



Go Panthers



On January 11, 2017, the Whispering Pines (Panthers) were ecstatic while on their way to Cross Creek School (CC) to play their first basketball game for the season. There was a feeling of sadness because this would also be the last game that Caleb, one of WPS top players, would be playing for our team. Team spirits were both high and low. WPS had to win! We just had to win! The team arrived at Cross Creek and started warming up, getting to know their new teammates for the year. The team felt more than ready to win the game and show Cross Creek the teams skills and sportsmanship. The Panthers starting five were Joey, Nate, Malcolm, Kenny and Caleb. Cross Creek made a few points before Joey made the Panthers two pointer of the game. The Panthers team made fantastic passes to each other, but at the end of the first half WPS was still down by 5 points. In the second half, the pressure was on to bring the Panthers points over Cross Creek. The team used each of Cross Creek's mistakes to their advantage, and not long into the half, the Panthers caught up to the score to 21-20. The Panthers continued to be aggressive, keeping the ball moving; and with great teamwork and strength, each member brought the Panthers to a 36-31 win over Cross Creek.



News
By Chara. M.



WE'RE ROOTING FOR OUR SENIORS!



The Most Common Senior Year Mistakes

1. Thinking Second Semester Grades Don't Count

Many universities look at your second semester grades.

2. Falling for "Senioritis"

A bit of restlessness during your senior year is to be expected, but don't let yourself lose motivation, procrastinate or slack off completely. Letting yourself get physically or emotionally run down can ruin your senior year and make you less prepared for getting a college degree.

GRADUATION DAY: FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017 AT 2:00 P.M.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE MESSAGES:

-Graduation isn't the end of a tough journey. It is the beginning of a beautiful one....

-Start each day believing in your dreams. Know without a doubt that you were made for great things!

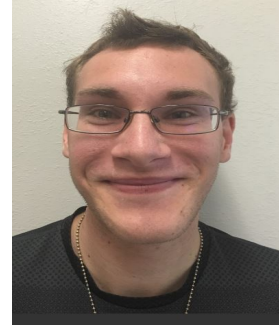
-Graduation is an exciting time. It marks both an ending and a beginning; it's warm memories of the past and big dreams for the future.

-You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go. Congratulations graduate.

-Before you act, listen. Before you react, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you criticize, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try.

(*<https://www.shutterstock.com/ideas/graduation-messages-and-wishes/>)

You are in your final few months of your high school years where it seems often like the hardest days of your life. we encourage you to keep pushing through your obstacles, stay close to your teachers and supports! Let's Go WPS Seniors! You can do this!



GROWING UP BY CRISTIAN R.

The next five months start here
 Take a deep breath as you walk through the doors
 Hear the feet pounding the floors
 Eyes are watching, everywhere
 Look at the seniors, they're
 Talking to old friends, the pressure ends there
 Decisions and choices, always in the way
 Affecting your future, day by day
 New things to learn, always a delay
 Stressful schoolwork, and pressure to try
 They say always give 110% but you just ask why?
 Overwhelming, bored, you just want to cry.
 Sports, pressuring you to do your best
 But you feel you will never be as good as the rest
 Everything here is always a test
 So let's just be determined to do our best!
 Let's hold onto the memories already made,
 Because soon it will all fade
 Graduation may be a day for some to be afraid
 But it will be awesome because one day we will be
 Getting paid!

College Financial Aide

Upcoming Events

Federal Student Aid | PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND* | FAFSA®
 An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION | Free Application for Federal Student Aid

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Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



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Feb Black History Month
 Feb 2 Take Your daughters/sons to work
 Feb 16 Girl Power 10:30-11:30
 Boy Power 10:30-11:30

Feb 23 Multicultural Day & Early Release Day
 *WPS is excited to announce our annual Multi-Cultural Day! Over the years the students and the staff have found this to be an enriching experince where every classroom participate's in sharing a country's culture, food, and interesting facts. Parents, families and caretakers are invited to join their child on this exciting day! More information will be sent home.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day!



Martin Luther King Day is a Federal Holiday held on the third Monday of January. It celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. He is most well-known for his campaigns to end racism and racial segregation on public transportation and and for racial equality in the United States. It is a day to promote equal rights for all Americans, regardless of their racial backgrounds.

Why I celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day?



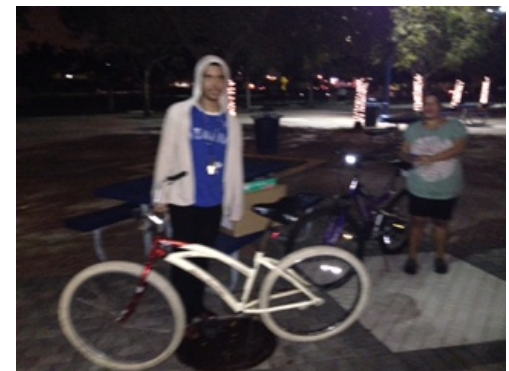
I celebrate Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. day because he was a very self less man and an activist who sacrificed his life for what he believed was right. Dr. King was a very brave man who protested across the dangerous southern states that wanted this "trouble maker" and "radical" silenced forever! Dr. King taught through his speeches that all human beings deserved to be treated equal and with respect. I celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day to show my appreciation and respect for Dr. King's contributions to the Civil Rights movements to ensure that Americans from all backgrounds were treated with fairness and respect. By Terrance H.

Big Mama Giveaway

DECEMBER 23, 2016

Marilyn Cherilus, WPS Community Liaison arranged for WPS student's to attend this giveaway held at the Regional Park in Lauderhill, FL. Students who attended received holiday gifts. Big Mama, founder is Essie Reed and she continues to offer shelter and unwavering support for young people.

We are grateful to them for Christmas gifts that were donated to our WPS students!



Our Students

More Art by Noel C.

Have Talent!



AROUND OUR NATION!



Donald J. Trump Sworn in as the 45th on January 20, 2017



January 20, 2017 marks the historical inauguration of President Donald J. Trump. This presidency is said to go down as one of the most controversial presidential campaigns and nominations in the history of the United States history. Anti-Trump Protests and marches have been seen throughout America. While many are saying, "Let's give him a chance" still "others are saying, "He is not my president!" Amidst the controversy, it is important to note the peaceful transition of power which distinguishes our country.

(*Picture taken from a www.cnn.com website)

LFE RIDING INSTITUTE! LIFE CHANGERS AWARD NOMINEE!

WPS is fortunate to have many supportive partnerships. One of these partnerships is LFE Riding Institute located in Davie, FL. The Founder, Luisa Escudero is a licensed Equine therapist who is dedicated to teaching self-awareness through the art of horseback riding. Through grant funding, some of our students may have the opportunity to participate at LFE. We know it would be a valuable experience.



We are asking for all of our WPS family go onto the following website and vote for Ms. Cynthia Nowicki to win the "Life Changer of the Year" award. She will not only win this wonderful award but the WPS will be awarded a prize in the amount of \$5000 to expand our current Horticulture Program.

Log on to the following link and vote today: <https://lifechangeroftheyear.com/cynthia-nowicki/>

Thank you for your support,

Respectfully,
Andrea Swift

Assistant Principal



***Vote before Feb 10, 2017!**

December



High

- David B
- Chloe C
- Solomon J
- Dalvin K
- Mathew M
- Chara M
- Jean F.
- Luis S.
- Yventz S.
- Stephen S.

Middle

- Christina O.

Elementary

- Jacob Z.



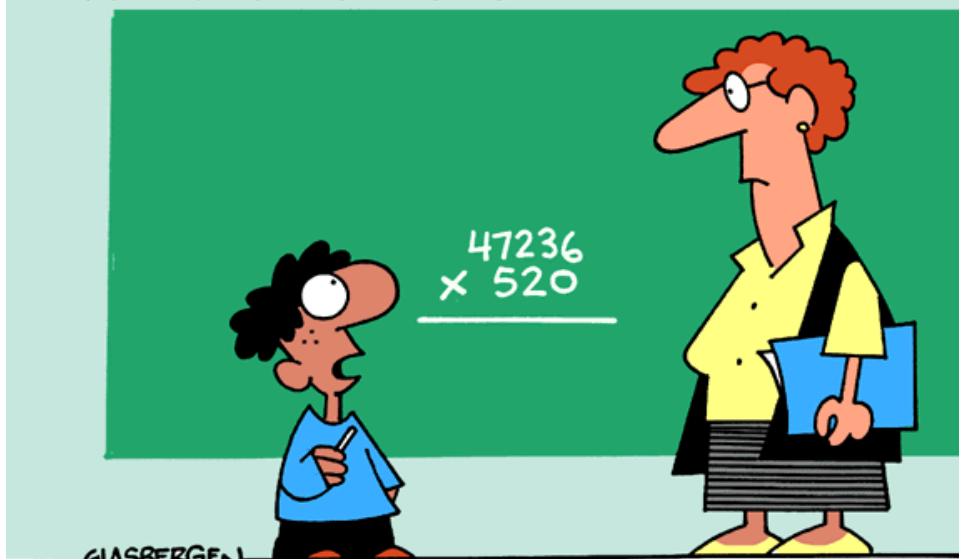
Coming again in February!

TBA Ms. Katie Brislin or Iris Beaver



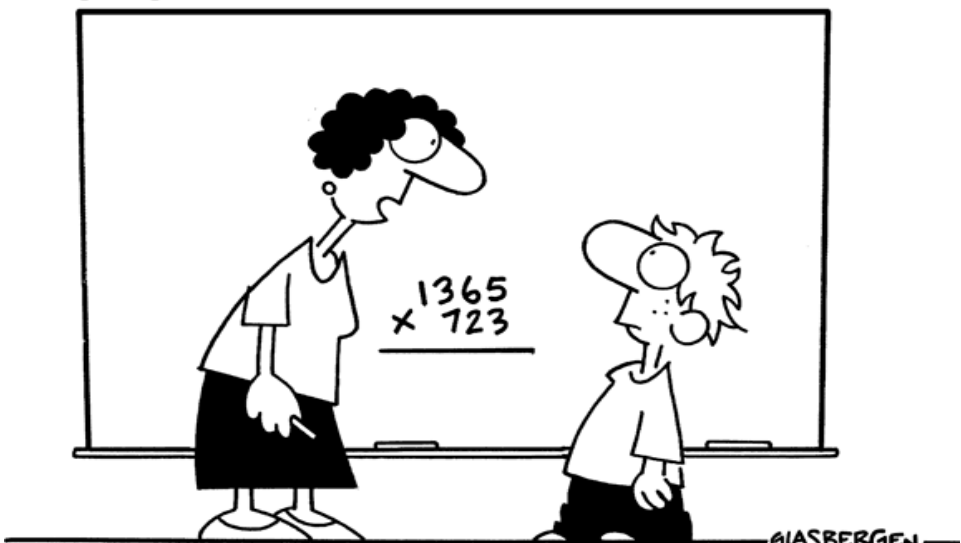
MONTHLY HUMOR

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"AREN'T THERE ENOUGH PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD ALREADY?"

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"Pretend you're starring in a reality show about a kid who can make his dreams come true if he works hard and gets good grades."



Sensory Experiments with Ms. Kriger's



Ms. Kriger's class had the opportunity to experiment and play with Orbeez (also known as water beads). Orbeez are colorful beads that grow when placed in water. The students learned that Orbeez can grow to more than 100 times their volume. The students performed a variety of experiments with growth variables. Orbeez can be put in balloons and used as stress balls. Experimenting with Orbeez was both fun and interesting for all the participants.



Share-A-Pet!

