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MUSIC IN THE SCHOOL'S SHOWCASE

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By: Sankalp D & Cara W

The “Music in the Schools” showcase is brought by the National Association for Music Education and has been in Kirby School District 140 since the beginning of the band program. The purpose of MIOS is to raise awareness about the importance of music education for all children – and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. The showcase brings together students, parents, and community members to understand what the effect of music is on people and to show the often hidden staff members in our school, the band directors. The amazing band directors of the school are Mr.Szczasny, Mr.Hodges, and the new member of our faculty, Mrs. Angelos. Mr.Szczasny and Mr.Hodges are both the choir directors who will be playing at the showcase. There will be multiple student-lead ensembles performing at the showcase showing a variety of different instruments that are more unique and for advanced players such as the oboe, timpani, and bass clarinet. Other instruments included will be the flute, clarinet, trumpet, and various percussion instruments.



CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

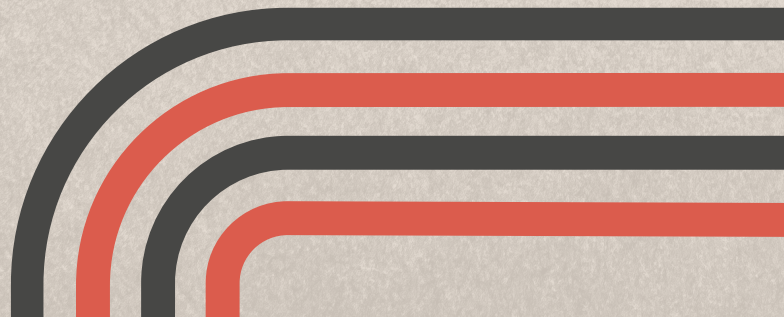


Written by: Roxanne M.

March is Women's History Month, and it should be a month to celebrate. Women have been a part of America's history and are important to our past, present, and future. Without the women and girls of the past, our nation would not be fair or just, and without the women and girls of the future, our nation would not develop and succeed.

Voting Rights: In America's past, women were not permitted to vote, and they didn't have a say in government. After decades of protesting, petitioning, and organizing, Congress ratified the 19th Amendment, which gave women voting rights. Although American women could vote, minority women faced discrimination and prejudice until the 20th century.

Careers: After the 19th Amendment was ratified, some women were allowed to work, but many had to stay at home. Some of the jobs that women performed during that time were unsafe and filthy. There were very few educated women in that time period. Women faced many barriers and prejudice, but after many years, more careers and jobs opened up for women. Even so, women still faced adversities and hardships in their workspaces.





Sports: In Ancient Greece, women could participate in some sports such as foot racing, but they could not participate in other Olympic events. Spartan women, women in certain tribes in Africa, and Native American women were believed to play sports as well. During the Victorian Age, many people limited sports to women, but in the late 1800s and early 1900s, athletic clubs were created, and at the 1900 Olympics, 22 female athletes competed with men in sports including: sailing, croquet, and equestrian sports. Women were also allowed to participate in tennis and lawn golf. The first Women's Olympic Games occurred in Paris, 1922. In 1920, some U.S. universities had women's athletic programs. During the 1940s, the first women's sports league (All American Girls Professional Baseball League) was born. In 1972, the Title IX of the Education Act permitted women equal opportunity in sports and education. Despite this, women still faced barriers such as not getting a proper wage and facing inequality.

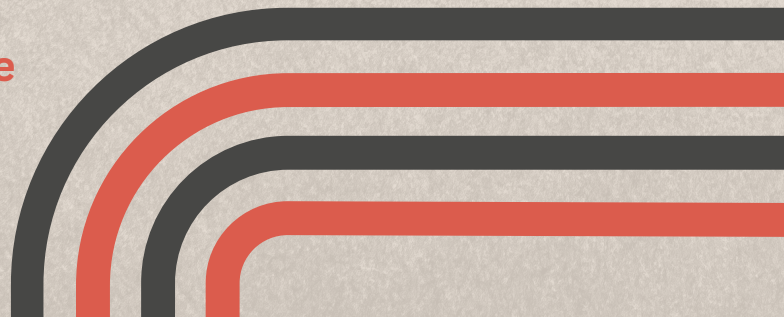
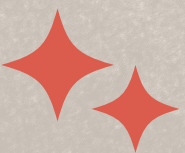
Literature: In the past, women were not thought to be writers and journalists, but important female writers broke these boundaries. In 1868, Louisa May Alcott wrote *Little Women*, a famous novel that is now a movie today. To gain better opportunities, some women had a male pen name. Emily Brontë wrote *Wuthering Heights* under the pen name Ellis Bell. Some people believed that women shouldn't be able to write science fiction and horror stories, but women broke these barriers as well. In 1817, Mary Shelley wrote the science fiction novel, *Frankenstein*. In the early 19th century, women continued to write and revolutionize despite struggles and unfairness. In addition, many popular books such as *The Hunger Games*, *Twilight*, and the Harry Potter series were written by women.

Music/Arts: Women are an important part of America's history of music and art. Some female musicians that you may know include: Olivia Rodrigo, Taylor Swift, and Billie Eilish. There are also many women artists such as Frida Kahlo.

To celebrate Women's History Month, you could say thank you or show appreciation towards any woman or girl in your life. You could also research about a famous woman you would like to learn more about.



“I raise up my voice—not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard...We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back.” —Malala Yousafzai



BY EMILEE B.

SHAMROCK SHUFFLE

Shamrock Shuffle

It's that time of year again. It's the Shamrock Shuffle. During P.E, if you didn't do this last year, it is a fun 1 mile run that you could dress up for. There are also little charms that you could get for your shoes. This is a great way to show off your spirit for St Patrick's Day. So Patriots, come on out and show your patriot pride and dress up for the Shamrock Shuffle on March 15th.



IN OUR SCHOOL

VARIETY SHOW: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Grissom variety show will be held on May 10th, and the audition videos must be submitted by April 15th. If you would like to participate, you must have your audition videos completed and emailed to Ms. Kujawa or Mrs. Stiglic. The audition videos must be 3 minutes max, school appropriate, and only you and your group may be in the video. Obviously, only Grissom students can participate. Participants will be voted on by the Student Council.

Remember: If you are chosen, you **WILL** be performing in front of the **ENTIRE SCHOOL!**

—Gabriella G.



POP QUIZ! ARE YOU UP WITH THE LATEST POP NEWS?

BEYONCÈ HOLDS HER 16 CARRIAGES IN TEXAS WITH HER 2 NEW SONGS



On Superbowl Sunday, Beyonce joined Verizon and tried to "Break the Internet". She starts off by breaking an ice cube and using it for her lemonade stand. After she finds out she has not broken the internet, she releases a "Surprise Drop". Even with the surprise drop, she finds out she has not broken the Internet, yet she then flies out of space to be the first woman to do a performance in space. Once someone accidentally presses the gravity button, she falls to the bottom of the ship and is angry at the person who pressed this button. She then says "Okay they ready, Drop the new music" After she said this, many Beyoncé fans hopped on their phones and saw her 2 new songs released after 6 long minutes of waiting. I totally think you should give these songs a listen and get ready for Renaissance II, dropping on March 29th.

DO YOU LIKE ARIANA GRANDE'S NEW SONG?

"YES, AND?"



ON JANUARY 12, ARIANA GRANDE RELEASED HER LATEST SONG THAT PAYS TRIBUTE TO HOUSE MUSIC. A COUPLE WEEKS LATER, SHE DROPPED HER VERSION WITH MARIAH CAREY. THE SONG, "YES, AND?" IS A WONDERFUL MUSIC VIDEO THAT STARTS OFF WITH CRITICS ARRIVING SAYING THAT THEY MISS THE OLD ARIANA. WHEN THEY ENTER THE ROOM THEY SEE CERAMICS OF ARIANA AND HER BACKUP DANCERS OUTLINED TO REFERENCE HER PAST ERAS OF MUSIC. AS THEY SIT DOWN, WHEN THE SONG STARTS THE BEAT RISES AND GETS ENERGETIC. THE OUTLINED CERAMICS BREAK, AND ARIANA IS CENTER AS THE DANCERS MAKE THEIR WAY LYRICALLY TO HER. AS ARIANA STARTS SINGING, YOU CAN TELL THAT SHE DOESN'T CARE WHAT SHE SAYS IN HER LYRICS. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN SHE SAYS IN THESE LINES "NOW I'M SO DONE WITH CARING WHAT YOU THINK, NO, I WON'T HIDE UNDERNEATH YOUR OWN PROJECTIONS OR CHANGE MY MOST AUTHENTIC LIFE" SHE IMPLIES HOW SHE DOESN'T CARE ANYMORE WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT HER AND HOW SHE'S HIDING IN A CHARACTER. AFTER THE SECOND CHORUS, THE WINDOWS ARE COVERED AND A HEATER IS DROPPED ABOVE THE CRITICS. ARIANA WALKS CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE AND MESMERIZES THEM INTO A HALLUCINATION WHILE SHE SINGS IN A LULLABY TONE. AFTER THAT PART, THREE OF THE CRITICS COME UP TO DANCE WITH HER FOR THE FINAL CHORUS. AFTER THEY ARE DONE DANCING, THE DRAPES FALL OVER THE WINDOWS AND THE DANCERS ARE BACK OUTLINED IN CERAMICS. THIS SONG IS FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO DON'T CARE WHAT OTHERS SAY ANYMORE AND JUST IGNORE WHAT THEY SAY.

GET YOUR POPCORN AND YOUR DRINKS FOR THIS MONTHS LATEST MOVIE REVIEW

WONKA: THE BEGINNINGG OF IT ALL

His name was Willy Wonka (played by Timothee Chalamet), a newly renowned chocolate maker who recently traveled to a new city, "Bavaria". Upon his arrival, he was met with a bunch of homeless children scamming him out of his money. Willy has no more sovereign coins left to spare, so he set up his bedroom on a bench. As he lays on the bed, Tom Davis's character, Bleacher, approaches him seeing Willy laying on the bench and offers him a "free" room for the night. Willy politely accepts the offer, then follows him into the castle-looking apartment. Willy is then approached by Olivia Colman's character, Mrs Scrubit, who offers him the key to the "free" room. Noodle, played by Calah Lane, tells Willy to read the small print. Mrs. Scrubit sends Noodle down to the basement and puts Willy's paper back to the one page. Willy signs the paper wondering what all of that paper was. Mrs. Scrubit leads him to his room, laughing all the way. As soon as she closes the door, she is yelling "NOODLE!" trying to put her in the pen. Once Noodle is found, she is put in the pen for the night. The pen is a very tiny room in the top of the castle that has creaky floors and open windows. Once Willy wakes up, Mrs. Scrubit tells him his fee for spending the night is \$10,000 sovereigns. Willy, stunned by what she just said, asks, "Well how would I get this money?" She says that he must work for her, getting 1 sovereign coin a day. Willy, rightfully asking, "Well, how many days is it gonna take for me to get all these sovereigns?" She responds, "It would take about 28 years to make up this debt." Willy then asked where he could make up this money? Mrs Scrubit then puts a bag over his head and sends Willy down to the basement where he finds more people.

WONKA CONTINUED

The people ask if he was broke and was there for a night because it was free? Willy replies saying that is exactly what he did. He then starts to make chocolate in his room to sell. Once he makes enough chocolate he goes into town and sells his chocolate to make up his debt. Once he makes enough money, he would be able to buy a place to officially sell his chocolate. After three days he makes enough money to buy his shop. Mrs. Scrubit has a deal with the other salesmen to poison his chocolate on opening day. On opening day, he sells his chocolate which is allegedly delicious...

... Check out the new hit movie *Wonka* to see how it ends!



MARCH MADNESS

By: Liliana M.



ATTENTION ALL BASKETBALL PLAYERS!

The NCAAs men's basketball tournament starts on March 19th and ends April 7th. The women's bracket starts March 20th and will end April 8th. A total of 68 college teams will play until the final four, which will determine who is the champion.

The First Four games, March 19-20, will be at UD Arena in Dayton, Ohio. The Final Four and the championship game, on April 6 and 8, will be played at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. So turn on your TV's and tune into March madness.



WRITTEN BY: SARA DILLON

A DELICIOUS DESSERT!

CHEESECAKE!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 CUPS (150G) GRAHAM CRACKER CRUMBS (ABOUT 10 WHOLE GRAHAM CRACKERS, CRUSHED)
- 1/4 CUP (28G) CONFECTIONERS' SUGAR
- 6 TABLESPOONS (85G) BUTTER, MELTED
- 1/8 TEASPOON TABLE SALT
- FILLING
- TWO 8-OUNCE PACKAGES (452G) CREAM CHEESE, AT ROOM TEMPERATURE
- 2/3 CUP (133G) GRANULATED SUGAR
- 2 LARGE EGGS, AT ROOM TEMPERATURE
- 1 TEASPOON KING ARTHUR PURE VANILLA EXTRACT



1. SET THE PIE PAN ONTO A BAKING SHEET. IF DESIRED: THIS MAKES IT EASIER TO TRANSPORT IN AND OUT OF THE OVEN, AND ALSO PROTECTS THE BOTTOM OF THE CRUST FROM ANY POTENTIAL SCORCHING. POUR THE FILLING INTO THE CRUST.
2. TO BAKE THE CHEESECAKE: PLACE THE CHEESECAKE IN THE OVEN. BAKE IT FOR 20 MINUTES. THEN ADD A CRUST SHIELD: OR SHIELD THE CRUST WITH STRIPS OF ALUMINUM FOIL. BAKE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 10 MINUTES (FOR A TOTAL OF ABOUT 30 MINUTES). A DIGITAL THERMOMETER INSERTED INTO THE FILLING 1" FROM THE EDGE SHOULD READ BETWEEN 165°F AND 170°F: THE FILLING WON'T LOOK ENTIRELY SET IN THE CENTER.
3. REMOVE THE CHEESECAKE FROM THE OVEN AND SET IT ON A RACK TO COOL. ONCE THE CAKE IS COOL, REFRIGERATE IT, COVERED, UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO SERVE IT.
4. SERVE CHEESECAKE IN WEDGES, WITH FRESH FRUIT IF DESIRED.
5. STORAGE INFORMATION: STORE ANY LEFTOVER CHEESECAKE IN THE REFRIGERATOR FOR SEVERAL DAYS: FREEZE FOR LONGER STORAGE.

WHO'S GUS??

So who is Gus? Nobody knows but there are theories. Lets take a look at some of these theories and eliminate some that don't make sense.

First one: Kool Aid Man-
Come on guys, really

Second one: Mrs. Labudzik-
IDK MAYBE

Third one: Austin Lanier- I
hope 😊

MRS. DECARLO'S CLASS'S MARCH FUN

- They will learn about the weather; Such as what types of weather and how to dress and be safe during a weather storm
- St. Patrick's Fun (Rumor has it that a leprechaun escaped room 107, They will look for the escaped leprechaun to make sure it doesn't cause any trouble!)
- Shamrock Shuffle: They will assist in the shuffle on March 15th
- March 6th: They will go to Aldi to get food for the month
- March 13th: They will pack food for families in need!

What's Cooking?

- They will make St Patrick's Day Juice
- They will also make Pink Snow Slush
- They will also enjoy their well-deserved rest during Spring Break!

MR LIPOWSKI: A FORMER GRISSOM STUDENT

Q: What years did you attend Grissom?

A: 2002-2004

Q: What was the building like at that time?

A: The building looked the same; but there was orange carpet in the 6th grade. There was carpet around where Ms. Kujawa's room is now.

Q: Which teachers did you have that are still working here?

A: Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Kurek, and had Mrs. Tulloto's Husband.

Q: What elementary school did you attend?

A: Bannes 

Q: What were the schedules like?

A: Math was only 1 Period. Language arts and Reading were a seprete class and only 1 Period.

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

A: 2 Years at Grissom; 12 Years in total



This mug shows the logo of Grissom Junior High from 1975-2000

6TH GRADE NEWS

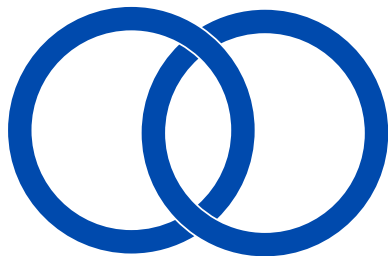
MRS. KORCZYCK RAPID FIRE QUESTIONS

“Incoming 6th grade advice is to stay organized, make friends, get involved, try your best, be kind, and have fun.”



“I’m Irish and I have visited Ireland 3 times. I make a great Irish sodabread and I love bagpipes. I am still searching for that pot of gold and a 3 leaf clover.”

“I worked at Kirby Elementary, and when it closed, I was asked to come to Middle School. I was scared at first, but now I love Middle School.”



“I love people I work with. They are like family, and of course my students I teach. I love the bond we’re making.”

“I love to golf, garden, and reading. I enjoy bike riding on the trails by my house.. I love live music and watching movies too.”





Teacher Feature: Mrs. LaPlant!!!

1. What is one thing you would do differently in life?

Overall, I would not do much differently. I feel everything I have done in life has brought me to where I am today. If I had to pick one thing though, I would have traveled more. Although I have been to many places, there are still so many places in this world that I would love to explore.

2. If you had the ability to go back in time, what would you tell a younger you?

If I could go back in time, I would tell my younger self to slow down and treasure all of the little moments. It is something that I am trying to work on it now and it is not easy. I wish I would have learned how to do it at a younger age.

3. Have you ever zoned out in a class?

Never...okay maybe once or twice. Seriously though, I have absolutely zoned out in a class before. I am only human. I try to always be present, but it doesn't always work. We all have off days...even teachers.

4. Do you have a favorite student???

Are you trying to get me in trouble with my 8th graders? They are all my favorites 😊

5. Why did you choose Grissom as your place of work?

It was never a choice...Grissom became my work home from the start. I student taught for Mrs. O'Keefe in 6th grade math and I fell in love with the people and the sense of community here. My first year of teaching on my own was for 7th grade math at PV. The next year, they brought me back to Grissom and I was thrilled. I have been here in the 8th grade ever since. My kids have even gone through Grissom. I love Grissom as a teacher and a parent. Grissom will always be my number one choice!

MARCH SCHOOL CALENDER

CLUBS

- NJHS Full Member Meeting: March 1st
- Mathletes (8th Grade): March 5th
- Student Council (All Members): March 5th
- Declamation (Till 5:00 PM): March 5th
- eSports Club: March 6th
- Declamation (Till 5:00 PM): March 6th
- Mathletes (7th Grade): March 7th
- Declamation (Till 5:00 PM): March 7th
- Student Council (Executive Members): March 12th
- Mathletes (8th Grade): March 12th
- Declamation (Till 5:30 PM): March 12th
- Declamation (Till 5:30 PM): March 13th
- SWIC Honor Band Rehearsal: March 13th
- Mathletes (7th Grade): March 14th
- Declamation (Till 5:30 PM): March 14th
- SWIC Honor Band Rehearsal/Concert: March 14th
- Declamation (Till 5:30 PM): March 18th
- Mathletes (8th Grade): March 19th
- Declamation SWIC Competition: March 20th
- Mathletes (7th Grade): March 21st



CHORUS & BAND

- Chorus and Band “Music In Our Schools” Performance (@Prarie View)
- IGSMA District Band Contest
- Band Parent Meeting: March 18th

SPORTS

- Track Tryouts: March
- Soccer Tryouts: March

HOT LUNCH

- March 5th: Nicks BBQ & Sams Club
- March 8th: Jets
- March 12th: Winstons & Sam’s Club
- March 22nd: Nick’s BBQ & Sam’s Club

INTRAMURALS

- Soccer: March 5th
- Soccer: March 7th

REMINDERS

- March 4th - No School (Pulaski Day)
- March 19th: Institute Day
- March 25th- April 1st- No School (Spring Break)

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backwards

**I am not alive, but I grow; I don't
have lungs, but I need air; I don't
have a mouth, but water kills me.**

What am I?

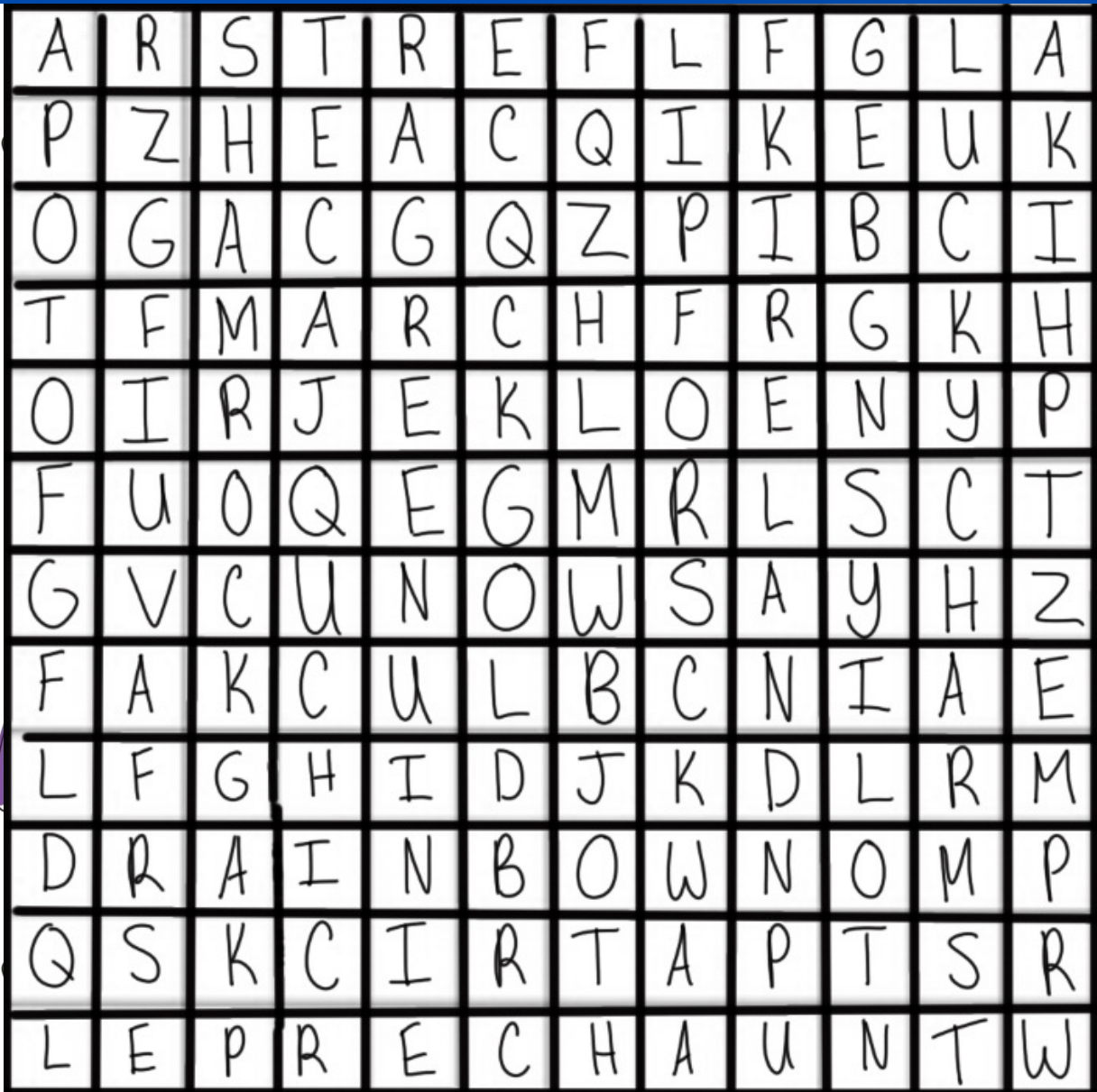
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**What is always in front of you but
can't be seen?**

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Kris

ST. PATRICKS DAY WORD SEARCH



Word Bank

Green, Gold, Luck,
Shamrock, Leprechaun,
March, St. Patrick,
Pot of Gold, Rainbow,
Lucky Charms, Ireland