

# THE WARRIOR CHRONICLE

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## Anna May Wong becomes first Asian American on U.S. currency

Ruby Willson Reporter

Anna May Wong will be commemorated on the fifth coin in the American Women Quarters Program scheduled to release on October 25, 2022. She was chosen because she was able to overcome the adversity she faced during her career as a Hollywood actress. Wong will be the first Asian American to be on United States currency. With the majority of the currency having White men on them, it is a change to see that the United States government is creating more diversity by including women of different ethnicities on US currency.

Mrs. Young, an office staff member, stated, "I believe that the USA is made out of people from all around the world with different backgrounds, ethnic groups, and cultures. Being an Asian woman, it made me proud to see an Asian American recognized as part of this country."

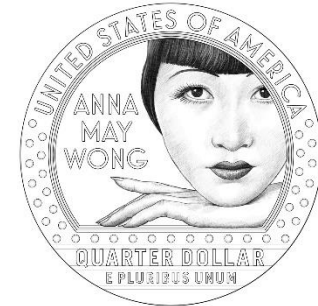
Wong was the first Chinese-American actress in Hollywood and the first Chinese-American actress to gain international recognition. Born in 1905 in Los Angeles to immigrant parents, Anna was fascinated by movie production and decided that she wanted to become an actress.



She landed her first big role at age 17 in one of the first Technicolor films, *The Toll of the Sea*. Due to constant discrimination from Hollywood, Anna decided to go to Europe where she acted in more films and plays. In 1930, she went back to Broadway in the United States, but ended up getting casted in stereotypical leading roles.

She retired from acting in 1947 but returned in 1951 as the first Asian American to lead the television series, *The Gallery of Madame Liu Tsong*. She unfortunately died on February 4, 1961 because of a heart attack.

Wong faced discrimination her entire lifetime. At the time, Hollywood would cast white actors in Asian roles. The practice of casting a non-Asian for an Asian role is called yellowface.



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Anna May Wong will be on the US quarter this month.

Yellowface was when white actors would darken their faces and use prosthetics and outfits to appear a different race. These actors would villainize or ridicule Asians with exaggerated accents and other physical features.

According to biography.com, "Wong was feeling constrained by Hollywood. 'Yellowfacing,' was not only offensive, it limited the parts available to Wong, who noted, 'Rather than real Chinese, producers prefer Hungarians, Mexicans, American Indians for Chinese roles.'"

Wong being chosen to be on the quarter shows how much this country has grown since she was alive, taking steps to include women from a variety of cultures to represent America on currency. 6th grader Melody Gurney said, "She [Wong] would be really proud of what she accomplished."

## Staff Feature: One of the new assistant principals, Mrs. Lemke

Photo by Shrinidhi Ivaturi

Mrs. Lemke is one of the two new assistant at Walters this year. She loves to garden and rides her bike to work.



John Perry Reporter

Mrs. Lemke is one of the new assistant principals who came to Walters this year. She works alongside Ms. Tibbs and Ms. Graham.

"Mrs. Lemke is an intelligent and hardworking assistant principal. Walters is lucky to have her on our team because she brings so much knowledge and experience to our school," said Ms. Graham.

When she is not working at school, Mrs. Lemke is working on her garden. Mrs. Lemke likes to plant tomatoes, chili peppers, lettuce, peaches, and plums. She likes to eat

fresh vegetables from her garden. "Food tastes better when you grow it yourself," said Mrs. Lemke.

Mrs. Lemke's husband helps her with her garden. She got into gardening around 20 years ago. She likes to buy seeds off the internet or buy them at Dale hardware. She loves to be outside.

Mrs. Lemke especially enjoys growing trees. She said, "I like trees of all kinds. They are so beautiful and majestic. They bring me a sense of calm and peace."

Mrs. Lemke loves gardening and finds a lot of joy in it.

# Wellness Center opens, giving students a place to unwind during lunch

Marlee Tubera Reporter

The Wellness Center opened on Tuesday, September 13th. Since its opening, students have been able to drop in during their designated day to destress and hang out with friends. With a generous donation from the district, the counselors at Walters were able to bring their vision to life. Some of the calming activities available for students include a Zen garden, water easels, an assortment of fidget toys, and multiple flexible seating areas for relaxation.

Ms. Gonzalez, the 7th grade counselor, said, “We really wanted to make sure that it was a welcoming place for all students to feel safe. We wanted to focus on their well-being.”

The counselors decided to separate visiting days by grade. Ms. Gonzalez explained that they decided to do it this way so that there would be more organization and it would insure that more students got a chance to go. She added that they saw some students that needed a safe place to calm down and work through their emotions and they felt that the Wellness Center would help. She added, “We focused on making it comfortable and fun for students.”



Photo by Anika Phair

The Wellness Center gives students a safe and quiet place to relax during lunch with their friends.

Vincent Lee, an 8th grade student, mentioned that he likes the Wellness Center because it is comfortable and he likes the environment. He commented, “There are several students in the Wellness Center that just lounge around and give off a... relaxing energy. Also the abundance of bean bag chairs, couches and cushions make it seem welcoming...”

Vincent also said that he plans to visit the Wellness Center every Thursday.

Una Alberto, an 8th grader, stated, “The Wellness Center is fun because it is relaxing and has a lot of activities.”

Her favorite part about the Wellness Center is the massage chairs. She likes them because they are comfortable and she looks forward to visiting the Wellness Center every Thursday. Una likes the Wellness Center because that is where she and her friends hang out. She also mentioned that she really enjoys the water easel as well as the fidget toys.

You can get tickets to visit the Wellness Center during lunch near room 39. The grade schedule is as follows: 6th grade every Tuesday, 7th grade every Wednesday, and 8th grade every Thursday. Come by room 17 on your grade’s respective day to enjoy the Wellness Center!

## Thank you to all who participated in Red Ribbon Week 2022!!!



RED RIBBON WEEK 2021

**Drug Free  
Looks Like  
Me**

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Red Ribbon Week was created to encourage students not to do drugs. During Red Ribbon Week, students are educated on how smoking and doing drugs can harm their health. Students dress up in themed outfits to show that they are opposed to drugs and smoking and to win spirit points for their homerooms. There were also lunchtime activities where students participated and tried to win spirit point for their homeroom.

# First-Hand Account: Celebrating Diwali with family

Riya Venkadesan Reporter

*Diwali* is one of the most significant occasions in India. Diwali was created in 527 BCE. Diwali is mainly celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and Newar Buddhists. Diwali means, “the row of lights.”

People celebrate Diwali because of King Rama's return to Ayodhya after he defeated Ravana by lighting rows of clay lamps. Southern India celebrates it as the day that Lord Krishna defeated the demon Narakasura.

I also celebrate Diwali, but people celebrate Diwali in many different ways. For example, some people celebrate Diwali for five days, but I do not. I celebrate Diwali for one day. One thing that I do during Diwali is put out *rangoli*. The reason why I put out rangoli is to welcome the goddess of wealth, or Goddess Lakshmi. My Mom makes sweets and I help her make them. My parents get me new clothes for Diwali. The clothes that are bought for me are things like sarees or lehengas. I sometimes get jewelry, too. Later, I light the house with *diyas* because

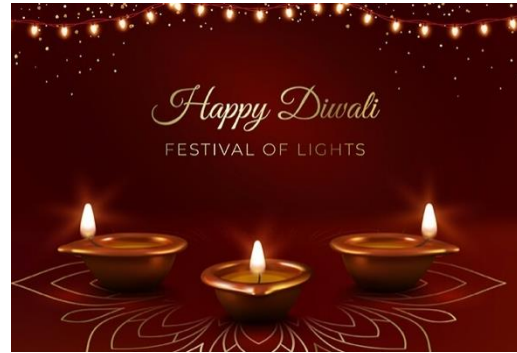


Photo from Riya Venkadesan and Google Images

Riya lights a diya while celebrating Diwali to represent light triumphing over the dark.

Diwali celebrates the triumph of light over dark or good over evil. Diyas are traditional lamps that are commonly made out of clay.

This is not the only way to celebrate Diwali. Here are some examples of how some people celebrate Diwali.

Alisha Manke, a 7th grader, said, “We go to the *gurdwara* [temple]. Then, we light Diyas. Then, I make *jalebis*. And after that, we eat the jalebis. My parents get me new clothes.”

The way that Alisha celebrates Diwali is also not the only way to celebrate Diwali. For example, 7th grader Sahib Rawahawa explained, “In

our religion, we celebrate the arrival of our sixth guru. We go to the gurdwara. In our gurdwara, we celebrate Diwali by showing off our fighting skills.”

7th grader Puneeth Lekkalapud explained, “My family and I go to the temple. After that, we go home and light firecrackers. Finally, we talk to our family in India and we eat sweets that were made before the day of Diwali.”

This year, the five day celebration of Diwali will start on October 22 and end on October 26. The one-day celebration will take place on October 24. Diwali is an amazing occasion that brings families together, no matter how you celebrate it.

# Blue Angels amaze viewers as they fly over San Francisco Bay Area

Fernas Zaidan Reporter

The Blue Angels came and flew over the San Francisco Bay. They hosted an event called Fleet Week over San Francisco from October 3th to October 11th. The Blue Angels performed airshows over the Bays harbors.

The airshows took place over landmarks like the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz. They also performed across the bay. People witnessed the event from Marina Green Park.

7th grader Shristi Varma stated, “I like the colors of the Jets.”

The Blue Angels are a flight demonstration team that was formed in 1946 by Chester W. Nimitz to boost navy morale and raise public interest in naval

aviation. It is the second oldest Aerobatic flight team behind the French team that was formed in 1931.

According to their official website, the Blue Angels have a total of 17 serving officers on their team. Typically, they serve two years on the team. In order to join the team, a pilot must have 3,000 hours of jet flight experience and must have commanded a jet squadron.

They fly 11 of the McDouglas F/18 Super Hornet. The fighter jet was created by McDonnell Douglas, Northrop Corporation and it was first used in 1978 by the US Navy.

According to [www.history.navy.com](http://www.history.navy.com), the team's first airplanes were four Grumman F6F Hellcats. They then started using F8F Bearcats in late 1946 and by 1949, they flew the F9F-2 Panther.



Photo from Google Images  
The Blue Angels continue to amaze viewers when they fly over the Bay Area annually.

7th grader Jason Pudasaini mentioned, “The Blue Angels are very cool to watch.”

The Blue Angels are a talented team who have worked together to bring airshows across the United States since 1946.

# Bike Mobile helps fix the bikes of staff and students here at Walters

Sana Wahab Reporter

The Bike Mobile is a service repair stand where students can drop off their bikes and get them repaired for free. The Bike Mobile started in 2011 when Tommy Besko (the founder of the Bike Mobile company) got the idea to go to different schools and fix students' bikes for free. The Bike Mobile team has traveled to 8 different counties, and every single bike that was fixed was completely free.

Patrick Smith, a Bike Mobile mechanic, said, "The Bike Mobile is held and we make the service free because we want to show students how to keep their bikes maintained, and some students cannot fix their bikes at home, or do not know how to."

Patrick also mentioned, "We also enjoy helping students fix their bikes because repairing a bike costs a large amount of money, and some students cannot afford to do this, so they have to deal with a broken bike that cannot be ridden due to safety reasons."

He also explained that he encourages people to fix their bike if they have one. He also said that he encourages



Photo by Marlee Tubera

The Bike Mobile helps out students and staff members by fixing their bikes for free so that people are able to ride their bike more safely.

people to do things that make you happy and that it's not always about money.

Tanish B, a 7th grader, said that his bike had many issues with its gears and brakes. He dropped his bike off in the mini-gym to get it repaired by the Bike Mobile. Then, when he came back for it after school, he got a lot more than what he expected.

They had fixed all the main issues, but not only that, they polished his bike as well. Tanish added, "The Bike Mobile people should come back more often because bikes break a lot and I always have issues with my bike, so it would help a lot."

He said that it was his first time ever bringing his bike to a Bike Mobile and he would be very happy to bring his back there again. Lastly, Tanish commented, "It's good to be active and use your bike a lot. And the more you use your bike, it will wear down and some parts will either get damaged, or need to be replaced every once in a while. So make sure you fix your bike with every opportunity you have."

In conclusion, the Bike Mobile helps students by fixing their bike for free, which allows them to ride their bikes more safely so that they can stay active.

## Come join us at the 2022 Halloween Social!



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**Join us on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> for food, music, dancing, candy games, and fun at the Halloween Bash! Make sure that you buy your ticket on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday before the dance.**

**Tickets cost \$10! We hope to see you there!**

# Fremont Street Eats brings people together and forms a community

Sara Ben Ali Reporter

During the months of May through October, every Friday evening at the Downtown Event Center, the Fremont Street Eats event opens up. Fremont Street Eats is an event where people can come and enjoy some music and food to eat from food-trucks at the center's plaza.

6th graders Lorretta Murray and Robby Hebtom, think it's a good event to bring the people of Fremont together through listening to music and doing some things together at the event.

Fremont Street Eats is set up by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce and the Food Truck Mafia. The Fremont Chamber of Commerce is an association of nearly a thousand businesses- the first week of October included specifically the City of Fremont Recreation Services, FUDTA (Fremont Unified District Teachers Association), Farm Fresh to You, and a couple others.

Meanwhile, its partner in bringing this event to life, The Food Truck Mafia, supplies the food trucks that this event gets its name for. They say on their Facebook home page that they "specialize in hosting Gourmet Food Truck Food Events throughout the Bay Area." There are a variety of food styles offered from the collection of food trucks, including Southern Soul food, Sri Lankan delicacies, rotisseries, Chinese dishes, and pizza.



Photo by Sara Ben Ali

Fremont Street Eats fosters and strengthens a sense of community.

Sarah Cordes, who came along with other FUDTA members to the event, is a 2nd grade teacher at Azevada Elementary. It was her second time coming to Fremont Street Eats- she mentioned how last time there were different food trucks and booths. "It's fun to jam out and dance," she said.

Ms. Roberti, substitute teacher and president of the PTSA, has also gone to the event. "There's a live DJ, line-dancing, places to sit on the grass." She said that there was a variety of foods, and community booths. "There's friends, fun, lots of food options, and it's dog friendly." Overall she enjoyed her time there, as well as the food- she says to not miss out on the lobster rolls!

# ProBowl rule changes cause NFL football viewer rates to decrease

Qassim Emir Reporter

The ProBowl is an event in the NFL where the cream of the crop football players go head to head against each other. The ProBowl consists of two teams, the NFC and the AFC. The NFC is the National Football Conference. The AFC is the American Football Conference. The ProBowl is used to raise charity for kids in need.

It also has an event where the different players on different teams go head to head in games to show off their football skills. It is called the skills challenge. There have now been some changes to what the ProBowl used to be.

Some people think that it has gone "softer" the past years. It went from tackle, to two hand touch, to now flag football. The new rules are that it is flag football but the same charity rule apply. The skills challenge has been changed to a week-long non-football event.

Damian Saldivar, 8th grade, said, "Flag football is less intense, less

interesting for the game." They changed these rules to avoid injuries or any contact.

Some of the people dislike the new ProBowl changes. 7th grader Santiago Carlos said "He feel that the rule changes are much worse than the old one.

Isaiah Statford, 7th grade, explained, "It makes the game less entertaining to watch." These changes can change the whole course of a game in a split second. The game has gotten less enjoyable and the watch rate has been going down year by year from these changes.

The ProBowl changes will impact people differently. It can impact some people in a good way and some in a bad way. Overall, the ProBowl is a great event and usually very entertaining but these changes can be a very big step back for the NFL.



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The ProBowl has been going on from 1951 to present day.

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# Editorial: Adopting a 4-day school week could yield many benefits

Tristan Kyle Posadas Reporter

As a teenager in middle school, I have always wanted a short school week. Most schools have shortened Wednesdays, which are nice, but wouldn't it be even nicer to have a shortened school week instead? Many students in Texas wouldn't have to because the 4-day school week is being adopted in many Texas schools.

According to the article "*Rural Texas districts struggling to attract teachers are switching to four-day school weeks*" written by Brian Lopez, many teachers in smaller school districts "were leaving to teach in neighboring districts that were operating on four-day school weeks, usually Monday through Thursday."

If I were a teacher, I would definitely do the same thing. The 4-day school week offers a larger break to burnt out teachers and also students who just need a break from the schoolwork and homework they are assigned to do.

I love the idea of having a 4-day school week but all things have pros and cons, and the 4-day school week Texas schools are adopting are not an exception. We all know that COVID-19 hit everyone hard in 2019 and 2020, including teachers and students, which is why the shortened school week can be a huge relief to some people.

There is an important tradeoff with having a shortened school week, which is that school days or school year may be lengthened to compensate for the missing day. I would be fine with that and so would many other people, but others may look more negatively at that tradeoff.

Even when the cons of a longer school day come into play, like the fact that most teachers would have to teach longer lessons and plan more things out, 8th grade honors English teacher Ms. Hayward still likes the idea of a 4-day school week and said, "I don't think it would be more stressful." I

wholeheartedly agree because the one extra day off can help reduce the stress that the 4-day school week may bring. If Walters had that schedule, I would finish most of my homework by Friday, relax on Saturday, and get everything ready for the next week on Sunday.

Mr. Sachs, 8th grade history teacher, said, "I think it would be nice to have that 3rd day off each week," an opinion that is quite similar to mine. I do think it would be nice to have an extra day off each week and I also like all the benefits it brings.

All in all though, the Texas 4-day school week is a big change for students in Texas that other states might start to adopt. I do think that the benefits of the 4-day school week outweigh the negatives that it may bring, but as it hasn't been implemented long enough to show results so my opinion will stay on the positive side.

# Editorial: Walters Middle School should have a school soccer team

Megan Helgeson Reporter

A lot of schools including Walters Middle School do not have a soccer team. Soccer teams at our school could be a good thing because we get a lot of benefits from it. Benefits like more people will be active and many more events for an exciting school year!

Soccer teams that could be at school could give students more opportunities. All soccer teams cost money and parents have to pay for it. But some parents don't have enough money to pay for that. So a soccer team at school would be nice for more and more kids that can't actually be on a soccer team.

I also think that a soccer team would be better for more entertainment because not everyone likes the only two sports that play. 7th grader, Paloma Campos, said, "[A] soccer team would be great for the school [and] for more opportunities for people who like



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A soccer team would benefit many students. It is a popular sport at lunch, for example, and unites many cultures.

soccer." I agree with that because it will give more opportunities for people who can't play a sport they like. Soccer teams can also bring more people to like the sport.

A soccer team would also be good for everyone because it can be entertainment for people and bring them together. But why do we not have a team?

Ms. Yopez said, "We don't have a team because there is no one who coaches." There are many parents with lots of free time or are looking for a hobby who could coach a soccer team at our school.

A soccer team would be incredibly beneficial to our school's community and students.

# Hurricane Ian strikes Florida, leaves destruction

Simir Aulakh Reporter

Hurricane Ian hit Florida on September 28 in Cayo Costa. Cayo Costa is along the Gulf of Mexico just west of Fort Myers. Ian made landfall at 12:05 AM Thursday. At this time Ian was a category 4 hurricane, almost a category 5.

Hurricane Ian is the 5th largest hurricane to hit the USA. With winds speed up to 150 MPH, flood water reaching to 18ft, and water reaching two story buildings. Hurricane Ian is definitely one for the history books.

7th graders, Keira Huang and Alisha Manke both agreed it would be very scary and destructive.

According to worldvision.org, Hurricane Ian formed over the central Caribbean Sea late on Friday, September 23, 2022, as a tropical storm.



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Two men survey the damage caused by Hurricane Ian. Many people have lost their homes due to Ian.

Afterwards, Ian went back into the Atlantic Ocean after destroying and leaving Florida flooded.

Hurricane Ian hit South Carolina on September 30 at 2:05 pm. Ian was now a category one hurricane. Ian was the first hurricane to hit South Carolina in 5 years!

Michaela Cox, a 6th grader, said she would bring a lot of food and supplies to help them.

## The Story behind

### Red Ribbon Week

On Thursday, February 7, 1985, Special Agent Camarena, as he was in Mexico on the trail in of marijuana and cocaine drug traffickers, was abducted, tortured, and brutally murdered. Kiki's family mourned him. And the nation mourned the loss of a hero. Kiki gave his life in the fight against drugs, and the public wanted to do something to remember the ultimate sacrifice that he paid. Red Ribbon Week started in 1985 in Kiki's hometown of Calexico, California, and soon gained momentum across California and then the rest of the country. The event was formalized in 1988 when President and Mrs. Reagan served as the Red Ribbon Week honorary chairperson. As we make the choice to be drug free and celebrate this week, let us remember Kiki Camarena and the sacrifice he made for the battle against drugs.

# Obama wins Emmy for narration in TV series *Our Great National Parks*

Finnegan Barzso Reporter

On September 3, 2022, Barack Obama was given an Emmy award for his show *Our Great National Parks*, making him the second ever former president to win an Emmy award.

“I think he deserves it,” said Ms. Varadan, the librarian. “He really cares about our country and environment.”

Barack Obama was born in 1961. He pursued a life of politics, eventually winning the 2009 election, and was elected again in 2013. After he left office in 2017, he produced a variety of books and novels, including his autobiography, *A Promised Land*.

In 2018, he narrated in the series, *Our Great National Parks*, produced by Higher Ground Productions. *Our Great National Parks* documents several of the best national parks in the world and the



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Our Great National Parks is on Netflix to watch.

many animals and features that they contain.

Recently he has won an Outstanding Narrator Emmy award for this feature, adding to his list of awards. Winning an Emmy will not be the first award he has one for some kind of produced feature. He

has also won two Grammy awards for his reading of two of his autobiographies.

Ms. Dentoni, 6th grade English/History teacher, said, “He deserves these awards because the traits of Obama are a person who has true empathy and care for the world around us.”