



Memory Lane

By: David Amavisca and Aaleiya Escalante

Well the 2015-2016 school year sure was something huh? Our Journalism students decided to celebrate the end of the year for our final issue of Roadie Times by asking some students about a not-so-great experience related some way to school. These were some of our best responses and stories to help you remember some of your lame memories from school.



David Amavisca - (Paraphrased) That one time it rained a whole lot and there was puddles and stuff. In passing period between sixth and seventh period I saw a puddle I THOUGHT was barely anything. It wasn't. I was soaked all over my pants. OF COURSE this was the day the anchors and news writers came to talk to us and the sixth graders.

That was great.

There was also a time some kid poured soda on my back while I was dancing in the middle of the circle thing at a dance. And anybody that has seen me dance knows I'm amazing. I should be a cheerleader or something.



Aaleiya Escalante - (Paraphrased) During the third quarter, at least once a week I would blow milk out of my nose. I have no clue how or why but at least once a week during the third quarter it would happen.

Lauren Zaragoza - (Paraphrased) At the beginning of the school year, I would occasionally...sometimes...might walk into the wrong classroom. So I'm just standing there looking at a group of students I shouldn't be with, all looking at me, just like "Who are you and why are you here?"

MaKenzie Jones - (Paraphrased) Well on my first day of school at Woodard, I was talking to one of my teachers during class because she wanted to know more about me, then out of nowhere she pointed out my accent and said she liked it. Then later that day I forgot that people here called it a backpack instead of a book bag and when I said book bag everybody looked at me like I was crazy and just killed somebody or something.

Ms. Springborn - (Paraphrased) Just the other day, I subbed for an 8th grade Math class and for no reason the class was extremely quiet. I decided to have a drink of my water through a straw and for no reason it made a noise that sounded like I tooted. Everybody laughed.



Caili Cabrera - (Paraphrased) We were in second period and I had my feet on Jacob's chair. Then Tiana decided to tie my shoelaces together which I didn't notice until 30 seconds before the bell rang... but couldn't untie it because it was one huge, knot. Mr. Ralph was hurrying me and told me to get to class, so I had to waddle to 3rd period. I looked like a penguin! Ms. Scott made me stand outside until I untied the knot... It took me 5 minutes.

Ryan Nossaman - (Paraphrased) Caili taught me how to say "I told you so" in Spanish. So at school I tried proving it to someone that I knew other words in Spanish and right before that we talked about tortillas... so while I was trying to prove myself I mixed the two words together (tortilla and te



dije) and came out with tedilla.

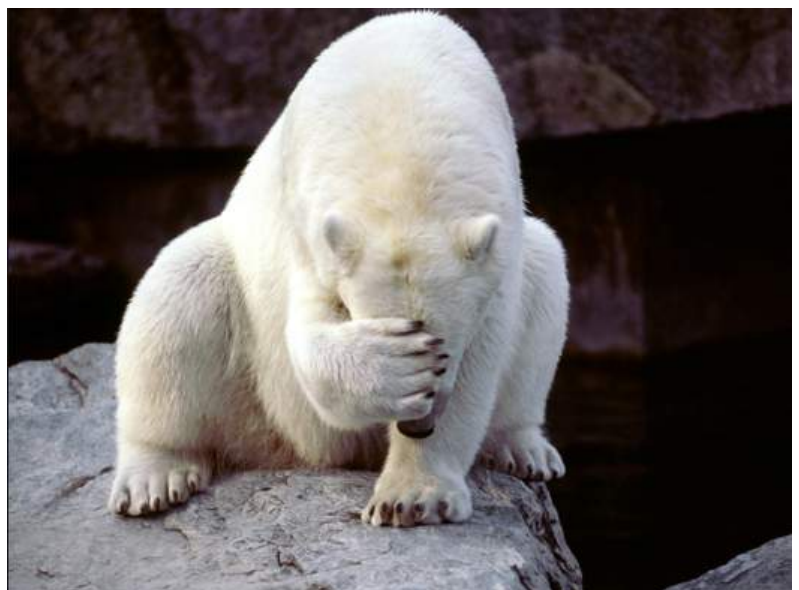
Anonymous - (Paraphrased) After school, I was playing in a basketball game and my teammate was trying to get the ball from our opponent but she was stronger. So of course, trying to be a good teammate, I jumped in.. trying to be cool but made my teammate and I fell back and lost the ball.

Anonymous - (Paraphrased) Just before the last bell when we had to leave, my friend asked the teacher to leave the class early to go pick up something. I sit near the door so when we came by he whispered to me that he was going to get a box. So the bell rang and we met up in the courtyard and he was standing next to a tall box.. Taller than him!.. The only problem was that we both ride the bus home so it was really awkward having to fit a huge box with us in the rows. The bus driver gave us the weirdest look when he opened the doors and the first thing he saw was us holding the box.



Anonymous Teacher - (Copy and Pasted) One year, before any of you kids were here, I worked really hard to prepare an awesome PowerPoint for open house night. I gave my presentation six times and spoke to hundreds of parents and students. At the end of the night I was confidently walking to my car thinking, "Man, I sure nailed that!" when I realized that my fly was unzipped.

Maybe this article brought back some not-so-fun memories for you to laugh at or share with somebody. Maybe this gave you a quick chuckle knowing you're not the only one who squirts milk from your nose or jumps in puddles. Either way we hope you enjoy this final edition of Roadie Times and have a great summer. See you next year!



Retiring Teachers



By: Camrynn Williams

Over the past few years, we have gotten a lot of new teachers.

Almost all the teachers that eighth graders and a few seventh graders had, as sixth graders, are retired. Including, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Salafia, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Toensing, Mrs. Robles, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Hambali, and a few more. A few new

teachers include Mrs. Long, Mrs. Hallman, Mr. Alvarez, Mrs. Quick, Mr. Smith, and many more. Sadly, this year two of the most favorite teachers here at Woodard are retiring, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Horsman.



I decided to interview them both and here are the questions I asked and their responses to the questions:

How long have you been teaching at Woodard?

Mrs. Wright- "I have been at WJHS since 1992, 24 years."

Mrs.Horsman- " 11 years. "

What is your favorite class/grade to teach?

Mrs. Wright- "All of my classes have different aspects that I really enjoy teaching but I have to confess that I am a die hard band geek and band is my favorite class to teach."

Mrs. Horsman- " I like sixth grade because they are willing to do anything and everything, and seventh and eighth because they already know it all. "

What is your favorite part about teaching?

Mrs. Wright- "Teaching students how to read music and play their instruments."

Mrs. Horsman- " The kids reacting and being like kids. "

What made you decide that you wanted to teach?

Mrs. Wright- "I always knew I wanted to teach but when I was a junior in high school, my band director made a statement in class that if we enjoyed band and music theory, we should think about teaching band. After hearing that, I knew I would be a band director."

Mrs. Horsman- " I don't think it was a decision, in second grade I knew I wanted to be a teacher. It's a feeling, a calling that I've always had. "

Are there any other teachers in your family beside you? If so, who?

Mrs. Wright- "Yes, my brother and sister-in-law are teachers in Scottsdale and my husband is a teacher. Mr. Wright is also retiring this year."

Mrs. Horsman- "Yes, my sister is also a sixth grade science teacher for middle school in North Carolina and my oldest sister is not a school teacher, she's a riding instructor..."

What do you plan on doing after you retire?

Mrs. Wright- "I will be starting a beginning band program at Southwest Christian School."

Mrs. Horsman- "Travelling, spending time with family because none of my family is here, they're back on the east coast and I will probably sub here at Woodard sometimes."

Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

Mrs. Wright- "I will hopefully be living in the same city as my daughter and enjoying some traveling with my husband."

Mrs. Horsman- "I don't know. Hopefully by then my son will be married and have a kid, so hopefully I'll be a grandma."

Are you looking forward to retiring?

Mrs. Wright- "YES, YES, YES, YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Mrs. Horsman "Yes and no, I'll miss coming to school and interacting with all the kids but I've been teaching for a long time and it would be nice to relax and do things I don't have time to do during the school year."

What will you miss most about teaching?

Mrs. Wright- "I will miss working with the students the most."

Mrs. Horsman- "Spending time with the kids and the interaction and the conversations."

I also decided to ask some students around school what they will miss most about Mrs. Wright or Mrs. Horsman and here's what they had to say:

"Mrs. Wrights jokes when we're playing, and the stuff she does for the events we have." - Aiden Epley (6th grade)

"All the activities that Mrs. Horsman does are fun." -Hannah Akinremi (6th grade)

"Mrs. Wright's jokes and her personality and the way she teaches us in band and choir." - Karla Daniel (8th grade)

"Mrs. Horsman is funny and makes people laugh." -Arbella Loynes (6th grade)

"The jokes Mrs. Wright makes." -Loralee Chrestler (8th grade)

"I will miss Mrs. Wright's personality and her jokes." -Scott Humphrey (8th grade)

"I will miss how Mrs. Horsman always makes us laugh and her teaching overall, she's just a really good teacher." Raelynn Wilbrecht (6th grade)

8th Grade Advice

By JayCee Miller, Ryan Nossaman, and Caili Cabrera

Since all the 8th graders are leaving this year, we're trusting the current seventh graders to keep our school going strong. To make sure everything goes smoothly when we leave, we asked some eighth graders to give the incoming eighth graders some words of wisdom.

Advice: To Incoming Eighth Graders



“Participate in fundraisers and ditch days so you can go on more field trips, because if you don't do the fundraisers you won't enjoy your field trips.” - StuCo

“Try out different sports since it's your last year here. Make sure you have fun.” - Anonymous

“Stay on top of your work, every missing assignment adds up, and eventually you'll have an F just from not doing a couple assignments” -Jayden Donnelly

“Be too school for cool. *thumbs up emoji* -Ryan Nossaman

“It's the same as 6th and 7th. Just don't stress and don't worry. No biggie!” -Alessandra Varela, Briana Ambriz, Xiomara Avalos

“Don't act stupid because that could really annoy your teachers.” -MaKenzie Jones

“Notebooks. Keep those good! (Personal experience)” -David Amivisca

“Don't rely on anybody, you can't trust anyone!” -Aaleiya Escalante

“Don't get lazy just because it's your last year in middle school, enjoy it and make it a year to remember... it will be your last year till you go to the big kid school aka high school... Just have fun and be good!” -Yahaira Gamboa

“Get ready for 8th grade, you’re gonna struggle if you don’t pay attention. And get ready for lots of homework.” -Vivian

“Don’t let anything worry you because it’s just like the rest of your years in jr. high.” - Klarissa Carlon

“Make good habits for high school.” -Luke Kelly

“Don’t let the teachers scare you. They’ll keep talking about grades and high school and high school grades, even college, just don’t let them worry you and focus on finishing your 8th grade year strong.” -Anonymous

“[You] just need to set a good example for the new baby 6th graders and kinda be their leaders.” -Cherysh Jones

So, maybe it will be the same, or maybe it will be harder for you, I guess it just depends on how you want to make it.

In Remembrance of John Fitzgerald Kennedy

By Xiomara Avalos

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, born on May 29, 1917, became the youngest man and first catholic to be President. He was born wealthy and had a reputation as a military leader. JFK confronted the issue of the Cold War and prevented the nuclear armageddon. Also, he accomplished establishing the peace corps. His assassination on November 22, 1963, shocked everyone across the U.S. because he was an American hero and who would ever want to do such a thing. People now would consider him one of the most-loved Presidents of the United States.



Being A New Kid At a New School Late in the School Year

By Cheyenne Castillo

How does it feel to be a new kid at school? Is it scary? Is it fun? Well I was a new kid here at Woodard Jr. High School. When I first came to this new school I was more worried than anything. The things I was mostly worried about was my school work and being worried about being judged from other kids, but isn't that the main reason kids are worried about when they go to a new school. I first started school with high hopes I started to get to know most kids from here and they are all nice students.

When I first arrived here I was excited and I just wanted to go to school to meet all the kids from here, but when my very first day came to be, my feeling went from excited to worried. I felt like my heart was gonna stop and I was gonna pass out, but obviously I didn't. My first day of school went by real quick and it really wasn't all that bad but I still felt like people hated me and to me every class I went to I felt like I was gonna be told something or judged. Every day I came to school in the morning to the evening I was still worried but later on during the day I wouldn't feel worried any more. Most of my teachers are nice but one of my teachers reminds me of my teacher from my old school who helped me become a better student, so every time I see that teacher I feel alright I'm not worried. Being a new student is something you have to deal with, especially the feelings you get and having to meet your teachers standards. Being a new kid was hard for me because I didn't have many people to talk to in fact I didn't talk to anyone most people just asked what grade I was in. Most of the assignments that I have are somewhat easy because I was learning it at my old school. The requirements needed for my teachers are simple routines that all teachers have, but then again a main rule is respect. Respect for a teacher is a rule that they will forever have along with other simple rules regarding work and attention. My work is what I'm mainly focused on and not to mention it keeps me from worrying what is going on around me in school. The main situation about being worried here at school is not only my work, or what people think of me, it is getting people to understand me and know me.

I'm sure most of the students here understand what it is like to have people look at you and just start thinking when they really don't understand you or know you. I sometimes just think to myself and wonder, Do people really do this to other people? Sometimes I just wish that I can read other people's minds because how am I gonna know what they are saying. All I know are the looks they give when they look at you. Especially if you are a new kid and the first thing you see are people looking at you in a certain way you know that they are just thinking about you, or judging you, and on the outside you act like you don't mind when on the inside you really care. The looks I got made me feel like what I felt didn't matter because all it took were the looks that I got from other people to make me want to ask if they didn't like me. That day made me want to tell those people about me just so they know a little bit. I would want to let everyone know more about me especially interesting facts. So now you guys know if you guys see a new kid just introduce yourself and get to know them because you never know you might just discover a new friend.

What To Expect As An Eighth Grader

By: Alessandra Varela, Zaira Sanchez, and Briana Ambriz

Do you sixth and seventh graders ever wonder or worry about eighth grade? Well, you'll be relieved to hear that it's not very different from the rest of Middle School. The majority of the time, teachers create an imaginary setting of eighth grade that often worries younger students. For example, some teachers make students believe that eighth grade is the hardest thing ever and the students usually believe it, but in reality it's basically the same as any other grade level and all you need is good responsibility skills. Don't get us wrong, eighth grade is still a challenge, but if you have this simple skill, then you will do just fine and will have no worries. The only difference between eighth grade and other grade levels is that we have to prepare for high school.

One reason that responsibility is helpful in eighth grade is because you have tons of tests coming your way. Those tests are a major part of your grade so that's why you have to study and prepare for them. If you get bad grades then your overall class grade will be low and you may have difficulties getting that grade back up. At the end of the year whether you promote or not will be based on your grades. If you want to attend promotion you have to have good behavior and good grades.

We questioned some sixth and seventh graders around school about what they were scared of going to eighth grade. Some of them said that they were scared and some said that they were not scared. Here are some quotes from them.

"The only thing I'm worried about is the social studies constitution test"- Jesamin Yee (7th grader)

"I'm not scared about 8th grade because I'm confident"-Kaylee M. (7th grader).

"Something that i'm worried about is that it will be harder for me to get good grades."-Jadayah Salas (7th grader)

"I don't want to get a mean teacher"-Alexa Daniel (6th grader)

"The only thing that is bothering me is that teachers will give me harder work."- Sergio Garcia (6th grader)



Promotion

By: Stephanie Medina & Cassie Caraway

Sadly our school year as 8th graders has come to an end. On May 27, 2016 is the day we will promote. This is a day you won't want to miss out of your whole 8th grade year.

Promotion can be the best day of your life or the worst. Many people just probably want the school year just to be over already. While the rest will be sad that the year has come to an end. Your 8th grade year may be the best year or the worst. If it was the worst we apologize and hope freshman year will be better.

Make sure you are on your best behavior to be able to walk the line.

If you are not on your best behavior you won't be eligible to go to promotion. If you are suspended on the week of promotion you will not be able to attend.

Promotion will be starting at 9:00am in the gymnasium, but 8th graders have to be there early. There isn't a specific time yet, but according to Mrs. Herzog, it was around 8 or 8:15 last year. During the promotion the order will be :

8th graders walk in

They will be seated

Pledge

Principal speech

Awards

Promotion Certificates

Dresscode :

Girls have to make sure to wear straps according to the dress code measurement and skirts and dresses that extend below their fingertips with arms to their sides.

Boys don't have to worry

PLEASE EVERYBODY DRESS FORMAL!!

Make sure to tell your parents to get to school early that day because parking is full and packed.

To the children who won't promote Mrs. Herzog kindly said "It would make me very sad for a 8th grader to work so hard and not be able to participate the ceremony so make good choices "



Woodard's Favorite Memories

By Shiananne Gerber, Aidalysa Lemus and Jocelyn Jauregui

Alessandra Varela, 8th Grade "My favorite memory was when I met Zaira Sanchez and Eileen Manriquez"



Zaira sanchez, Eileen Manriquez, and Alessandra Valera



David Amavisca, 8th grade "My favorite memory of this year was the fair, I saw a guy barf and I watched Priscilla scream and nearly cry during the zipper. Plus I got to see a bunch of friends and stuff that I didn't see for a while. It was wiggity wiggity wacky"

David & the zipper

Leo Juarez, 7th grade “My favorite memory was the first time I stayed after school with my friends for the first game of the year.”

Shaienne Gerber, 7th grade “My favorite memory is when I was a new student and I met now my best friend and prettiest girl Aidalysa Lemus

Cassie Caraway, 8th grade “My favorite memory was the last day of school last year because I went to Waylon's Water World.”



Kayden Moran, 6th grade , “My favorite memory was going to my first dance. It was so fun. I got to spend it with all my friends. I thought it wouldn't be fun but it was amazing.”

Jayden Cox, 6th Grader “My favorite memory from this year was the Spring Carnival. I almost broke my thumb that day, but it was still fun either way.”



Woodard Junior High Dances

By Jazmin Garcia, Daisy Gonzalez, and Sammy Reyes

Halloween dance // oct 29



As you all may know, this has been the first time in a decade that we finally get our school dances back, so thank you Mr. Acosta and the Woodard staff. Our dances were once taken from us because of students doing inappropriate dancing and the inappropriate music. Though we did get dances back and we've had one every quarter. I say to all you next 8th and 7th

graders to keep these dances good and no inappropriate things or they will get taken away... AGAIN. We hope these dances continue in the next years here.

These previous dances have been a blast, the last dance this school year was a hawaiian theme. We've had Halloween, Winter, and Valentines. Honestly these dances are fun, you just dance around with your friends. Better than being at home on a Thursday night, right? Thank you all students who have attended the dances. I hope you all that attended had a great time. Have a good summer break also ! Hope u guys all have a safe summer !

“Talking with the staff member, a few people shared interests about bringing dances back, is how they

Winter dance // dec 16 cheerleaders hosted



started once again.

“Having dances built memories.”

“Seeing teachers interact with the kids, kids with kids, teachers with teachers.

“Teachers had fun, kids had fun, everything went great.” - Mr.Acosta

Valentines dance // feb 18 avid hosted



Hawaiian dance // april 21. Stuco/pbis



The Perfect Summer Day

Finding yourself daydreaming about summer? You are not alone! We asked a few Roadies to describe their perfect summer day. Here is what they had to say:

You're waking up. The room is dim enough to carry on sleeping but the blinds block out the rest of the light. Your cat still by your side, purring even though you haven't petted her yet. You notice the house is quiet even when it's supposed to be the time you go to school. But it's summer, so nobody but you and the animals are at home. You focus back on the bed. All your pillows are on the bed and accounted for, not a single one fell off. Your comforter is still laying in position where you are still warm but not too warm and cool but not too cool. Your alarm shows the time of 8:10, the time you're supposed to be going to school..but hey it's summer. There's no school. No work. You're on your own schedule. What's on your schedule next you ask yourself? You pause. Sleep. Sleep is what's next on the schedule.. Then you fall back asleep.

-Anonymous

My perfect summer day is a road trip. During summer its really hot in Yuma so it would be cool to be able to go somewhere less hot for a while. I would like to go to San Diego with some friends. I think it would be fun to get to go to a beach, walk on a pier and take pictures. We would also go to Boomers because its pretty fun there too. At the end of the day, would would just watch movies. -B.A.

The perfect summer day is it being hot as heck and I have friends over to swim. Theres music blasting in the background of the splashing. And don't forget pool floats. So many pool floats they cover the entire surface of the water. You've got the fancy swan floats, donut floats, pizza slices, etc. Not to mention REAL pizza. Accompanying SOOOO much other food and all the drinks you could imagine. Then when it starts to get dark we bring out all our sleeping stuff to the trampoline and watch a bunch of scary movies. What would make it even more perfect is waking up the next day with the perfect tan. -ANONYMOUS

Sitting by the pool, going to the beach, or even just watching TV, they all sound so perfect...for most people. I on the other hand don't think that would be perfect at all. Sure it would be nice but imagine this...sitting in a kiddie pool with your friends and a box of Twinkies. Now that's perfect! I mean how could you go wrong with Twinkies, a kiddie pool, and your friends too. Just think about it. Who would want to go to the beach when you have a perfectly fine kiddie pool in your back yard, and why go to the fun restaurants when you can just eat Twinkies! Can't swim? That fine, just get a slip n' slide. Fear of death by slip n' slide? Thats fine too, as long as you have the box of Twinkies and your friends you should be fine. If you don't have friends then make some because sitting by yourself with a box of Twinkies is just plain creepy. So yeah, go out get your self a kiddie pool, some Twinkies, and some friends and enjoy your summer -C.W

The perfect summer day is...

*Sitting in my backyard, at my old house in North Carolina. My bathing suit on, just having gotten out of the pool. I'm eating a slice of watermelon, with a glass of sweet tea to wash it down with. My best friend, Mya, is right beside me. We're laughing and joking around. It's sunny and there's not a single cloud in the sky. The sun beats down on our skin. After our snack, we lounge around in the pool. We don't care about anything but the water.
-MaKenzie J. Jones*



Summer Strategy For Roadies!

By Ricardo Avalos

Hey Roadies, are you ready for Summer Break!? Prepare for the upcoming vacation ideas for your Summer Break. Do you wish to visit your vacation you planned? If you don't know where to go for vacation, we can help you. Listen carefully Roadies, these should make you pretty excited about the summer. In addition, you should visit one vacation place you've never been to before. These are the vacation ideas that will guide you on your trip, all you need is a map (and some money, and a person to drive you).



Disneyland: It's perfect for you to see all Disney characters and take tour around the entire park. You should check out these cool things to buy and enjoy the rest of the day. There are also activities for children to do if you have kids.

Legoland: These are the best theme parks for you and your family to take a look for the amazing brick attractions. Take a fun time at the water park for an exciting moment. There are several cool creations you should picture that. You can even trade mini-figures to discover new mini-figures.

Universal Studios: The coolest theme park to take on amazing attractions and rides like Jurassic Park, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, Transformers, Studio tour, The Simpsons ride, etc. There are also character appearances that your family should take a picture.

Six Flags: The world's largest amusement park, you've been waiting for. Have your excitement into the roller coasters with amazing themed titles like characters from D.C. Comics. When your family has kids, you'll have to see Looney Tunes characters to take pictures with.

SeaWorld: Take an aquarium to see the experience of sea life. Your family will be excited to see shows including Dolphin Day, Sea Lions, Pets rule, and One Ocean. There are also cool rides to get on as you feel like it. Hope you enjoy your aquarium vacation.

Atlantis Resort: Take your family to a beautiful paradise. Take a water adventure to see all the aquatic animals for just fun. There are also activities to do like rock climbing, reading, fishing, tennis game, golf, and pottery. If you like to shop, why not just go to Crystal Court, Atlantis Logo Stores, Escape at the Cove, Marina Village, and Pro Shop. If you need to see movies, go to Atlantis Theatre to see the most recent blockbuster movies. There's a lot of water parks to go on water slides, river slides, and the swimming pool.

We hope you'll enjoy a good Summer Break vacation. Don't forget to have your pictures in the album. And until next summer, new attractions will appear. From now on after that, the rest of the Summer Break is continuing with a few months. For teachers, you can still enjoy too after the offices are closing. Thanks again Roadies and see you next time on Roadie Times.



Who is YOUR Favorite Teacher?

By Nick Alvarado & Jared Ewell

As you all know this year has almost come to an end, so we are going to see what 6th , 7th , and 8th graders have to say about their favorite teachers. Middle schoolers like to pick favorites, so we encouraged it! We put together some quotes from our peers. The students seem to be very quick with their responses. Most kids like to tell us which teachers they aren't too fond of, so we had to remind them, "No, who do you like the most??"

Stephanie Medina (8th) - "My favorite teacher is Mr. Nelson because he is very interactive with his students, he is also very funny."

Briana Ambriz (8th) - " My favorite teacher is Mrs. Higuera because she says stuff in a way that I can understand."

David Amavisca (8th) - "My favorite teacher is Mrs. Springborn because I'm her class right now, she can hear me, and I don't want her to be mad."

Aztec Fernandez (7th) - "Mr. McCall because we don't do any paperwork in P. E."

Ricardo Jimenez (8th) - " Mrs. Higuera because she is dope"

Alex Garcia (8th) - "Mr. Nelson because he teaches us a lot."

Andy Flores (7th) - "Mr. McCall because he makes us run laps."

Ricardo Avalos (8th) - "Mr. Ralph because he teaches us more about science."

Conner Quintero (6th) - "My favorite teacher this year is Mr. McCall because he is all around cool."

Xavier S. (6th) - "My favorite teacher this year is Ms. Hallman because she lets me play activities and learn in a fun way."

MaKenzie Jones (8th) "Mrs. Springborn is my favorite teacher because she's fun and she makes jokes, but she's also a really good teacher."

Emelinda Perez (6th) - "My favorite teacher this year is Miss. Long, because she is very kind and teaches us very good. Also, she is very beautiful women."

Ciara Kehl (6th) - "My favorite teacher this year is either Mr. Deutsch, because of his dry sense of humor or Mr. Williamson because of his cheery nature and great teacher skills".

There you have it, the quotes we got from kids here at Woodard Jr. High School prove that they really like their teachers! Thanks everyone for the fast and decisive answers you gave us! It sure seemed like Mr. McCall's name came up a lot in our research! He must make quite an impression on us Roadies!

SELFIE CONTEST

By: Lauren Zaragoza and MaKenzie Jones

This month is the last edition so, in the April edition we told you that we were going to go out with a BANG! We looked through the contestants and the different categories we chose for this months edition. The categories range from pets to groups of people. Here are the winners! **Don't forget to come and pick up your candy bars if you won!**



Best Selfie of a
Pet:
Submitted by
Mrs. Springborn



**Best Selfie of a Group:
Submitted by
Alexcia Guitierrez**



**Best Selfie of Nature:
Submitted by
David Amivisca**



**Best Selfie for Individual:
Submitted by
Zaira Sanchez**



**Best Selfie in Costume
Submitted by
Amantha Barnett**

High School Profiles

By Jayden Donnelly and Colton Reese

Yuma Catholic High School

Mascot: Shamrocks
 Quality sports teams
 Complete 4 years of religious instruction
 YC senior class earns several million dollars in college scholarship money
 Offers engaging and challenging academic programs
 Faith-filled atmosphere

Cibola High School

Mascot: Raiders
 Academics rank highly above any other public school in the city
 Over 2,600 students and 180 staff members
 Student teacher ratio 26:1

There are sixteen AP classes available to all students

Gila Ridge High School

Mascot: Hawks
 Newest School in Yuma
 1,809 total enrolled students
 Smart rating is 86
 They have a 25 minute period called SOAR just to do homework, it's a like study hall
 They have 21 sports and over 30 clubs

Kofa High School

Mascot: Kings
 They have a JROTC program
 Varsity boys soccer team went to state
 2,184 enrolled student
 Student teacher ratio is 26:1

Yuma High School

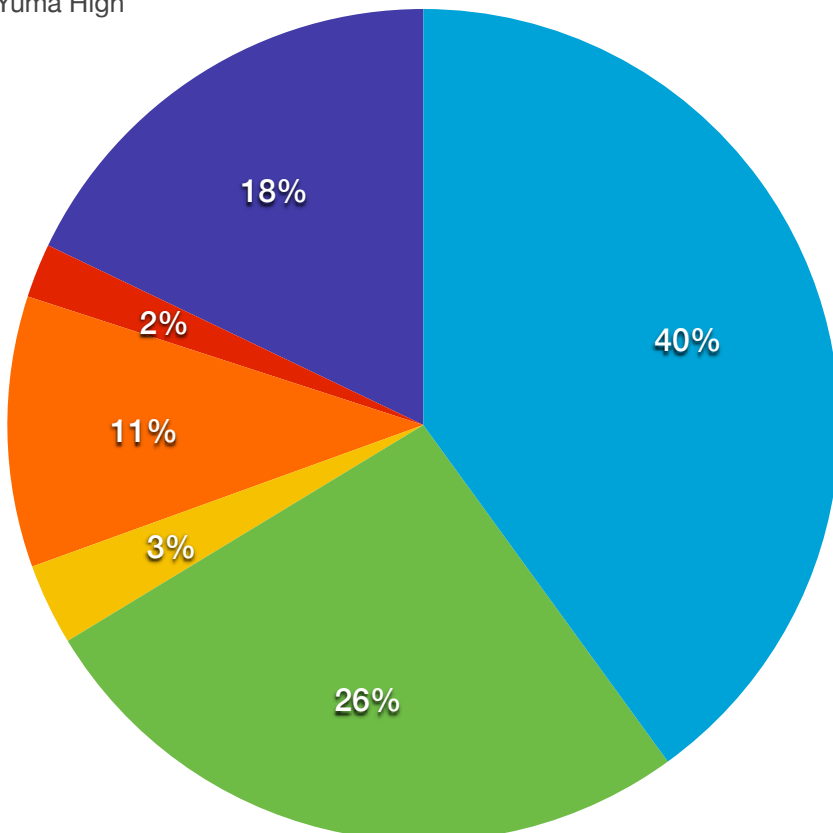
Mascot: Criminal
 1,349 enrolled students
 Student teacher ratio is 25:1
 Smart rating is 65
 53 full time teachers

San Luis High School

Mascot: Sidewinders
 2,598 total enrolled students
 94 full time teachers
 Student teacher ratio is 28:1
 Smart rating is 68

The pie chart illustrates the approximate percentage of 8th graders going to each high school next year

- Kofa
- Cibola
- Yuma Catholic
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Books and Movie of the Month

By: MaKenzie Jones and Lauren Zaragoza

Books: The Infernal Devices, The Mortal Instruments, The Dark Artifices

“The new queen of fantasy.” - Wall Street Journal
“Prepare to be hooked.” - Entertainment Weekly

The Infernal Devices, The Mortal Instruments, and The Dark Artifices are the three very best series I have ever read (The Bane Chronicles and The Shadowhunter’s Codex are singular novels that still deal with Shadowhunters). These books are major page-turners. It's hard to take your eyes off of them. Nephilim (mentioned in the Bible and are referred to as

Shadowhunters most of the time) are half-angel and half-human hybrids, created to fight demons and keep the world safe. Downworlders are werewolves, vampires, warlocks, and faeries. Humans are called mundanes, though some Shadowhunters and Downworlders call them mundies. Shadowhunters use runes, drawn on their skin by a stele, which helps them with certain things. Parabatai is when two Shadowhunters swear to protect each other, and they're bound by runes with a bond stronger than siblings. The Clave is the government of the Shadowhunters.



The *Infernal Devices* is set in the late 1800s in London, England. Theresa Gray (Tessa) came to London from New York to live with her brother, but instead she was taken by the Dark Sisters. It was with them that she discovered her power: she is a Downworlder with the unique ability to turn into any person at will. One day, William Herondale, the handsome, witty, broken, blue-eyed Will, comes to save her. She is then taken to the institute, where she meets more Shadowhunters. James Carstairs, fragile and beautiful, but hides a deadly secret. Jessamine, the pretty face who would rather be anything other than a Shadowhunter. Charlotte, head of the Institute. And Henry, Charlotte's husband, who's obsessed with being an inventor. Together, they will stop the automatons from completely destroying Shadowhunters. And while doing that, they will discover their feelings and battle them, too.

The *Mortal Instruments* is the sequel to *The Infernal Devices*. Set in New York around 2008, Clarissa Fray (Clary) had a normal life. Until one night, she saw Shadowhunters in the middle of murdering a demon. One of the Shadowhunters who participated in the murder; witty, handsome, golden-eyed Jace Wayland, noticed her, and is determined to find out why she can see him. After Clary's mom is kidnapped, she finds out from Jace that she's a Shadowhunter. Her mom had kept her memories hidden from her. Clary easily transitions into the Shadowhunting life, determined to find her mother.

The *Dark Artifices* only has one book out so far, but it's amazing. This trilogy follows Emma Carstairs and Julian Blackthorn, who are parabatai. (These two characters are referenced briefly in *The Mortal Instruments*.) Emma's parents were killed five years ago, covered in strange writing. There were no leads, no evidence that pointed to the murderer. But now more killings have occurred, in the same way Emma's parents died. The people in the Los Angeles Institute, especially Julian, agree to help her with the investigation, without the knowledge of the Clave.

The *Bane Chronicles* is just short stories about Magnus Bane, a warlock who is mentioned in all three series. He plays an important role in *The Mortal Instruments*. Magnus has lived through a lot of different time eras, so these shorts range all over the place. I recommend reading *The Mortal Instruments* and *The Infernal Devices* first, though.

The *Shadowhunter's Codex* is basically a guide to Shadowhunter. All Shadowhunters receive it. But this particular Codex happened to be Clary Fray's, and now she's passing it on to you to read. It's filled with notes and comments from her, Simon, Jace, and others.

Movie: Alice Through The Looking Glass

By Lauren Zaragoza

‘Alice Kingsleigh (Wasikowska) has spent the past few years following in her father’s footsteps and sailing the high seas. Upon her return to London, she comes across a magical looking glass and returns to the fantastical realm of [Wonderland] and her friends the White Rabbit (Sheen), Absolem (Rickman), the Cheshire Cat (Fry) and the Mad Hatter (Depp), who is not himself. The Hatter has lost his Muchness, so Mirana (Hathaway) sends Alice on a quest to borrow the Chronosphere, a metallic globe inside the chamber of the Grand Clock which powers all time. Returning to the past, she comes across friends – and enemies – at different points in their lives, and embarks on a perilous race to save



the Hatter before time runs out.’ -an article on the new movie coming out said. The movie is a sequel to the first movie, Alice in Wonderland. With the actor and actresses Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Anne Hathaway, and other known actors and actresses. With these actors, crazy-ness, and random-ness, you know this movie is going to be good.



Who's Been Writing Woodard's Roadie Times Newspaper?

By: MaKenzie Jones, Lauren Zaragoza, Aaleiya Escalante

8th grader, David Amavisca, age 14

Who likes “Memes. Video Games. Eat. Sleep. Sleep is good” and says his opinion about Journalism, “Journalism class is a fun, relaxing class to look forward to. I like it, it’s fire emoji fire emoji fresh.” His favorite article he had wrote was A Touchy Subject... But for Games in the March 2016 Edition.

8th grader, Camrynn Williams, age 14

Who adores “One Direction, pancakes, hanging with friends.” Her favorite thing about Journalism is writing articles for the newspaper and her favorite edition is the entire WJHS Music in the January 2016 Edition.



8th grader, Zaira Sanchez Castaneda, age 14

Who loves, “Hanging out with friends” yet also loves writing [the] newspaper.

Her favorite article she wrote was Woodard Hires Chef Dee in the April 2016 Edition.

8th grader, Alessandra Varela, age 13

Who is keen of “Hang out with friends [and] listening to music...” She shares that she likes Journalism a lot. On the other hand, her favorite article is Donald Trump Visits Phoenix in the April 2016 Edition.





8th grader, Jazmin Garcia, age 14

Who likes, “Hang[ing] out with friends, [playing] sports and being on my phone.” She shares her thoughts on Journalism, “It feels great. It’s actually really fun. You get to interview people and know about stuff ahead of time.” Her favorite article is Rally To Your Pep? in the November 2015 issue.

8th grader, JayCee Miller, age 14

Whose favorite thing is to “sit at home and do nothing” and tells us her favorite things about Journalism, “It’s fun when we get to write more creative things. It can be hard when you have to interview a lot of people.” Then says her favorite article is All Woodard Teachers Are Being Replaced in the April 2016 Edition.



8th grader, Jared Ewell, age 13

Who likes to “play tennis, football, and skateboarding.” He likes that “we get to work with others and collaborate and learn new things about school.” His favorite article Cam Newton Tries Out For Woodard Football Team in the April 2016 Edition.



8th grader, Nicholas Alvarado, age 14

Who likes “football and tennis.” He likes that “we get to work together” in journalism. His favorite article is the Cam Newton Tries Out for Woodard Football Team in the April 2016 Edition.



8th grader, Stephanie Medina, age 13

Who likes to “Play basketball, talk to Cassie.” And says about Woodard’s newspaper that “It’s cool that I get to write it and I get to know things before other people.” Her favorite article that she’s written is March Madness in the March 2016 Edition.

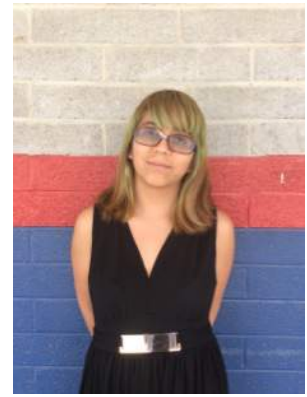


8th grader, Lauren Zaragoza, age 14

Who loves “watching Jacksepticeye, video games, reading manga, drawing, and singing” She shares what she likes about Journalism, “I really like being able to write about things that I care about and express myself through my writing” Her favorite article is Video Games of 2015-2016 in the January 2016 Edition.

**8th grader, MaKenzie Jones, age 13**

Who loves “One Direction, books, Zayn Malik, writing, listening to music.” And says on the subject of writing Woodard’s newspaper, “I love it. Especially when we get to do creative writing. It makes me happy that I get to deliver the news to everyone.” Her favorite article that she wrote is What It’s Like To Be A Military Kid in the March 2016 Edition.

**8th grader, Xiomara Avalos, age 13**

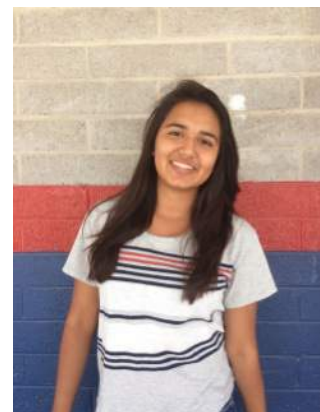
She adores “Painting.. The Walking Dead. I love music but I’m not specific on it” and loves that Journalism is “very chill because all we do is write what we want. Nothing is really specific.” She shares that her favorite article is An Unknown Disease Has Broken Out and It’s In The State of Arizona in the April 2016 Edition.

**8th grader, Briana Ambriz, age 14**

Who likes “listening to music.” She says about writing the newspaper, “It’s pretty fun, and it improves my writing.” Her favorite article is Johnny Fought ‘Til The End in the January 2016 Edition.

**8th grader, Caili Cabrera, age 14**

Who loves “food, Netflix, friends, and sleep.” She likes that “we can choose what we want to write about, express ourselves, and that we get no judgement” in Journalism class. Government Overhauling Lunch Program For 2016-2017 School Year in the April 2016 Edition.





8th grader, Ricardo Avalos, age 14

Who likes “to play video games, [and] watch videos on YouTube.” And says “I love it” about the Woodard newspaper. His favorite article Super Monday Every Week For The Rest Of The Year in the April 2016 Edition.

8th grader, Cassie Caraway, age 14

Who likes “Jiu jitsu and Nike jackets.” She likes that “we sometimes get rewards for our articles”. Her favorite article is Football: Best of All Time in the March 2016 Edition.



8th grader, Jayden Donnelly, age 13

Who likes “cheer, volleyball, and animals.” And thinks writing Woodard's newspaper is “okay.” Her favorite article she wrote is New Budget For Woodard Jr. High in the April 2016 Edition.



7th grader, Aidalya Lemus, age 13

She likes “to play soccer and eat hot cheetos all day. Every day. Also hang out with my friends and listen to Trap music.” Her favorite thing about Journalism is “taking or finding pictures for our articles” Her favorite article is Cute Valentine’s Outfits in the February 2016 Edition.



8th grader, Daisy Gonzalez, age 13

Who likes “writing, drawing, and reading.” She likes that we “write about important stuff” and she doesn’t favor any article.



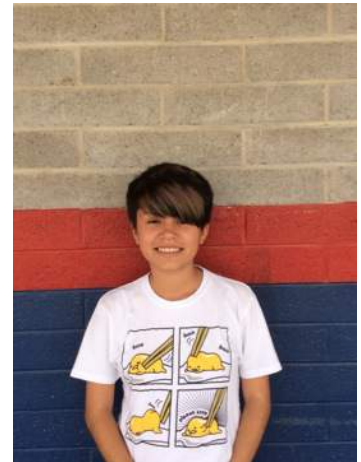


7th grader, Shaianne Gerber, age 13

Who likes “to sing with musical.ly @shaiannegerber. I used to do cheerleading and like to swim.” She shares what she likes about the class, “that we can take our own ideas and make them into an article.” Her favorite article is Cute Valentine’s Outfits in the February 2016 Edition.

8th grader, Aaleiya Escalante, age 14

She likes “Art I guess, and big, teddy bears. I have a whole family of them. [Hint Hint]” She tells us what she likes about Journalism, “It seems like a slow class but it actually goes by really fast. It’s a chill class.” Her favorite article is A Touchy Subject... But For Games in the March 2016 Edition.



7th grader, Jocelyn Jauregui, age 13

Who likes “snapchatting. I play softball and soccer.” The thing she loves most about Journalism is “the quick writes because they’re fun.” Her favorite article she wrote is Halloween Without Candy in the October 2015 Edition.

8th grader, Cheyenne Castillo, age 13

She enjoys, “Helping others with homework and sports. I also love my family.” Her favorite thing about Journalism is “that we get to create our own story”



7th grader, Leo Juarez, age 14

He enjoys “softball, Black Ops 3 and football.” He enjoys Journalism because it’s fun and good. His favorite article is Superheroes in the May 2016 Edition.



8th grader, Victor Moreno, age 13

Who likes “[playing] football, sports, [to] work out, and [to play] video games.” He thinks that writing Woodard's newspaper is “great, fantastic, and spectacular.” His favorite article that he wrote is Superhero Poll in the May 2016 Edition.



8th grade, Colton Reese, age 14

Who likes “Soccer, football, and food” and said “It’s fun to experience writing newspapers” His favorite article that he wrote was April 2016 edition, New Budget for Woodard Jr. High



8th grade, Samantha Reyes, age 14

Who likes “music and Netflix” she likes that “we get the news before it gets out” her favorite article she wrote is Rally to your Pep?? in the November 2015 Edition.



8th grade, Ryan Nossaman, age 14

Who likes “to sleep and eat anything that is edible.” She say about journalism class, “Its fun, sometimes we get to goof off but other times its super serious so its a good medium.” Her favorite article that she wrote was her satire article about school lunches for the April Fool’s edition.

A Letter From The Editor

I just wanted to take a moment to thank my journalism class for all their hard work this year. When I took on this challenge I freely admit, I had no idea what I was doing. Little did I know I was going to have thirty-ish awesome, amazing, hardworking students that I only had to scold once in a while. I really had very little to do with this publication. The kids continuously came up with their own topics, did their own interviews and research and BAM, the Roadie Times just came together each month. You guys are the best journalism class I’ve ever taught (yah, sure, you’re the only journalism class I’ve ever taught, but still, I REALLY doubt there could be a better one out there). Thank you for making me laugh audibly every single day with your bell work quickwrites. You are ALL very talented writers... remember to always use it for good and not for evil. I’m going to miss you.

Most Sincerely,
Ms. Springborn

May Birthdays

By: Lauren Zaragoza and MaKenzie Jones

Hello, Woodard!!!! It's May!!!! May symbolizes for all of us the last month of school, and for others our wonderful birthday month. I (MaKenzie), am so excited for this month, for I get to celebrate my first birthday here in Yuma. We both wish you the best birthday ever!!!



Last Name	First Name	Birthdate
Ramirez Zamudio	Roselin	05-01-2004
Dresden	Mia	05-02-2004
McNeely	Michael	05-03-2002
Lerma	Aden	05-03-2004
Guy	Andre	05-07-2003
Aranda	Aileen	05-08-2003
Bustos	Angel	05-08-2003
Aulds	Easton	05-09-2002
Escanuelas	Robert	05-09-2003
Liimatainen	Jacob	05-10-2003
Medina	Tommy	05-10-2003
Cadena Barajas	Ashley	05-11-2003
Gonzalez	Enrique	05-11-2004
Guerrero	Jasper	05-11-2004
Sosinski	Logan	05-12-2002
Jimenez	Alliyah	05-12-2004
Ochoa-De La O	Mariana	05-13-2002
Fijalkowski	Carissa	05-13-2003
Thomas-Chavez	Isaac	05-13-2003
Botello	Uziel	05-14-2002
Blanquet	Yadhira	05-14-2004
Robinson	Kiana	05-14-2004

Last Name	First Name	Birthdate
Olan	Damaris	05-15-2003
Melendez	Joel	05-15-2003
Jensen	Aidan	05-15-2004
Velarde	Victor	05-16-2003
Ordaz	Andrew	05-16-2003
Velarde	Michael	05-16-2003
Borjas	Hope	05-16-2004
Jones	Makenzie	05-17-2002
Smarra	Saul	05-18-2002
Santos	Arturo	05-19-2003
Nash	Amelie	05-19-2004
Valdez	Danessa	05-20-2003
Mendoza	Marissa	05-20-2003
Corte	Eduardo	05-21-2003
Martin Del Campo	Oswaldo	05-21-2003
Weaver	Jaleanna	05-21-2004
Espinoza Hernandez	Oscar	05-22-2004
Cabrera	Vanessa	05-23-2001
Puga Garcia	Carlos	05-24-2004
Merritt	Ketzia	05-24-2004
Garcia	Carlos	05-25-2001
Stiles	Bryan	05-25-2003
Smith	Diego	05-25-2004
Ontiveros	Axel	05-26-2001
Macias Cuevas	Ariana	05-27-2002
Franco	Andres	05-28-2002
Gill	Manuel	05-28-2004
Escobedo	Kimberly	05-29-2002

Last Name	First Name	Birthdate
Lackey	Jayden	05-29-2003
Verdugo	Cecilia	05-30-2002
Nunez	Mariah	05-30-2002
Avalos	Xiomara	05-30-2002
Whitener	Amber	05-30-2003
Gresham	Gracie	05-31-2003
Aguilar-Corona	Aydali	05-31-2003
Hernandez	Gabriel	05-31-2004

