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Families honor their beloved ancestors during Dia de los Muertos

Simir Aulakh Reporter

Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead is a two day holiday. It is celebrated on November 1 to 2. People celebrate to honor their ancestors and friends who have passed away.

7th grader Alexa Valentina Meza Quintero stated, “Day of the Dead is about celebrating ancestors that passed away, what they did and what they were like.”

According to history.com, the gates to heaven open at midnight on October 31. The spirits of children can rejoin their families for 24 hours and adults can do the same on November 2.

Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexican and Latin American cultures with parades and dances. People make



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Families celebrate Dia de los Muertos to honor the deceased loved ones. They make ofrendas, or altars, on which they put pictures of their loved ones on. They also put marigolds on the ofrendas. Marigolds are prized for their bright coloring and potent fragrance, marigolds are thought to attract the souls of the dead to the ofrendas prepared for them.

altars inside their homes. They also go to the graveyard and put food, candles and belongings around their ancestors' graves.

“They get together as a family and tell stories about the memories they had with [their] ancestors,” explained Special Education teacher, Ms. Ramirez.

Day of the Dead originally started with the Aztec. They used skulls to honor the dead.

Mr. Medina said that his grandmother died a few years ago and Day of the Dead reminds him of the memories they had together.

Day of the Dead honors families to connect with their ancestors and tell their story.

Students collect canned food to donate to charity and help people in need

Marlee Tubera Reporter

The annual Food Drive is put on by the Leadership class. The food drive starts on November 14 and ends on November 18. Homerooms will compete to see who donates the most.

The donations collected will go to the Tri-City Volunteers Food Bank. TCV is a non-profit organization that gives back to the community by providing access to things like food, and other household items.

Tri-City Valley Volunteers Inc. Food Bank is the largest direct food bank in the area. With services like their drive thru and mobile pantry distribution, they are able to serve up to 16,000 people every month. Every year, Walters partners with TCV to collect donations of non-perishable items that are distributed to people in need.

Ms. Alves, Leadership teacher, said that they have been doing the Food

Drive for 30 years, she also said that she loves seeing how generous the students are and seeing how giving their spirit is. She mentioned that the food drive provides food for people in this community.

Sarah Vivero, 8th grader, said that the food drive is a good thing that Walters does to help others that don't have access to food. She also added that she is excited to see how much they are able to collect from students that are willing to help people in need.

Jonah Mati, 8th grader, said he thinks that it's a good thing because he gets to help out others. He also said that he is excited about helping others because he believes that the Food Drive helps people in need.

If you would like to donate to the food drive, please bring your non-perishable food items to your homeroom during the week of November 14 through November 18,



Photo by Rocky Yang

Students donate canned food to the TCV Food Bank during Thanksgiving season, as seen from last year's drive.

where they will be collected by Leadership. Show some Warrior Spirit and donate to those in need!

8th graders will have fun with friends and history in Washington DC

Riya Venkadesan Reporter

From June 9 to June 14, Mr. Kenny and Mr. Sachs will take the 8th graders to Washington, D.C. The 8th graders learn about American history and get to go on a trip to the place where American history is strongest.

The required contribution for each student on the trip is \$1985. If parents want to go with their children, they must pay \$2,375 each.

This may seem like a lot but they won't stay in a shabby motel on the side of the road. They get top class accommodations and get to go to high cuisine restaurants. "We are staying at a hotel for 5 to 6 days," stated 8th grader Carley Mares.

Brooke Cox, 8th grader, added that they will get to have three friends per room.

8th graders visiting Washington receive a complimentary breakfast, but they also receive \$20 for lunch and \$20 for dinner.



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Many people visit the White House. Public tours are typically available from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, excluding Federal holidays or unless otherwise noted.

"We [will] travel to lots of historic places," said 8th grader Henry Reiss. The 8th graders will visit sites associated with the American Civil War, such as the Antietam and Manassas battlefields. Additionally, 8th graders go to museums. The Smithsonian Institution, the American Art Museum, and the Air & Space Museum are just a few examples.

Students in the 8th grade also travel to memorials for Franklin

Delano Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr., WWII, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein. In addition, they will visit Ford's Theater; where Abraham Lincoln was assassinated; Douglass National Park and Mount Vernon; the former residence of George Washington. They will finally stop for an annual photo in front of the White House to finish their journey.

Congratulations to the Student of the 1st Quarter

Aasya Arif, Aditi Baswapuram Chaudary, Aison Bach, Amarthya Srinivasan, Antonie Tang, Arianna George, Arron Chang, Ash Andrada, Ayannah Bacalso, Bo-Hong Chan, Brahmjot Dhami, Brandon Rojas, Brielle Flores, Brooke Cox, Chris Velazquez, Cruz Bejarano, Derek Diaz, Devin Burnet, Dmitry Obukhov, Erick Izaguirre Maldonado, Giovanni Molina, Gladys Collins, Gurman Johal, Hayden Mogensen, Hayden Tesler Hennessy Beltran, Isaac Tsuar, Jacob Julio, Jenie Park, John Kwa, Juliocesar Casas, Kalin Brannon, Keerthana Krithivasan, Kevin Hernandez-Vargas, Laelani Fae Hua, Logan Tionson, Luis Sanchez, Mia Garcia, Monica Real, Natalie Aye, Rastin Danishmand, Ronin Smith, Sailor Guerrero, Sebastian Fernandez, Sherya Yerabolu, Shrey Karmacharya, Sienna Ranaweera, Smaran Boyapati, Yain Orozco Beyna, Yogesh Nerlige, Zachary Doan

Filipino American Heritage stands out in the month of October

Tristan Kyle Posadas Reporter

October is a month which contains many fun holidays, such as Yom Kippur and Halloween. It has also been officially recognized as the Filipino American Heritage Month in 2009. The idea was proposed by Dorothy Laigo Cordova in 1992 but officially accepted in 2009 by the US Congress. People celebrate Filipino American Heritage Month to mark the anniversary of the first recorded presence of Filipinos in America which was on October 18, 1587.

The United States has a rich history and culture due to all the culture blending that made it what it is. The same is true for the Philippine's culture, as the many islands have been conquered countless times, blending all the colonizers' cultures into one. 8th grader Matt De Guzman said "I love the food, culture, and my family."

8th grader and student council president Raiden Dale Refuerzo, a Filipino American at our school, commented "I think Filipinos have a great culture."

Filipino American Heritage Month was also created to commemorate and honor the famous Filipino Americans that have contributed to American culture and other fields. Many Filipinos celebrate Filipino American Heritage Month including Mr. Reyes, the 8th grade P.E. teacher. He stated, "I think every culture should have a time during the year to be celebrated."

Larger Filipino populations are quite prominent in California, New York, Hawaii, Nevada, and Illinois, according to KabayanRemit.com. Filipinos also make up 19% of all Asian Americans in the United States, 3rd behind Indian Americans that make up 21% and Chinese Americans who make up 24%. The large number of Filipino immigrants is another reason as to why October was recognized as the month to celebrate Filipino Americans in the country.

Filipino American Heritage Month was also made to celebrate the



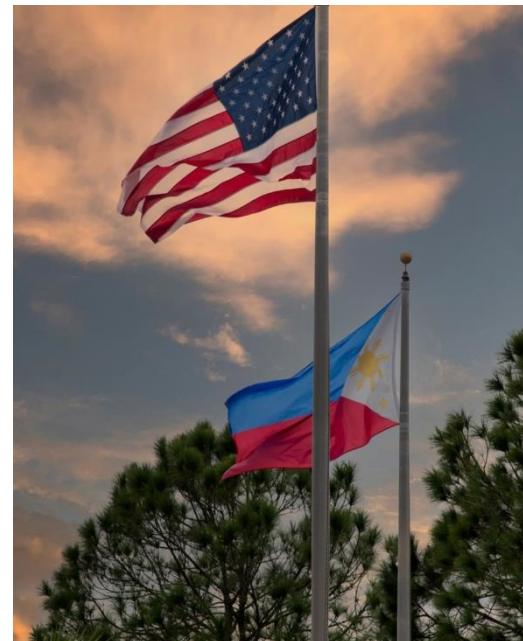
accomplishments of some famous Filipino Americans, including singer Bruno Mars, social media influencer and singer Bella Poarch, actor and wrestler, and many others who have made large contributions to their respective fields. Most are still alive today and are influencing their fields for the better.

Peter Gene Hernandez, or better known as Bruno Mars, was born on October 8, 1985 and is 37 years old. Bruno Mars's father was half Puerto Rican and half Jewish while his mother was of Filipino and Spanish descent. Bruno Mars is a famous singer and made many hit songs such as "Uptown Funk" and "That's What I Like."

Influencer and social media personality Bella Poarch, also known by her real name Denarie Taylor, is one of the largest Tik Tok contributors in the Philippines and one of the most popular on the platform. She was born on February 9, 1997 and is 25 years old. Bella Poarch is of Filipino descent as both her biological parents are Filipino.

Dave Bautista is a Filipino American actor and wrestler and was born on January 18, 1969, and is 53 years old. Dave Bautista participated in many WWE events from 2002 up until 2010, and two more events in 2014 and 2018-2019. He has also acted in many movies such as "My Spy" and "Guardians of the Galaxy."

Filipino American Heritage Month is a month dedicated to the large number of Filipino immigrants currently living in the country as well as celebrating the accomplishments of other famous Filipino Americans. Bruno Mars, Bella Poarch, and Dave Bautista are just a few of the famous Filipino Americans that have influenced their respective fields positively.



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Filipino American Heritage month commemorates Americans of Filipino decent. About 4.2 million Filipinos live in America today. Images from top to bottom Bella Poarch, Bruno Mars and Dave Bautista.

Boys basketball has a kick start to the season this year

Sana Wahab Reporter

Last month, the boys' basketball tryouts took place from October 18 through 20. A large number of boys tried out, but the team needed to be narrowed down to just the best players.

Aaron Lucero, an 8th grade basketball player, has been playing basketball since he was in second grade and he has noticed many improvements in his physical health. He stated, "I started playing basketball when I was in second grade. Ever since then, I noticed a lot of improvements, mainly cardio. I can run a lot faster than I usually could back then."

Aaron also commented, "In basketball, you shouldn't give up whenever you lose some games or if you aren't that good because the more you practice and learn from your mistakes, the better you get."

Mr. Campana, the boys' basketball coach, mentioned that from the time that he was three until college, he played basketball. He has been coaching boys' basketball for four

years. He said, "I really enjoy coaching basketball because I love to help and support other students, especially to help them improve their basketball skills."

"A lot of my previous coaches inspired me to have a history with basketball. They've always supported me through my whole time playing basketball. My parents also made it very fun for me because they were both coaches as well. They've always motivated me and supported me through my whole time playing basketball," Mr. Campana added.

Yujin Moon, an 8th grade basketball player, commented, "I was accepted to be part of the basketball team here in Walters. I tried out because I enjoy playing basketball. I also wanted to join the team because I wanted to represent Walters."

"I have played basketball for 7 to 8 years and I have a lot of experience with it. My favorite position in basketball, and the one I currently play, is the point guard, so it's my job to be



Photo from 2021 Newspaper Staff
Last year's boys basketball team practices their skills.

very good with dribbling the ball and passing it to my teammates."

Yujin also mentioned, "I'm very glad I got on the team, basketball is my favorite sport."

In conclusion, the boys basketball team gives students a chance to stay active by playing basketball with their friends.

Students celebrate and have Halloween fun at school



Photos by Riya Venkadesan and Shanvi Gupta

Ms. Hayward's class wrap quickly in hopes of taking first place at the Mummy Wrap contest on October 27, but lose to Mrs. Pasternak's homeroom class. Students mingle at the Halloween Social after school on October 28.

Iranians protest the killing of a woman for not following unfair laws

Fernas Zaidan Reporter

Iran has been going through massive protests and riots. This started on October 16 when Iranian police forces arrested and killed a 22-year-old Kurdish-Iranian woman named Mahsa Amini. She was killed for not wearing her hijab in a proper manner.

A hijab is an Islamic head covering. Iran has a harsh policy that requires women to wear their hijab whenever they are out in public. According to Amnesty.org, punishment for not following this rule could be 10 days to 2 months in prison plus additional fines and tickets.

People were not happy with these laws, so when Mahsa Amini was killed, protests began all over the country. These protests sometimes turned into riots.

Women began to take off their hijabs as a protest. Many protesters were arrested and even killed. Almost 200 people have been



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Protesters gather, angered by the killing of Mahsa Amini in Iran for not following unjust laws.

killed in the protests as well as two dozen children.

Many people in other countries have shown support to Iran. For example, Germany showed support by holding a rally in Berlin. 7th grader, Corey King stated, “I feel bad for the people there [Iran].”

Numbers of protests happen in universities and school districts. Many school girls and school boys have

protested inside of schools. Iranian police retaliate against these protests by locking them in the school.

These protests are not new either. According to Aljazeera.com, on February 29, 2018, women were arrested for taking off their hijabs.

It is a historical moment in Iran right now and many have shown their support in different ways. 7th grader Cash Morton said, “I hope they earn freedom.”

Veterans Day honors the brave people who have served our country

Finnegan Barzso Reporter

Veterans Day is a holiday that is celebrated on November 11. The main purpose of this holiday is to celebrate the people who served in the military or at least helped the military. Walters has three staff members who are Veterans: Mr. Cumpian, Ms. Alana, and Mrs. Edelman. Several students also have veterans in their family.

7th grader Collin Hwang explained that his father never fought in a war, but he did serve in the Navy for two years.

6th grade teacher Ms. Chand also said, “My brother-in-law was in the army and he served mostly on military bases.”

Veterans Day officially started on November 11, 1926.

During this time, it was known as Armistice Day, due to the fact that it mostly celebrated the Armistice of Germany during World War I.

Aside from being celebrated in America, Veterans Day is also celebrated in Canada, Britain, and France. According to VA.gov, Veterans Day has a different theme each year. These can include honor, bravery, courage, and many other values.

It is commonplace to take two minutes of silence on Veterans Day to remember our brave soldiers who have served in the military. Veterans Day celebrates people who have served for and done amazing things for our country.



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**Thank you to all of
the amazing
veterans who risked
their lives for this
country**

Daylight Savings Time changes clocks and disrupts sleep schedules

Sara Ben Ali Reporter

During Daylight Savings Time, or DST, clocks are set an hour forward to save energy and make better use of sunlight. DST usually starts in spring, and then in fall, clocks are reverted back to the original time- that's where the phrase "spring forward, fall back" comes from.

It's not uncommon to hear people say, like with 7th grader Norah Silveira, how with the coming of DST, they can't get sleep.

8th grader Allison Miranda said that they have to get up an extra hour earlier. But have you ever wondered why you have to get up an hour earlier than usual every time DST rolls around, and how it came to exist?

DST is practiced in many places, like Europe, North America, parts of Asia, South America, and Oceania. It didn't actually start from attempting to accommodate farmer's needs, as many people would think. Infact, farmers only became associated with DST because they were against it. According to AgAmerica Lending, DST "disrupt[s] a farmer's carefully orchestrated schedule." The animals on the farm won't just change along with the DST schedule; as put, livestock, like cows "cannot understand waiting



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Daylight Savings Time changes the clock by an hour every few months. That interrupts people's sleep schedules and causes them to have to adjust to an entirely new schedule.

another hour to be milked"- and situations like these can delay work on the farm.

The basic concept first popped up in Benjamin Franklin's satirical letter to the Journal of Paris in 1784, However, while he gets some credit for the idea of DST, he only recommends people getting out of bed earlier in the morning to minimize the use of candles and oil lamps, saying nothing about changing clock times back and forth. The German Empire was the first to implement DST, and went back to standard time after World War I.

In the US, a bill for DST was passed but then repealed, and when it

was implemented in the II World War, it was called "War Time." According to Spectrum News 1, "the Uniform Time Act of 1966 established the idea of regulating a yearly time change." DST starts, and eventually becomes the modern one as we know it, starting in March and Ending in November.

However, there are actual negative possible consequences of implementing DST. Mrs. Yepez, counselor, doesn't like how the time changes on us because "your body gets used to a certain time and then you have to get adjusted to a new one again." And this isn't good for a reason. According to UT Southwestern Medical Center, DST negatively impacts circadian rhythms, or our internal body clock.

Not to mention, daylight saving doesn't actually save energy- just daylight. A hundred years ago, DST might have saved more energy, but in today's world, the simple energy saved from using an hour less of electricity from household lighting or appliances that the U.S. Department of Transportation observed, won't actually make a dent in the total preservation of energy.

Nicole Mann: The first Native woman to go to space!



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On October 5, SpaceX launched a spacecraft from NASA's Kennedy Space Center to go to the International Space Station. Aboard that spacecraft was Nicole Mann. She is the first Native woman, from the Wailacki of the Round Valley Indian Tribes, to ever go to space.

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EDITORIAL: NBA offseason picks were mostly good this year

Qassim Emir Reporter

The offseason is when the NBA (National Basketball Association) finishes and players are traded and drafted onto teams. This year, the NBA offseason was filled with good trades and draft picks. The offseason was very good for lots of teams, picking up potential superstars from the draft and elite players that got traded.

The NBA draft is when people from high school and college have a chance to get drafted onto teams. The top prospects were Paolo Banchero, Jabari Smith, Jaden Ivey, and Keegan Murray. The number one overall draft pick was Paolo Banchero. He got drafted into Orlando Magic and is projected to become the rookie of the year this year.

Another good draft choice was Jabari Smith, who got drafted into the Houston Rockets. Smith is also in the battle to win rookie of the year.

I think Paolo Banchero is going to be the rookie of the year because he has more skills to bring to the NBA than Jabari Smith. Gabriel Arcos Magana, a 7th grader, said that he agrees that Paolo Banchero is the best player in the draft

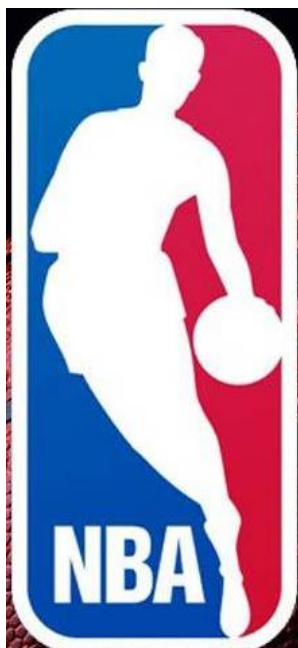


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During the NBA offseason, players are drafted into teams and other players are traded to different teams. Many new players were added to teams, which greatly improved those teams and made them more of a threat to other teams.

this year. He also thinks Banchero may win an MVP award later in his career.

The trades over the offseason can change how a team plays completely. The trades this season were very good and teams got very good players. I think the best trade over the offseason was John Wall being traded to the Los Angeles Clippers, making a

super-team containing John Wall, Paul George, and Kawhi Leonard.

Student Malakai Venegas mentioned that he thinks the Clippers will be a scary team to go against this year, especially now that they picked up John Wall.

The free agency is where players who don't get picked and have no team to go to end up. Free agency has a lot of talent in my opinion. The best player in free agency is probably NBA Veteran James Harden, who is a very crafty player. He does fancy dribbling moves to free up space for an open shot. He also is very good at three point shooting and almost always hits his shots. I think he will get picked up by a team very soon when they see how much of a difference he can make to a team.

This year's offseason is pretty good in my opinion. The draft picks are shaping up to be very good players. The trades were not very good, but some teams have people that can make their team incredible. The free agents are pretty talented and can be good fits for different teams. This year's NBA season will be one that will go in the books as a great one.

Red Ribbon Week offers a week of excitement

Megan Helgeson Reporter

Red Ribbon Week is a very exciting week where students can show school spirit and take a stand against drugs.

Spirit week gives students opportunities to dress up for this special week. Teachers and students enjoy the week because it brings more excitement to the classroom.

Spirit Week is exciting because students get to dress up with a different theme each day. This year, Monday was Pajama day. On Tuesday, students were supposed to dress like someone from the past or future. Wednesday was when students were supposed to wear clothes from their culture or dress like a tourist. Thursday was sports day, so students wore sports jerseys, hats, and shirts. On Friday, the staff members were supposed to dress like students and students were supposed to either dress

up as teachers or as what they want to be when they grow up.

7th grader Zahrah Olajide mentioned, "I also really liked dressing up on culture day because it showed more about me and I also enjoyed seeing other people dressing up and appreciating their culture."

There were also lunchtime activities to accompany the dress up days. There was a tug-o-war competition on Monday, an obstacle course on Tuesday, a rally on Wednesday, a basketball competition on Thursday, and a musical chairs competition on Friday.

7th grader Paloma Campo said, "I enjoyed spending time dressing up on these special days."

Red Ribbon Week gives students a chance to dress up, show school spirit, and participate in fun activities.

November

Calendar

November 6: Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 8: Election Day

November 11: No School- Veterans Day

November 14-18: Season of Giving Food Drive

November 18: Minimum Day

November 21-25: Thanksgiving Break (No School)

November 24: Thanksgiving