

# THE WARRIOR CHRONICLE

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## Inaugural lunchtime Lunar New Year performance wows students

Ellen Wang Reporter

This year Walters had its first Lunar New Year celebration lunch event. Since lion dancing and martial arts have always been a big part of Chinese culture, to celebrate this year's Lunar New Year Ms. Yuen organized, with the help of ASB funds, a team of trained professionals from Dragon Rhythm Shaolin Kung Fu in Fremont to perform a lion dance and martial arts. Many people watched the event and enjoyed it.

7th grader Amy Tran Vong said, "My favorite part of the whole event was when the lions started to throw candy to the ground and I picked some up! My favorite martial artist was the guy with the sword and I thought it was really cool and heartstopping when he was fighting with the guy with the ribbons."

6th Grader Aarna Aithal commented, "I was attracted by all the noise so I went to check it out and it was



Photos by Alyssa Nguyen

Lunar New Year has been celebrated in East Asia and parts of Southeast Asia for about 3500 years.

amazing. My favorite part was when the lions were standing up."

8th grader Paula Navarro stated that she has always loved Lunar New Year because she goes to her cousin's house. She appreciates how the school has done this event to celebrate Lunar New Year.

The Lunar New Year event represents Asian culture from countries like China, Vietnam, and Korea. The lion

dance has been a historical tradition in Lunar New Year celebrations. That is why Walters has decided to honor this tradition by planning this event.

What's more, California Governor Newsom has declared the Lunar New Year a state holiday--the first state in the USA to do so! He signed this historic state law in September 2022, AB 2596, recognizing this important cultural holiday.

## Staff Feature: Ms. Hsieh joins 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math and Science department

Eduardo Godoy Reporter

A new teacher joined Walters in late January. Her name is Mrs. Hsieh and her class is located in room 42 in one of the 6th grade buildings.

Joravar Dhillon, a 6th grader, stated that the class is understandable and straightforward. He explained that first Ms. Hsieh explains the agenda. Then, they start the lesson. Lastly, if they have time they start on their homework. He described the class as 10/10 and said if he could, he would stay in the class next year.

Tynae Dickens, 6th grader, stated that she agreed with Joravar that Ms. Hsieh's class is easy. She said that Ms. Hsieh is a great teacher.

Ms. Hsieh described that she became a teacher because she was inspired by her own teachers and she wanted to help students recognize how valuable each



Photo by Anika Phair

Ms. Hsieh filled the 6<sup>th</sup> grade math/science vacancy on January 23. She subbed a lot at Walters previously.

one of them are with their backgrounds and stories. She added that she liked teaching because she gets to be a part of a child's learning.

Ms. Hsieh also said that she enjoys her job as a teacher because she gets to learn about the kids and their stories. She commented that being a teacher is hard because teachers have lots of responsibilities and try to know and support each one of their students.

### Hey Warriors!

Walters is starting up its very own Jazz Band! If you play saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drums, electric bass, or piano and are interested, go to Room 1 during lunch on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

# Biden's debt relief plan for student debts receives varying responses

Tristan Luu Reporter

College. It's something most people dream about reaching- being independent, living on a big campus, meeting new people. It seems almost perfect. However, there is one major burden in college: student debt. According to educationdata.org, as of 2022, 42.8 million people have federal student loan debt, which could take the average borrower 20 years to finally pay off. Joana Toca, a junior at JFK High School, stated, "[college] is usually the toughest time of [students'] lives due to financial struggle."

However, President Biden and Vice President Harris hope they have found a solution. On August 24, 2022, they proposed a student debt relief plan. This could grant a student loan borrower up to \$20,000. The average student loan is \$20,000-\$24,000, so the money you receive as relief could have a major effect.

There is a caveat though, as you

are only eligible for the debt relief if you earn an income of under \$125,000 a year.

This limit has stirred up debate, as some believe there should be no income limit at all, whereas others think the limit is too high and should be brought down.

As for Ms. Chandna, 7th grade math teacher, who has college aged children, but who are unfortunately not eligible, commented, "...there should be an income limit because if there wasn't, everyone would apply [for the relief program]."

On the other hand, people believe that the limit should be sufficient, including Joana Toca, who also added, "Considering how most college students are not well off, the student debt relief will greatly help me throughout college because I do not expect to have a high paying job whilst in college." She is correct, as most college students only

make around \$36,000 a year and fresh college graduates only make about \$54,000, most will be able to meet the requirements

On paper, the plan seems sound, but the execution has been bumpy. According to highereddiver.com, there have already been six lawsuits against the program, Due to these lawsuits, millions of people are still waiting to actually receive money, with their patience waning.

One of the many is Mr. Chizek, 6th grade math/science teacher, who was accepted by the program, but his relief has been held up by the many lawsuits in the Supreme Court.

Despite this, people still have hope for the program. As Ms. Young, an Office Assistant, said, "...it could help people who need the money." She shares the same view as many, who still believe the debt relief could help those in need.

## Editorial: Gun ownership should be highly limited due to gun violence

Nyla Ahmed Reporter

Throughout the month of January there have been around 55 mass shootings that have mostly ended in one or more fatalities. I strongly believe that gun violence is a serious issue that we as Americans need to fix. Trauma haunts the surviving victims of these shootings and can't live their lives normally due to these "self-defense" weapons.

Now that we are in the first week of February there have been 11 filed cases of mass shootings in the last 15 hours, this list of files will keep growing the more time we waste; we need to be the change we want to see.

"A time of cultural celebration and yet another community has been torn apart by senseless gun violence, all of us in this room and in our country understand this violence must stop." cnn.com quoted the words of Vice President Kamala Harris.

These words remind us that we as a country stand alone, multiple other countries have introduced or urged new laws to reduce the numbers of gun related incidents.



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The number of people who have died from gun violence increases every year. Protesters continue to advocate for stricter gun control.

In addition, 8th grader Una Alberto said, "I want the legal age of owning a gun and getting a license to be raised to 25 years old. I am scared about the recent shootings and want to stop feeling unsafe and cautious when I'm in public." I agree strongly with these words from Una because most of these shootings have involved young men from the ages of 18 to 21 as the main suspects or convicted gunmen.

Police brutality is another big issue on gun violence. Police officers as of January 2023, have shot and killed 79 people. Many of those people were unarmed and innocent civilians trying to

live their lives. Injustice within the police system is real. Throughout the recent years, thousands of people have died due to police brutality.

In relation to these killings, 8th grader Marlee Tubera stated, "The actions of the police are awful because they are killing people even when it is not necessary. I believe it's immature that people and the police turn to gun violence and killing people to solve an issue." I go along with these words because the police are trained to handle situations in a calm manner and not resort to violence unless the person is not cooperating or is showing violent tendencies.

In the end, gun violence is a horrible thing that needs to be stopped in America. It is not a decision or choice that needs to be thought about since thousands of people have suffered the consequences of it, which includes death, prison, and trauma. I completely believe that gun violence is wrong and should be taken more seriously by the government, the system, and the nation entirely.



# China's citizen protest to lift China's "Zero Covid" policy

Jeffrey Huang Reporter

Ever since March of 2020, the pandemic called Covid-19 has been wild spreading throughout the world. One by one, cases have been decreasing at the cost of limitations. These so-called "restrictions" can be expressed as staying at home (quarantine), wearing masks, and staying six feet apart.

While some places aren't as strict with these restrictions other places such as China still are. With their "Zero-Covid" policy, not everyone has been happy. According to Vox.com, the policy doesn't let people leave their homes for months at a time. While this upsets citizens living in various parts of China, an apartment fire located in the city of Urumqi seemed to set off the citizens. At least



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Citizens of China protest because of their dislike of the "Zero Covid" rule.

10 people were killed because they couldn't break the quarantine restrictions. Alisha Manke, a 7th grader, added that the rules were unfair and they should have been able to leave the building.

In response to this catastrophic

event people started protesting demanding they wanted "Human Rights." They've also been holding up blank pieces of white paper showing that they want to be free of the Zero Covid policy. 7th grade student Atri Birru said, "I would do, the same if I was in those conditions."

Similarly, Andrew Van Tassell, a 6th grader, mentioned that the citizens were right to object because the rules were too strict.

On the bright side, although there were several losses, the residents' efforts have paid off. A few days later, the Chinese government lifted most of their Covid regulations nationwide.

## 49er's devastating loss, fans still have high hopes

Tony Miclaus Reporter

The 49ers took a devastating defeat against the Eagles, the score was 31-7. This knocked out the chance for the 49ers to make it to the Super Bowl. Aol.com reported that the head coach, Kyle Shanahan, wasn't happy about the defeat.

On the other hand, 7th grader Amina Sekai said, "I'm very proud of the Eagles beating the 49ers last week. I think the backup Quarterback for the 49ers was off during the game. I also think the 49ers' plays were bad and very predictable."

After two consecutive years of making it to the NFC (National Football Conference), the 49ers had lost once again. Many of the fans still have hope for next year, including 7th grader Eshan Bath who stated, "I think the loss may have had to do a little with Quarterback. I hope next year could be the year we win the semifinals."

There have been theories why the 49ers lost but according to nfl.com, during the 1st quarter of the game Brock Purdy got hit by



Photo from Google Images  
After a catastrophic loss in the semifinals 49er's fans base still has high expectations for next year.

linebacker Haason Reddick while throwing the ball. This is a possible reason for the defeat of the 49ers.

7th grader Gurdan Sekhon thought that the 49ers played well but not good enough. He said, "I think they lost because of the backup quarterback Josh Johnson, he couldn't even catch the ball which led to many turnovers...Next year will definitely be the year they win the Superbowl."

Even though the 49ers may have lost, their fanbase still has high hopes for next year.

## Major earthquake hits Turkey and Syria

On Monday, February 6, 2023 a devastating earthquake hit south-eastern Turkey near the Syrian border. About 4,000 people were killed in the first 24 hours. The quake at its greatest was 7.8 magnitude and later 7.5. There were about 40 aftershocks in the neighboring cities like Kahramanmaras.

Help them and donate at [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)



# Christian students come together in Christian Club during lunch

Sabdhot Harry Reporter

There are tons of clubs at Walters that are very well known. One of them is the Christian Club. 8th grader Kamamani Tu, a student who goes to Christian Club, stated she enjoys going due to its fun and motivational things to learn. She explained that she feels good knowing there are other people she can connect with on the same topic. She also mentioned that she feels safe in the club because she meets a lot of new people who can share the same interests with. She commented she feels more positive after the club and wants to spread more positivity to others.

8th grader Cheng Yue Wu, another student who attends Christian Club, added that he feels good



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Christian students come together and share same ideas and feelings at school.

knowing that there is a club to relate on the same topics with. He explains that he enjoys the ending prayers at the end of class and the candy that you get if you stay the entire time.

The co-founder of Christian Club, 7<sup>th</sup> grader Salem Zitzmann, explained that she and her sister had started the club because she had felt a

strong calling from God. She also stated that she wants the club to help the kids at Walters who want guidance. She mentions she feels satisfied knowing that she is spreading the word to everyone and she feels good knowing she can help.

She also added that in Christian Club they allow students to eat their lunch first and then they start with their prayers. There is an ending prayer in which all the students who attend get candy. Salem confirmed that there will be more activities, it just hasn't gotten that far yet.

Therefore, Christian Club is one of the many clubs at Walters where you can learn a lot of stuff and be able to meet a lot of new people. Come to room 36 on lunch with Mr. Bae on Thursdays.

# New stress management group helps students balance their mental health

Bethsabe Hernandez Montiel Reporter

Stress is something fairly evident around middle school and high school, ranging from exams to homework, or social life to your life at home. Instead of students pushing their problems away, or keeping them under covers, students could manage their stress. Stress management is nursing your stress, calming the mind and body, and your feelings.

A new club has been founded at Walters, the Stress Management Club. This club is led by a mental health therapist, and is meant to help students care after their stress and realize the importance of managing it in a healthy manner.

Reported by mind.org.uk, stress is caused by not having much, or any control in general on a situation or your feelings. When your brain starts processing these feelings, things like constant frustration, moodiness, and the feeling of loneliness become more apparent.

This is when stress management becomes relevant. Living with high stress levels puts

more than just your physical and mental health at risk.

According to insightstobehaviour.com, students who live with their stress without caring for their health and needs can lead to signs of depression, anxiety, insomnia, back pains, migraines and more. This not only shows the importance of stress management, but it also shows the effects of not practicing it.

Many students believe that stress management is important. 7th grader Kiranpreet Kaur, stated, "It's important to practice stress management because if you don't take care of yourself your mental health will be really bad." Kiranpreet also added that students should take an interest in stress management.

7th grader Alisha Manke also explained, "I think it's important because if you don't you're going to be really depressed and stressed."

The mental health therapist Ms. Kathy started a new club this year that can help manage these issues and put students' minds at ease.

8th grade counselor Mrs. Gai

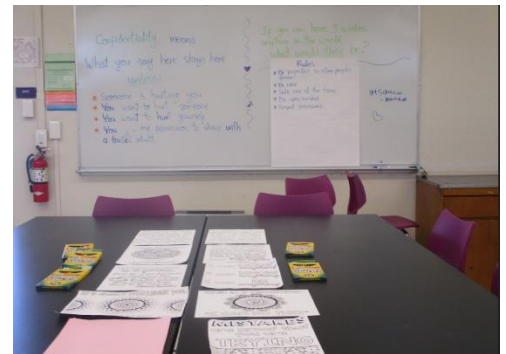


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The Stress Management Club offers coloring pages to help students distress.

stated, "Everyone has a lot of stress, and generally having a space to practice managing their stress is very helpful."

In this club, students discuss things along the lines of stress management and learn new skills. Students practice their skills and live in a healthy mindset that provides happier moods, better attitude, and better grades students can benefit from.

If you have time, come to the Stress Management Club in room 14 run by Ms. Kathy on Wednesdays.



# Adele wins 1 out of 7 awards she was nominated for at the Grammys

Hayden Tesler Reporter

The 65th annual Grammys were held on February 5th at the Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles. Adele was nominated in seven categories for her recent music releases.

One of Adele's first big hits was in 2011 when she released her song "Rolling in the Deep," which ended up going number one on the US Singles Chart. 7th grader Grace Spivey stated, "She has strong vocals [and] doesn't use too much auto-tunes."

Grace later added that her favorite Adele song is "Set Fire to the Rain" because she enjoys how strong Adele's vocals were in the song.

Adele's newest album *30* was released on November 19, 2021, which is the album she was nominated for. Adele ended up with seven nominations.

6th grader Zach Afghanyar



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During the 2023 Grammys, Adele was nominated for seven awards. She ended up with only "Best Pop Solo Performance" for her song "Easy on Me."

popular song, spending 31 weeks on the Billboard charts.

Although Adele was nominated for seven Grammys she only won "Best Pop Solo Performance" for "Easy On Me." 7th grader Allison Jewell argued, "She should have won more because she has been writing for a long time."

Allison later commented, "Her voice sounds pretty [in] 'Easy on Me.'"

One of Adele's dreams also came true that night. Her dream was to meet former wrestler Dwayne Johnson. That night when Adele won, Dwayne Johnson presented her with the award.

Adele did not win in six of the categories that she was nominated for including "Album of the Year" and "Song of the Year." Despite that, she did not leave the night empty handed and she met one of her favorite celebrities.

# Movie Rewind: *Jurassic World Dominion* continues Jurassic World story

Reymond Miguel Reporter

*Jurassic World Dominion* is a movie that was released on June 10, 2022. The movie was about the characters Owen Grady and Claire Dearing who were on a rescue mission to save Massie Lockwood. Simultaneously, Alan Grant and Ellie Sattler teamed up with Ian Malcom to expose a conspiracy by genomics corporation Biosyn.

A few actors in the movie are Chris Pratt who plays Owen Grady, Bryce Dallas Howard as Claire Dearing, Laura Dern as Ellie Sattler, and Sam Neill as Alan Grant. *Jurassic World Dominion* is the sequel to *Jurassic World Fallen Kingdom* and the last movie of the *Jurassic World* reboot; although it isn't the end of the *Jurassic Park* franchise.

Some people have said that the movie had a lack of action and was disappointing to the viewers. Massimo Frijmersum, a 7th grader, said, "The movie was good but I wished for more action."

Massimo also commented that he watched the movie at some point



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Audiences enjoyed *Jurassic World Dominion*, but they were longing for the movie to have more action scenes.

between August and October. He stated that overall he liked the movie.

On Rotten Tomatoes, a pristine movie rating website, *Jurassic World Dominion* got a 29% from critics and a 77% from other viewers.

Some good things about *Jurassic World Dominion* is that it has some of the best visuals and cinematography out of all the *Jurassic World* movies.

Massimo also added that he liked that there were so many dinosaurs in the movie. He mentioned that one of

the best things about the movie for him was that it showed humans and dinosaurs coexisting with each other. Even though there were not as many as viewers wanted, there were a few action scenes including Owen Grady getting chased by dinosaurs.

The plot was mostly about Grant and Ellie teaming up with Ian to expose the corporation Biosyn to what they were actually trying to do. Biosyn is a company that claims to be making cures for human illnesses with dinosaur genetics. Owen and Claire are trying to rescue Massie from Biosyn because she was kidnapped. They kidnapped her because she had DNA that is very valuable and useful to what Biosyn is trying to do.

You can view *Jurassic World Dominion* on Prime Video, Apple TV, on a Roku device, Redbox, or Vudu. Fees may apply.

*Jurassic World Dominion* was found interesting by many of its viewers despite lacking some of the action scenes that viewers were longing for.

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## 10 Quotes from Black Role Models

- “Almost always, the creative dedicated minority has made the world better.” - Martin Luther King, Jr. (Civil rights activist)
- “Those who say it can’t be done are usually interrupted by others doing it.” - James Baldwin (American writer)
- “Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.” - Dr. Mae Jemison (Astronaut/engineer)
- “If they don’t give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.” - Shirley Chisholm (Former US representative)
- “Freeing yourself was one thing; claiming ownership of that freed self was another.” - Toni Morrison (American author)
- “It isn’t where you come from; it’s where you’re going that counts.” - Ella Fitzgerald (American singer)
- “Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced,” - James Baldwin (American author)
- “Truth is powerful and it prevails.” - Sojourner Truth (American abolitionist)
- “I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.” - Angela Y. Davis (American political activist)
- No person is your friend who demands your silence or denies your right to grow.” - Alice Walker (American author)

Photo by Ms. Gonzalez

Fridays now offer a quiet space for all students in any grade, like for 8<sup>th</sup> grader Eduardo Godoy (center).



The Wellness Center is now open to ALL grades on Fridays! Go to the gate near room 39 during lunch to grab a pass and join the fun!

*(The Wellness Center is still open on*

*Message from the Office:*

This message is a friendly reminder that students are not allowed to buy and sell goods from one another on campus. This causes a distraction in class because students are taking out money and exchanging it for goods.

This is also a safety concern because the student selling the goods carries money making them a target for thieves.

Please do not allow your child to bring candy or other items to sell at school for fundraisers or anything else. School officials are not able to monitor or manage this, so students bringing items or money do so at their own risk.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership.

**February/March Calendar**

February 14: Valentine's Day, Gram Delivery

February 15-16: Lunchtime Hockey Tournament sign ups

February 20: No School-President's Day

February 21-March 3: Lunchtime Hockey Tournament

March 1: Open House, 6-7:15pm

March 1 and 3: Talent Show Tryouts

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Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, or have some other special talent?

If so, join the Walters Talent Show!

Tryouts will be at the beginning of March, so start getting your act

ready!



**TALENT SHOW**

*Do you want to see your art in an upcoming issue of the school newspaper?*

We are now accepting submissions of art or comic strips to go into the newspaper!

Email your submission to newspaper editor Anika Phair

[anipha375@fusdk12.net](mailto:anipha375@fusdk12.net) or drop off your art to Ms. Yuen in Room 27. If you drop it off to room 27, make sure that you specify that your art is for the newspaper. Your art can be digital, a photo of physical art, or physical art.

**We can't wait to see your creativity!!**