



Meet Our Student Council

By: Lizbeth Calzacta

This year, MS 936 formed its very first student council. Let's meet some of the members below.

President – Elizabeth Kline

Vice President – Aaron Carberry

Treasurer – Cesar Pinto

Secretary of the Council – Isabella Dettmer

Secretary of Academics – Jocelyn Hernandez

Secretary of Culture – Londyn Assante

Secretary of Community Service – Zada Neves

We have made a helpful student hand book for the whole entire school. The handbook includes the dress code, school policy, and so much more. All the members of the student council created the handbook for the school community.

Currently, we are planning to make student council swag. We look forward to making shirts, sweatshirts, and many other exciting things. We are excited to see what the future holds for our student council.

Mental Health: Anxiety, What Exactly Is It?

By: Isabella Dettmer & Londyn Assante

We have been in a worldwide quarantine for a full year now. Teens aren't seeing friends and some haven't stepped foot inside of their school buildings since last March. Due to all of this, teens, pre-teens, and even adults are suffering from different mental illnesses. Anxiety is a mental health disorder that can be caused by trauma and stress.

Now you may be wondering, "What happens when you have anxiety on a normal day? What if you have an anxiety/panic attack?" Living with anxiety is not an easy thing for people. On a normal day, people with anxiety will often struggle with nervous thoughts, lack of concentration, sweating, and more. When a person has an anxiety attack they suffer from hyperventilation, hot or cold flashes, chest pain, shaking, and a surge of panic. There are so many different effects that anxiety can have.

There are different types of anxiety. One that we'll focus on is social anxiety. Social anxiety can have a huge effect on someone's life because it can impact how they talk to people and how they talk in front of huge crowds. Sometimes people can't even order food or answer the door because of the nerves they get in their brain and stomach. I hope this brought more awareness about the causes and effects of anxiety!

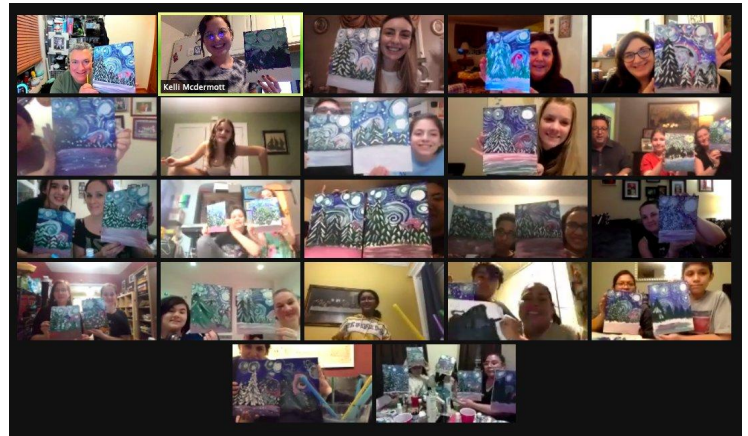
PTA News Updates

By: Katherine Fridlin

Our school's PTA and SLT were established at the beginning of the school year. This gives them the ability to schedule events. For instance, fun events for the students such as assemblies and trips were confirmed by co-presidents, Ms. Serna and Mr. Kline. We also had our first paint night on March 12th, 2021. Paint night was led by Mr. Deascentiis. Families followed along as he showed us how to do the painting step-by-step.

So far, the PTA has set up a bank account which gives parents and teachers a way to donate to the PTA online. Ms. Serna assured me that in the future, there will be volunteer opportunities for the parents and donation opportunities such as candy and/or snack sales and plant sales. There may also be a Zoom cooking/ baking night in the future! Fundraising events will raise money for extracurricular activities, including chess classes, a Spring carnival, monthly family fun evenings, a school garden and 8th grade graduation events (yearbook, senior trip etc). Finally, the first picture day will be at the end of April!

Check the next newspaper for more information.



Peace in This Community: Poem by Xochitil Silvestre

Oh How Peace runs through us For thee Violence has ended,
Let me heal you and Be free for you shall not be hurt
anymore,
Don't worry for the Peace in this Community will bring you
in Safe hands,
because In this Place healed from wounds and Scars, You're
not alone.
The Peony's flow within the Fields, just like how the past
Flows within our Minds.
Do not worry for the peace in this Community will bring you
in safe hands.

The Scoop on Every Subject

By: Zada Neves & Nailea Lazaro

ELA: In ELA we will be branching out from Bud not Buddy into the jazz musical world. We will also finally learn who Bud's dad is. We will be getting ready for our ELA state test coming up at the end of the month.

Math: In math we will continue learning about representing and solving equations. We will focus on writing and solving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division equations. We will use inequalities and graphs to represent mathematical and real-world situations. We will be getting ready for our math state test coming up in May.

Science: In science we will learn about earth and its climates using the investigation question "What determines the air temperature of a location on earth?" We are doing this to better understand how climate change can have a big impact on all living things. We will be conducting research experiments and simulations. This topic is important because we should learn about the functions of the earth.

Social Studies: In Social Studies, we will be learning about early river civilizations and about world belief systems. It is important to understand ancient civilizations and to learn about how we got to where we are today, with advanced technology living in advanced societies. We will be using group work, shared readings, fun activities and of course our "friend," Google Classroom.

Visual Arts: In VA we will be learning about the amazing flower work of Vincent Van Gogh since Mr. Deascentiis admires Vincent Van Gogh art pieces. He will be teaching us to re-create one of Vincent Van Gogh's artwork. The way he will be teaching this to us by starting off by using oil pastels that we have in school. He would like each student to create expressionistic sunflowers in the style of Vincent Van Gogh. This is important because Mr. Deascentiis feels like Vincent Van Gogh "was one of the greatest painters that ever walked the earth." Vincent Van Gogh also has an exhibit. If anyone is interested in going here is the website, <https://www.vangoghnyc.com/>, for more information.

Theater: In April Mrs. Rubin will be teaching us scene work. The reason she is teaching us scene work is because it is a part of our unit on scenes. We will be rehearsing and performing the scripts that we have created. We will also be doing peer and self-assessment. This is important because as actors, we need to constantly work on and develop our craft. We will work on our objectives and motivations, as well as showing emotion using our body, voice, and imagination.

Student of the Month: Tips & Tricks

By: Emmanuel Cordova

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be student of the month? Do you ever wonder how you can become one? Let's cover some tips on how you can get a prestigious Student of the Month award yourself.

Tips

1. Pay attention and stay focused.
2. Take careful and organized notes (follow the MS 936 notebook configuration).
3. Participate. Ask questions and share your ideas with your class.

Previous Award Recipients

January (ELA):

- ★ 600VE - Peter Gonzalez
- ★ 601 - Xochitl Silvestre
- ★ 602 - Kimberly Meza Luna
- ★ 603 - Michael Sosa
- ★ 604 - Elizabeth Kline
- ★ 605 - Xavier Minan
- ★ 600/603/602 - Zain Ahmed
- ★ 601/604 - Jade Montague

March (Science):

- ★ 600VE - Isabella Dettmer
- ★ 601 - Hannah Richardson
- ★ 602 - Kayci Avila-Del Vasto
- ★ 603 - Eric Mchugh
- ★ 604 - Kayla Hill
- ★ 605 - Ahmed Najm
- ★ 600/603/602 - Iliana Rivera
- ★ 601/604 - Mireily Benitez-Guzma

February (Theater):

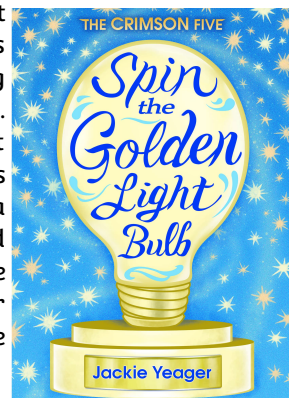
- ★ 600VE - Fiona Bianchi
- ★ 601 - Ayden Rios
- ★ 602 - Jose Valerio
- ★ 603 - Steven Flores-Fuentes
- ★ 604 - Elijah Colon
- ★ 605 - Leylanis Escobar
- ★ 600/603/602 - Jocelyn Hernandez
- ★ 601/604 - Esam Alasri

Book Review

By: Zain Ahmad

Spin the Golden Light Bulb by Jackie Yeager is a story about a girl named Kia Krumpet who wants to invent 67 inventions at Piedmont Inventors Prep School (PIPS). She and her friends have to solve a series of tasks to earn their place at PIPS where they can build and let their imagination and creativity flourish. The people who do not make it have to study a subject for their 7th and 8th grade years. This book is about friend's working together to earn a place at PIPS.

I give this book 4.5 stars out of 5 stars because this book shows friendship and people working together to accomplish their tasks. What I like about the book is that it shows how the 6th grade students worked together to try and earn a place at PIPS. I think you should read the book so you can experience the adventure with Kia and her friends and PIPS as they try to make it through their challenges.

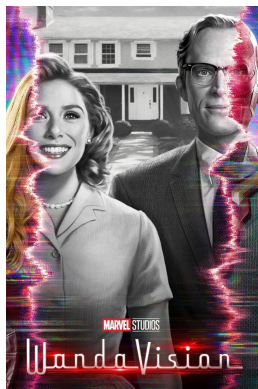


Watch It or List It

By: Londyn Assante and Isabella Dettmer

Have you ever sat on the couch and pondered about what to watch?

If you're a huge fan of Marvel then we have the show for you! WandaVision aired in early 2021 and it's a show about Wanda Maximoff and her husband Vision, also known as in earlier Marvel movies J.A.R.V.I.S. WandaVision tells the story of how Wanda dealt with Vision's death. In the first two episodes, we watch Wanda and Vision's life in black and white. This is because these episodes are based on "The Dick Van Dyke Show." This is a show that Wanda grew up watching as a little girl. In episode three we see them in the '70s in color and we also watch Wanda's family grow bigger. This show has so SO many mysteries that keep you hooked to keep watching. We definitely think this is a 'Watch It' show.



Get ready to curl up with a big bowl of yummy popcorn for this spectacular movie. *Soul* is a movie that is great for all ages. The movie is about Joe, a middle-school music teacher in NYC, who seeks to reunite his soul and his body after they are accidentally separated just before his big break as a Jazz musician. Joe doesn't want to die so we see him trying to find his way back to earth. Joe does finally have a chance to have a successful Jazz performance on Earth but it does not make him as happy as he thought he would feel. He realizes that Jazz is only one of many things that gives him joy.



At the end, he gets the opportunity to come back to earth and when he does he commits to enjoying his entire life. This movie is special because it has such a great lesson about life. It is the first Pixar film to feature an African-American protagonist. It won the award for best Animated picture at the 78th Golden Globes Awards a couple of weeks ago. This is why we think this is definitely a 'Watch it' movie.

Meet the Members of the Newspaper Club!

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Fun Facts With Flynn – Cat Edition!

By: Grace Flynn

- Cats are believed to be the only mammals who don't taste sweetness.
- Maria Assunta left her cat, Tomasso, her entire \$13 million fortune when she died in 2011. That is one rich cat!
- Cats use their whiskers to "feel" the world around them in an effort to determine which small spaces they can fit into.
- It turns out that Abraham Lincoln was a crazy cat president! He had four cats that lived in the White House with him.
- A green cat was born in Denmark in 1995. Some people believe that high levels of copper in the water pipes nearby may have given his fur a verdigris effect.
- The first known cat video was recorded in 1894.



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