



Updates from Student Council

By: Lizbeth Calzacata

Last month, our student council got to meet the senator. The senator is someone with the United States House of Representatives, who votes on which laws the United States should and shouldn't have. The student council donated hundreds of pounds of food to the senator's food drive. He also said that we were the first school to collaborate with him! Thank you to everyone who helped donate to a good cause.

We are planning a rally to bring awareness to and to stop asian hate. There has been asian hate around the world so we are going to make posters to help stop some of that! Students and families from our school can participate in this event. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.



Covid Friendly Outdoor Activities

By: Emmanuel Cordova

Have you ever wanted to go to the park with friends, but you think it is a bad idea due to COVID-19? Well lucky for you because today we are going to cover some ways to keep healthy and be outdoors.

Why outdoors?

You should do more outdoor activities since we've been stuck in our homes for a year because of COVID-19. Staying home all day can lead to negative emotions that drastically affect your daily life. It is also important to get vitamin D from the sun's rays.

Tips to stay safe

1. Always wear a mask
2. Stay 6 feet away from others
3. Go to places where there are not a lot of people

Fun Outdoor Activities

Walking, running, rollerblading, biking, golfing, picnics... and so much more!

Mental Health:

Stress, What Exactly Is It?

By: Zain Ahmad & Londyn Assante

In our lives we all deal with some kind of stress. Stress can make us feel some type of way, causing anger and sadness in our lives. Stress doesn't begin on it's own. Just like anxiety it is caused by pressure, from work, school, or even your own family and friends. One of the main causes of stress for children and teens is school. This causes a lot of stress because some students might come home and be nervous about their homework or if they aced a test they had that day. As for adults, work puts a lot of stress on their shoulders. Especially if they have a family they need to care for. Younger children could bring a lot of stress to their parents because they don't know any better and always want to be with their parents. Stress doesn't just come and go but there are ways to help calm down.

How to Cope With Stress

- **Sleeping** – You should sleep at least 8 hours to take care of your body because you relax your body. After you wake up you will feel much better and refreshed since you gained your energy back.
- **Meditate** – You can meditate to cope with stress because you keep your body relaxed and that takes all of the negative vibes out of your body.
- **Exercising** – You can exercise because you are not worrying about anything while you exercise. Also, it's very good for your health.
- **Yoga** – You can do yoga to cope with stress because it is relaxing and soothing. Also, it has some moves that can help with flexibility and that can also stretch your body. Some yoga moves can be used to strengthen your bones.

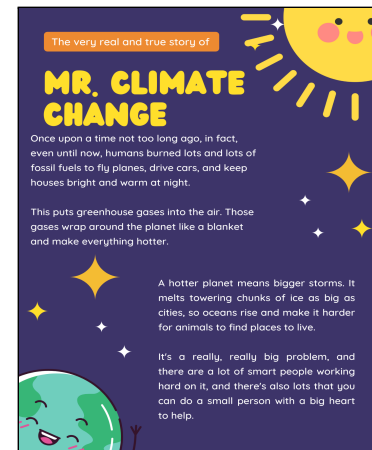
An Earth Day Acrostic Poem

By: Xochitl Silvestre

Be Blooming in the Rain,
Earn Effort in saving the earth,
Admire the day that pasts,
Unify on the day April the 22nd,
That day is when we Unite to save the Earth,
You and Me can be one to save the home we all live in.

Earth Day Poster by Janice Dong
604-D

Science with
Mrs. Rodriguez



The Scoop on Every Subject

By: Zada Neves & Nailea Lazaro

ELA: In ELA we will finish reading **Bud, Not Buddy**.

We will be learning about symbolism and themes in the book. We will be writing an informative essay on the symbolism and themes in **Bud, Not Buddy**.

Math: In math we will be learning about statistics. We will summarize data by determining the mean, median, mode, range, measures of variability, and data distributions. We will also display data in box plots, frequency tables, and histograms. We will analyze data to answer various questions.

Science: In science we will be learning about the ocean atmosphere and climate, where we will be investigating the cause of temperature and climate change. Ms. Rodriguez will be teaching us this for we can get a better understanding of the reason we are having real-world climate changes. She will teach this by using amplify science curriculum as well as hand-on projects. Ms. Rodriguez thinks this is important for us to learn because she wants us to understand why there is a lot of climate change.

Social Studies: In May, students will be exploring some ancient early river valley civilizations in the Eastern Hemisphere. These were some of the first advanced civilizations on earth! We will be studying about four of them and then students will complete an art project about the ones we examine! Specifically, we will be studying about Ancient Egyptians, along the famous Nile River, the Mesopotamians along the Tigris/Euphrates rivers, the Ancient Chinese along the Yellow River, and the Ancient Indians along the Indus River!

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.vangoghny.com/>, for more information.

Theater: In May Ms. Rubin will be continuing the same unit "Adversity: It's The Hard Knock Life". We are learning about the adversity in Annie and the other orphans' lives along with how this affects those characters. She will be teaching us this because it is important to practice your choreography and lyrics as well as know the facts about your character. We will be learning this by continuing learning the lyrics and choreography to "It's The Hard Knock Life". This Topic is important because we will be able to see similarities between Bud Caldwell and Annie plus we will be also able to see how adversity affects their lives.

MS 936 Wall of Fame

By: Isabella Dettmer & Xochitl Silvestre

Congratulations to the students of the month from April! In April we celebrated student achievement in social studies. In May we will be celebrating the subject math. We can't wait to see who the next students of the month are for May! Below are the recipients of the April student of the month award, Honor Roll students from the 2nd marking period, and Principal's List students from the 2nd marking period. Round of applause to everyone!

April Student of Month: Social Studies

600VE: Aubrey Cruzado	604: Emmanuel Cordova
601: Lizbeth Calzacata	605: Jeffrey Cortez Diaz
602: Christopher Guitarrero	600/602: Jonny Jiang
603: Caroline Cruz	601/604: Eric Michaca

Honor Roll

90% average or above for the 2nd semester

Lizbeth Calzacata (601)	Xavier Minan (605)
Jacob Dugan (600)	Isabella Powell (600)
Kayla Hill (601)	Hannah Richardson (601)
Alivia Liu (601)	Kayla Rodriguez (603)
Kimberly Meza-Luna (602)	

Principal's List

95% average or above for the 2nd semester

Zain Ahmed (602)	Peter Gonzalez (600)
Kayci Avila- Del Vasto (602)	Zoe Gyuricza 601
Viveka Avrutin- Baker (600)	Jocelyn Hernandez (600)
Fiona Bianchi-Weiner (600)	Elizabeth Kline (600)
Isaiah Brito-Mesa (600)	Emily Mitchell (604)
Aaron Carberry (603)	Zada Neves (600)
Aubrey Cruzado (600)	Ayden Rios (601)
Isabella Dettmer (600)	Iliana Rivera (600)
Grace Flynn (600)	Xochitl Silvestre (601)
Katherine Fridlin (600)	
Allison Velasquez-Pacheco (601)	

Book Review

By Katherine Fridlin

Frost, by M. P. Kozlowsky was published October 11th, 2016. Frost, a sixteen year-old, always understood why her whole life, she was trapped in an abandoned apartment. The outside is filled with robots and *Eaters*. She understood why she never met a human besides her father. She understands why she can't save her dying pet. Her robot is not her father, it's his memories. Before he died, Frost's father uploaded himself to Frost's robot. The technology only gets worse, so the father fades in and out. After looking at the same thing everyday, she decided to go there. The battery. Thinking there might be medicine for her pet, she goes there. Will the journey be worth it all? Or will her first journey be her last? *Being human is her greatest strength*.

I would give this book a 4.5 out of five stars because the book talks about trust, caring for others and so much more. What I like about this book is that it includes friendship, and trying to save her dying pet. I think you should read this book because you can find out the steps Frost took for her pet and the sacrifices she made that might help *you* in the future. The only thing that I think is bad, in my opinion, is that it ends. It is a very great book and is recommended.



Watch it or List it

By: Isabella Dettmer

In this edition of watch it or list it I am going to be talking about the 1982 version of Annie. There are actually three versions of the movie, one is from 1999, another from 2014, and in my opinion the best version is the 1982 film directed by John Huston. I recently watched the film in preparation for my roles in the MS.936 production of the play Annie. I hadn't watched the film in over 5 years but since the songs were so good, I was surprised by how much I remembered the songs. On the chance that you've never heard about the film Annie, it is about a little red-headed orphan named Annie who is looking for her family and a chance to have a home. It is a timeless tale of love, loss, and faith. This is why I think the 1982 version is the best. When you get a chance you should really watch it and put the other 2 versions on your list and watch them later. I really think Annie 1982 is a "watch it" movie.



Have you heard of the series *The Falcon and the Winter Soldier*? Well if you haven't, you're missing out. If you have heard of it, then you'll understand why I'm urging everyone to watch it. It's the best show on Disney Plus right now. *The Falcon and Winter Soldier* is a continuation of *Avengers: Endgame*. It stars the Marvel characters the Falcon (Anthony Mackie) and the Winter Soldier/Bucky (Sebastian Stan). Once again these two are saving the world from evil.



In this show Captain America is dead and there is a new hero. It was really hard for Falcon and Bucky to see someone else hold the shield because they loved Captain America as a friend. Find out more about the Falcon and the Winter Soldier on Disney plus. There are so many surprising twists and turns you won't know what hit you. Hope you enjoy it! I think that the show is a "watch it" show.

Word Search By: Zada Neves

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lemonade	floaties	beach	sand
sun	pool		

Spirit Camera

A short story by Viveka Avrutin

I slapped my camera at least a million times before it turned on. This old thing has been mine since I was toddler-aged! I'm 19 now. You might be wondering, "Why keep that old rusty thing around?" Well you'll be amazed to find out this camera has the power to destroy evil spirits with the press of a button! It also allows me to see those spirits. It's crazy technology, I know. I'd go so far as to say I'm the only *real* exorcist in this devil-infested world. Too bad so little people buy my services, they don't even realize how many little guys are feeding off their bad energy.

Coffee in the Park

A short story by Londyn Assante

I looked around and sipped my warm coffee. It had been early in the morning but the city still looked crowded as usual. I watched the people pass and most of them looked fatigued. I placed my drink down and flipped to the new page of my book. I had been reading *Romeo and Juliet* for my English class. The cold air hit my face and it felt refreshing. All the stress that had been kept inside me washed away like sand. I smiled to myself and listened to the beautiful sounds of Central Park.

Fun facts with Flynn: Food edition

By: Grace Flynn

- Peppers have more vitamin C than oranges.
- One in four hazelnuts ends up in Nutella.
- McDonald's sells 2.5 billion hamburgers every year.
- Lemons float — but limes sink.
- Popsicles were invented by accident.
- A single spaghetti noodle is called a spaghetti.
- Flamin' Hot Cheetos were invented by a janitor.
- Hot chocolate tastes better out of an orange mug.
- German chocolate cake didn't originate in Germany.

FOODIE FELINES

