

THANK YOU NIKKI! YOU WILL BE MISSED!!

FAREWELL

BY: NIKKI FREET

Less than three weeks from now, my classmates and I will walk through these halls one last time as we prepare to leave. For some of us, Sebring Local Schools was the only school district we have ever known. The end of Senior year has left me feeling conflicted. I'm sad that my school career is almost over, but I'm also excited to see what's next for me. I'm also excited to see how my classmates will change the world. Because the end of the school year is so close, this will be the last Echo article I will ever write. It's a very bittersweet moment writing this because I remember being in 9th grade when Mrs. Kandel brought the student newspaper back. I didn't realize the play review I wrote then would lead to this farewell message. I'd like to thank Mrs. Kandel for bringing this back because I have really enjoyed writing for the student newspaper. I'd also like to thank Mrs.

Mathias for taking over as teacher leader this year. And last but not least, I would like to thank my fellow Echo staff members. It takes a crew of dedicated writers to make a newspaper work, and you guys are amazing writers. I hope you guys stick with it, so you can continue to strengthen your writing skills. Being a part of the Echo has helped me become a better writer, so I have no doubt you'll continue to improve as well.

Before I conclude this article, I would like to thank my teachers, friends, and family. Without them, I wouldn't be as educated and happy as I am today. I also wouldn't feel as prepared for what comes next without them. I would also like to thank you, the reader, for taking the time to read this.

That will conclude my last Echo Article.

2026 Senior signing off.

NIKKI

BY: QUINCY TAYLOR

I've known Nikki since 7th grade, when we both started in our first plays. Any day I'm around Nikki, I have never seen her be mean to anyone; she's always so positive about almost everything. There is not a day that goes by that I don't see Nikki being rude or mean to any person. I like talking to Nikki, whether it's backstage for a play or a musical, or if it's just passing by her in the hallway. I know that I'm going to miss Nikki; it's going to be a long three years without her.

Nikki, I know you'll be off doing bigger and better things, just do this one little thing. Don't feel bad or sad, we'll remember you, and I hope you'll remember us when you are off doing something big someday.

The Year of Nikki

By: Emily Warrick

Nikki has been such an amazing role model for me since I first came up to the high school. She's always so kind, understanding, and on top of everything. To me, she really is the perfect student, and it's tough to see her leave. She's inspired me to push myself and strive for my best, even when it's a bit scary. It's fun to work with her in musicals and plays, and I can't think of a single time I've seen Nikki fall. Nikki works hard and makes it known. It was so hard leaving the Wizard of Oz stage with her. Such a fun play, with a large meaning. Every role was perfect and meant to be, leaving such an impact on this cast.

One last thing, I'd like to give a huge shout-out and congratulations to Nikki and her graduating class! You've all worked so hard for this special moment.

LIGHTING UP THE STAGE

BY: FINN RUMBERGER

When I first met Nikki, it was when I helped with the drama. Either being a waiter for dinner theaters or helping out with lights. As the years have went on, so has the amount of times I have spotted the stage while Nikki shined bright. Nikki is one of the sweetest people I know, always being kind and having a smile on her face. She made me feel so welcome in drama even before I dared to say hello. Now every chance I get I say hello or hi when I see Nikki.

Nikki

by: Brenlee Armor

I first met Nikki when I was in sixth grade and she was a freshman. We were both apart of the school musical at the time, Frozen. We didn't really talk much at the time. The next time I saw her was in the next fall play, and slowly we ended up in more and more activities together. In that time I was able to get to know her a bit better. I've always admired her kindness and patience, she was always ready to help and answer questions no matter who was asking. Then this year I got the opportunity to do choir with her. She's an amazing singer and she's a great rolemodel. I'm so grateful I was able to share so many experiences with her, and I will really miss having her in the future musicals, plays, newspaper, and choir.

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Thank you so much for your dedication to *The Echo*. We appreciate you!!