After changing from a one-way hallway to a multiple direction hallway, the week following spring break marked the day one-way hallways were here to stay. Teachers are outside in these one-way zones to help guide the students in the correct direction. Mr. Zagari told us he was happy with the students sharing their opinion about the one-way hallway, but he ended up changing it back anyway.



Jaguar on the Spot

ID'S VS. DETENTION

By: Saioa Elesgarai and Emily Ryan

Broward County Public Schools has recently enforced ID's for the students' safety all year round by requiring that ID's be visible at all times while on campus.

ID's are made to have a picture of what the student looks like. This helps teachers and staff know which students come to this school and which do not. Many teachers and students have opinions about ID's and how they can improve the school. Ms. Didier sated, "My issue with IDs is its very hard to enforce as a teacher because many kids are covering up their faces with post-its and even if I ask a kid where their ID is, they just walk past me and ignore me." Also, sixth grader, Marissa Munoz said, "I do not think ID's are useful because many kids do not wear their IDs at all times and it's expensive to replace. Many teachers tell students to put them on but they do not listen." However eighth grader Noah Kopelowitz had a different point of view. He believes, "ID's help keep the school safe because they help point out who is supposed to be in school and who is not. This is a big safety hazard in schools and ID's help prevent that."

Consequences of not wearing an ID includes detentions, Saturday school, lunch detentions, or IBM. If ID's are lost, students can purchase them during second hour for \$10. Schools are also providing lanyards for any student that does not already have one.

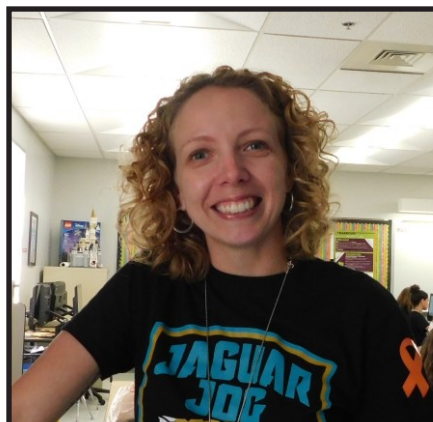
Teachers are standing in and outside the gates every morning looking for ID's, so make sure you are wearing them. Safety is a huge concern for parents and administrators and having an ID can help soothe their worries.

6TH



Marissa
Munoz

TEACHER



Ms,
Didier

8TH



Noah
Kopelowits

Clubs and Electives

Pre-law

A brand-new elective is coming to Indian Ridge called Pre-law. In this class, eighth graders learn about the law systems. In pre-law, they study law and research everything about it. In the description for this elective they describe it as “a practical program of legal education designed to engage eighth grade students in a critical examination of their legal responsibilities and rights.” They learn the values of our Constitution, study our legal system, and the ins and outs of how it works. They learn how they use it and what laws there are. They discuss it and have debates with their classmates. In these debates, they will argue about problems with the law, what the ramifications for breaking it are, and legal issues. In this elective they will also learn the consequences received for breaking them on county, state, and national levels.

3D Art

There is an eighth-grade elective called 3D art. If you want to get in you will have to have taken art or an introductory to art class to get in to this elective, as well as a signature from the teacher. Students in the class will look at other artists or art history for the projects that they do. They do three-dimensional and two-dimensional pieces. Students in the class get to select their own personal choices in the artwork that they are creating. They might use clay or basically anything else from paper to wood to create the sculpture. They will also create art using models or inspiration to base off of.



Pre-law

Ms. Hillis



3D art

Ms. Iniguez

Clubs and Electives

Organization Station

By: Diya Mehta

Organization Station is a service provided by the Future Florida Educators of America (FFEA) club. It is held from 8:30-9:15 every Wednesday morning in Ms. Watson's room, room 404. Organization Station helps kids who have disorganized backpacks become organized students. Also, if a student doesn't have the proper supplies to keep all their work, the FFEA club provides them with it. Folders, pencils, pens, and more are provided. FFEA member Seayana Graf says, "FFEA can help people who have trouble staying organized keep on top of their work."

Human Relations Club

By: Emma Barney

In 1999, After the tragic Columbine High School shooting, Human Relations Club was formed. This club is a push towards reducing violence, bullying and creating a positive learning environment for students. Human Relations Club observes Anti-Bullying week, International Peace Week, Hispanic History Month, Black History Month, and much more. Students are encouraged to use art and music to share their culture and background at each meeting. A big part of this club is realizing that although people are all diverse and different, they are all equal. Ms. Jaqueline Overcash is the club sponsor and meetings are held Tuesdays or Thursdays in Portable 25.

NJHS Tutoring

By Diya Mehta

NJHS Tutoring is tutoring by the eighth graders who are part of National Junior Honor Society. It is held every Tuesday morning from 8:45- 9:15 in room 195 (Ms. Nortmann's Room). If a student is having trouble with their schoolwork, NJHS will help a lot. They offer help in every subject, but students mostly go for math. Ms. Nortmann, the NJHS teacher says, "NJHS Tutoring helped many kids with their work and made it more manageable. Lots of kids could benefit from NJHS."



Up for Debate

Should the force stay with only one?

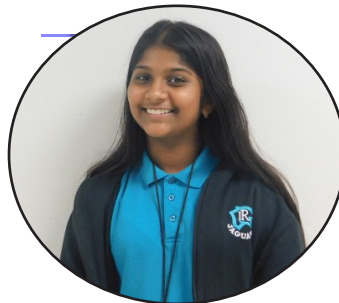
Carrie Fisher, one of the main characters in the Star Wars films, passed away in December of 2016. In the Star Wars series, Carrie Fisher played Princess Leia, a role for which she was nominated for three Saturn Awards, which are awards presented by the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films. Born on October 21, 1956, Fisher was an American actress, writer, and humorist. She starred in other films, such as *When Harry Met Sally*, and wrote the book “*Postcards from the Edge*”, and autobiography. Auditioning for the role of Princess Leia for the Star Wars film though, is what made her famous. At an early age, Fisher showed interest in writing and poetry. Recently, there has been speculation that for the stand alone Princess Leia movie that was planned before her death, actress Meryl Streep will take over the role of General Leia. There are many different opinions about changing the actress. Fans have been overwhelmingly in favor of it, and LucasFilm says they will absolutely NOT use a computer generated version of Fisher to complete the movie. What do you think?

Kira Patel



“I am excited for the new incoming actress for Princess Leia’s role because I want to see if they will keep her looks, personality, and traits the same as Carrie Fisher.”

Leah Budraj



“I am happy and excited to see the new actress that will play Princess Leia because that actress will bring a new vibe to the series and she will be great!”

Lucas Freenan



“They should not replace the actress of Princess Leia because she was an original asset to the movie and by replacing her, the movie will not be the same.”

Jaguar Judges

Clear Backpacks; the good and the not-so-good

Ever Since the MSD tragedy, the school has been taking extra precautions, by adding clear backpacks. Many students oppose of this way of safety, while others agree that it a a great way to know what is entering the school. The idea of having clear backpacks has many pros and cons.

By: Camryn Kreitman

My strongest belief about clear backpacks is they are not a good idea. I believe that enforcing clear backpacks at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School is a bad idea because it definitely might make students uncomfortable knowing that every item in their backpack is visible. For example, feminine hygiene products being easily seen.

By: Sydney Long

I genuinely agree with the idea of enforcing clear backpacks after what occurred at Stoneman Douglas High. I believe it is an efficient way to feel and stay safe at school knowing what is in a students' backpack. This will most likely make students and staff feel more comfortable during school hours.

By: Camila De Leon Regil

I think it is a very good idea that MSD students are required to use clear backpacks because it can prevent and even stop students from using and bringing dangerous items to class that could pose a large threat to others.

Although, it could also be a bad in a sense that it can invade people's privacy, which is something that school's shouldn't aim to do.

By: Elisha Peter

It is a very bad idea to require clear backpacks because it might cause students to feel extremely paranoid knowing that every item in their backpack is completely visible, even if they are not carrying a dangerous object or weapon. On the plus side, they are an efficient way to keep schools possibly safer.

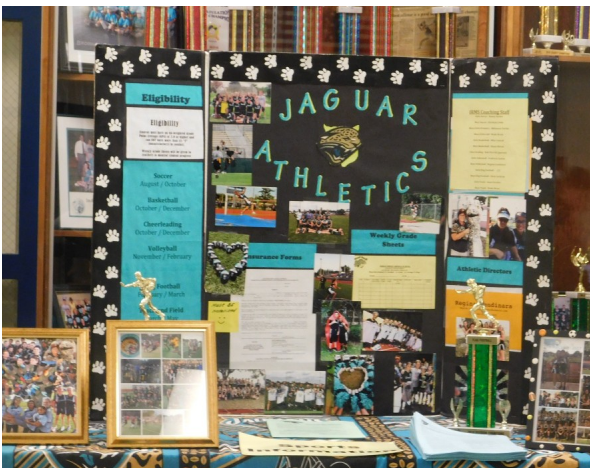
Welcome to the Jungle

A New Prowl of Jaguars!

By Madelyn Streisfeld & Catherine Otero

As the 2017-2018 school year comes to a close, it's time to get ready to welcome in a brand new group of 6th graders to our IRMS family!

On April 11th, the 6th Grade Open House took place, introducing new students and their parents to their soon-to-be school. Parents of current 5th graders had the opportunity to learn all about the clubs, electives, and athletics their child can participate in next year, as well as take a mini-tour of the place they will be spending so much time. Parents received schedules for the night and had the chance to walk around, visiting many 6th grade classrooms. Several core-class teachers gave presentations on their curriculum and teaching methods to inform parents about what their children will learn as students here at IRMS. NJHS students guided them around the school as well. When parents of future 6th grade students walked inside, they were happily greeted by the band students and cheerleaders showcasing their talent! Not to mention, a ton of booths presenting information about our school's fabulous teams and electives. We can't wait to get to know a brand new group of 6th graders next year!



Math Night

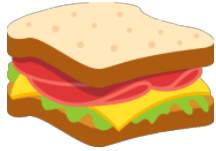
By: Daniel Coulson

On Tuesday April 10th from 6-7:30pm students were able to bring their families and friends to math night. During math night students could participate in games, rewards, and even giveaways. This whole activity was powered by Mathnasium of Cooper City with Ms. Abrahamson helping prepare this night of fun, games, and MATH!

Outside of the Jungle Walls

Pack-a-Sack

By Madison Feller



On Wednesday, April 4th from 3:30 - 6:30p.m. at New Horizon Church, NJHS participated in the Pack-a-Sack program which provides non-perishable bagged lunches for elementary students in the area in need. The NJHS field trip was planned by Mrs. Nortmann to contribute to the community. They focus on recruiting for local churches and volunteers of all ages. The program's purpose is to address the problem of hunger of school children in Pasco County. Although students are able to receive free or reduced lunch during the school week, they are left with little to eat on the weekend. Each sack contains 10-12 different food items designed to provide nutrition for hungry school children over the weekend. Some examples of the food items are milk, fruit cups, and peanut butter.

From Broadway With Love

By Madelyn Streisfeld



There's nothing that brings people together quite like music. On April 16th, the Broadway community came together through song and smiles to perform a benefit concert for Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School at the BB&T Center. Stars traveled all the way from New York to celebrate the incredible students and their strength throughout the past few months. The lineup for the evening was full of amazing talent, including Glee & Finding Neverland star Matthew Morrison, Crazy Ex-Girlfriend actress Rachel Bloom, and former star of Broadway's "Dear Evan Hansen", Noah Galvin. However, the talent did not stop there. MSD's own student artists wrote and performed their own songs on the BB&T stage, passionately expressing their feelings about the tragic events of February 14th through lyrics. The evening was one of remembrance and reflection, but also one of healing. It truly was an inspirational event.

Cubs of Character

By: Christian Carrillo and Ethen Horowitz

Tolerance

Tolerance is the ability to withstand difficult situations and people. An example of this is working through a disagreement with friends, or taking the time to hear another person's opinion, even if you don't agree with them.

What does tolerance mean to you?

6th Grade

Ella Glassman, Charles Bennett, Zoey Molina, Elmeena Ridore, Yaritza Figueroa, Holden Chibnick, Brooke Rothschild, Kate Madzi, Samantha DeCapua, Seth Migicovsky, Courtney Jesser, Angelina McLaughlin, Jacob Zimmerman, Francesca Friedman, Brianna Bohan, Juliana Dimartirio, Andres Acosta, Vanessa Floures, Vincent Rabbolo, Jordan Antevy, Ashley Ragan,



Tolerance means dealing with other people if you don't agree with them. -Angelina McLaughlin

7th Grade

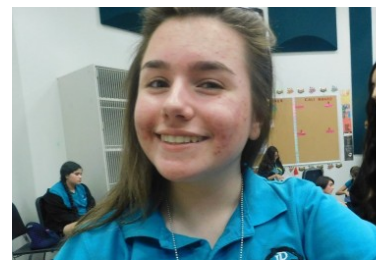
Philip Marano, Gisells Klukans, Samantha Orcinolo, Porsha Adoghe, Hailey Prather, Isabella Velez, Christian Carrillo, Genesis Caballero, Victoria Calloway, Hugo Chaves, Angelina Cruzat, Geentanjali Seemongal, Jenna Sakhlen, Joseph Santini, Faith Lortie, Mileska Torres-Lopez, and Saioa Elesgarai, Anthony Sanchez, Kennedy Shaw, Bryan Ferrer, Kayla Do, Natalia Garcia Harrera,



Trying to be nice and understand people and putting yourself in their shoes. -Jenna Sakhlen

8th Grade

Jonathan Huss, Camdyn Carmichael, Melanie Terlizzo, Kimberly Torres, Kayla Reynolds, Taylor Hendricks, John Roberts, Clair Killpack, Rachel Dzwonkowski, Jacob Pamplin, Taylor Griest, Shawn Kapersaud, Yustin Gonzalez, Natalie Landman, Jose Ramirez, Kyle Nilsson, Coral Funes, Sophia Raja, Shelby Miller, Juan Carlos Plate, and Holly Hudson, Michael Chonillo, Emily Testa, Anna Jaines,



The ability of willingness to work with things or people who you might not agree with. -Holly Hudson

Staff "Spot" light

Cafeteria Staff and Manager

Ms. Flores

By: Madison Green, Chloe Bruce and Camila Rosales

This month IRMS is spotlighting the cafeteria manager, Ms. Flores. The cafeteria staff is one of the most important parts of our school, giving both kids and teachers healthy and nutritional breakfasts and lunches each and every day. Ms. Flores is in charge of making sure that all food is ordered in time, prepared, and up to quality before it is served to the students. The cafeteria staff can be very unappreciated and that is unfortunate seeing as they are an important part of our school. They prepare the food a day before and make sure that they have enough for each kid to at least have seconds. Another part of this job is to see if the food is up to health standards and that each and every student gets food that meets their daily nutritional needs.

Ms. Flores works hard every day to make sure that everything that comes out of the cafeteria is fresh and up to standards. She is in charge of making sure that all of the food is ordered and stocked before the kids have it served to them at breakfast and lunch. When asked what she thinks of her job, Ms. Flores replied, "I'm very proud of the job that I do. I wake up every morning with a mission of 'what am I going to do today that will help me reach my goal and to do the best that I can do for the kids'. That is why I'm here, to be here for the children." Sometimes students may overlook how hard our cafeteria staff work, so next time you get school lunch, take a moment to thank our wonderful cafeteria staff.



Q & A

What originally made you want this job?

"I love children. All my life I've always loved kids, I've always worked along kids. Second reason is that I've always wanted to be a chef."

What is the best part of your job?

"The best part of my job is seeing the kids enjoy the food, they come in every day for a free breakfast, and just watching them come through the line and knowing that they are getting a nutritious meal."

How long have you been working here?

"15 years, five of those years I have been a manager. My first management job was at Rock Island Elementary for three years and two years in this school."

What is your job on a daily basis?

"I am the one who does all the ordering, I do a lot of the meal planning with our district manager; I am part of their lunch planning committee. I also do inventory."

What day of the week is the hardest in your opinion?

"Wednesday, because we get a delivery and I have to put in a food order."

What is the hardest part about your job?

"Not having enough staff to work the floor because I also run two satellite programs: BCC, a college academy and McFatter High. We send and prepare food for those students and we don't have enough staff to serve the food."

The Awareness for Autism



Ms. McGhie is a student aide that helps kids with autism. “Kids with disabilities were not treated right in Jamaica so when I came to America I had an interest in helping kids because of how badly they were treated.”



Photo by: Town & Country
Paris Hilton was diagnosed with ADHD when she was twelve and has been taking Adderall ever since to help her control it.

April 1st started the first day of Autism Awareness Month, meant to embrace the autistic population and spread awareness of the people affected by autism. At IRMS, there are two student aides, Mr. Rosasco and Ms. McGhie. This month empowers students with autism to feel treated equally. It’s not just Autism, it’s also ADHD and Asperger’s Awareness Month. All three affect a person’s every day life, making simple tasks or even everyday activities harder to complete. Autism Awareness Month spans throughout April, and was established in 1970, and has been a recurring national holiday. May schools promote acceptance through PTA sponsored events, and encourage students to wear blue in support.

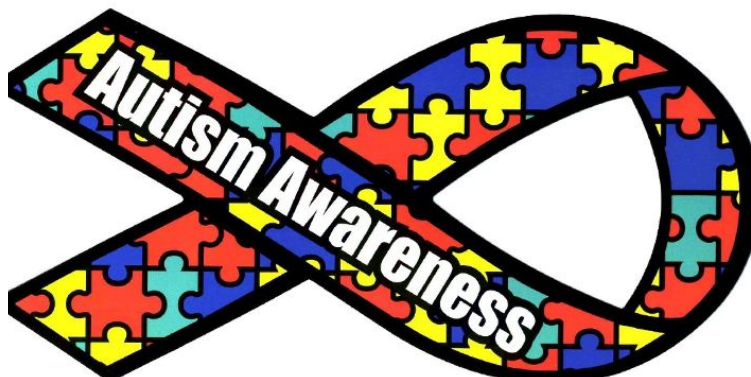


Mr. Rosasco is a student aide that helps kids with autism and also helps with Chess Club. “Autism awareness month was created to make people aware that the condition exists. This month helps people become more tolerant.”



Photo by: Den of Geek

Will Smith was diagnosed with ADHD and was known as the "fun one who had trouble paying attention."



By: Cami Cala and Andrew Morales

School Advisory Council (SAC)



School Advisory Councils (SAC) sets up priorities and student performance standards that serve as guiding principles for schools.

A School Advisory Council looks at aspects of their school as suggested by the priorities and develops a written School Improvement Plan as part of the school and District's continuous growth model.

Additional information may be ascertained from the Office for School Performance and Accountability website. SAC meetings are conducted the second Tuesday of each month at 4:15 PM in the Media Center.