

# THE WARRIOR CHRONICLE

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## Dolores and Cesar's cause still important to remember

Christopher Velazquez Reporter

César Chávez was a farm worker, labor leader, and civil rights activist. He came up with an idea to get together with Dolores Huerta, who is an American labor leader and activist. Her work with migrant farmworkers led to the establishment of the United Farm Workers of America.

Cesar Chavez helped farm workers in the late 1960s and 1970s. They both were in the Chicano movement. Together they founded the farm worker movement, fought against agribusiness, and organized thousands of laborers so they could earn a living wage and have just working conditions.

Jacob Chu, an 8th grader said that he is happy we celebrate Cesar Chavez Day because he helped tons of farmworkers from suffering. One of the most important things that he mentioned was that he gave a lot of effort to his people and was dedicated to them.

Gabriel Ruano Renteria, a 7th grader, explained that he thinks Cesar Chavez is important because he helped Latino farm workers get treated fairly and to be paid more. He said, "If he wasn't alive, farm workers would be suffering."



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Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez are American Civil Rights activists who helped migrant farmworkers gain worker rights and change laws in the fields. Dolores Huerta is still an advocate today fighting for justice on issues like these and more.

*March 31 = Cesar Chavez Day  
April 10 = Dolores Huerta Day*

## New Deltacron variant spreads as people COVID becomes more familiar

Geothshana Vishnuvardhini Reporter

There have been certain Covid samples taken with odd results. Them being a sort of hybrid of the two trending variants, Deltavirus and omicron. This new recombinant name is Deltacron.

Deltamicron or Deltacron is a recombinant virus. Such viruses form when two viruses invade the same cell. When the cell produces more viruses the genes are mixed and via viruses are formed.

. But upon further inspection Dr. Nguyen had settled on the possibility of a recombinant as it had both virus genes in one.

Information put forth by WebMD states Deltacron was found on the March 11 2022. In the March 10



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Deltacron is the latest COVID variant that is spreading rapidly across the world.

update, Deltacron was reported mainly from European countries such as France and Denmark. And a slight hint wavering into Germany and Netherlands.

Both 8th graders, Behishta Kazemi (Sahar) and Aiden Wilson mentioned they felt threatened and uncomfortable with the virus' developments.

6<sup>th</sup> grader Joshua Konglathu had suggested to become more strict with the mask rule as it could stop anything more to develop. But Updates have shown Deltacron is not a major concern for many reasons, one of them being because of the huge similarities to COVID-19 and omicron, the antibodies from the vaccines and boosters will be able to identify it easily and excrete it out of the body.

*Disclaimer: This article was written before  
March 21<sup>st</sup>*

# Gas prices increase rapidly as Russia-Ukraine war continues

Daksh Bains Reporter

Gas prices are increasing at an all-time high. They are skyrocketing due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. According to the US Energy Information Administration (EIA), gasoline prices are now at their highest level since 2014. Since January of this year alone, they have increased from \$3 a gallon to more than \$5 and still increasing.

Ms. Kent-Berge, the school librarian, said, "Five dollars is too expensive and outrageous for gasoline."

Since Ms. Kent-Berge vehicle gets 20 miles per gallon, it would cost her around \$5 to drive 20 miles. If her vehicle can contain up to

10 gallons of gas, refilling her tank would cost around \$50.

Mr. Marco, a student teacher in Ms. Weber's 8th grade math class, added that he thinks over time the value of gasoline will ascend leisurely.

Increasing gas prices will benefit oil producers, but it will impact low-income and middle-income families because it makes it harder for them to pay for it.

Mr. Del Carpio, a 7th grade science teacher, said, "It's not necessary for gas prices to keep increasing because oil producers are just trying to get more money."

Most low-income families already have it hard to pay for basic

necessities. These can include: rent, bills, utility, and food. According to the Census Household Pulse Survey, one out of every three families with children has struggled to pay their household bills in the recent seven days.

It's already difficult for them to pay their expenses, so if gas costs continue to rise, it will be even more challenging for them to get things back on track. Cutting back on car use is not an option for many low-income households. They use them to get to work, buy food, and other important trips.

## NAME OUR MASCOT!!!



We hope you were able to meet our Warrior mascot during lunch in Patio 1. We are very excited to welcome him to the Walters family. Now, the only thing we need is a name! This is where YOU come in. Use the link sent to your FUSD email to submit your name suggestion for our mascot. Below is important information and guidelines for naming the warrior!

- You must sign in to google using your FUSD email account.
- The name should be unisex (works for a boy/girl/non-binary warrior)
- Only respectful names should be submitted

Keep in mind our school was named after George Massey Walters...you could try and incorporate parts of that into your submission.

Winner will be announced on April 1st! Be creative!

Check your FUSD email for the link.

## APRIL

### CALENDAR

**April 2**

**Ramadan Begins**

**April 4-8**

**Spirit Week**

**April 8**

**Spring Dance**

**April 15-22**

**Spring Break**

# Turning Red's main character's voice actress comes from Fremont

Khanh Do Assistant Editor

*Turning Red* was recently released on Disney+ on March 11th. *Turning Red* is a coming of age movie that circles around Asian heritage themes. It takes place in Toronto, Canada and has many nostalgic features as it is set in 2002. It also approaches topics of generational trauma and unhealthy expectations from parents and guardians. 6th grader Mona Leong said, "I've seen the trailer for the movie, I think the concept of the movie is pretty cool."

Surprisingly, the voice actress of the main character in the movie, Rosalie Chiang, is from Fremont. Rosalie was originally not supposed to receive this role at all. According to San Francisco Chronicle, she was first a "rough draft" voice to help the director and her team visualize the main character, Mei Lee, but she did still have to go through an audition. This is a



Photo by Khanh Do

*Turning Red* poster advertising their limited plays at theaters, but is available now on Disney+.

common practice within the animation industry as the production time lasts for years.

The team was very pleased with Rosalie's performance, so when it came time to find the official voice for Mei, they couldn't get Rosalie's voice out of their head. After some time, they came to the conclusion to cast Rosalie as the

character's voice that would be heard by the public. Rosalie stated in an interview with San Francisco Chronicle that "it was a complete and absolute shock!" when she first heard the news.

Elise Roman, an 8th grader, commented, "I think it's really great that the Bay Area, specifically Fremont is being highlighted in this movie... although I haven't seen the movie yet, I think it's really important that the movie has shown a lot of relatability but also brings nostalgia and diversity to the mix."

This movie proves that anyone from anywhere can make a name for themselves, it only takes hard work and dedication to be able to accomplish that, regardless of your background. *Turning Red* is another fine addition to the diversity mix of our modern entertainment media.

## Women's History Month commemorates women's contributions

Amari Satchell Reporter

March is Women's History Month. Women's History Month was passed as a national celebration in 1981. Lots of teachers in the United States, the UK, and Australia teach women's history during this month. "I think we should learn about women's history because women are a part of our society too" commented 7th grader David Sandoval.

Women's history can be incorporated into classrooms in different ways. 6th grade teacher Ms. Chand said, "I teach Women's history because it's important... We have lessons of important female historical figures like Katherine Johnson and Queens in ancient history."

There are lots of important female historical figures in US history like Chien-Shiung Wu who was Chinese-American who made contributions to the fields of particle and nuclear physics. Wu was born on May 31, 1912. Her father, Wu Zhong-Yi, believed in education for girls and had her attend a school started by him. Wu then went to a university to study physics and after graduating she became a research assistant. Wu went to San Francisco in 1936 and enrolled in the

University of California, Berkeley where she got her Ph. D.

In 1942, Chien-Shiung Wu married a fellow physicist named Luke Yuan. In 1944 she joined the Manhattan Project at the SAM (Substitute Alloy Materials) lab at Columbia University. After WW2 Wu was offered a position at Columbia and a year later she was approached by theoretical physicists Chen Ning Yang and Tsung Dao Lee. They asked her to devise an experiment to prove their theory that the law of conservation did not hold true to beta decay. Lee and Yang ended up receiving the 1957 Nobel Prize while Wu's work was not acknowledged at all.

In 1978 she won the Wolf Prize in Physics in 1978 and her book *Beta Decay* was published in 1965. Sadly on February 16th 1997 Chien-Shiung Wu passed away in New York, New York. Her ideas and experiments still affect the world today just like lots of other women in history.

There are so many women who have done amazing things for the world but rarely get recognized. "I celebrate women's history month because I am a woman and it's a very important month." stated Eva Caldera, 7th grader. Women's History Month is a very important celebration and should be celebrated everywhere.



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Women like Chien-Shiung Wu are being celebrated during Women's History Month.

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# Boys' volleyball season starts up with new coach, Michelle Cu

Diara Refuerzo Reporter

Boys' Volleyball is back after two years. Boys' volleyball players are excited for the upcoming season. This year, the team has a new coach, Michelle Cu.

Coach Michelle has played volleyball since she was in 5th grade. She played all through middle school and high school. Coach Michelle has not only coached at Walters, she has coached at many elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools. Coach Michelle has coached at Mattos Elementary, Washington High School, Irvington High School, and Santa Clara High School.

Coach Michelle's love for the sport is one reason why she is coaching today. She stated, "I enjoy the sport...I love teaching youth the fundamentals and playing with the right foundation and right attitude."



Photo by Diara Refuerzo

Coach Michelle assesses student's volleyball skills at tryouts to help them improve their skills.

Coaches are important because they help and assist athletes in developing to their full potential. Kiahn Darren Bacon, an 8th grader and player for the A team, commented,

"The coach is competitive and wants us to work hard."

Kiahn explained that Coach Michelle expects players to work hard during practice and games no matter if they're winning or losing. Raiden Dale Refuerzo, a 7th grader and player for the B team, added, "Coach Michelle is a great coach...she assesses the skills of each player on the team and decides their advantages as well as their disadvantages to further help the player and the team."

Everyone on the team is excited for the season to start. This season, the coach and players think that both the A and B team will do well. "There is lots of talent for both teams," stated Coach Michelle.

# Mr. Bae and students get ready for the spring break Florida trip

Adriana Alonzo Reporter

8th grade science and robotics teacher Mr. Bae and a handful of students are going to spend spring break in Florida. The trip takes place from April 18 through April 22 in the Florida Keys. Mr. Bae has been doing the Florida trip for 2 years. The trip costs around \$2,400.

The trip is currently open for all grades, but he may be limiting it to only 7th and 8th graders in the future. Everyone will be attending the same flight and the weather will be hot and somewhat humid.

Mr. Bae stated, "Parents are allowed to go on the trip if they wish, but mostly it would be students attending the event. We have one teacher chaperone and one adult participating as an attendee."

Mr. Bae started doing the Florida trip a couple of years ago when someone contacted him and

gave him the opportunity. "A representative constantly messaged me many years ago about how transformative a science field trip would be. I eventually decided to give it a try because I want students to have experiences that can truly impact their lives and make a big difference," Mr. Bae explained.

Yezet Calderon, an 8th grader, thinks that the trip will be a great opportunity. She said that she is excited to go to Florida since this will be her first time ever going there. Yezet also added, "My parents will not come to the trip but my brother is coming with me on the trip."

8th grade science teacher Mrs. Carey said, "I think the Florida trip is a great opportunity for students to learn more about natural sciences. It also sounds like a fun trip. The swimming pool with dolphins sounds especially



Photo from Mr. Bae

Students enjoy swimming with dolphins during the 2019 Florida trip.

fun. I think that if students have the ability to go they should do it!"

There are a lot of exciting things about the Florida trip. Students are able to experience lots of new things and the trip is a great chance to explore another part of the country.

# Editorial: Students should be able to use the bathroom during class

Camden Phillips Reporter

One of the biggest debates about students' rights while in their school is the right to use the bathroom during class. The rules about bathroom usage differ from school to school, but the state does have codes in place to make sure students keep their right to use the bathroom. For example, the California code stated, "The school shall keep all restrooms open during school hours when pupils [students] are not in classes, and shall keep a sufficient number of restrooms open during school hours when pupils are in classes."

Another consideration for the number of restrooms at schools is the amount of students. There must be a specific number of bathrooms available for students based on the amount of students attending the school. In California, the rule is one bathroom per forty girls and one bathroom per forty boys.



Photo by Anika Phair

Teachers are restricting the amount of times students are allowed to use the bathroom during classes.

Teachers denying students access to all bathrooms has been a practice for a long time, but that doesn't mean teachers should limit students their usage of the bathroom.

I think that teachers should let students use the bathroom whenever they need to use it. However, some students choose to not use the bathroom responsibly which results

in teachers becoming stricter about their bathroom rules. I think that students should be allowed to use the bathrooms when they need to but I also think that there should be more supervision to make sure the bathrooms are being taken care of and used appropriately.

Some teachers give a bathroom pass once per quarter. This can lead to an accident in the classroom or health issues for students. For example, if a student has a bathroom emergency and uses their only bathroom pass for the quarter, they may have another bathroom emergency and the teacher may deny their request to use the bathroom.

I believe that teachers should let their students use the bathroom whenever they need to, but the bathrooms need to have better supervision to make sure that students are using the bathroom responsibly.

# Staff Feature: Mrs. Carey teaches science and cares for her family

Brandon Camper Reporter

Mrs. Carey teaches 8th grade science. Her classroom is Room 38. Mrs. Carey chose to be a teacher because it was the best fit for her degree in science and for her family. 3 out of her 4 grandparents were teachers and her grandma made the job sound fun.

Mrs. Carey has been teaching for 8 years. She taught at Blacow Elementary school for 3 years and has been teaching at Walters for 5 years. Mrs. Carey enjoys teaching science, but if it was to be able to teach another subject, it would be art.

Mrs. Carey has a family with 2 kids, Emma who is 5 and Ethan who is 2. Mrs. Carey enjoys drawing and painting with her daughter. She was born in Glendale, California.

Mrs. Carey's inspiration to become a teacher came from her grandfather. She said that she has always been interested in science and that her grandfather was part of the reason. Her grandfather helped teach her things including how old the oldest tree is. Without her grandfather, Mrs. Carey might not have as big of a passion for science or teaching others.;

Mrs. Carey's students said that she is a nice teacher and that she is not very strict. That is what makes her a good teacher. Mrs. Carey explained, "I enjoy teaching science and showing students that they are cared about. That is ultimately what I hope to accomplish."



Photo from Mrs. Carey

Mrs. Carey enjoys spending time with her two kids, Emma and Ethan.



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