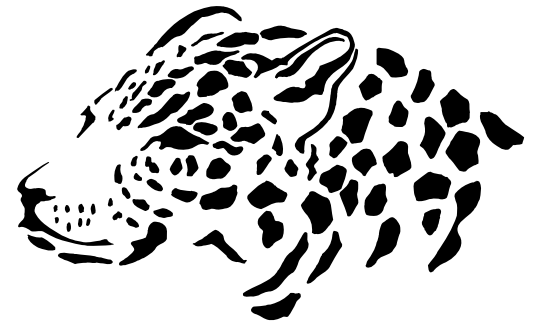


THE *Leopard's* SPOT



Lewis Walk IN Students Support Parkland Victims and Survivors; Demonstrate to End to School Violence

By Maiya Burrus and Isis
Francisco

On March 14th Lewis students joined thousands of schools across the country and San Diego County in a walk out to honor the 17 people killed in the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on February 14. Days before the walk out, ASB handed out orange ribbons and flyers to Lewis students to encourage students to participate and explain the event. The color orange dates back to at least 2013 when 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed in Chicago. Her friends picked the color orange to honor her and to call for gun reform because orange is what hunters wear to protect themselves -- from other hunters.

At approximately 10:00, students, some wearing orange and some holding signs, walked to the lower P.E. fields to honor the victims and listen to student speakers. ASB secretary, Crystal Gomez spoke about the shooting in Marshall County High and ASB member Vanessa Chan spoke about the shooting at Central Michigan University. Iris Drake spoke about the importance of gun violence awareness. Other

members of ASB recalled other school tragedies in the last few decades and the importance of gun safety.

ASB member, Sofia Macias expressed her disappointment that the students did not have more control over the planning. The district encouraged middle schools to organize a "walk in" instead of a student walk out and a special schedule was created to accommodate the walk in. She said, "Most of it wasn't student planned. It was mostly planned by the principals. We made posters and we made it known throughout the school. I think it wasn't a fail but I also feel we didn't serve the complete purpose of the walk-out."

Many students agreed, they would have planned something different, although they were satisfied that they could do something.

Eighth grader, Jackson Miller said, "I thought it was good we can show what we believe in and the speakers were very passionate with what they were talking about." Adding on, Iris Drake stated, "I think it's vital to make school environments free for students to protest and express their opinions. I also think the walk-in was a good idea because it wouldn't be safe for students to walk directly out of school."

Mrs. Miller, 8th grade English teacher, had this to say about the walk out, "I thought it was very well done. I thought it was organized well. It gave the opportunity for a lot of people to voice themselves. It showed how mature our students are and that they do care not only about themselves but about their peers and events taking place all over the country."



Special Olympics Going for the Gold

By Tiffany Le

On April 27, Lewis students joined eight other middle schools on a beautiful San Diego day, to participate in the Special Olympics at Pershing Middle School. Students who need a little extra support throughout the day competed in Track and Field events as their classmates ran by their side, supported them and cheered them on. Special Education teacher, Ms. Brown says, "This event is important because it celebrates all of our students and athletes. It is a place where they feel loved, supported, accepted, and appreciated."

In a world where these kids are not always understood, this event is all about making them feel like the superstars they are."

Student athletes who participated in the Special Olympics include, Marissa Williams, James Breault, Zahel Soto, Nathan Lam, Tatiana Tcherncher, Sabrina Fortunato, and Kaitlyn Nguyen. Competitors were awarded gold, silver and bronze medals as well as ribbons for their participation.

In preparation for the olympics, students practiced throwing a softball for distance, running and jumping with Coach Josh and their support staff, Luz Bautista, Carol Levy, Willy Laysa, Brandan Balo and Rebeca Taylor. Student supporter, Zoey Hamel-Hyland said, "It was great to see the athletes so happy when they won."



"Through the power of sports, people with intellectual disabilities discover new strengths and abilities, skills and success. Our athletes find joy, confidence and fulfillment -- on the playing field and in life."
--Special Olympics

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New Leopards Spotted

Welcome to Lewis

Mr. Potter

By Zoe Glover and Julian Austin

Mr. Potter is one of our new 8th grade science teachers, and he states, "It's not my fault, I'm good looking, it's genetics." Mr. Potter grew up in Joshua Tree, and when he was young he didn't seem himself as a science teacher; he wanted to be a veterinarian. He enjoyed his childhood but he figured in a way he was a troublemaker and constantly found himself in hard situations. He decided to be a teacher due to how the industry was going and figured it to be a pretty stable job. Mr. Potter has been teaching for fourteen years and received his undergraduate education at SDSU and his Masters Degree at UCLA.



Mr. Potter is preparing the future generation by educating them in scientific studies and problems. He loves to interact with children and teach them how to think like a true scientist. He teaches them to come up with hypothesis and equations to help solve real life situations. Students have studied sharks and how they affect our oceans, collisions and what factors affect them, fast vs. superfast animals and how they adapt, and solar systems and how the super blue blood moon was created.

Outside of school he focuses his attention on his two daughters and the adventures they bring. "They are small and full of energy that keeps me busy." He also loves to travel and wishes he could have traveled more when he was younger. If Mr. Potter had to teach another subject, he would teach math because math is the closest subject to science.

In addition to teaching science at SDSU, he also teaches students to be science teachers just like him.

He loves to participate in the Spirit Week activities and the Students vs. Staff competitions. Many students agree Mr. Potter is a great teacher overall. Lena Truong says, "Mr. Potter is a very chill teacher." Ryan Hensley says, "He is a fun and cool teacher, and he helps me understand science." Lauren Schalik from his Advisory class says, "He has a great personality." Isiaiah Clauel, another Advisory student says, "He's the best teacher ever!" Although Mr. Potter's original dream was to become a veterinarian, he became a teacher, and his students are glad he did.



Coach Murphy

By Tiffany Le, Steven To and Aerlyn Soukko

Coach Murphy teaches 6th and 7th grade P.E. Before Coach Murphy worked at Lewis, she taught P.E. at an elementary school. Coach Murphy decided to become a P.E. teacher because she loved to be active and wanted to share her experience with others.

Coach Murphy has three older siblings. She is the youngest in her family. The oldest is her sister, next is her brother, another brother and then her. They may sometimes bicker but at the end of the day they all still love each other very much. Coach Murphy says that her family supported her all through her life and they would let her try sports that she wanted to play. Without them she wouldn't have her passion for sports.

Growing up Coach Murphy was very fortunate because whenever she wanted to do a sport her parents always let her. The first sport that she ever did was swimming at the age of nine. She has played many sports before,

but her favorite is softball. Her favorite sport to teach to kids is basketball and swimming.

Coach Murphy wants kids to enjoy fitness and try their best everyday. Her students say, "She encourages kids to keep trying, and she is always very enthusiastic about teaching." Her students look forward to having P.E.



Mr. Crawford

By Aerlyn Soukko

Mr. Crawford, one of our two new science teachers grew up in Anaheim, California. He lived five minutes from Disneyland. He even went to Walt Disney Elementary School. As a kid he was involved in competitive water polo and soccer. Before he started his teaching career, he was a beach lifeguard in Coronado. He has been teaching kids how to swim since he was fourteen.

Mr. Crawford majored in animal physiology and neuroscience at UC San Diego, with minors in psychology and philosophy. Then he earned his teaching credential and Masters in Education from San Diego State University. He began teaching middle school in 1999. He has taught at Monroe Clark Middle School and at CPMA Middle School. His favorite teacher was Mr. Fukumoto inspired him to become a teacher.

His goal as a teacher is, "To give kids the skills and desire to continue their own education far beyond the time that we have together. I want them to become informed citizens, who can use their knowledge to determine whether something they hear is real or fake news, and make decisions based on evidence that will help to make the world a better place. Mostly, I want my students to grow up to be happy people."

He has loved all the schools he's worked at, but he thinks the caliber of students at this school is incredible. "The students work hard and care about learning, and the staff is dedicated to helping them become successful."



Coach Lowe

Coach Lowe grew up in San Diego, spending most of his life right here in Allied Gardens. He attended Foster, Lewis, and Patrick Henry High and then Grossmont College and San Diego State.

Coach Lowe said Lewis has changed a lot since he was a student here. The campus used to be painted blue. Now it is a redish color. His former teachers, Coach Eisman and Mr. Steinemann look the same even though they are twenty years older. Eisman is a little slower now though then he was when in his prime. Ms. Trojanowski's room used to be the old woodshop classroom. "I successfully made a spice rack and wooden stool that my mom still uses to this day."

Students used to be able to buy soda, gatorade, Pizza Hut slices, chocolate milk, and chips. Students had to wear school uniforms--blue pants or shorts and a blue or white polo shirt. Dances were held at the Allied Gardens Rec Gymnasium. I attended sixth grade camp in Palomar for one week as a 6th grader.

Coach Lowe became a teacher because he wanted to make an impact on our kids for the future. He believes every kid has a chance to become great in our country and nothing will hold them back except for themselves. He said, "I had a challenging childhood and I am especially looking to help my students who struggle at this particular age group like I did. I want to be a voice of guidance for them because I remember being in their shoes when I was 11-14 years old."

When Coach Lowe is not teaching, he is taking care of his plants at home, making Popsicle stick art, watching sports, chasing his kid around, finding new ways to freshen up his PE units with new games, ideas, and other fun activities, and helping out at the San Diego Elks Lodge.

"One child, one teacher, one pen, and one book can change the world"
- Malala Yousafzai

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Swimming Makes a Splash at Lewis

Seventh Graders Take a Dive

By Gaby Randall and Cindy Nguyen

Beginning May 21, 7th grade classrooms may smell a hint of chlorine in the air. The Lewis Foundation and the Drowning Prevention Foundation have helped make it possible for the P.E. department to offer swimming to 7th grade. They will be swimming in the Allied Gardens Swimming Pool.

They will be learning about water safety to give them more confidence. Swimming will last a total of four weeks to finish off the school year. The students will be in groups according to what skills they need.

Both Coach Lowe and Coach Murphy are very excited for their students to start swimming. Their goal is for all students to gain more confidence in the water. Kayla Morales a 7th grader said "I hope that this will help me improve my swimming."

In this unit there will be seven to eight classes and the students will also learn CPR. Coach Lowe explained why they decided to



add swimming to their curriculum. "Other schools are doing it. It's important safety, and it's worth a lot."

Swimming will be an important asset to PE because of all the water opportunities. Coach Murphy says, "You wouldn't want to miss out on other water activities because you don't know how to swim."

The students will spend a total of 25 minutes in the water, giving them lots of time to learn new skills and abilities. Both coaches will be teaching students how to swim. "Hopefully we will continue this next year." says Coach Lowe. Briana Johnson says, "I am excited to be swimming. I hope I get better at it."



Robby Goode's Latest in Movies

By Robert Goode

Isle of Dogs

Isle of Dogs is a 2018 film directed by Wes Anderson, the director of *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. It is about a pack of dogs in Megasaki City who are exiled to Trash Island after an outbreak of canine flu. A twelve year old boy named Atari goes to the island to try to find his old dog, Spot. On the island, Atari meets a group of dogs that help him on his journey. The plot is okay and the PG-13 rating made this movie more enjoyable for me.

This is NOT a kid's movie just because there are talking dogs. The film is mainly aimed toward adults. The film has a nice mix of comedy and weirdness. The voice actors do a good job. Not surprising when the voices are that of Bill Murray, Scarlett Johansson, Bryan Cranston, and Jeff Goldblum. It is a stop motion film so there are scenes with smoke where you could tell it was cotton, though I felt that was intentional. I find stop motion like *Kubo and the Two Strings*, visually stunning, but I don't think *Isle of Dogs* is as good on that end.

Some things in the film I found very predictable. There is also a

teacher, and her aunt and grandma were also teachers. She was influenced to become a teacher by her two teachers Mr. Conklin and Ms. Inouye.

We asked Mss Maguire what object she would compare herself to and she said a pen because she says she likes writing and she has been a writer herself. She likes how she expresses her feelings in writing.

Her student, Julian Estrada said this of Miss Maguire, "She is nice and she doesn't give a lot of homework. When we need help, she gives us examples." Another student, Collin Gaines said, "She's always in a good mood and makes fun activities." He also said that he didn't used to like poetry, but Miss Maguire makes poetry so he likes it better. Lily Engel said, "She does everything to help us understand."

subplot about a foreign exchange girl from America, voiced by Greta Gerwig, that did not really go anywhere.

It was an enjoyable film that I probably won't be watching again anytime soon. I had a few issues with the film being predictable, along with some other complaints, but it doesn't hold the movie back too much. In the end I am giving this one a 6/10.

Truth or Dare

Truth or Dare is a 2018 horror film directed by Jeff Wadlow. It centers around a group of college friends who travel to Mexico for Spring Break where they meet a stranger who convinces them to play Truth or Dare. When the game starts it awakens something evil that follows them back home. From then on it is a film about making choices and death. Tell the truth or die, do the dare or you die. The premise is cool and the acting was surprisingly good for a teen horror movie.

The film's characters are also not bad. Yes, there are a lot of stereotypes but most of them are actually kind of likeable. Especially the main girl, Olivia. She cares a lot about the environment and even says she and her friends would die to save millions of people, even though this character trait kind of falls apart at the end of the film.

Truth or Dare does have some creepy moments. They usually end with a loud noise that makes you jump in your seat. The creepy smile that is basically the mascot for this movie is everywhere. The game itself does cause very uncomfortable decisions. There is this weird charm to *Truth or Dare* that gives it rewatchability. It is a little slow starting out, but it turns into a very fast paced ride until the very end.

This film is really fun. It definitely appeals more to teens than adults. The movie has not been very well received but but it is very entertaining and will keep you interested. I'm giving this one a 7/10.

Avengers: Infinity War

Avengers: Infinity War is the newest Marvel movie and the third Avengers film. The film is directed by Anthony Russo and James Russo. The film's budget was tremendously huge, at 300-400 million dollars. I see why with all the actors they had to hire. This movie is packed with characters. With so many characters from all kinds of Marvel movies, the plot is what you would expect.

Thanos is trying to get all of the Infinity Stones while the Avengers are trying to stop him. I was very surprised with the guts this movie had. Usually Marvel movies always hold back from

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New Leopards Spotted *Continued*

Ms. Maguire

By Leslie Estrada, Monica Ortiz and Faith Macneal

Sixth grade English teacher, Miss Maguire was born in Marietta, California with a very easy and peaceful childhood. She was homeschooled as an elementary student until 5th grade.

This is Miss Maguire first year of teaching. After teaching 6th grade at Lewis, Miss Maguire races off to Patrick Henry where she teaches eleventh grade English. At first, Miss Maguire didn't know she was going to teach sixth graders, but now she loves teaching them. Miss Maguire said that she likes teaching sixth graders better than eleven graders because she has to grade a lot of papers for



her eleventh graders. She also said that she is a whole different person when she is teaching the higher grades. When she is with her sixth graders, she is more calm and nice because the sixth graders are still thinking that school is fun. She has to be more mean, strict and firm with the high school students.

Miss Maguire wanted to be a teacher because it runs through her family. Her older sister is a

Current Events 2018

By America Zamora
Camacho and Briana
Zamora Camacho

Eighth grade history teacher, Mr. Hughes always begins class by introducing a current event. Topics cover everything from U.S. and world history and politics, to science, art and sometimes sports.

Most students don't watch the news and Mr. Hughes says introducing a current event can help them keep in touch with what is currently happening in the world. He says it helps prepare students to become better citizens.

Here are a few current events that were of significant interest and importance to students this year.

Historic Summit

Korean Leaders will meet in an historic summit. They vow to denuclearize peninsula and

negotiate a treaty to replace the current truce. Kim Jong-Un became the first North Korean leader to enter South Korea in 65 years since the Korean War ended in 1953. The USSR and US divided Korea in 1948.

Fearless Girl Statue

The Fearless Girl statue has a new home. She will face down the New York Stock Exchange, not the charging bull on Wall Street. The statue's relocation in the Manhattan financial district will be permanent. The statue is a symbol of female empowerment in the workplace. The sculptor of the Bull sued New York City saying the position of Fearless Girl changed the meaning of the art.

Jack Johnson Pardon

President Trump says he is considering a posthumous pardon for boxing's first black heavyweight champion. Jack Johnson, who died in 1946 was convicted by an all-white jury in 1913 of transporting a white woman across state lines for immoral purposes. Trump had said in April that he was considering the pardon after receiving a call from actor Sylvester Stallone.

Golden State Killer

Police say the Golden State Killer has committed at least 12 murders, 45 rapes and hundreds of home break-ins all over California. This week they arrested a man they think is responsible.

The detective used DNA recovered from a crime scene to find the killer's great-great-grandparents, who lived in the early 1800s. Branch by branch, he and a team created about 25 family trees containing thousands of relatives down to the present day.

Pele's Hair

Fast-moving lava flows on Hawaii's Big Island from the Kilauea volcano continue to destroy structures and block evacuation routes. There's also the danger of "vog," or volcanic smog. Vog is a haze created when sulfur dioxide gas and other volcanic pollutants mix with moisture and dust.

In addition to volcanic particles that can cause eye, skin and respiratory irritation, residents were warned to be on the lookout for Pele's hair, a reference to the Hawaiian goddess of fire. Pele's

hair is sharp, thin strands of volcanic glass fibers.

Lynching Museum

The National Memorial for Peace and Justice opened in Alabama to remember victims of lynching and slavery. The site includes 800 six-foot tall monuments to symbolize more than 4400 racial terror lynching victims between 1877 -1950.

Located on the site of a former warehouse where black people were enslaved, it is a sacred space for "truth-telling and reflection about racial terror in America and its legacy."

Tough Love

New York judge rules 30-year-old deadbeat son to be evicted from his parents' home.

The man refused to move out, even after they left him five notices and an offer of cash to help him find a new home.

He claimed that for the past eight years he "has never been expected to contribute to household expenses, or assisted with chores and the maintenance of the premises."

Lewis Shines at JMUN United Kingdom Wins Best Delegation

For the second year in a row, a Lewis Delegation won top honors at JMUN. Following is a list of individual award recipients.

Best Delegate from 1st Committee--Jackson Miller from United Kingdom; Best Delegate from ECOSOC--Luke Engel from United Kingdom; Best Delegate from UNESCO--Skylar Hilmer from United Kingdom; Outstanding Delegate from 4th Committee--Samantha Gantney from United Kingdom; Outstanding Delegate from SCII--Iris Drake from United Kingdom; Outstanding Delegate from 6th Committee--James Brumley from United Kingdom; Outstanding Delegate from

UNDP--Reyna Winter from United Kingdom; Outstanding Delegate from ECOSOC--Naja Steward from Uruguay; Commendation from 3rd Committee--Emerson Utgaard from United Kingdom; Commendation from WHO--Ava Lewison-German from United Kingdom; Commendation from IMO--Garrett Melinger from United Kingdom; Commendation from UNEP--Jonn Segovia from South Africa; Commendation from ECOSOC--An Tran from Pakistan; Commendation from 3rd Committee--Sofia Gombatto from South Africa; Research Award from 4th Committee--Samantha Gantney from United Kingdom; Research Award from SCI--Jimmy Mack from United Kingdom; Economics Award from 4th Committee--Blake Bever from Poland; Economics Award from UNDP Emory Isaacson From Uruguay;



Economics Award from IMO--Yoyo Yang from Uruguay; Economics Award from UNESCO--Skylar Hilmer from United Kingdom; Rapporteur from 4th Committee--Samantha Gantney from United Kingdom; Best Delegation--Jackson Miller,

Luke Engel, Skylar Hilmer, Iris Drake, Reyna Winter, James Brumley, Emerson Utgaard, Samantha Gantney, Garrett Melinger, Alisa Robles, Ava Lewison-German, David Weiss and Jimmy Mack from United Kingdom.

What's up with Fortnite?

Most Popular Game Ever

By Peyton Fillat and Alex
Denton

It is hard to find a student at Lewis who isn't talking about Fortnite. "Eating an apple will regenerate you. Protect yourself by staying in the eye of the storm. Orange justice is the best emote. Use an umbrella to glide to land. Open the llama." Fortnite was released in 2011 by Epic Games and began as a zombie survival but in 2017 Epic Games released

a battle royale mode that started to blow up.

Fortnite battle royale is a pvp (player vs. player) game mode played by all ages around the world. In the month of January, "More than 40 million people have downloaded Fortnite. That's up from the 30 million announced in December," according to Rolling-Stone magazine. The game is free and you can play on a computer, Xbox, PS4 and mobile.

The object of the game is to be the last one standing. Players are randomly assigned a character and play against people around the world. Fortnite has many cosmetics like costumes or skins, emotes and pickaxes that people love but they don't give any advantage when playing.

Cosmetics can be purchased with an ingame currency obtained by using money.

The game can last up to twenty to thirty minutes if you win. If you die it will last until you die. The most successful players can be found on websites that show their stats. Some people like Fortnite because of its weekly updates.

Seventh grader, Emily Hanna said, "Honestly, it's kind of hard at first but gets easier as you play more." Sixth grader, Jackson Macaula says, "Fortnite is good but it is addicting." Sixth grader, Gabriel Ramirez thinks people spend too much time playing Fortnite. Ms. Keitel has never heard of Fortnite, but is looking forward to it tearing it up this summer.

Fashion Trends

By Anh Tran and Thoa
Huynh

Trends develop and evolve throughout the years. People tend to keep up with celebrities and the styles that are introduced on social media or fashion advertising on Instagram.

Trends can go viral with a click of a button but they can also die with a click of a button. Some trends make a come back throughout the years but many die and never return.

Many students like to keep up with new trends and to look good in front of others. But there

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Basketball Champs 8th Graders Win Tournament

From April 21st to April 25th, Lewis Middle School participated in the East County Middle School Boys Basketball Tournament. The 8th grade players representing Lewis were: Deion Hines, David Blome, Corbin Lommerse, Michael Rayner, Trevor Fox, Nason Stewart, Peyton De Luca, Romelo Evans, Bryce Anderson, and Nick Hon.

Lewis started the tournament off with a bye on Monday. On Tuesday Lewis took on Parkway Middle and defeated them 43-27

putting Lewis into the championship game against the winner of Christ Lutheran and El Cajon Valley Middle. Christ Lutheran defeated El Cajon Valley Middle on Wednesday. Thursday's championship game tipped off at 7:30 PM with many in attendance including parents, students, and teachers representing. Lewis was victorious with an overwhelming defeat of Christ Lutheran 67-37.

Lewis now has a first place basketball trophy which was displayed in the boys locker room and is now in the front office. A home for the trophy is to be decided in the future where all students will have a chance to view our school accomplishment.



Students Recover From Loss Win in Volleyball

By Leslie Lavato and
Ariana Gonzalez

Still stinging from their basketball loss, the 8th graders were anxious to take to the court and defeat the staff. This time the game was volleyball and the staff would be without Mr. Brian. It was standing room only in the Rec Center as the students cheered on both teams.

Once the horn blew, the students immediately took their positions and concentrated on the ball while on the other side of the net, some of the staff looked lost and confused.

The student team of Natalia Arias, Ava Lewison-German, Emily Inthavong, Sofia Macias, Grace Trinh, Vanessa Chan, Giulia Tarantino, Taniah Jackson, Kalei Daney, Lauren Schalik, Lillian Hubbell, Emily Rojas-Gomez, Elianna Mitropoulos and Zoe Glover proved too much for the staff. They dominated their opponents, winning all three games. Giulia Tarantino and Emily Inthavong said, "Our strategy was to stay

positive and try hard."

Math teacher, Mr. Thompson said, "It was a painful experience because while going for the ball I scraped my knee which hurt a lot." The students are determined to keep their winning streak alive as take on the staff in the much anticipated end of the year softball game.

Fashion Continued

are also some students who don't really care about trends and just wear whatever they can find. Some students like to mix different trends and see how they go together. According to the website, Mr. Porter, "...trends have always been, and will always be, core to the way we interact with each other. Human culture exists through a constant cycle of innovation and emulation." Trends are a way of making new friends and meeting new people.

Fashions and styles trending at Lewis are ripped up clothes, fake glasses, holographic, and checkered clothing. Trends making a comeback are mom jeans, hoop earrings, and camo. "It's interesting because what used to be for older people or mom's, are now what younger people are wearing." Jolene Nguyen said, "I think some of them are interesting but some are just too much."

Where would you like to go this summer and who would you take with you?



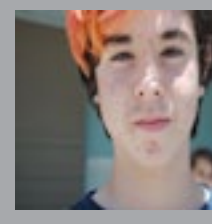
Hannah Kedzia: "I would go to Hawaii with my friend, Mckenna Gieger."



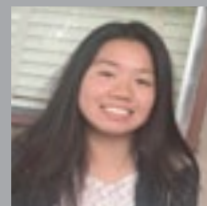
Nate Johnson: "I would take my friend, Andrew Handler to Aquatica."



Mr. Silvestri: "I would go to Spain with my sister."



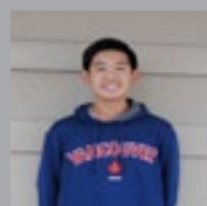
Chayton Reidy: "I would go to my friend Justice's house and bring Zain Hagem."



Jaclyn Duong: "I would go to Paris and take Enma Pena, and my friend, Michael."



Vivian Miller: "I would go to Japan and bring Liam Flanigan, Katy Liddell and Haven McFarland."



Paul Uong: "I would go on a multi-destination vacation with my sister and family."



Mr. Santana: "I would go to Spain and take my wife, of course."

Spotlight on Poetry

Epic Poem

by

Maize Jensen/Fusion

*Have you ever felt sad as Argentina's only polar bear,
As happy as a quokka, and as mad as a puffer fish.
When you go somewhere you never been,
You try and make it your own world because
you became a dog.*

*You turn to your family and friends when
You feel down because there your only
Light. When you talk to someone
You never met, your climbing
A mountain so high it goes through the sky.*

*You wonder and question everything
And as if you were a panther, you like to see
The world in color and love, not in chaos.
Your family and friends would always be there,
Even if there not in sight, they would always be a piece of your heart.*

*The first thing you see when you're born is a goddess of your mother
She protects you in every way she can, but sometimes
She needs help, and that's when a god of your father comes to help.
Every year of your life you are a tree that gets wiser each second.
Your mother tries to help you in every way.*

*You try to make yourself the center of everyone,
But realize your tiny, tiny ant in an ant hill.
But that does not bring you down.
you then jump on top of a Yun (cloud)
To make everyone happy.*

*Years and years of being with your family,
You feel a piece of your soul is missing, so
You go look for it under and over the world you live in.
You then find it and everything turns dark to night.
The fragment piece is dim and then blows away in the sky never to be seen again.*

*Your sad and confused why your grandma is gone,
You try and hide it under a rock, but your friends find the rock
And then support you. You keep being a broken record repeating itself
Saying it's ok, but you know you're wrong. Your friends help you like
Dolphins anyways to make you feel better.*

*You keep pushing a huge rock thinking you need to,
But knowing you grandma doesn't want you to do it alone.
You get your family and friends to help you push the boulder away
And be light and not heavy, knowing that the light of your family and
Friends will always be there to help you when you need it.*

Headache

by

LILA CONRAD

*We had to read famous Poetry,
by someone
Famous (other than me),
And all this makes my head hurt.*

*My head hurt
My head hurt.
What on earth?
What on earth?
Are you ok? Ok, Ok, Ok
It's not even the end of May!*

*May! May! May!
Oh my I think
There's trouble
I'm starting to
See double!
Double! Double!*

*We had to read famous Poetry,
by someone
Famous (other than me),
And all this makes my head hurt.*

*And so with all this poetry,
Who has a headache: Me!*

A Kid Playing Fortnite

by

Javon Colum

*In a world where 100 fortnite players fight
one man stands to win -
That man is Javon Colum.
He is a fast killer like a cobra
And has great accuracy even though
he can be a sore loser.
He will even play when he is as hungry
as a lion that hasn't eaten in 4 days.
Even when the day is hot enough to kill him,
he never got off the couch and turned on the AC.*

Weekends

by

Joseph Street

*Weekends are fun - you can lay in the sun
but there's no saying what will be done
when the weekend has just begun*

Retired Backpack

by

Sophia Sanchez

*You carry me everyday
With all your heavy things
I see all of your classes and friends
But, sometimes I wish it was the end
I hate it when you put your school supplies in me
I do not feel as light as a flea
When I get bored I read your worksheets
Mostly while you eat
My eyes are inside and out
But I am so heavy it's without a doubt
I know I am pretty with all of my colors
And I am so excited for the summer
So please, next year get a new backpack
For they will go through the struggle
And all of your things, they will have to juggle*

A Summer's Breeze

by

Iselle Farias

*As my rocking chair creaked,
I closed my eyes and took a refreshed breath.
I felt the sun as it approached my skin.
The fresh tulips swayed in the breeze,
and it hummed in my ear,
and I listened closely.
When I leaned in,
I felt the wind as it gusted into my face,
making my tresses dance.
As the blue-jays gossiped,
I fell into a bottomless slumber.*

*The dwindling sun, falling behind the clouds,
Saying good night to the world around.
The clouds disappear, and the stars start to bloom,
And the moon takes the sun's place.
The summer's breeze says goodnight,
And so does the summer day.*

Donuts

By

Alex Wehrman

*The donuts are so yummy,
But this donut is really crummy
I love donuts they taste awesome
I like them when they are warm
I like them when they are cool
I like them when they are fresh,
But sometimes I look like a fool*

*Sometimes they look like a snowstorm
Donuts can be messy
I always love when I get donuts,
Most of the time they have weird cuts
I love all the glaze
But we can't get them all the days*

Oh I just love donuts

We Need S'more Teachers

Student Teachers

By Denae Logan, Christina McNealy and Joelle Austin

Have you ever wondered why there is another person that teaches your class sometimes? Those people want to be teachers themselves.

Mr. Potter, who has worked with several student teachers, stated, "The point of a student teacher is that they are under a mentor teacher (master) teacher in college trying to be a teacher. They go in the classes to learn how to lesson plan, learn the standards teachers have to teach and to observe the teacher... to prepare them to be a real teacher in the future."

Student teachers not only benefit students, they are also helpful to their master teachers. "You're isolated, so you just have your ideas and thoughts and your ideas get kind of boring, so with a new teacher, they have new, creative ideas," said Mr. Potter.

We have two 8th grade student teachers here at Lewis, Ms. Sanderson who works with Mr. Potter, and Ms. Newman who works with Mr. Ferro and one 7th grade student teacher, Mr. Louis who works with Ms. McCarthy.

Ms. Sanderson wants to become a teacher because she used to teach at an aquarium and taught kids science behind the scenes. She wants to bring those skills to the

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killing characters. There's never real consequences in most Marvel films. This movie is different. It is not afraid to kill off certain characters. Even though most of the deaths will most likely be reversed in the fourth Avengers film, it is still different.

It is one of the better Marvel movies that I've seen. It is very cool to see certain heroes meeting each other for the first time. One thing that I don't really know what to think, is how powerful is Thanos? Of course he'd be extremely powerful with the Infinity Stones but it is weird how all the Marvel heroes are not able to defeat him all together.

There's also a scene that involves the hero, Starlord that really irritated me. I won't spoil it, but it is annoying how close they are to stopping Thanos, and Starlord just has to mess everything up.

In the end, *Infinity War* is not your average run of the mill Marvel movie. It is amazing to see all the heroes together and I will maybe watch it again. I am excited to see what happens in Avengers 4, and I am giving this one a 7/10.

Poetry Continued

Dogs Are Awesome

by Christian Shira

Dogs are awesome, I've had 4 dogs and I would never toss them. Charlie was the smartest, He missed none of his targets.

Dogs are awesome! Bruno was the biggest, But always gets the sickest.

Dogs are awesome! The puppies are so cute, But there is two. The first one is scout, He likes two play and snuggle without a doubt.

Dogs are awesome! The twin is Sophie, She only eats and sleeps and she's super lazy. I've had 4 dogs and I would never toss them, Dogs are awesome!

Some bonus little features, Charlie almost just sat and watched on the bleachers.

Dogs are awesome! Bruno always wants to play, But at the same time he needs to gain some weight.

Dogs are awesome! Scout is sneaky, He knows where to hide when he takes a leaky.

Dogs are awesome! Sophie is a queen, My mom always treats her best and to me it's kind of mean. I've had 4 dogs and I would never toss them, Dogs are awesome!

Five

by Erica Reyes

When I was five I was shy. While I was shy, I never talked to others. At night I would cry under my the covers. At recess I would play chess. And later I would make a mess.

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classroom and teach kids officially. She wants to teach science to build on what she already taught at the aquarium. Amari Turner, said "Ms.Sanderson is very intelligent and tries her hardest to help us and if she can't help us, she has Mr. Potter help us." Lindsay Doreen said, "Ms.Sanderson is nice and she helps me with work when Mr.Potter can't help."

Before becoming a student teacher, Ms. Newman worked in marketing and at a life insurance company for eight years. She felt like she wasn't helping people and that made her really upset. She wanted to do to something more meaningful so she decided to become a teacher. Destiny Lopez said, "Ms.Newman takes time out of her day to teach us and help us individually."

Mr. Louis wants to be a teacher because he had a series of teachers who went above and beyond, becoming fantastic mentor figures to him. "I remember there was one teacher I had in the sixth grade who recognized that I loved to write fantasy, and she encouraged me to keep going. I wrote a "novel" (a series of something akin to six one-paragraph pages) and she allowed me to present it to the class. I'll never forget that, and when the year ended she told me that she knew I was going to be a great novelist, and that she would see my books in a bookstore someday. I might not be a great novelist, but I want to be that same kind of figure for my students as she was for me."

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What are your Plans After High School?

I hope to go to San Diego City College to get math and English done. Then I hope to go to UCSD and get a neurological medical degree and become a neurosurgeon.

- Christopher Trapp

I hope to attend San Diego University and earn a degree in forensic science. I want to become a CSI agent and get married to a wonderful man. I also want to take my family to Paris.

- Alyssa Manzano

I hope to get into a good college and earn a degree in something to do with animals. Then I hope to possibly move to Canada.

- Stephanie Pemberton

I want to attend Stanford University and earn a Bachelors Degree in teaching. I hope to go back to Rosa Park's Elementary School and teach 4th grade. I want to be married and have kids.

- Hilton Nguyen

My hopes and dreams after high school are to go to Boston University and hopefully earn something (anything seriously) from mechanical engineering. Maybe I'm dreaming too big but become a figure skating Olympian?

- Annie Bui

After high school, I hope to attend UCLA and get a degree as a doctor. Then I hope to run my own hospital. I want to travel and help people who need medical help."

- Ofelia Elenes

I want to be in the Marines. Then go back to college and I will see what I will do from there after I go back to college.

- Jakob West

I hope to attend UCLA. I want to become a veterinarian. I want to get married and have one daughter. I really hope my dreams come true.

- Kenyce Evans

Taniah Jackson I hope to attend to a college where I got a scholarship from a good school. After, I hope to become a lawyer or a pilot or a professional volleyball player.

- Taniah Jackson

After high school, I want to go to Oregon University. I want to become a doctor and live in San Diego. I also want to get married and have two or three kids."

- Natalie Johnson

After high school I want to somehow get a job, buy my own house, and get money. If I am lucky be able to go to college.

- Aidan Labrador

I hope to get a full ride scholarship to the University of Oregon through softball and get my Masters Degree in psychology.

- Kylie Munro