



Favorite Memory From 2015

By Jazmin Garcia, Sammy Reyes and Daisy Gonzalez

A lot of us have our favorite memories from 2015. Many have had memories like sleeping, chilling with friends, and visiting relatives. We asked some of our fellow Roadies about the highlights of their year and here is what they had to say:

My favorite memory from 2015 is...

“Over break I went to Las Vegas and got to see 3 different types of candy factories.” -Sabrina, 8th grade.

“Camping out for Black Friday.” -Anonymous 7th grader

“When I went to the snow in CottonWood.” -Tiana Deloney, 8th grade.

“When I went scuba diving” -John, 8th grade.

“I discovered a Lutes Burger. DELICIOUS! At Lutes Casino in downtown Yuma. By far one of the best burgers I had. I also got obsessed with KFC. Just food altogether. 2015 was a pretty good year for food.” - David Amavisca, 8th grader

“My best memory was my relaxing summer vacation at the beach, because there was no wifi to make notification sounds and I could go to the beach everyday.” -Xiomara Avalos, 8th grader

“The best memory of 2015 was (when) I went to Huntington beach and went surfing and watched a skate/surf competition.” -Jared Ewell, 8th Grader

“My best memory of 2015 was when I camped out with my best friend in my backyard back home in North Carolina. We stayed up all night talking and we made hotdogs and s'mores. We also went night swimming with the cool little pool lights that float around. We had an amazing time.”
-MaKenzie Jones, 8th grader



“My best memory in 2015 was that I hit a home run when I played with a softball team in a tournament that raised 50,000 dollars for charity. I was the MVP of the team and my dad bought me pizza and sodas.” -Leo Juarez, 7th grader

“I learned how to ride a skateboard and I finally accomplished eating two whole boxes of pizza”
Victor Moreno, 8th grader

Semester Changes

By: Zaylah De La Hoya

Since we came back from winter break, many of you have noticed a few changes with our school. For one, schedules have changed! Some dramatically, others, not so much.

Woodard Jr. high’s bell schedule has also changed. First period classes are now 8 minutes longer, our Vice Principal, Mrs. Herzog reasoned “I made it 8 minutes longer because we sometimes have announcements that last a long time and teachers were not able to complete their lessons in that amount of time.”

All this talk about classes, here’s something different, Woodard has finally made parking spaces for visitors. The visitor parking will be located east of the school. “It makes it a lot safer for our parents and our students, it also makes it easier for people to get in and out quickly.” Ms. Herzog said.



Don't Forget About Dear Roadie!

Need some advice? Submit questions to [Dear Roadie](#) (just click the link!) using your iPad. Your questions can be about anything you wish – school, grades, friendships, family matters, and so on. Remember, everyone needs advice from time to time! You just might help someone else with a similar issue!!!

What It's Like To Be A Military Kid

By: MaKenzie Jones

I am MaKenzie Jones, and in 2011, I became a military child.

I was a little scared at first, having not had any experience with a relative in the military before. I was eager, too, for all the perks that a military life would bring me.

Right after my mother got married, my stepfather went off on deployment for about seven months. I was saddened, frightened, and slightly angry. He had just become a large part of my life, and he had to leave! He was gone most of the year, and missed any events of significance to me, including my tenth birthday. We were lonely in our new, big house without him and his playfulness.

Homecoming was a big, exciting event for all of us. We dressed our best, all of our outfits, my younger sister and I matching. We made a huge sign with his name on it, and set off to Jacksonville. We waited, and waited, and waited. Around midnight, we watched the buses pull up. We were so happy to see him, and we had a relative come with us to take pictures. Our family had survived its first deployment, and we were relieved.

Then came our second deployment. This took up much more precious time than the one before. My stepfather had work ups for about the first four months preceding the deployment, each one longer than the one before that. We had a new addition to the family by then, a one year old little girl everyone adored. We were much more experienced, and sent decorated care packages with cheesy sayings. This homecoming was during the middle of the day, and it was hot, but we saw the great sight of many Ospreys touching down just before us.

While my stepfather was on his second deployment, we received some devastating news. We had orders to move to Yuma, Arizona. We had known that we would have to move eventually, but we never thought our new place of residence would be across the country. Also, we would be leaving just a month after my stepfather got home, not leaving very much time for us to enjoy him being with us again.

It was quite an adventure. My family has never lived anywhere outside of North Carolina, so to see all the new states was a treat. Starting a new school a month into the year was scary, but I'm actually enjoying it here. It's been a great experience, and I'm grateful to have been able to move to Yuma.

Ask A Military Kid!

Want to learn more about military life? Submit your questions here and look for a response in a future edition of the Roadie Times! We look forward to hearing from you!!!!

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Xiomara's Recipes
NEWSLETTER

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A Recipe You Should Try This January

Try This Delicious New York Style Cheesecake!

Welcome back Woodard students, hope you had a fantastic winter break. To start of the year like a champion, accept this challenge to try to create this 12 serving, 533 calorie, New York Style Cheesecake.

The ingredients for this delicious cake are below:

- 15 crushed graham crackers
- 2 tablespoons of melted butter
- 4, 8 ounce packages of cream cheese
- 1 ½ cups of white sugar
- ¾ cups of milk
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup of sour cream
- 1 tablespoon of vanilla extract
- ¼ cups of all-purpose flour

Then to make this savory cake you need the steps right! The steps are below:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Grease a springform pan
3. In a medium bowl mix the graham cracker crumbs with the melted butter
4. Grab the mix and press it on to the bottom of the springform pan
5. Grab a large bowl and mix the cream cheese with the white sugar until smooth, then blend in milk, mix in the eggs one at a time, mixing just enough to incorporate.
6. Add sour cream, vanilla, and flour to the large bowl until smooth.
7. Pour the ingredients into the springform pan and spread it out
8. Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour
9. After the 1 hour turn the oven off and, let cheesecake cool in the oven with the door closed for 5 to 6 hours; this avoids cracking.
10. Chill in the refrigerator until serving it.

Hope you enjoy this delicious recipe!

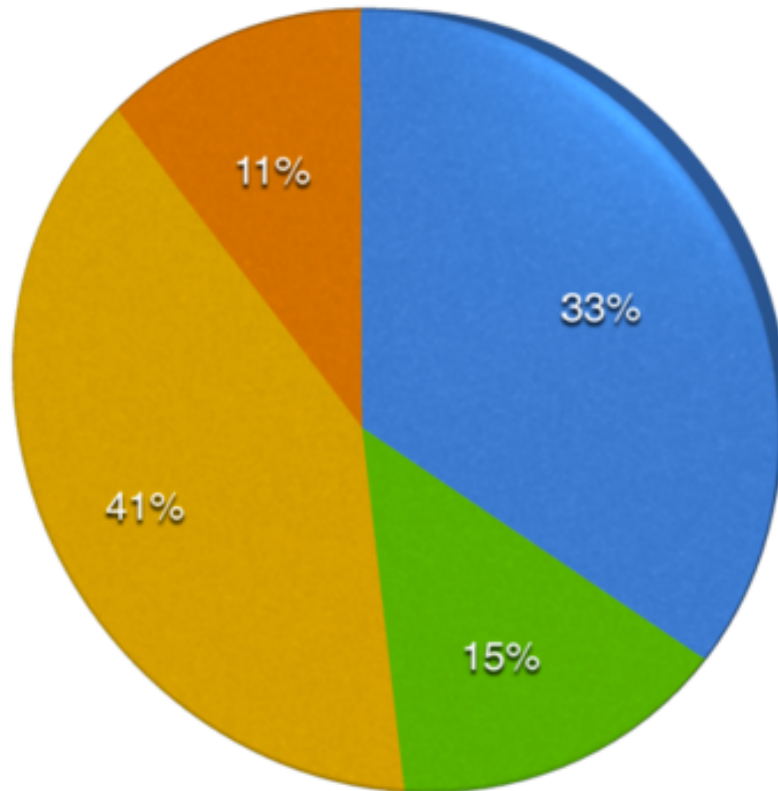
NFL Playoffs

by Jared Ewell and Nick Alvarado

There are a lot of teams who are in the playoffs, the ones that are left are the top teams in the NFL. Any of those teams that are in the playoffs can beat the other teams that are in, all depends on how they play that day. We personally think the Cardinals are going to win. Here is a chart of what Roadies had to say when we asked them who they think will be in the Super Bowl! Oh, and one more thing: GO CARDINALS!



- patriots vs. panthers
- broncos vs. cardinals
- patriots vs. cardinals
- broncos vs. panthers



WJHS Music

By: Camrynn Williams

Choir: Recently Woodard Choir has been working on some new songs. One song is called “Cantar”, which just in case you didn’t know, means “sing” in spanish. “Cantar” is a song that choir will be singing in all spanish! Another song they are singing is called “Song for the Unsung Hero”. This song is about the people that lost their lives due to the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001. Choir will also be singing two more songs called ”One Note Samba” and “Morning”.



Orchestra: Orchestra has also been working in a few songs. The songs they are practicing at the moment are called “Russian Music Box”, “Entry of the Tumblers”, and “Overlords”. These three songs will be performed at the orchestra concert.

Band: Band is split up into three groups, beginning, intermediate, and advanced band. Advanced band will be playing a song called “Battle Quest” and they will also be performing a song called “How the West was Won” at the rodeo parade. Intermediate band will also be doing “How the West was Won”. The last band is beginning band. They will be playing a song called “Zombie Stomp” and a song called “The Banana Boat Song”.

As of now, the concerts will be held on these dates:

Band- March 15, 2016

Choir and Orchestra- March 22, 2016

Come to the Woodard cafeteria on these nights and watch your school choir, orchestra, and band perform. They have been working hard to learn these songs and they would love for you to come and watch them.



Other Events:

Choir Festival- March 17, 2016

Rodeo Parade- Feb. 13, 2016

For any questions you may have speak to Mrs. Wright in the music room.

Castle Park

By: Stephanie Medina, Cassie Caraway, Zaira Sanchez

The castle park at Yuma’s West Wetlands first opened in December 2007. The community volunteered to build the castle park. There are special tiles of kids artwork displayed at the park. The castle park was named after Stewart Vincent Wolfe because he created the playground.



December 28, 2014 the castle park was sadly burned down. Total private donation of \$71,000 was towards the rebuilding of the park. The amount of money needed for the rebuilding was a total \$1 million. Since the problem has occurred there has not been any arrests.

The park reopened December 19, 2015. The park is now safer bigger and better!

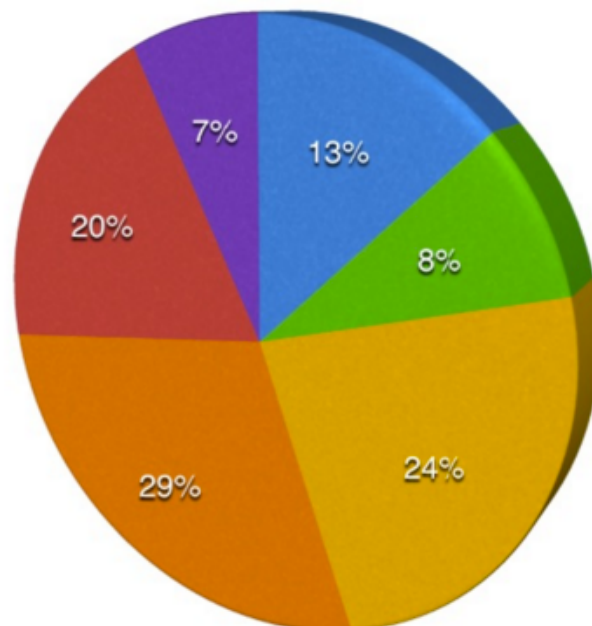
If you haven't been able to go, you should check it out !!!

What Students Did Over Winter Break

By JayCee Miller and Jayden Donnelly

For many students, winter break means sitting at home, watching tv all day. But, we know there are some people that do something special every break. We asked students at Woodard what they did, which mostly consisted of staying home and watching Netflix, sadly. Here are some of the main answers we got.

- went out of town
- saw star wars
- watched netflix
- stayed home
- friends house
- practice



Book and Movie of the Month

Book: The House of the Scorpion

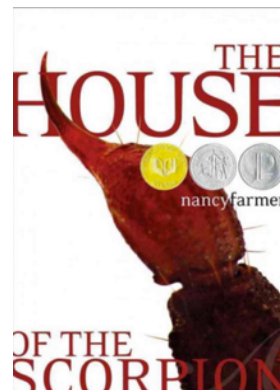
By: MaKenzie Jones

“Farmer’s novel may be futuristic, but it hits close to home, raising questions of what it means to be human, what is the value of life, and what are the responsibilities of a society. Readers will be hooked from the first page.”--Publisher’s Weekly

This novel has parts that will draw in many different types of readers. It's science fiction, romance, adventure, coming of age, dystopian, and so much more. It is set in the future, in place that lies in between the U.S. and Aztlán (once known as Mexico), called Opium. This land is ruled by a 146-year-old drug lord named El Patrón. He uses illegal immigrants as workers, called “eejits,” and they have computer chips implanted in their heads that dulls their thinking capabilities and keeps them slaves.

Matteo Alacrán (which means scorpion in Spanish), referred to as Matt, has lived in a cottage with his guardian, Celia, for all of his short life. One day, he finally escapes, and the two children who see him injured take him to the large house on the Alacrán estate. The people there treat him like an animal, and he finally finds out why. He's a clone, being raised to provide spare body parts for the person he was cloned from, El Patrón.

Matt goes through a great adventure during his life. This coming of age novel is a great read. It's inspiring, and raises great questions about life, which is why it has been chosen for book of the month. This book has won many awards, like John Newbery Medal and National Book Award for Young People’s Literature.

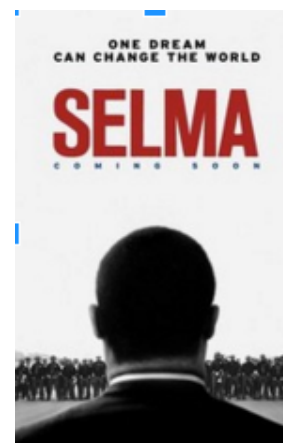


Movie: Selma

By: Lauren Zaragoza

“Fueled by a gripping performance from David Oyelowo, Selma draws inspiration and dramatic power from the life and death of Martin Luther King, Jr. -- but doesn't ignore how far we remain from the ideals his work embodied.” said a rotten tomatoes review.

Although the Civil Rights Act of 1964 legally desegregated the South, discrimination was still rampant in certain areas, making it very difficult for African Americans to register to vote. In 1965, an Alabama city became the battleground in the fight for suffrage. Despite violent opposition, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (David



Oyelowo) and his followers pressed forward on an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, and their efforts culminated in President Lyndon Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The movie is focusing on the works of Martin Luther King Jr. This is a truly inspiring movie and is why it is the movie of the month.

Video Games of 2015-2016

By: Lauren Zaragoza & David Amavisca

Video games. The best thing to come after the internet was invented. There are many types of video gamers. The mobile gamers, pc gamers, the console gamers, girlgamers, guy gamers, and so much more. We are all the same and we all love the same thing. Gaming. So we are here to list our favorite video games of 2015 and that are soon to be coming to us in 2016.

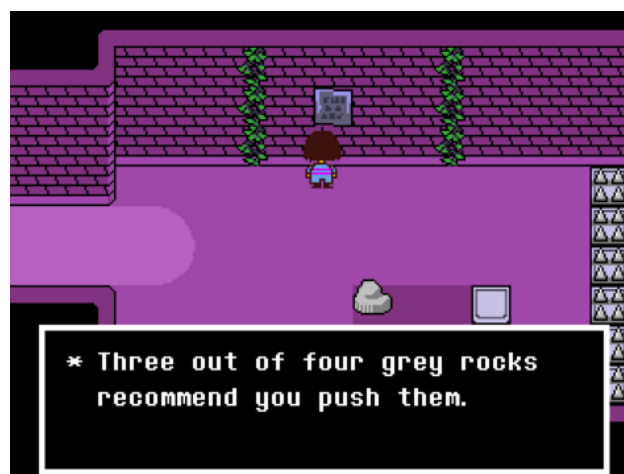
Top five of 2015:

Undertale - A game about being a young child lost in a new world. You make friends and enemies. But on the way you learn about the determination inside of you. You can decide on whether to be good or 'evil'. The music in this game is fantastic and the characters are very lovable.

Fallout 4 - This game is about surviving a post-apocalyptic Earth. You start out in your happy home with your wife and child and your Mr.Handy, Codsworth. After you experience this, it all goes downhill. You make your way to Vault 111 after you see your world being destroyed by an atomic bomb. Through your journey, you make friends, fight mutants, and collect bottle caps.

Black Ops 3 - This game is a military science fiction first-person shooter. You can do zombies, campaign, nightmare, and multiplayer. You can use specialists, buy supply drops from the back market, and make your own creative emblems.

Star Wars Battlefront - Dice. The developers of great games like Mirrors Edge and the Battlefield series have gone at it again with the Battlefront series. The third game in the franchise, and literally ten years between the the last game, this game is very easy to pick up and play and very fun. Play classic heroes, and play iconic maps such as Hoth, Endor, Jakku, and so many other places. Multiple multilayer modes, fun singkeplayer and co-op levels, amazing combat and flow to such a great game. Definitely a good game to pick up.



Undertale

Life is Strange - A popular game with Youtubers, Life is Strange is an episodic graphic adventure game. You are a college student studying photography named Maxine Caulfield making decisions in your life. But when your friend, Chloe Price, is in danger, you find you have an ability. The ability to rewind time. As you make new friends and enemies, you go through the butterfly effect. The game has multiple endings affected by the players decisions and has a great story and is a very enjoyable experience.



Life is Strange

Top five to come in 2016:

Dark Souls 3 -Imagine a world full of fantasy, disgusting and terrifying monsters, beautiful atmosphere, and challenging puzzles with not much help. Dark Souls is a very unique game that mastered whatever the genre is perfectly done. You can play as many different classes, chose your abilities, gear, weapons, and fit it to your play style how you want. The game is extremely challenging and nerve wracking, a famous game for many hardcore gamers or just people looking for a challenge. The



Dark souls 3

game has a smooth combat flow against monsters of all sorts of bad, every encounter is a challenge of strategy and timing, with dodging, blocking, multiple attacking types, and a very small health system. The object of the game is to continue through the story and challenges, all while fighting multiple enemies, and very many bosses that are extremely difficult to beat and will definitely need some time to learn and beat, every time you pass an encounter is a very rewarding win and is not for the casual gamer.

Legend of Zelda - The Legend of Zelda franchise has been with us for a few years now, starting from a 2-bit side scroller to the one we know today. The new action-adventure is in development by Nintendo for the Wii U. The music is fantastic and the games before are well-known throughout gamers. This game has the same iconic characters except with a different look, better graphics, new enemies, and it's OPEN WORLD! Not much more has been announced about the game but Nintendo has a lot to offer.

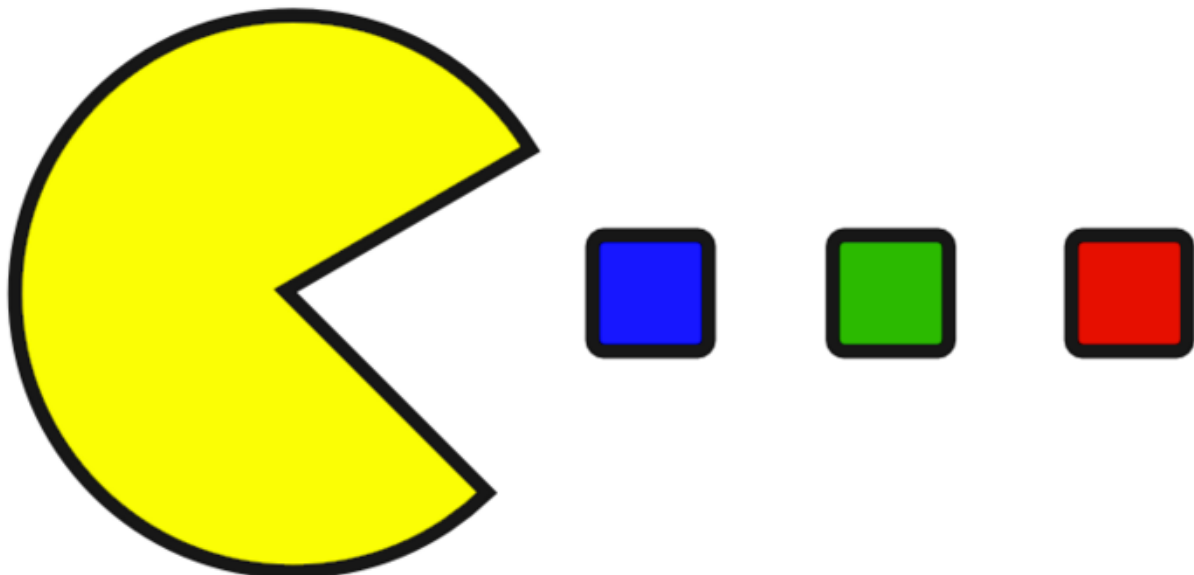
Mass Effect Andromeda - Mass effect is a TPS RPG. It's a sci-fi story full of beautiful worlds, exploration, and Greta races with amazing back stories. The combat in the game is beautifully done, smooth, and challenging at times. The player is put in the role of a commander and makes choices that affect how the story plays out, giving it great replay value.

No Man's Sky - Okay literally everyone that saw No Man's Sky appear in E3 2014 at the PlayStation conference was hyped for this game. Still am. Everyone who ever has known of it is. This game is a massive game. Gigantic. The point of the game is almost like mine craft, there's technically an end, but you can do so many other things. You visit planets, billions of them, all randomly generated waiting for you to explore them, wildlife, space battles, trading, an economy, resources and so much more to do. You can become a trader, a pirate, an explorer, you can name areas you've explored, mine, do so many things and it has so much to do. Sorry for the rant but this game is going to be big. It's also an INDIE game made by a team of only a few people. Amazing right?



No Man's Sky- 2016 game

Overwatch - Blizzard. The makers of gigantic franchises like World of Warcraft, The Warcraft Trilogy, Starcraft, Hearthstone, and so much more. MOBAs, Open world RPGs, RTS, TCG, they have explored so many genres and now they're going to the massive FPS. Overwatch is a collection of movement from Team Fortress, abilities from many MOBAs, and the Blizzard trait to make it an easy game to pick up but hard to master. Great smooth and fast gameplay, mixed with teamwork needed like a moba or a competitive fps, the beta was out, and it looks amazing.



Editor's Note: The content of the following editorial is merely the *opinion* of two goofy journalism students and was written with the sole intention of making you smile and laugh. It does not represent the beliefs of the class as a whole. If you say, wear, or love any of these things, by all means, continue! We, at the Roadie Times, just want you to be happy.

Trends That We Recommend Stay In 2015

By Aaleiya Escalante and David Amavisca

Let's face it... There are some trends that probably need to stay in 2015. Many of them following fashion but also some... regarding memes. Here at the Roadie Times, we have made up a Top 10 of Fashion Trends and Memes that really... just need to go away forever.

Fashion Trends That Need To Be Discontinued

- 1) **Bubble Nails** - Although they sprouted up late in 2015 and not many people actually know of them; as a matter of fact, we're glad you don't know of these nails with very large humps because honestly, we didn't wanna see them either.
- 2) **Wearing Leggings as Pants** - I mean, we've all done this once or twice in our life...ladies and a possible man out there. A word from everybody you saw that day: nobody wants to see your underwear. Who cares if you're just going shopping really quick for a single item! Nobody wants to seem them!
- 3) **Beyond Bronze** - I think it's kinda obvious your tan is totally fake. Just.. Just stop. We understand that maybe where you live doesn't get sun, but don't copy the ones that do.
- 4) **Lace Everything** - Lace is so beautiful! That doesn't mean you can put on everything! It doesn't work like that!
- 5) **Overdrawn Lips** - We can.. We can see your lips. We know the whole area around your mouth isn't lips. We know the lies you are trying to deceive us with! We know! You're not fooling anybody!
- 6) **Huge Eyebrows** - Yes, there are good and bad eyebrows. Beautiful, slick eyebrows. But, there is some eyebrows..that you just cringe at: The angular ones with heavy points. And those - those eyebrows - need to stay in 2015.
- 7) **Keeping Stickers On Hats** - Here's to you boys, from all the girls: congratulations, you bought a hat. Now please take the sticker off, it'd look a lot better without it. You're welcome.
- 8) **Rolling Socks Up To Your Calves** - Again, it's not "swag". Before you know it, you'll be having a tan line of your socks when you take them off. Just carefully leave it in 2015.. Along with your leftover stickers from the hats.



9) **Saggy Pants** - This is mainly for boys, but girls watch out as well. It's not attractive.. Because honestly, it just looks like you went #2 in your pants. And if that's the reason, then please visit the doctors.

10) **Hats Barely Even Touching a Your Head** - We've seen these types of people, mostly in pictures but never in real life. The strap barely even touching your forehead and the rest of the hat just..almost floating above your hair. It's not a good look. We advise you not to try it.

Memes That Need To Be "Meme-ries"

1) **Donald Trump Jokes** - Pretty much every meme from him has been milked by every channel on every social media and at this point the meme should just stop.

2) **Starter Packs** - Okay at first it was funny, not going to lie. But after so long the joke still continues to get milked and isn't even fun most of the time it's used, c'mon can we just kill this meme already?

3) **Reaction Videos** - These videos are randomly blowing up and I'm not fully sure why. A reaction video is a YouTube video where a person steals content from another youtuber and has a five or ten minute reaction usually consisting of a few laughs or a comment here and there, it's very easy to make and these bigger reaction channels are getting usually thousands of dollars per video.

4) **Barber Shop** - Okay. We get it. It's a dumb haircut/style. Move on. It'll grow back out with time.

5) **Why You Always Lyin** - I wasn't ever interested in this meme the moment it appeared. It's not really funny, I'm not sure why it's so often used. Is it really needed? Can't you just say something else?

6) **MUSICAL.LY** - IF YOU'RE YOUNG ENOUGH TO READ THIS ON YOUR IPAD AND YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE THE APP, DELETE IT. YOU MAY THINK YOU CAN SING AND ACT HOT LIKE SO MANY CELEBRITIES NOW BUT STOP, DON'T FILM YOURSELF SHIRTLESS, LIP SINGING... STOP!

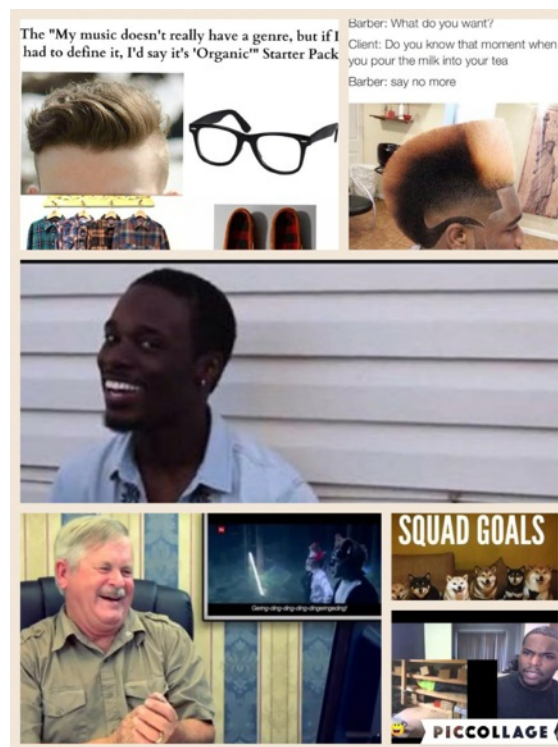
7) **Dab/Whip Nae Nae** - Why do dumb dance moves appear from a terribly, bad song and become a meme? Seriously? A dance?

8) **Steve Harvey** - Alright he made a mistake but that joke has been milked a bit too much. Leave the poor guy alone.

9) **John Cena** - And his name is John Cena *8 million decibels high* Haha very funny. It should just stop. It was funny at first but quit making it bad.

10) **Squad Goals** - QUIT SAYING SQUAD GOALS EVERY TIME YOU SEE A GROUP OF WEIRD THINGS TOGETHER WE GET IT.

Editor's note: I may not have understood any of these "meme-ories" and I am still not 100% clear on what a meme really is, but my journalism class is totally #SquadGoals. Did I do it right? Is that right? Am I cool? Am I "SOoooOO 2015??? If so, that would be a HUGE improvement for me!!



January Jokes

Arranged by Caili Cabrera, Colton Reese, Ryan Nossaman

Q: There are 500 bricks in a plane, one falls out how many are there now?

A: 499

Q: What are the three steps to putting an elephant in the fridge?

A: Open the fridge, put the elephant in, close the fridge.

Q: What are the four steps to putting a giraffe in the fridge.

A: Open the fridge, take the elephant out, put the giraffe in, close the fridge.

Q: The Lion King is having a birthday party. All the animals are there but one. Why is that?

A: The giraffe because he is in the fridge.

Q: A woman wants to cross an alligator infested swamp, there are no bridges and she can only swim across, how did she do it and live?

A: She lives because the alligators are at the Lion King's party.

Q: She dies anyways, why?

A: She gets hit in the head with the brick.

Q: What do you call a magical owl?

A: Hooooodini

Q: What did the grape say to the raisin?

A: BREEEEEAAAATTHEEEEE

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a cat!"

Q: What do you call an avocado at a party?

A: Avo-control!!!

Colton: Do you have any holes in your shoes?

Ryan: No

Colton: Then how do you put your foot in it?



Movies in January 2016

By: Ricardo Avalos

Last month, the movies in December that everyone was excited to see “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” and “Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip”. This month, I’m going to show you some movies to watch in January 2016.

The first thing you’ll see in the movie, is the “Norm of the North”. This movie was released on January 15, 2016. The running time for this movie is in 90 minutes. The 90 minutes is what it likes to be to spend an hour and a half. The “Norm of the North” is about a polar bear named Norm who doesn’t know how to hunt, but he possess the unique ability to talk to humans. Suddenly, when the wealthy Mr. Greene unveils his ideas to build luxury houses in the Arctic, Norm realizes that his home in jeopardy. Later, Norm stows away on a ship to New York and was accompanied by three mischievous lemmings to stop the big, evil corporations from turning their homes into a newest vacation destination. Once there, Norm meets a suprising ally who helps him hatch a scheme to sabotage the developer’s plans. In the reviews, the movie “Norm of the North” has a poor review and somehow, people may think that this is the worst movie of 2016. This film grossed 9.3 million dollars from 2,411 theaters over its first opening four-day Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend.

Here is another movie that everyone is excited to see, “Kung Fu Panda 3”. This movie is going to come out in January 29, 2016. Since September 2012, “Kung Fu Panda 3” would be released on March 18 2016. But in April 9 2013, the release date was moved to December 23, 2015. In December 2014, the release date was reverted back to avoid the competition with “Star Wars: The Force Awakens”. In April 2015, the release date has finally moved to January 29, 2016. The running time was 95 minutes. Their budget was 120-140 million dollars. After the events of the second film, Po reunites with biological father and travels with him to a secret sanctuary where pandas live. From here, Po has met Mei Mei, an overly eager panda, who had been promised him through an arranged marriage when they were children. Later, an evil ancient spirit called Kai starts terrorizing China and stealing powers of defeated kung fu masters. To stop a supernatural villain from terrorizing China, Po must train the village of clumsy, fun-loving pandas to become the ultimate band of Kung Fu Pandas. In the critical reception, “Kung Fu Panda 3” has received positive reviews to indicate a favorable reviews.

Pasta for Pennies

Marty McIntosh and Agustin Lopez

During the week of January 18, 2016, Woodard is helping to donate 2,000 dollars. Leukemia is a disease in which the bone marrow and other blood-forming organs produce increased numbers of immature or abnormal leukocytes. Doesn’t sound so good right? A box was given to your 7th period class, will you donate as much change as possible? The class with the most money donated earns a pizza or pasta party. Remember every penny counts!

PLEASE DONATE!!



Johnny Fought 'Til The End

by Isabella Vera and Briana Ambriz



Johnny Weathersby was a former roadrunner who attended 8th grade promotion last year. Johnny was known around Woodard for his contagious smile and his many accomplishments as an outstanding seventh grade athlete. He even volunteered as a WJHS football coach just last year. Due to bone cancer, also known as Osteosarcoma, he started his fight against cancer in May of 2014. According to Yuma Sun, "The Gila Ridge School student underwent several surgeries, ranging from a knee replacement to the removal of tumors in his lungs and diaphragm." As

mentioned in fightforjohnny.com, "In September, 2015, Johnny and his family were devastated to learn that the cancer had spread throughout his body."

Thanks to his supportive community, Johnny was able to create a list of eleven wishes that he wanted to fulfill. His supporters across the community tried their best to help fulfill these wishes to boost his spirits and bring joy to his young life. His eleven wishes were posted on the Facebook page for everyone to see and join in to help. His wishes ranged from going on L.A. Ridiculousness TV show to going to Disneyland with his whole family. As a result of the efforts of the "Fight For Johnny" team, the following dreams came true:

- * A trip to Tucson to see family
- * 21 tickets to Disneyland with family and friends
- * Relaxation time at a beach house
- * Tickets to Monster Cup with Industry Seating and Track Passes
- * A family vacation in a mountain house cabin
- * A trip on a private plane to watch a Denver Bronco's game from the sidelines

Unfortunately, Johnny Weathersby passed away on January 8th of this year. Johnny's mom, Jennifer Weathersby, officially posted about her son's death on Facebook saying, "Our sweet boy is in heaven!!" and she also said, "He fought until the end, and is now an angel!!!"

Pictures courtesy of fightforjohnny.com





By Aidalya Lemus, Jocelyn Jauregui, and Shianne Gerber

We've all been bullied and it didn't feel so good, right? We can all agree that bullying is wrong. Try to stop who ever bully's you, if you can't handle it on your own make sure to report it. If you can't tell an adult report it on the Woodard Jr. High bullying website. First go to the Woodard website, next go to the student links, and after that click on "Violence, harassment, intimidation, bullying complaint form." You can always just simply go on the link below. Remember if you see it, say it, so it can Stop!

[Report Bullying Here](#)

Here is an inspirational story that we found on noplac4hate.org:

"I was bullied from 1st all the way to 5th grade. I'm in 11th grade now and i'm now 17, so it was a long time ago. But the scars from all those years of bullying are still there. I was a very quiet and shy kid so I guess that made me an easy target and I was treated pretty much like dirt. I should also mention my dad passed away when I was 6 and on top of that I was being bullied. When I got a little older i became depressed a lot and I never knew why. By the time I was 15 I realized I was feeling so depressed because I hadn't gotten over being bullied and I realized that I needed to come to terms with that in order to move on with my life. You have to forgive because if you live with this hatred in your heart all you're doing is hurting yourself. Forgiveness doesn't make what that person did to you right, forgiveness is for you, so that you can move on and be happy. This process of forgiveness is something I'm still going through. I'm over the bullying for the most part but as for the people who hurt me, it's going to take longer for me to forgive them for that. From my experience I've learned so much and it's made me such a strong person. And I have to give a huge thanks to my family who love me unconditionally especially my mom. She's everything to me. I've come a long way and my life is doing pretty good right now. If you're being bullied please stay strong because life has so much in store for you and you won't want to miss out on it."



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

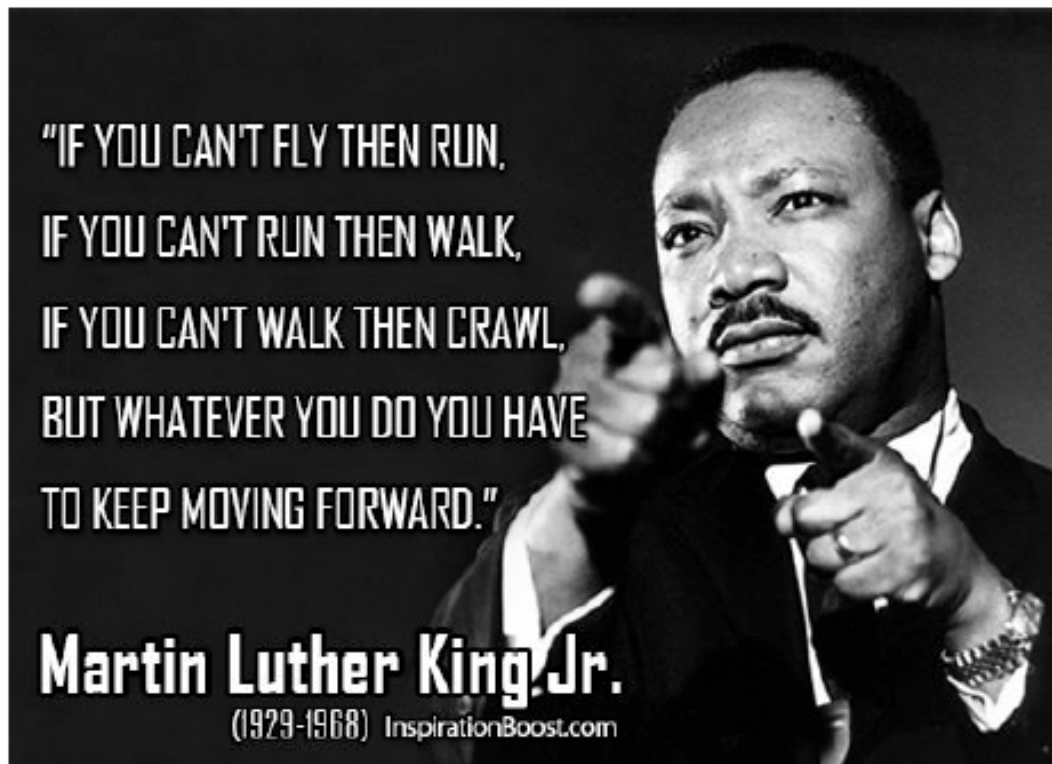
By Victor Moreno



"Nonviolence means avoiding not only external physical violence but also internal violence of spirit. You not only refuse to shoot a man, but you refuse to hate him."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

We hope you had a wonderful three-day weekend, but this is just a friendly reminder to think about the meaning behind the holiday. Every January, we honor famous civil rights activist, Martin Luther King Junior for a life dedicated to freedom for all.

[Click here](#) for a message just for you, kid to kid, to remind us all to dare to dream. If you are in class, make sure its ok to put on your earbuds and watch!!!



**"IF YOU CAN'T FLY THEN RUN,
IF YOU CAN'T RUN THEN WALK,
IF YOU CAN'T WALK THEN CRAWL,
BUT WHATEVER YOU DO YOU HAVE
TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD."**

Martin Luther King Jr.
(1929-1968) InspirationBoost.com

Selfie Contest!!!

by: MaKenzie Jones & Lauren Zaragoza

Hey, all you selfie lovers out there! We're bringing you a contest you're sure to enjoy. "What contest?" you may ask. A SELFIE CONTEST!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Send in your best selfies, but beware of the rules.

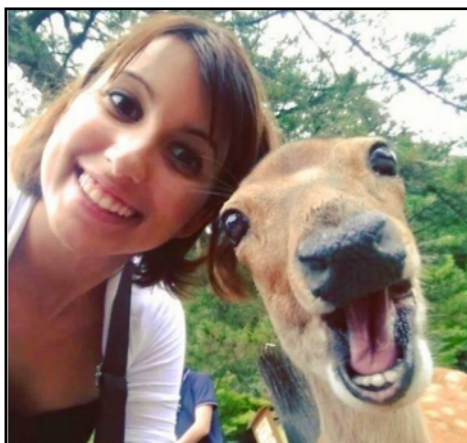
Rules:

You may not take a picture that features PDA or suggestive content. Also, school dress code applies!



- You may not take a picture that harms you or others in some way
- Since iPads are only for educational purposes on campus, you must take selfies on your own time, not during the school day.
- You may not take a picture that is offensive to others in any way, shape, or form
- You may not take a picture that shows any profane, obscene, gang related, or defamatory language or symbols, ethnic slurs or symbols, drugs, sex, or alcohol

You may not take a picture that has been photoshopped



Examples are:

- A picture of an animal and you
- Friends and you in a dramatic scene
- You and family

Have fun and be creative with what you do. Filters are allowed. If you send a picture that violates the rules, you will get an infraction for misuse of technology.

All you have to do is send it to us at sspringborn@yuma.org by **February 5th**. Make sure that you include the term "selfie contest" in the subject line!

The winner will not only be featured in the school newspaper, but he or she will also receive 1 Roadie Ticket and a FULL SIZED CANDY BAR. Who wouldn't want that?!