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WELCOME!

Welcome back to the second edition of The Patriot Press newsletter!

It is so wonderful to see all the support from the staff, writers, and readers like yourself. As we prepare for the upcoming year, here are some examples of New Year's resolutions from our writers.

New Year's Resolutions

- Learn to play the guitar
- Learn to play the piano
- Saving money
- Learn a new language
- Get better grades
- Practice my instrument more
- Read more
- Cut back on sugar
- Get along better with my siblings
- To have a great rest of the year
- Try a new food
- Learn sign language
- Worry less
- Smile more
- Spend less time on my phone
- What word will describe me next year?

What are New Year's resolutions?

“New Year, New Me”

by Cara W

A friend of mine (Addy M) said to me “New Year, New Me” and that got me thinking. Resolutions are a goal you set for yourself for the upcoming year. These goals can be something you want to do, change, experience, etc. Brainstorm things that you are passionate about or haven't been able to do because of fears or lack of time. Alas, many long term resolutions are never put into practice. So restart, reset, and refocus. By rephrasing your New Year's resolutions to mini goals, you make them stronger, less intimidating and more likely to be achieved. Goals should be specific and well-defined. Consider answering who, what, where, when, which and why when getting specific about your goal. Also remember to celebrate achieving your goal. This will help you recognize the effort you put into this year, and hopefully motivate you to take on new challenges next year!

WE KNOW HER AS MRS. V

By: Lucas D.

1. What was your job before?

In college I worked at Abercrombie and Fitch. After that, I worked for the company that made the bread for McDonalds.

2. What was your inspiration for being a teacher?

I wanted to help kids that had parents that did not speak English because she struggled with school.

3. What grade did you want to be a teacher?

2nd year in college

4. How did your friends or family react?

My parents were proud.

5. How did your career change you?

It made me more calm. It has inspired me to make class fun. Being a teacher continues to inspire me to do my best at all times.

6. How did you come up with your room setup?

I love to decorate (it is a hobby)! I decorate through inspiration from the unit we are learning.

7. Where did you buy your lights?

Amazon, she would be happy to share the link!

8. Do you have any thing to share?

I have been skydiving!

9. Do you have any thoughts to tell your students?

Take chances, make mistakes, and get messy!!!

DID YOU KNOW?

ABOUT OUR
SCHOOL -
RYAN M

A LITTLE UNKNOWN HISTORY

Ms. Berman, a former Grissom Student who attended Helen Keller and was at Grissom in 2000-2002, has been teaching at Grissom for 2 Years (14 years in total). She was here at a time when the school only had more construction than normal and the 8th Grade and Enrichment hall was not open yet. She was the first group of students that had classes in the 8th grade hall. She said that there were no ABC Days, no Block Classes (Each class was 1 Period), ELA and Reading were 2 different classes. Other than the main classes, there were Enrichments such as Life Skills and Applied Technology. Applied Technology was a class where you can make your own radio station, you can choose what to play, such as music. Some former teachers she had that are at Grissom today are Mrs. Talluto (7th Grade Social Studies) and Mrs. O'Neil (Softball Coach).



Image Of Mrs. O'Neil (Left) and Ms. Berman (Right)

GETTING TO KNOW

MS. BERMAN

Q: What year(s) were you at Grissom.

Answer: 2000-2002

Q: What was the building like at that time?

Answer: They started adding The Enrichment hallway, and 8th Grade Hallway (Remember that it was a Junior High 7-8th Grade)

Q: Was there any teachers that you had then and is still working here?

Answer: Mrs. Talluto and Mrs. O'Neil

Q: What Elementary School did you go to?

Answer: Hellen Keller

Q: What were the schedules like? Ex. Longer or shorter periods, More periods, or ABC Days

Answer: No ABC, No Block Classes (Each class Was 1 Period 🙌) ELA and Reading were 2 Different Classes, Different Enrichments such as Life Skills, Applied Technology (YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN RADIO STATION 🙌).

Q: How long have you been working here at Grissom?

Answer: 2nd School Year, Taught in total 14 Years. 12 years was at Nightingale School.

THINK ABOUT IT!



WORDS FROM GUS

I want everyone to think how their actions have affected the school in any way. I want to say that if you are bullying then, please, STOP. You don't need to be that one person who is always mean. But if you're the bystander or the victim you can receive help from Mrs. Labudzik or Ms. Fahy. They are both here to help you. But I do want to say that let your heart lead the way. It will help you in hard times.

WHY STUDENTS SHOULD BUY THE GRISSOM JIBBITZ

Should students of Grissom Middle School buy these Jibbitz?

Well I'm here to tell you. First of all the Jibbitz are going towards our big prize at the end of the year. Also these jibbitz look top of the notch cool! Students need to realize that these Jibbitz are definitely here and are going to sell fast if we know.

If you have crocs go get these Jibbitz they need to sell or we won't be getting these big prizes!!!



FLYING CARS: THE VEHICLE OF THE FUTURE?

When you think of flying cars, you probably think about Back to the Future, or other futuristic movies. But we are closer to everyone driving flying cars than you think!

In 1917, the first attempt at a flying car was made by Glenn Curtiss. It was basically just an airplane attached to the top of a car. Now, 107 years later, flying cars have Vertical Takeoff and Landing, Foldable Wings, Advanced Navigation Systems, and Hybrid Engines.

There are many models of flying cars available in 2023, like the 'Samson Sky's Switchblade, the hybrid -electric car that transforms into a road-legal

vehicle in just under three minutes.' But... flying cars are sometimes really expensive. The Samson Sky Switchblade costs about 170 million dollars, while the cheapest is less than \$100,000!

Flying car companies are starting to sell their cars soon. From 2023-2027 most flying car companies will already have opened for business and will be shipping cars all over the world. You won't even need a pilot's license to fly them!

It's clear to see that these futuristic flying cars might not be as far into the future as we used to think - but are they worth it?

CLIMATE CHANGE: WHAT IS IT, AND WHY DO WE NEED TO SOLVE IT?

BY: ROXANNE MORAGA

Climate change is a real world problem, but what *exactly* is it? According to NASA, “Climate change is a long-term change in the average weather patterns that have come to define Earth’s local, regional and global climates.” This includes natural disasters and human activities such as fossil fuel burning (global warming).

What are some causes of climate change? One factor of climate change is the greenhouse effect. The greenhouse effect is warming that happens when the Earth’s atmosphere traps heat moving toward space. Though the greenhouse effect is vital to life on Earth, human-created emissions that are released into the atmosphere trap and slow the heat loss into space. Some other causes of climate change include manufacturing items and cutting down trees in forests.

What are some effects of climate change? Climate change is a current problem, and a few of its effects include: loss of ice from the sea, melting glaciers and ice sheets, rising sea levels, and heat waves that are more extreme. These effects can impact humans, animals, and habitats.

What can we do to help solve climate change? We can speak up about climate change, eat wisely, reduce our energy usage, cut down on consumption and waste, use green transportation, and talk about climate change with others. Most of all, we must work together to see change happen. We must remember that no one can fix climate change on their own. Greta Thunberg is a teenage activist who started a revolution to address climate change. She said, “*When enough people come together, then change will come and we can achieve almost anything. So instead of looking for hope - start creating it.*”

IN OUR SCHOOLS

INTERVIEWED STUDENT: ANONYMOUS 6TH GRADER

1. Favorite subject: "PLTW"
2. Favorite thing about school: "My friends"
3. Where do you see yourself in 5 years: "In high school"
4. What does a typical day look like: "I usually get home from school, do my homework, then pick up my sister from work, and then continue the day."
5. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be: "Probably New Mexico."
6. What animal would you be: "I would be a fish!"
7. What's your favorite movie: "Probably Candy Cane Lane."
8. If you were on a deserted island, what 3 things would you bring: "I would bring a flare to signal for help, water, and food since an island doesn't have service to call for help."
9. What would you tell your younger self: "I would tell my younger self to make more friends!"

INTERVIEWED STUDENT: ANONYMOUS 6TH GRADER

1. Favorite subject: "Music"
2. Favorite thing about school: "Seeing friends"
3. Where do you see yourself in 5 years: "In high school"
4. What does a typical day look like: "Waking up and going to school."
5. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be: "Paris."

INTERVIEWED STUDENT: ANONYMOUS 6TH GRADER CONTINUED

6. What animal would you be: "I would be a dog."
7. What's your favorite movie: "Blue Beetle."
8. If you were on a deserted island, what 3 things would you bring: "I would bring water food and clothes."
9. What would you tell your younger self: "I would tell my younger self to keep trying!"

INTERVIEWED STUDENT: JIMMY H. IN 7TH GRADE

1. What is your favorite subject: "I like Social Studies, because it teaches me about multiple things in history that happened."
2. Favorite Thing about school: "I like how much time in the morning we get to go to our classes."
3. Where do you see yourself in five years: "I see myself in acting school."
4. What does a typical day look like: "I pretty much wake up and then I'm pretty much rushing from class to class for the day."
5. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go: "I would go to Tokyo."
6. If you could have any animal what would the animal be: "Lion. I would be a lion."
7. What is your favorite movie: "Godzilla."
8. If you were on a deserted island, what 3 things would you bring: "Water, food, and a boat."
9. What would you tell young you: "Don't be a bad person."

POP QUIZ!!

ARE YOU UP WITH THE LATEST POP NEWS?

NICKI MINAJ BREAKS RECORDS BEING THE BEST FEMALE RAPPER IN BILLBOARD 200 HERSTORY.

Since 2010, we have had the blessing of Nicki Minaj's music. Song to song, album to album, she never forgets to give. With our recent trip to Gag City, we heard Pink Friday 2 for the first time. On the album we have 22 tracks which is a lot for an album especially for a vinyl. Needless to say, nicki is killing it right now!



THERE'S A 30% CHANCE THAT MEAN GIRLS IS GONNA SLAY THE BOX OFFICE.

The movie Mean Girls was amazing and left us with a cliffhanger: What happened to Regina? Is she ok? She is indeed ok and ready for her second debut on screen. We have heard the iconic "My name is Regina George" in the first trailer. We already have parts of the soundtrack and they slay. I can't wait to see the musical.

RIDDLES

What has a lot of holes in it but holds a lot of water? *A sponge*

What can you never answer yes to? *Are you asleep*

There is a one story house and it is all yellow, yellow walls yellow floors yellow roof yellow furniture, so what color is the stairs? *No color it's a one story house there is no stairs*

There is a red house which is red a blue house which is blue, so what color is the green house? *Clear it's a green house/glass structure with plants inside*

MEDIA REVIEWS

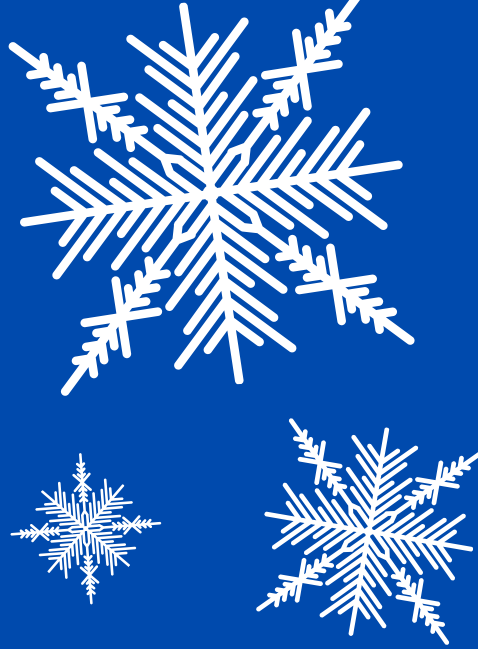
RISE: THE FUN OF DECEMBER & JANUARY

In the Month of January, these will happen:

- Monthly Grocery Shopping
- Tons of Fun Cooking 😊

To Recap December this happened;

- Monthly Grocery Shopping
- 7th Grade & RISE Bowling Field Trip
- Tons Of Fun Cooking 😊
- Made Holiday Gifts for Teachers
- Sold Hot Chocolate to Teacher
- Make Candy Cane Shirts
- Perform in front of the school at the Winter Assembly



FICTION STORY

There once was a Unicorn and a Panda who were eating bananas all night long. They went to sleep... but through the entire morning! There were two mean animals who bullied the Panda and Unicorn. They were the Duck and Giraffe and they were really mean! The Panda and Unicorn always played with chocolate toys that never melted. But one day the Unicorn and Panda played with the toys and they melted! The Duck and Giraffe were very mad and wanted revenge. So they made the Panda and the Unicorn make more toys. The Duck pulled his phone out and screamed out "WOW" and took a photo of the chocolate toys. The Duck and Giraffe became friends with the Unicorn and Panda and stopped being bullies!

I hope this story inspires you to never bully- Jimmy H.



TASTY TREATS

By: Ryan M.



SNOWMAN DONUTS

Ingredients:

- Powdered Mini Donuts (for the body)
- Powdered Donut Holes (for the head)
- Miniature Reese's Peanut Butter Cup
- Sixlets Candy
- Black Candy Melts
- Candy Corn
- Pretzel Stick
- Sour Punch Rainbow Straws
- Wooden Skewers

Steps:

Carefully slide 2 of the mini donuts onto a long wooden skewer. It's helpful to use the freshest donuts so they don't crack when skewering them.

Slide the donut hole onto the top, resembling the snowman's head.

Skewer the miniature Reese's for the hat.

Place a candy corn, wide side down into the top donut hole for nose.

Place a rainbow straw behind and in between the donut hole and top body donut, bring around to the front and tie a knot to resemble a scarf.

Break pretzel stick in half, pressing and placing one on each side of the top body donut to resemble the arms.

Place Sixlets candy, one in the middle of each body to resemble buttons.

Melt candy melts according to directions and with a piping bag and small round tip, pipe 2 eyes and a mouth on the snowman.

EASY TO MAKE CUPCAKES!

Ingredients:

- 1 1/3 cups All-purpose flour
- 1.5 tsp Baking powder
- 1/2 cup Butter Unsalted, Melted
- 1 cup Granulated sugar
- 1 Egg Large
- 1/4 cup Greek yogurt Or sour cream
- 3/4 cup Milk Whole
- 1 tbsp Vanilla extract
- 2 cups American buttercream frosting

Steps:

1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour and baking powder. Keep aside.

2. In another mixing bowl, mix together melted butter and sugar until combined.

3. Add egg, Greek yogurt, milk, vanilla extract and mix until smooth.

4. Dump the dry mixture into the wet mixture and mix until just combined.

5. Pour batter in cupcake liners.

6. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-22 minutes or until an inserted toothpick in the center comes out clean.

7. Allow the cupcakes to cool down and then, frost each of them in a swirl of buttercream.

Enjoy!



LILY M.

SPORTS NEWS

COVERING ALL SPORTS, FROM GRISSOM BASKETBALL TO INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Chicago Bears vs. Cleveland Browns

BEARS LOSE TO BROWNS

The Chicago Bears played the Cleveland Browns on Sunday, December 17. The game resulted with the Bears losing 17-20. Justin Fields completed a pass to Cole Kmet, scoring a 5 yard touchdown putting the Bears in the lead for 2nd quarter, 7-0. In the third quarter, Cairo Santos made a 41 yard field goal putting them in the lead for third quarter, 17-7. The Browns tied the game, 17-17, in the 4th quarter then leading to a 34 yard field goal to win the game 17-20.

Opinion on the coaching: Fields

Justin Fields, the bears' coaching is the problem for their losses. Here's what he thinks. "I liked the times I felt like I was in a rhythm. Things I didn't like. I felt like I was playing robotic. My goal this week is to forget everything else and just play football. That's when I play my best when I am out there playing free. I'm going to go out there and be me." He said he needs to stop overthinking and just start playing. He stated the coaches wanted to keep him in the pocket more this season after he rushed over 1000 yards last year.



Cameron Mitchell gets Justin Fields by a foot on 4th down, starting Browns rally by Bears



CONNOR BEDARD



Chicago blackhawks: new players and recent games

The Chicago Blackhawks played the Vancouver Canucks on Sunday, December 17 resulting in a loss, 4-3. The Blackhawks recruited a new player. 18 year old Connor Bedard. Connor Bedard grew up in Canada and was a Canucks fan when he was a kid. He was getting some heated questions about how he feels playing them for the first time. A great play by Joey Anderson and Nick Foligno, scoring the first goal of the game. Anderson plays it to the post where Foligno hits the puck right in past Demko, goalie of the Canucks. However, the Bears proceeded to win the game, which shows this had little effect on the outcome.

JANUARY HAPPENINGS

NJHS

- January 12

STUDENT COUNCIL

- January 16
- January 23

BOARD GAME & CHESS

- January 23rd

REMINDERS

- January 15th Martin Luther King Day
- End Of Quarter 2: January 19
- Quarter 2 Grades Final: January 26

OTHERS

- 8th Grade Step Up Day: January 16th
- 8th Grade Graduation Pictures: January 24th

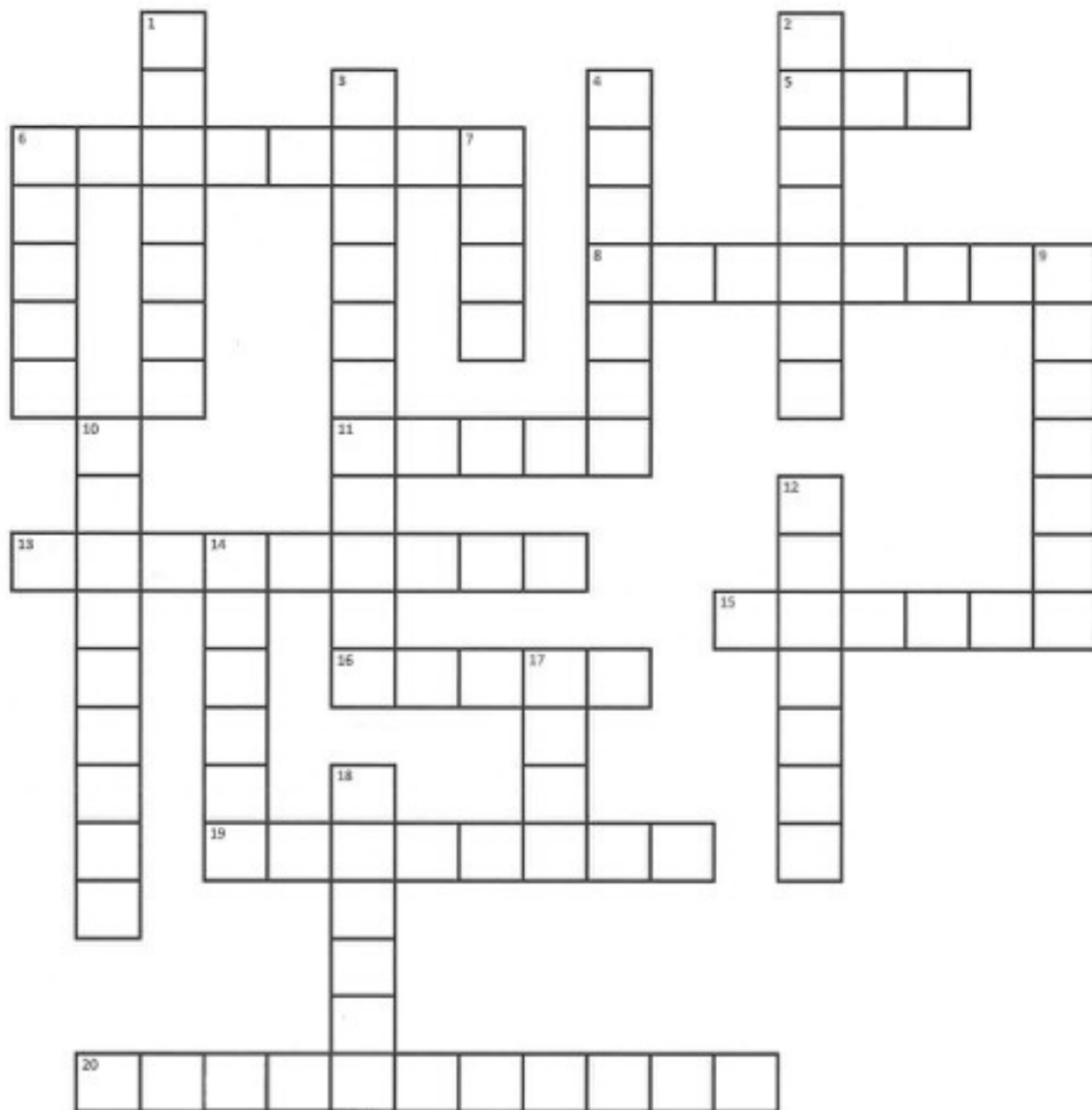
HOT LUNCH

- January 9: Culver's
- January 12: Jets
- January 16: Nicks BBQ
- January 23: Winstons & Sam's Club
- January 26: Nicks BBQ
- January 30: Panda Express & Sam's Club

FITNESS CLUB

- January 9th
- January 16th
- January 23rd
- January 30th

JANUARY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



DOWN

- 1 Frosty is one
- 2 A holiday celebrated after December
- 3 A popular song played in December
- 4 Has a flame and sometimes a scent
- 6 A piece of clothing that keeps your neck warm
- 7 Something given by a friend or family member
- 9 A reindeer with a red nose
- 10 A red and white treat
- 12 A fictional character that ghosts visit
- 14 A season that is the coldest
- 17 Usually decorated with ornaments
- 18 A decoration hung on trees

ACROSS

- 5 Someone that helps Santa
- 6 Hung by the chimney and has gifts
- 8 The month that celebrates Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah
- 11 An item that rings
- 13 A unique crystal that falls from the sky
- 15 A decoration hung on a door
- 16 A man with a white beard
- 19 An animal that makes Santa's sleigh fly
- 20 A piece of clothing that is normally not pretty

NATIONAL DAYS OF JANUARY

- 1-Polar Bear Plunge
- 2-National Buffet Day
- 3-Chocolate Covered Cherry Day
- 4-National Trivia Day
- 5-National Whipped Cream Day
- 6-National Technology Day
- 7-National Bobblehead Day
- 8-National Clean off Your Desk Day
- 9-National Apricot Day
- 10-Save the Eagles Day
- 11-National Milk Day
- 12-National Pharmacist Day
- 13-Rubber Ducky Day
- 14-National Dress up Your Pet Day
- 15-National Bagel Day
- 16-Fig Newton Day
- 17-Museum Selfie Day
- 18-Winnie the Pooh Day
- 19-National Popcorn Day
- 20-National Cheese Lovers Day
- 21-International Sweatpants Day
- 22-National Polka Dot Day
- 23-National Pie Day
- 24-National Compliment Day
- 25-National Fun at Work Day
- 26-National Green Juice Day
- 27-National Chocolate Cake Day
- 28-National Kazoo Day
- 29-National Puzzle Day
- 30-National Croissant Day
- 31-National Hot Chocolate Day

