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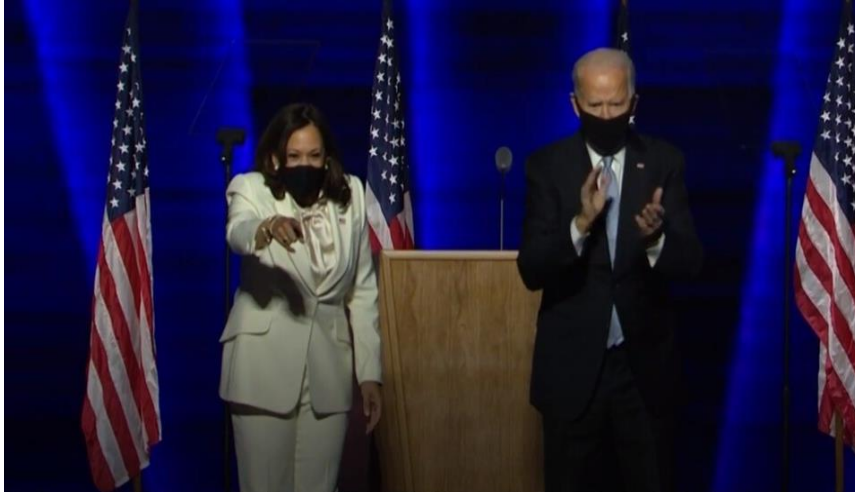
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Editorial: Biden and Harris victory infuse renewed hope into nation

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President-elect
Joe Biden and
Vice President
Kamala Harris
greet the
excited crowds
in Wilmington,
Delaware,
before giving
victory
speeches on
November 7.



On November 7, 2020, former vice president Joe Biden and former deputy district attorney in Alameda County Kamala Harris became President-elect and Vice President-elect. In doing so, Joe Biden will become the eldest President of the United States, and Kamala Harris will become the first

woman and woman of color for Vice President.

I strongly believe that after four years of disregard for them under the Donald Trump administration, the election of Joe Biden and Vice President candidates Kamala Harris provides real optimism for the revival of those ideals. In his victory speech, Biden showed the stability of tone

and intensity of strategy that has been so badly lacking.

Biden constantly promised to be the president of all Americans, not just those who voted for him, no matter how intense the moment was, which meant a lot to me and Americans in general.

His selection of Harris as his running mate was motivated not only by her campaign expertise and political insight but also for a woman of color to potentially open the door to the highest positions of influence.

For Harris, the former district attorney for San Francisco and attorney general for California, that was the most important of the glass ceilings of her career that she has eliminated.

Seeing the former Vice Presidents being all white males, Ms. Harris destroys that streak and opens opportunities for the generations after. All in all, I believe that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will bring the change that America needs.

14-year old Texan girl discovers the key to making the ideal COVID-19 cure

Sara Lele Editor

With the coronavirus pandemic spreading all over the world, people have been on pins and needles for many months waiting for scientists and doctors to find the cure. But now that a 14-year old from Texas, Anika Chebrolu, has made a huge scientific breakthrough for a potential treatment for COVID-19, this dream could finally be accomplished.

“This finding will have an impact because I’ll finally be able to go to school and see my friends,” stated Nikita Garg, 7th grader.

According to goodnewsnetwork.org, ‘Binding and inhibiting this viral [COVID-19 spike]

protein would potentially stop the virus entry into the cell, creating a viable drug target.’

Zoey Roper, 7th grader, commented, “I think that it’s really cool that a kid can possibly do something so big, because it’s mostly adults who are taking action.”

Anika was named as the winner of ‘2020 3M Science Challenge, ‘which is a challenge for middle school students who are studying science.

But the thing is, Anika wasn’t actually planning on studying the coronavirus and finding a cure for it. In fact, she had set her sights on finding a

cure on the influenza disease, which she had been struck by when she was younger, but when COVID-19 struck the globe, she knew exactly what to work on.

Ms. Unger, 6th grade teacher, said, “It’s quite amazing that a 14-year old could do something like that!”

Because of her huge discovery, Anika has won \$25,000 and a trip to a special destination. According to goodnewsnetwork.org, “Anika explained, ‘How I develop this molecule further with the help of virologists and drug development specialists will determine the success of these efforts.’”

BLM protests, police brutality, racism still widely affecting the country

Isabella Cisneros Reporter

Racism has been a part of our world for a very long time and still is. Police brutality is another problem with racism altogether, though. Racist police abuse their position as a policemen and hurt others just because of their skin tone. The protests and riots that have been happening are a big part of 2020.

On May 25, 2020 a black man George Floyd was innocently murdered by three policemen in Minneapolis during the day in a parking lot because they accused him of paying with a fake \$20 bill.

Not too long before that a black woman, Breonna Taylor, was murdered in her own home with her boyfriend there on March 13, 2020 by policemen as well because they had mis-identified her for the person they were originally trying to get, while the person they were trying to arrest all along was already arrested.

Breonna Taylor had been working in the medical field for years. George Floyd and Breonna Taylor were murdered by policemen, people we should trust with our lives, just because of their skin color and their background.



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Black Lives Matter peaceful protestors in the Bay Area protest for justice, and some signs say, "Know Justice. Know Peace." and "Justice for George."

Angelina Campos, an 8th grader, stated, "I have seen people go through racism and it disgusts me. I have not been to a protest in person, but I have seen protests online and those protests were very violent. When I think of police brutality, I find it very disgusting and disturbing to see police cause harm to people because of their skin color."

Racism has been a part of our life for a long time, not just now, but there have always been instances throughout world history of racism. Because of this, people have been marching in protests around the world, and some might not even be peaceful. But the greater population is more vocal now that racism is something that should be addressed by the whole world.

Justice System sues and files a federal antitrust lawsuit against Google

Diego Gurrola Reporter

Google is used every day by millions of people. It's a free and simple way to get years' worth of information. According to the Wall Street Journal, it has been sued by the justice department for antitrust violations, an antitrust law protects consumers from predatory marketing practices and prevents monopolies from forming, and a monopoly is when one company controls an entire market.

As reported in The Los Angeles Times, Google is being sued for protecting its monopoly on the search engine market by shunning out competition like smaller search

engines by paying companies like Apple to become their default search engine.

Google is used by millions every day to look up small issues and questions like "What's the best substitute for butter?" or "How to solve math problems."

Sascha Tung, 8th grader, said that he uses the site a wide variety of times.

8th grader, Kiyone Gacayan, also uses the site frequently.

Google criticized the entire ordeal and called the lawsuit "deeply flawed" and claimed that it did not achieve its goal in helping users. It was said that people use Google because they choose to, not because they're forced to, or because they can't find alternatives.

Many Google alternatives exist although they aren't popular or as used as Google. 8th grade English teacher Mr. Antantis said he uses Google every day.

Google pays companies to become the default engine for their applications, one major example is Apple. Google pays Apple millions of dollars every year so they can be featured as the default search engine, since most people don't bother or care to change it, Google gets a lot of traffic from this, and eventually the deal pays for itself.

Many people are glad that Google is getting sued for holding and protecting its grasp on the market.

EDITORIAL: Victory speeches provide inspiration

Miranda Hernandez Reporter

As of November 7th, Biden and Harris have been elected the new president and vice president of the United States of America. After hearing the results, I had hope, and felt like maybe we could try to build the USA into a better country. In the words of Biden, “This is the time to heal,” to finally make America the land of liberty.

I felt so powerful and hopeful when Kamala reassured in her victory speech, “While I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last.” Kamala went on about the women fighting for the country, and it reminded me of some of my favorite people, RBG and AOC. Kamala promises to preserve democracy and help eliminate systemic racism, and I do hope that is the case. The families and children in the cages are depending on Kamala, and so am I.

“This is a life changing election,” Biden explained in his speech, which I can imagine that so many agree, as well as me. This election has put so much stress on not only me, but friends and family, because we all worry for our future, for our lives. Biden says that he will change the way that this country runs, and make it a better place for everyone, and I am wishing it does change.

Although I do agree with the Biden/Harris elects, I am worried of how they will handle the problems with this society. I would have settled for Biden/Harris, in hopes of getting Trump/Pence out of office. This means I don’t fully support Biden/Harris, especially for the things that the two have done in the past. Harris has been supportive of LGBTQ, but has made many mistakes involving trans people. Let’s not forget Biden’s 1994 crime law that targeted the Black population.

After watching and listening to the speeches of both Biden and Harris, I felt a sense of longing, and inspiration. Having a woman, who is also a daughter of immigrants, in that position, made me feel like the USA is going towards a future filled with hope. Biden making all those promises, makes me dream of a better future for myself, friends, and family.

With all this in mind, I am excited about what the new president and vice president-elect will do to help with COVID, climate change, minorities’ issues, international problems, and so much more. I will continue to use my voice, and to criticize Biden’s and Harris’ decisions. The nation needs lots of cleaning up to do, having around two centuries with injustice and white male supremacy. How could we call the United States the land of the free?

Diwali celebrations this weekend



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This weekend is Diwali, the festival of lights. It is one of the biggest holidays for Indians, specifically of Hindu religion. It’s a multi-day festival with family and friends and symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness. The traditional celebration includes many feasts, sweets, lighted candles called *diyas*, fireworks, and colored sand art called *rangoli*. Happy Diwali!

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AMC movie theaters take precautions to reopen during pandemic

Jade Rodriguez Assistant Editor

Due to the pandemic, movie theaters had closed to the public. However, by the end of October, AMC movie theaters started reopening their theaters in New York.

Aashi Trivedi, a 7th grader, explained, "I think the reopening of movie theaters is a good and bad thing. It's a good thing because with COVID, people haven't been able to go out that much lately, but with the movie theaters opening, people can see each other again. If people are too close to each other or are not taking precautions, like wearing a mask, COVID can spread easily."

Some movie theaters will let guests take off their masks when eating, but most will require to wear a mask the whole time. In addition, refills will not be available, and employees will be expected to



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Most AMC movie theaters are now open again.

wash their hands frequently for 20 seconds. According to amcmovietheaters.com, "On your next theatre visit, you'll notice that we've taken steps to reduce touch points and protect your safety, including simplified menus for shorter lines at concessions and reduced auditorium capacities for social distancing." The crew also vacuums every night to trap particles that might have been in the auditorium.

These theaters also clean and disinfect between

each showtime. The capacity for the auditoriums has decreased about 60% or more. In addition, seats surrounding someone's place will be blocked to practice social distancing while watching the movie.

However, not all people respect and follow the movie theaters' rules. Ms. Hayward, an 8th grade English teacher, stated, "People may behave poorly, and some people don't even believe in the disease, and don't social

distance or wear a mask. I don't think an enclosed place with strangers is a good thing... I would never go, and I don't think it's a good idea for other people to either."

When the cinemas first started to reopen, the tickets were cheaper than they were before. The movies shown were not brand-new movies. As reported in cnbc.com, "With 'Wonder Woman 1984' pushed to Christmas, the next Hollywood blockbuster won't hit theaters until 'Black Widow' arrives in November."

Zoya Chashmawala, an 8th grader, commented, "I wouldn't be comfortable because I'd rather stay home and watch movies, new or old, and be safe rather than get sick and watch a brand new movie in theaters."

Veterinarian confirms Pennsylvania's first COVID-19 positive cat

Navjot Waraich Reporter

Well, it finally happened, cats can get COVID-19! According to CBSN, a 16-year-old cat in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania got COVID-19 on October 20 in Cumberland County.

There have been a couple of cases of cats getting Coronavirus, but this is the first case in Pittsburgh. The cat was living with multiple people who were diagnosed with it. However, no cats that have been exposed to Coronavirus have died.

According to the Station 16 News, veterinarian Dr. Dorton explained that even if the cat goes outdoors and indoors, there are almost zero risks of a cat bringing COVID to a family member.

According to Shannon Powers from the Pennsylvania

Department of Agriculture, some symptoms of cats that have Coronavirus are things like diarrhea, cough, respiratory distress, and lethargy.

Megan Douglas, a vet tech at VCA in San Francisco, said that she hasn't seen any cat or other animal in her clinic with COVID. However, she commented, "I imagine symptoms range from a runny nose, coughing, sneezing and tear duct leaking." Megan said that there are a couple of ways cat owners can prevent their cats from getting COVID. Having proper hygiene is always the best prevention, so owners should not touch their pets after sneezing and should wash their hands.

Megan added that she doesn't know of any ways pet owners can get their cats

tested. In terms of a worldwide pandemic, there is some worry of cats getting COVID, but in terms of animals getting it from people or people getting it from them is not so serious. The vet tech stated that pet owners with kittens and older cats with existing medical conditions would especially be susceptible due to the lower or immature immune system.

Ms. Hayward said the precautions she takes to keep her 15 year old cat, Maxene, safe are not having friends over, keeping her cat indoors, and not having her cat coming into contact with anyone else rather than her.

Ms. Staley, 7th grade English teacher, has 3 cats named Cersei, Tuxie, and Ron. Cersei is 2, Tuxie is 2 and Ron is 4 months old. Ms. Staley said that she keeps her cats

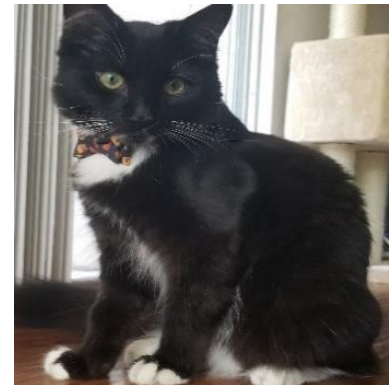


Photo from Navjot Waraich
Although cats like Boots, a 6-month-old cat, can get COVID, the risk is not too big.

indoors and when she takes them on walks, and not letting them wander on their own. But Ms. Staley mentioned that she is not scared that her cats will get COVID.



Photo from Ms. Chand

Ms. Chand, a 6th grade teacher, used to be a social worker.

Teacher Feature: All about Ms. Chand

Melissa Lujan Reporter

Before becoming a 6th grade teacher, Ms. Chand originally was a social worker for kids who were in gangs. But after her daughter was born, she couldn't go out as much. She couldn't really do her job, considering the fact she needed to take care of her own daughter. She soon became a teacher because she had experience with kids and she really enjoys helping kids.

One of Ms. Chand's students, Siran Kuppanda, commented, "Ms. Chand is funny and nice. She really likes to help when we need it."

Another one of her students,

Alexander Ruano, added, "Ms. Chand is funny and kind. She is helpful and caring." Ms. Chand really enjoys engaging with her students and helping them when they need help.

Something Ms. Chand really loves to do outside of school is travel, which she can't do because of Covid-19. When she did, she would enjoy learning and studying the language and culture of where she was going to visit.

She also is interested in reading and listening to music more, now that she can't really travel. "...I really liked traveling before the whole pandemic. I can't really do that anymore," Ms. Chand said.

Ms. Alves and the Leadership class adapt class responsibilities

Cynthia Ortiz Reporter

Leadership this year has changed greatly.

If you hadn't noticed the school year has been a little different. Most classes were able to adapt, but one class that has the most struggle is Leadership. Lots of things have changed in that class. Last year they planned dances, spirit days, red ribbon week, or movie nights.

But this year they are much more limited. And most of the students who signed up for Leadership last year never pictured the struggles they are now having to face. Even Ms. Alves said, "It has been a real struggle because so much of it is hands on and really being able to work with people."

Daisy Montano, 8th grade, commented, "What I wanted to do was actually to be at school and help those who are in need because they are at a new school so they won't feel so lost."



Photo from Ms. Yuen

Ms. Alves and the Leadership class are adapting by organizing activities on Zoom, like the recent Halloween costume contest.

Most kids who signed up for Leadership never planned to be doing everything online. But most of the kids are coming up with great ideas. Daisy noted that all the kids worked on Red Ribbon Week.

Leadership is the one class that is very hard to adapt to online life because before all you had to do was walk out to the grass at lunch to participate in fun activities.

Veronica Ortiz, 8th grade, said, "We are thinking of ways to get people more involved, and I wish we could get more people to be informed because half the people don't even read their School Loop emails."

Leadership is trying and the least we could do is try to have some school spirit! If you have any ideas at all for Leadership, you can talk to Ms. Alves or our student body president Bhaileen Kaur and vice president Klver

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Pollution decreases in places due to COVID-19 outbreak

Germeen Shaker Reporter

The pollution in the world decreased due to not as many people using their cars, flying on planes, farming chemicals, etc.

Ever since the virus began spreading, everyone was scared and started to stay home. So in the early months of the coronavirus pandemic, as we stayed at home, as the orders said, air pollution dropped a lot in Maryland, according to a recent report from the University of Maryland.

According to studies, traffic decreased, between 50% and 80%, fewer vehicle miles traveled, according to preliminary data. So the virus had a big effect on pollution, mostly in a good way.

One of the most eye-opening things is that one pollution called black carbon is tied mostly to diesel fuel. It had a big impact it decreased by 30% for two months.

The pandemic has created a stronger argument as well. Even though

there were good sides there are always downsides to the story and one of those is that air pollution can have a serious health impact on humans.

Mr. Bae, the 8th-grade science teacher said, "Judging by not much research, air quality, appears to have improved as a result of reduced fossil fuel use. Air quality, however, has decreased locally as a result of the ongoing fires."

He also said that it doesn't affect him as much because he rides a bicycle to work. Mr. Bae then stated, "Covid-19 is not a very good reason for improved air quality. If anything, it is a "happy accident" as a result of fewer people commuting."

Due to us staying home and not using as much fossil fuels, the air quality cleared up by a majority amount. But people need to continue finding way to reduce their own carbon footprint.

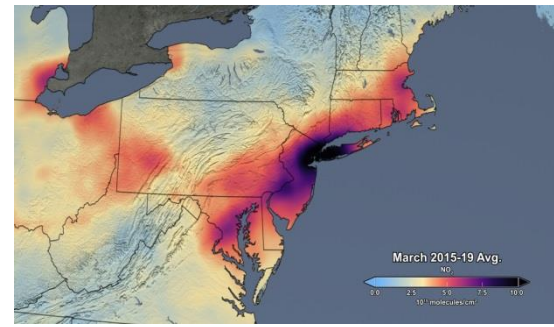


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NASA Satellite Data Show s 30 Percent Drop In Air Pollution Over Northeast U.S.

Calendar

Diwali – November 14

Thanksgiving Break-

November 23- 27

Thanksgiving- November 26

California seismic fault activity on a historic state-wide rise

Jorge Angeles Morales Reporter

Many years, decades, and even centuries have passed and the faults around us aren't activated. According to the USGS, "There are seven significant faults in the Bay Area: the San Andreas Fault, the Calaveras Fault, the Hayward Fault, the Concord-Green Valley Fault, the Greenville Fault, the Rodgers Creek Fault and the San Gregorio Fault."

Although, the closest to us is the Hayward Fault and the San Andreas fault. The Hayward fault has been around for over 1,900 years but the last earthquake was in 1868; meaning we are way overdue for a huge earthquake. Same with the San Andreas Fault, the last earthquake was in 1857.

The 7th and 8th grade science teacher Mrs. Carey said, "The Hayward fault is active. It is known as a transverse fault. The two pieces of Earth's crust are sliding past each other. We have been having little earthquakes because it will slip a little."

Over time the fault will hold stored up energy as the two pieces of

earth push on each other. Eventually, the tension builds up too much and it is released in a large earthquake.

Some faults have large earthquakes in cycles. Geologists who have studied the Hayward fault have determined that a large earthquake has happened on average every 140 years. The last large earthquake on this fault was in 1868.

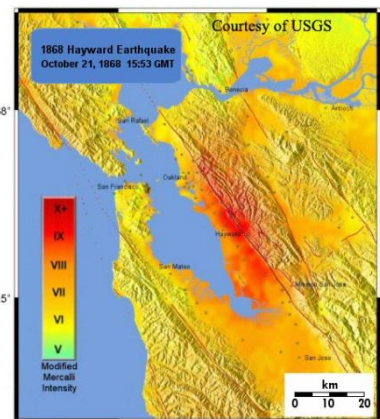
That was 152 years ago, so we are due for a large earthquake anytime now. The earthquake in 1868 was a 6.8 on the Richter scale. That is the scale they determine how severe the earthquake is. 8.9 is the top of the scale. So if we have another 6.8 earthquakes it will cause a massive amount of damage to the East Bay.

Based on what Mrs. Carey said, we are expecting a big earthquake. Since the fault is storing all the energy from the mini earthquakes we could expect the fault to release it all with one big earthquake. We are also way overdue as she said every 140 years a large

earthquake should happen although the last one was a long time ago.

The last earthquake caused by the Hayward fault was in 1868 October 21. To fix the damages it did the city and the citizens had to pay a total of \$350,000 which is considered moderate.

If the next earthquake happens, it is going to be very strong and expensive to repair. Especially because of the energy it has stored and the whole time it has been inactive it will for sure be very strong.



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A trembling map of severity for the Hayward fault earthquake in 1868.

Air pollution from the California fires dramatically affect people's health

Sana Kamlesh Editor

The California fires that started in the beginning of August 2020 have been spreading rapidly over the Bay Area and making lots of people evacuate from their homes. For example, the SCU Lightning Complex Fires near Mission Peak, and the Glass Fire in Napa. As fire season approached, the risk for fires was very high because of dry vegetation and high winds. There was so much smoke that there was a day or two where the sky was yellow! As days went by, the air quality became worse while ash and smoke passed through the air,

Ms. Soto, a 6th grade English and History teacher, stated, "My son really likes this because he thought it was cool and scientific. Personally, it was hard to breathe because I have asthma."

The fires created dangers for multiple people with health issues and respiratory problems, like asthma. Even for people without



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The California Fires caused dangerous air quality for weeks.

respiratory problems, it was hard to breathe or even go outside.

Recently, a fire near Irvine, CA called the Silverado Fire has unexpectedly started making residents startled and concerned for their safety.

Ms. Staley, 7th grade English teacher commented, "Personally, I thought that the Glass Fire was worse because I have a friend who is in culinary school in Napa and her school burned down." There were many people worried about evacuating their house as the fire was approaching them quickly. People near the mountains had the highest risk of evacuating.

Sahil Rajkumar, 7th grader, said, "I didn't think there would be a need for us to evacuate as the fires were not burning near our house, but I do know that families near the mountains were thinking of evacuating."

Dia De Los Muertos takes a special place for their loved ones in their heart

Miranda Hernandez Reporter

A day so significant to Mexicans and people who celebrate All Saints Day, falls on November 1st and November 2nd. *Dia de los Muertos* is a holiday to honor the family and friends who have passed away, and to simply happily remember them.

Mr. Medina, the Spanish teacher, stated, "Dia de los Muertos is important to me because it helps me remember family members that have been close to me. Normally, we place an altar and picture frames of family members who have passed away. We also place special tablecloths, candles, plastic flowers (normally it should be marigolds), and skulls.

We don't place food on our altar due to ants. Normally people would put "Pan de Muertos" on their altar. For me, the most important piece of the altar is the picture frames because you can see the people we want to celebrate."

The first day of Dia de los Muertos, Dia de los Angelitos, honors the infants and children who died, the following day. Dia de los Difuntos, honors the adults who died. Finally, at the end of the day all those who have died are celebrated.

This holiday brings people together to acknowledge the dead, and to rejoice as if those who passed away were still with them.

6th grade student, Paula V. Navarro Rubio, commented, "Dia de los Muertos is important for me because it is the one day of the year that I can celebrate the most important people for me who are not here in the actual life."

The holiday is *not* a Mexican version of Halloween. It is a celebration so special to many, to commemorate and clearly remember the deceased. It is a festive holiday filled with happiness of ones ancestors.



Photo from Mr. Medina

Mr. Medina, Spanish Teacher, celebrates Dias De Los Muertos with his sons Max and Aaron. They built this altar to honor their ancestors.

Game Room gains fame during distance learning at lunchtime

Urian Paek Reporter

The Game Room is an online space to give students an alternative activity during lunch—to hang out and socialize.

One of the supervisors of the Game Room, Ms. Weber said, “It’s a space at school for students to come, play games and socialize after they eat their lunch, and they can bring their own games, or they can play the games that we have.”

“Before the COVID-19 pandemic, they had chess and Monopoly and a bunch of board games,” Ms. Goodfellow added.

However, COVID-19 has drastically altered the Game Room for the 2020-2021 school year. Now the Game Room is all online, as are the games themselves.

Ms. Goodfellow said, “It’s gone all digital, so we have to come up with games that we can all play online. So we’re

playing Kahoot, and now we’re playing Among Us.”

Mr. Del Carpio emphasized, “And then there was Among Us...which everyone seemed to be able to access.” Evidently, Among Us immediately captivated Game Room participants and took the Game Room by storm.

Ms. Weber stated, “I was a little bit nervous about it at first because I didn’t know how we would find what everyone wanted to do and how to make everyone happy, but it turns out the students just wanted to be there and have fun!”

It seems that the Game Room has handled the transition online seamlessly and is still going well, alive and kicking.



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Game Room participants play a variety of online games at lunch.

Black Pink: the birth of an inspiring legend

Fariza Kayanath Reporter

What would your reaction be if you learn that you’ve never heard of a music group that has broken multiple world records? Natalie A. Krause stated, “I am shocked and surprised. I haven’t heard of them before.”

According to www.soompi.com BLACKPINK has broken three world records with one video and two records with a different video. The video was released on June 26, 2020. The song was named “How You Like That” and broke the record of “Most viewed YouTube video in 24 hours.”

There are four members in this KPop group named Rosé, Jennie, Lisa, and Jisoo. Their band was introduced to the world in 2016 and has been thriving by doing what they love. BLACKPINK officially has 50 songs under their belt.



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Black Pink kicks off their fame by releasing songs everyone can enjoy.

Social and school life evolves

Brendan Delgadillo Guest Reporter

School closures have been one of the most difficult things we as students have had to deal with. Many students miss being around our friends and seeing our teachers face to face.

8th Grader Luke Eastman said, “I’ve felt very bad, when corona started. It took everything away from me, my teachers, my fun and my friends.”

6th Grader Mayra Tiwari commented, “Since corona started, I’ve been feeling overwhelmed. I miss going to school and seeing my friends. It hasn’t affected my family yet. We’ve been taking Precautions but it’s been overwhelming.”

Clearly, Covid-19 and its effect on the school structure has been a difficult change to deal with, especially for families who needed to be home to support their children after the school closures.

Having class on Zoom has made it even easier than before to get the assistance we need from our teachers. Office hours have been provided to those who need time and extra help with school work and projects. Teachers like Tracy Weber, a math teacher, and Jabari Snowden, a core support teacher, have taken the time to help many students.

