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Ruth Bader Ginsburg: Her legacy and impactful life

Miranda Hernandez Reporter

“My most fervent wish is that I not be replaced until a new president is installed,” was Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s dying wish. Ruth died on September 18, 2020 at the age of 87, at her home in Washington D.C., due to complications of metastatic pancreatic cancer.

8th grade English teacher, Ms. Hayward, explained, “I really appreciated her a lot. I was grateful for her work on women’s rights. I liked how dedicated she was, not only on gender equality but on justice in general.”

Ruth was a law student, in a male-dominated environment. In the words of biography.com, “The women were chided for taking the places of qualified males.” Despite this, Ruth persevered and excelled academically.

Ruth married Martin D. Ginsburg, another law school student, in 1954. They later had their first child, Jane, and their second child, James.

After graduating from Columbia Law School as first in her class, she moved into the workplace.



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Ruth Bader Ginsburg is an important person who younger audiences can look up to.

Ruth had difficulties finding a job, even if she did really well academically, because of gender discrimination, oyez.org suggests. Eventually, she got a job and became the first female professor at Columbia Law School in 1972.

Yesenia Medina Baltazar, an 8th grader, expressed, “From what I know of Ginsburg, I can see that she was a very strong woman, she always fought for what was right. I think she was someone amazing... She’s someone to look up to.”

Ruth led the Influential Women’s Project and fought against gender discrimination, not only for women but for men as well.

Gaining some attention, Jimmy Carter gave Ruth a position in court, where she served 13 years before accepting her position as a Supreme Court Justice in 1993, becoming the second female to do so.

7th grade History teacher Mr. Kenny said, “The scope of her career is incredible. As a lawyer, she was quite impressive, and as a judge, she was even more so. There are other influential Supreme Court women, like Sonia Sotomayor, but for her to come from where women were limited is amazing.”

Ruth argued many cases and kept fighting for gender equality, LGBTQ+ rights, and civil rights, for example.

She was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery on September 29.

Art clubs adapts to keep students participating during distance learning

Germeen Shaker Reporter

Mrs. Carey has three different clubs so she definitely has an impact on how clubs have changed for Walters. Mrs. Carey’s three different clubs are Anime, Cosplay Club, and Artists Club.

She interacts with her students through Google Classroom where not only she can reach them but so can their classmates. They exchange information there and that’s where they get all their announcements. Before COVID, all of this type of exchange would happen

live during a meeting and most kids would not get to hear all of the conversations or be involved. In Google Classroom, an advantage is that kids can get more involved because they can read all of the conversations and comment when they want to.

In the club meetings on Zoom, the students are able to chat and again, they can SEE the conversations and jump in. Whereas in a live meeting a lot of kids would not be able to get into conversations. Mrs. Carey stated, “In the

Zoom meetings we are limited by what we can share on a screen so it can be hard to SEE what people are holding up to the camera. In real life meetings, we put it under the document camera and project it and everyone can see it.”

In Zoom meetings, Anime is shown by watching Netflix together while chatting about it and it is fun to be able to chat without disrupting the video. In live in person Anime, conversations would be disruptive if they were out loud.

COVID affects students' sports routine

Isabella Cisneros Reporter

For school-age kids, playing sports is a big part of their lives. It keeps them in shape, helps build friendships and bonds with others, and also gives them something to be passionate about. But since March 13, 2020, it all changed. That day was when quarantine started and we even had to quit or take a break from group sports.

8th grader Ben Headley said, "I was pretty sad when I found out we were no longer wrestling especially since wrestling was the only sport I was really good at. Now I have been working out at home and have been going to a friend's house to wrestle to stay in shape and to practice wrestling. Even though I was sad I couldn't wrestle on a team, I still found some practice to stay healthy and in shape."

Mariana Velez, 8th grade, stated, "Before COVID started I played softball and I did wrestling. It made me feel

anxious, excited, and happy. It gave me a place to let out my anger. After COVID-19 I tried to stay in contact with my teammates so I don't lose bonds and friendships I had them. It feels nice to be able to communicate with them."

Now staying in shape and communication are huge parts in sports but so is having a passion for that sport.

Keoni Cisneros, 6th grade, said, "[Before the quarantine] I played football and soccer during school and I did track and field outside of school on a team. When I found out that I love to do track and field, I knew my passion. When I would do track and field it made me feel happy and proud, but when we found out I could no longer do track and field I was upset because it was something I loved."



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Kids aren't able to have fun with their favorite sports as the pandemic is making them stay at limit group exposure.

Mr. Bae continues planning spring science trip

Jorge Angeles Reporter

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Students can learn about science on Mr. Bae's upcoming Florida trip, organized by World Strides, which is still tentative.



The science and robotics teacher Mr. Bae is planning a science trip to Florida. The one last spring was canceled because of quarantine. He hopes that this new trip planned for next semester will continue as planned. While some parents have canceled the trip, Mr. Bae has decided to continue out of respect for parents who have decided to stay on.

Mr. Bae said, "Students who have paid for trip insurance will definitely get their money back if we need to cancel." The trip will depend on the circumstances in the spring.

Santiago Zaragoza 8th grade said, "It is dangerous for the kids because of the pandemic. What if someone in the plane or in Florida is sick and infects one of the students, it could spread in Florida and here in Fremont."

Even with some people disagreeing, there are other students who agree. As a matter of fact, 7-8 students and parents signed up. Mr. Bae has been planning for a while. He added, "The tour company Worldstrides is having its first Florida trip in November. Our trip is currently scheduled for April 2021. After that November trip has concluded, I would have a much better idea of the company's social distancing policies, health and safety procedures."

Social media usage increases during COVID-19

Melissa Alvarez Reporter

Everyone is social distancing and in their homes because of quarantine. COVID has spread all over the world, especially in the US. During this time, almost everyone's social life has been affected.

Melanie Viramontes, 8th grader, stated, "It impacts me by not being able to do the normal stuff I used to do while being in school, with friends, family, and other things I used to do." Social distancing has affected people's social life with friends and family and even affected people's mental health.

People's social lives either got more social like on social media or less on online platforms. For example, 7th grader Collin McMeen said, "I'm less social in person now. I definitely use social media a lot more now."

Social distancing and COVID do change people's social lives. Seeing how most people are more active on social media than in person.

Editorial: Trump and Biden face off in childish presidential debate

Diego Gurrola Reporter

On September 29, the presidential candidates, President Donald Trump and Joe Biden, went to the first debate for one hour at the Samson Pavilion of the Health Education Campus. The debate in my opinion was childish and had little to no value.

Debates are important for people who are deciding on who to vote for. It shows off the candidate's true colors and their opinions. Very essential, these are mostly made to be mature and are a duel of knowledge.

I felt like it was unprofessional. I think it's scary to note that one of these guys will become the leader of our country and thus, have the power to influence other people and countries. If you think about it, WW3 nearly started in January when Donald Trump ordered an attack drone to kill Iran's general, General Soleimani.

The presidential debates and elections are important, and they force the population to choose who is a good face for the country. So that's why I thought it was disappointing how childish it was.

8th grade history teacher Paul Cumpian explained how Donald Trump and Joe Biden constantly interrupted each other and how it was a mockery of our system.

In a section focusing on the COVID-19 pandemic, Trump mocked Joe Biden for wearing a mask.

"I don't wear masks like him. Every time you see him, he's got a mask.

He could be speaking 200 ft. away and he shows up with the biggest mask I've ever seen," said President Trump, which the internet took and turned into a viral meme. The rest of the debate was horrible and awkward.

Overall, the debate was uncivilized and immature.



Photo from Google Images
Trump and Biden have their first debate on September 29 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Zoom creates pros and cons for everyone during COVID-19 pandemic

Sara Lele Editor

Everybody is using Zoom for school. But really how reliable is it?

Mrs. Chand, a 6th grade English and history teacher stated, "A few pros of Zoom is that it makes us all better at using technology. On the technology, there are lots of fun platforms for students to use. The cons are that it's hard for teachers to connect with students on Zoom, and it's hard to give feedback. In a classroom, I can see which students are doing well, and which students are not so well. Finally, there are lots of students who are obviously not paying attention, and the amount of work is more."

Mr. Nicholson, a 7th grade math teacher, said, "Some pros are that you can mute people and it's easy to take attendance."

Another pro is that Zoom is a great tool for screen sharing. Teachers all over the world need to share their screen in order to show their students material. Because of Zoom, this is made quick, easy, and efficient.

Another pro is that there is a chat window. If someone's mic isn't working, then they can type in whatever they need to in order for the teacher to tell what the student has to say, such as asking a question.

However, Mr. Kinnear, a 7th grade English teacher, commented, "One of the major cons of Zoom is the student interaction. When I share my screen, I can't see students, so I can't see which kids need my help and which kids don't."

When teachers share their

screen to show students material, they won't be able to see every student's reaction. Because of this, teachers won't know if the student is confused. This could be a big problem because lots of students, even if they are confused, will keep quiet. Without teachers being able to see students and their reactions, it will be hard for them to learn what they need to be successful.

Another con is that Zoom bombing incidents are increasing. They are highly distracting for both teachers and students, and they seem to target schools.

All in all, Zoom is a great way for teachers to interact with students and teach during distance learning, but it does have its setbacks.

California wildfires eerily grow bigger than usual this year

Jade Rodriguez Assistant Editor

The fires in California this year are causing extreme damage around the state. The fires are bigger and are spreading faster, compared to past years. Despite the firefighters' best efforts to stop the blazing inferno, the fires only keep getting bigger because of the warming temperatures and dry conditions in California.

The temperatures this year increased because of the rise of greenhouse gas concentrations. There has also been a lack of rainfall in California, which causes grass to become dry. Wildfires can start by just a tiny area of dry grass, and then the wind causes the fires to expand. According to *theguardian.com*, since the drought, trees have been dying, and researchers have found bark beetles in the trees' crowns.

As reported in *disasterphilanthropy.org*, "Since the beginning of the year, there have been over 8,300 wildfires that have burned over 4 million acres in



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California's forest fires has burned over 4 million acres.

California. The four million acres burned in 2020 are the most in a single year since CalFire began keeping records, and more than the last three years combined." Although the wildfires are not very large, if they can't be contained, the fires will cause great damage and spread to longer distances.

Mr. Kuhlmann, an 8th grade science teacher, stated, "It's a combination of a lot of not great things, it is not one thing that has kept [the wildfires] going." He believes that the bad air quality, the hotter temperatures, and the dry weather are part of the reason why fires are so big this year.

Many people's houses have been destroyed and many people have

died due to the wildfires. Some people have even been evacuated by helicopters because of their location.

Iris Li, an 8th grader, thinks that it is really sad that they have to evacuate their homes because it is not safe for them to be there anymore.

Even by living far from the burn zone, some people are being bothered by the smoke. The tiny particles in the smoke can be bad for people, but it is more dangerous for people who already have problems in their lungs or their heart. It can also have a negative effect on children because their respiratory systems might not be completely developed yet.

President Trump tests positive for COVID-19 and shocks the whole nation

Urian Paek Reporter

Now President Trump has joined the pantheon of world leaders who have tested positive for COVID-19. Ever since Trump claimed to have COVID-19 on October 1, 2020, the nation's population has had mixed reactions.

People have speculated whether or not Trump will recover successfully. Yuhee Kim, a nurse, said, "He will recover, definitely. Of course, there is a chance [that he could die]. So [it] depends on how he manages his virus actually."

Brian Song, a partner of the Song & Lee Law Firm, said, "As lethal as COVID-19 is, you have to understand that the mortality of COVID is still at 3%...Even [with] all these factors, being 74 and obese, he's probably looking at something like 80% chance of recovery."

However, there is also some

controversy on whether he's actually sick or is faking it to try to give himself a better public image. According to Landon Chau, an 8th grader, "He could be faking because nobody recovers in two days."

Mr. Brian Song has a different perspective, and said, "He has all these state-of-the-art medical teams and medical care at his disposal. So, I am



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The President takes some precautions by wearing a mask in public.

not surprised at all that he was able to walk out of the hospital within a couple of days."

Lots of people are also questioning how COVID-19 will affect Trump's chances of reelection, if at all. "He has COVID, but that won't help his reelection chances at all because nobody wants a sick president getting others sick," Landon remarked.

Brian Song added, "He had all the other things going in his favor. For example, the economy is much better. People vote mostly based on jobs and economy. And the economy before COVID-19 was actually doing the best in the last 50-60 years. COVID-19 clearly upended his chance."

As it stands right now, there is still a lot of confusion and controversy surrounding the topic of Trump's COVID-19 infection.

Students and staff stay entertained during quarantine times

Sana Kamlesh Editor

During the shelter in place and with social distancing rules, people are getting bored out of their minds. They are running out of things to do at home, as they are stuck at home.

According to *cnet.com*, as concerts are canceled and everyone is supposed to stay at home, the most introverted and productive people will at some point get bored with nothing to do, especially little kids who are adventurous and curious. Still people need to find new ways to be productive.

Mishca Ghelani, a 6th grader, stated, "I have learned sketching during quarantine. Before quarantine, I thought I was horrible at it and now that I am home, I actually



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Doing activities with your family can help you stay entertained during quarantine.

developed an interest in it." In fact, sketching is a way that can de-stress you. It is actually one of the best things to do in quarantine as the Coronavirus stresses you out.

Before the pandemic, the average consumer had 12 media and entertainment subscriptions

and paid for an average of three of those services. Ever since the pandemic hit, the average person pays for four streaming services. Americans are worried about how some items have increased their prices up to two times.

Ms. Baird, a 6th-grade teacher, commented,

"I love making DIY's now that I am home with nothing to do. You don't have to spend a lot of money to get items and just use whatever you have at home."

DIY's are something that can make you less stressed and bored. As you mostly spend money on groceries or essentials, DIY's can probably take you up to \$5 to spend and most of the things you already have at home.

Guneet Gill, a 7th grader, said, "I like to go on two-mile walks with my mom. I get really tired and sore since I get out of breath with my mask."

Nurses take precautions to prevent getting infected by COVID-19

Navjot Waraich Reporter

We have been quarantined since March 13, 2020. That's about 220 days!

It's important that healthcare workers like doctors and nurses don't get COVID, because if they don't take precautions, there will be no one to help the patients infected with COVID.

One way that nurses prevent themselves from getting COVID is PPE. Kasey Langford, a nurse who works at COVID testing centers in various locations around the Bay Area said, "PPE-personal

protective equipment--protects me from any exposure when I administer tests..It's hygienic for me and the patients and it protects them from me." She said that it is a very strict protocol with PPE. She has to wear a N95 mask, a face shield, a gown, goggles and gloves.

Gurpreet Kaur is an RN (registered nurse) who is currently working as a pharmacist technician at Highland Hospital in Oakland.

Gurpreet explained, "All the COVID

patients are kept in a negative-air pressure room that means the air doesn't come out to the hallways...when the nurses go into the rooms, they are using PPE."

Gurpreet also included that a good way to be safe from COVID when you go home is to take off your shoes, don't come in contact with anyone, and go take a shower. She stated the reason for this is because there might be germs on your clothes and you don't want to transfer them to other people.



Photo from Navjot Waraich

Kasey Langford (left) and Gurpreet Kaur(right) work to keep people healthy.

She said she doesn't even pet her cat, Boots.



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California's extensive fault lines shake fear into citizens

Kon Chence Delaney Reporter

Imagine if someone was just relaxing or sitting in class and then they feel the ground start to shake. Then they started to see a bunch of items off their wall fall to the ground. Earthquakes are very common in California and more are coming.

According to earthquaketrack.com, there have been 15 earthquakes in the last 7 days. In the last 30 days, there have been 47 earthquakes around the Bay Area. People want to make sure they are ready for the earthquake, too. Make sure to stay away from windows, lights, and bookshelves. A desk is a good place to hide under so nothing falls on you. Having emergency supplies ready is a must too.

Suppose the earthquake is so strong that it cuts off our power and



San Andreas Fault is a continental transform that extends roughly 1,200 kilometers through California.

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electricity, therefore this will affect our online schooling.

Mr. Kinnear, a 7th-grade English teacher said, "If an earthquake hit during class it would cut out electricity for weeks. Then I believe we would all have to come together and teach in plastic, airtight, and oxygenated boxes in the school gym."

He lightheartedly added that if there was a way to sit in a clear plastic box with wheels or a bubble we could roll around the school. With this method, we could travel around the school while social distancing.

California has a huge fault line called the San Andreas Fault. According to earthquakeauthority.com, on

October 15th, California practiced the Great Shakeout (earthquake drills and earthquake safety). Usually, this would happen at school. So how would we practice earthquake safety at home?

We can be prepared and we would have to know the proper procedures. Hopefully busy working parents could still inform the children at home.

If there is an earthquake, even fires could start.

Earthquakeauthority.com says that when electrical and gas lines are moved because of the shaking, they could cause firestorms. Earthquakes could be very scary, so we must be careful and prepared for them.

Adapting Halloween to keep people safe through COVID

Cynthia Ortiz Reporter

COVID-19 has affected everyone differently, especially small businesses. These businesses rely on seasonal sales and holidays. Halloween stores are included.

For example, Spirit Halloween store only opens once a year. These stores need kids, teens, and adults to buy costumes in order to keep their franchise alive. But because of COVID-19, we spend more time inside and kids and adults are realizing, why spend \$20 dollars for a costume when they can make one at home for less.

Art teacher Mrs. Carey recently started the cosplay club that does just this. Mrs. Carey said, "I am not really into cosplay but I do make some costumes, especially for my kids."

Mrs. Carey's student Katelynn Phan 8th grade said that she will be

making her own costume this year. Katelynn said that she's felt a lot more creative since being in Mrs. Carey's class.

People have done other things instead of buying costumes. However, for younger kids, it is a little more difficult to get supplies for costumes.

Lorely Esquivel, 8th grade, said, "It would be a fun activity to do with my siblings." She also mentioned the dangers of buying costumes because they could be infected. Lorely added, "I mean buying a costume is fine but disinfect it first... what matters is that everyone stays safe and healthy."

But the Center for Disease Control and Prevention stated, "Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. There are safer options or alternative ways to

participate in Halloween." But be aware that you are putting your life at risk if you don't take precautions in these situations. Just stay safe and make sure you wear a mask.



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Spirit Halloween is a seasonal store that sells Halloween costumes and accessories.

Editorial: Should Zoom be used in the long run?

Omar Mojadidi Assistant Editor

From working on a desk to working from school, COVID-19 has changed the old way of learning to a new innovative way of learning. I believe that Zoom is not the ideal way of learning, although, it is much safer. There are many advantages and disadvantages with courses online.

Zooooom!!!! As the global epidemic began to spread, many schools and districts began to work and learn online. "Zoom is a cloud-based video communications app that allows you to set up virtual video and audio conferencing, webinars, live chats, screen-sharing, and other collaborative capabilities" according to Business Insider.

Some students may not even complete their assignments. They could be in class but not finish the assignments that were given. Some may not even attend their classes. I believe that those students should set up a date and come to school to do their work while social distancing.

Mr. Kenny, a 7th-grade history teacher, said, "The next step is to find those students who are not working and to bring them into the gymnasium and space them out about fifteen feet apart and have someone monitoring them and make sure they have a quiet place to work and they can actually get their work done without the

distractions and having someone working over them..."

Shawn Lapachet, an 8th grader, exclaimed, "It's really easy to lose focus and it can be really stressful at times. Probably the amount of work we get can be stressful."

During online schooling, teachers have been giving different amounts of work. Some may give one assignment and another may give five. When I do these assignments I feel overwhelmed and stressed.

I believe that the duration of class time is one of the best things about having online classes. Going from 4 hours to 8 hours is a major time difference and is great in my opinion. Many people have anxiety and are just shy. In that case, they might not ask questions they need answers to.

Although I think online learning is not better in the long run and in general, I also believe that online school is safer and easier. In the end, we all are learning but in different ways.

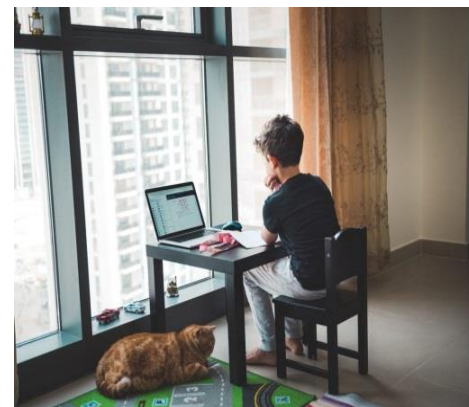


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A student works on his computer due to distance learning.

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RED RIBBON WEEK

***International Walk and Roll to School Week**

***Oct. 29th Pet Costume Contest**

***Oct 30th Costume Contest during lunch (Most Original, Funniest Scariest)**

SchoolLoop email Ms. Alves for Zoom links

Teacher Feature: All about Mrs. Dentoni

Daisy Lwin Reporter

We have many excellent teachers in Walters, and on top of that, we have a new 6th grade English teacher named Mrs. Dentoni. She has greatly enjoyed working with 2nd graders for the last 16 years and wanted a change before her career comes to a close.

Mrs. Dentoni has two children who were also students of FUSD and have influenced her career in becoming a teacher since 2005.

Before working at Walters, Mrs. Dentoni was working at Joseph Azeveda Elementary School. "I wanted to work at Walters because I've always connected well with older kids. I

have worked with older kids for years through my church, and my personality seems to be better with older children. They just seem to 'get me' quicker...Also, I wanted the opportunity to work with my friend, Mr. Weems," said Mrs. Dentoni.

She is still trying to get a feel for Walters because of Covid-19, but said, "I really like the students here, and I also really like the curriculum I am teaching."

Deagan Neesham, a student of Mrs. Dentoni, commented, "Mrs. Dentoni is a good teacher because she makes the lessons fun and unique. She helps me learn and doesn't make it boring."



Photo from Mrs. Dentoni
Mrs. Dentoni and her husband have two children who are former FUSD students.