

# THE WARRIOR CHRONICLE

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## 1<sup>st</sup> semester Honor Roll students celebrate with a party

Ella Wang Reporter

On February 22nd, the much anticipated Honor Party took place, an occasion that many people enjoyed. It had pleasant food, nice songs to dance to, and fun activities to play with friends.

One of the event coordinators, Ms. Alves, commented, “The party went well, and the kids had fun things to do.”

The party served as a reward for those who made the Honor Roll in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. To qualify for the honor party people needed a 3.0 GPA or higher. Around 500 students attended.

To actually get the food, people got in a long line



Photo by Ms. Yuen

Students have fun and dance to music provided by DJ Hightop at the Honor Roll party.

playing. If you wanted, you could’ve request a song. Along with dancing, there were many other activities to enjoy.

For example, outside, there was the popular basketball hoop. There was a crowd of people who either wanted to watch or wanted to play.

Others were found hanging out with their friends at the lunch tables, playing games and participating in the bouncy house in the mini-gym, and trying out the escape room

with some teachers letting in one or two students at a time. They served food in the back of the cafeteria near the doors that led in and out. The food included: pizza from Little Caesars,

lemonade, and various brands of chips and sweets.

The dance floor was the front half of the cafeteria, where DJ Hightop was

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## Oscario-Cortez becomes youngest woman elected into Congress

Mayley Gonzalelez-Martinez Reporter

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was just a normal 29 year old working at a bar trying to help her family out, when she found herself making history as the youngest woman to be elected to Congress, according to a CNBC article.

Namrata Arichwal, an 8th grader, is glad that Ocasio-Cortez was elected. She thinks it’s a good thing because women understand things better than boys because they have more of a soft spot then boys.

Mr. Del-Carpio, a **Congress continues on pg. 4** science teacher, also

## Oakland teachers strike for fair salary

Kori Zendejas Reporter

About 3,000 teachers in the Oakland Unified School District went on strike from February 21- March 1, 2019 for a raise and an increased amount of resources. The staff of 86 schools did not show up to teach about 36,000 students for a generous amount of days in hopes the school board could pass their requests. According to [www.vox.com](http://www.vox.com), after more than a year of negotiating, the union agreed to give teachers a 11% raise over four years and a 3% bonus.

Fremont’s teachers have also been struggling with lack of money as their rent takes up about 60% of their paycheck and health insurance has gotten more expensive over the past years.

Strikes have been frequently used to get the school board’s attention and negotiate problems that arise within schools.

Mrs. Armstrong, an English teacher, believes going on strike is a good move to get the board’s attention. She stated that, “It [the strike] is a dramatic move so the teachers can afford to live in the Bay Area. The strike will occur if we don’t negotiate with the board.”

Meanwhile, Mrs. Staley, opposed Mrs. Armstrong’s opinion on whether Fremont’s teachers should follow in Oakland’s footsteps, noting that, “No, we are not there yet. Oakland teachers were striking for

things such as supplies, Fremont teachers are treated more fairly.” Although, she added that the Fremont District staff might go on strike toward this year if they don’t come to an agreement with the board.

In terms of teacher absences, Mia Miranda, an 8th grader, commented, “Teachers have their reasons for going on strike, but they should keep in mind students’ needs.”

All in all, it’s clear a strike will occur soon if an agreement doesn’t come through. Students’ education is on the line and jobs may be at risk.

# 2 Mars Rover, Opportunity, ends its mission after fourteen years

Jasmine Maung Reporter

On Feb 13, 2019, NASA announced that, the Mars rover, Opportunity ended its mission. A large dust storm circled around the planet. It covered the rover's solar panels and engineers struggled to contact the rover.

According to MacLean's, the other time that they had lost contact with the Opportunity Rover was on June 10th, 2018. Luckily, the rover got up after a lot of re-tries. When Opportunity got blown away in the storm, it was a devastating but somewhat celebratory moment for Nasa.

Will they send another Rover to Mars? "I don't think right now. They couldn't afford it," Ms. Kent-Berge answered. But TheGuardian.com states



Image provided by Google Images  
Opportunity has spent its time on Mars taking pictures and gathering information for NASA to interpret about the planet.

that NASA's lead scientist, Coates, is working on their new ExoMars Rover, also named as Rosalind Franklin, who will be launched in 2020.

For years, Nasa has been trying to find out if Mars, the red planet, is a good place for human life. NASA's

rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, have found out that Mars was a lot more damp in the past and that they're could have once been living life on Mars. With this information, NASA could find out how to get pieces of living life to be on Mars.

On the other hand, the Curiosity Rover is doing quite well. According to Mars Mobile, Curiosity took an image of a block that lets you get a 3D view of the rocks around it's area. They decided to turn their rover around and observe the block from all sides. The rock was now named "Muir of Ord" and they will also be doing many more investigations on Mars and posting it on their site.

## Exploring Florida this Spring break with Mr. Bae

Image from World Strides website

Many people going to Florida are excited about swimming with the dolphins.



Richard Flores Reporter

During this spring break, Mr. Bae will be taking a group of 19 students on a science trip to Florida. They'll leave for Florida on April 22 and return back on April 26. The students will pay for the trip to for a total of \$2,150.

The students and parent chaperones will be spending the week at the Marriott Hilton.

The trip is organized by World Strides, a travel organization specializing in school trips like Florida.

The students will do many amazing things! This includes dissecting animals, seeing wildlife, and visiting

the turtle hospital. There's also an opportunity to swim around with dolphins.

Amber Suthaharan, 8th grader, is one of the lucky students attending this trip. She said, "All my friends are going, and it sounded like a fun trip to go to. I'm not worried about anything on the trip and expect to hang out with dolphins."

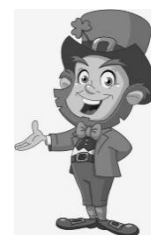
This is the first time Mr. Bae is hosting this trip to Florida and everyone is confident he'll do great. The field trip seems to be a great on-hands learning experience for students, as well as just super fun.

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activity that took place in Room 1.

Some students said that they also enjoyed the party and thought that it was fun. Although, others think improvements can be made. Lezly Linares from 8th grade stated that she thought that they could have some better songs to play while Sara Lai also in 8th grade thought that the party could do better with more food.

Overall, the Honor party had a generally positive vibe to it, which led many people to have a great time.



## March/April Calendar

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| <b>March 20</b>    | <b>Kick Butts Day</b>      |
| <b>April 8-12</b>  | <b>Spirit Week</b>         |
| <b>April 12</b>    | <b>Spring Dance</b>        |
| <b>April 17</b>    | <b>Bunny Hop at Lunch</b>  |
| <b>April 17-18</b> | <b>Talent Show Tryouts</b> |

# Roma actress becomes the first indigenous Mexican woman to be nominated at Oscars 3

Celeste Nunez Reporter

Many are celebrating Yalitza Aparicio's rapid success for her leading role in Alfonso Cuarón's *Roma*. *Roma* has been nominated for Best Foreign Language Film and Best Cinematography Film. Aparicio, however, was also nominated under the Best Actress category.

This is the first time in 14 years that a Mexican-born actress is nominated for this category. Not only was she the second Mexican-born actress to be nominated, but she is also the fourth Latina actress and first ever indigenous-Mexican woman to be nominated for this category.

Yalitza is an overnight sensation and has definitely broken some barriers in the Oscars. Jaiveen Singh, a 7th grader,

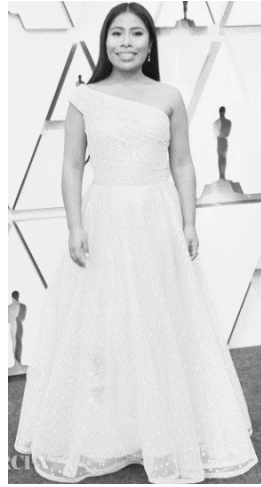


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Yalitza Aparicio is making history and promoting diversity at the 2019 Oscars.

acknowledges that although it has taken time for an indigenous-Mexican actress to be nominated, the Oscars are expanding their diversity.

Students like 8th graders Sergio Cardona, Collette Headley, and Gabriela Vega agree that throughout the years, the Oscars have been more diverse and Aparicio's nomination can lead to more

diversity for indigenous Mexicans.

Headly remarked, "Totally, I think it gives a voice to indigenous people. They can do it as well, if more people looked up to people like Yalitza. I think people would be more open and have more opportunities in TV shows and movies, leading to a more diverse industry."

Yalitza's success in *Roma* is a big step for the indigenous community.

Gabriela believes that it's a big step for the Latino community too, stating that it's "separating Latinos from their stereotypical ways" and "proving that Latinos are more than what they are viewed as, we are hardworking people, and this goes to prove it."

Aparicio was born in Tlaxiaco, Oaxaca, a small state filled with culture and

traditions. She grew up facing many challenges due to her skin color and faced insults which were not unusual in Mexico because she was indigenous.

Although Aparicio is facing many hateful comments, she still keeps her head high. Aparicio explains to Los Angeles Times "I want to believe that in the future, they will continue to include more and more people like me, so that someone else can look at it and say, 'Hey I look like her.'"

Although Aparicio did not win the category on this year, she still made history being the first ever indigenous Mexican to be nominated. With her nomination, she is opening many doors to the indigenous and Latino community.

## Editorial: Should people keep pure-breeding animals to be "perfect"?

Riley Chitwood Reporter

Around the world, animals are being born into the life of pure-breeding. This is the process of two identical individuals reproducing to get a specific offspring and these actions are causing health issues for the purebred animals such as: hip,

neurological, and heart problems. A popular breed of dog being purebred are the Cavalier King Charles. These dogs can be bought for thousands of dollars, just for a family to spend more money for their health needs. This breed of dogs can get valve

issues, heart conditions, and neurological problems.

In my opinion, these strategies to get a "pretty puppy" need to stop. The breeders only breed these dogs for their physical features. There are different kinds of breeding too. Line breeding is a type of breeding where they select closely related relatives to mate with, for example, grandma and grandson. This causes their bodily issues can be passed down to the offspring like, diseases and their shapes and forms.

Some may feel different about this topic like Mrs. McCallum. She said, "This is a business, but they should get animals from the

pound." She obviously believes that this is a business, but still thinks the animals are being treated wrongly.

According to Claire Maldarelli from Scientific American, "When a male dog wins numerous championships, for instance, he is often bred widely." Facts like these make me feel so heartbroken for these helpless animals. They are basically getting born into a life of torture.

In the future, there should be less purebreds and there should put some diversity in the breeding process. These actions will cause less health issues and deaths for the animals.

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## Students to make memories in Washington D.C. this summer

Simranjit Neelam Reporter

This summer, the 8th graders are going to Washington D.C. to learn about history. They have been learning about U.S. history for the whole school year, and are now going to learn even more about it in D.C. The 8th graders will be going on this trip on June 17th-June 22nd, 2019. There will be about 70 students going on this trip with history teachers Mr. Sachs and Mr. Kenny and a few more chaperones.

There are many different reasons for students to go such as learning about our country's past and having fun with friends. Some students may also want to go because of the food. Students consider this a good opportunity to spend some time with their friends in an historic place.

One of the students going to the Washington D.C. trip is Siri Suvvari, an 8th grader. She said, "I want to go



Image from Clipart

The US Capitol will be one of many famous building 8th graders will visit this summer.

to the Washington D.C. trip because I want to learn more about U.S. history and have fun with my friends."

The 8th graders will be visiting monuments, museums, Mt. Vernon, and White House. These are places where they'll learn all about the U.S. history, especially at the White House.

Mr. Kenny and Mr. Sachs have been organizing this trip for over 13 years. Mr. Sachs said, "We want to give the 8th graders a memory of junior high school and want them to learn more about U.S. history."

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commented, "I think it's very cool and good to have more women in Congress because you set different opinions to the table and women bring a whole new perspective."

"I think it's great, for women overall that a lot women are elected to Congress, and it's great overall for the younger seeing more opportunities that other women didn't have back then," Ms. Baldwin stated.

Today, a big influence for a lot of people is the internet and social media. And that has helped Alexandria get elected to Congress, because of her big following on social media. "As of February 2019, she has 3.1 million Twitter followers, up from 1.38 million in November 2018," Axios reported. "That is why having Alexandria elected to Congress is so amazing. We can connect more with her following," mentioned Alyson Alvarez, an 8th grader.

Alexandria is a critic of Donald Trump, which Nicole Fernandez, a 8th grader, considers great because people are getting a different perspective from people who from people who do like Donald Trump and could also connect with more people who have the same point of view as her.

Because of Alexandria getting elected to Congress, a lot more young women will be inspired to go into politics themselves. And inspiration is what we need to succeed and do better than the ones before us.