



Central
Middle
School
Newsletter

Eagles Nest



For our Students; the kids who make us better people, the children that inspire our hopes and dreams, this edition is for you.

Student Edition **04**

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Central Middle School is pleased to welcome our **New Principal, Heather Smith**. Ms Smith will be leaving her interim position as Principal of Viera High School and joining us in July. Ms. Thomas will be holding down the fort and working closely with her through the summer as we all plan our next year together. The work we've begun in response to our difficult Covid years will require patience and perseverance. New leadership will enhance our gains and bring a fresh perspective to our developing culture here at CMS. We continue to depend on our community members for support, through your words and actions we rise and soar to great heights. Please don't hesitate to see the part you play in role of our school.

“One of my favorite things about education is that we constantly learn and improve our craft to better serve our students. I love learning, collaborating with teachers, and problem solving to help our students reach their potential. I appreciate feedback and input because it truly takes a village to make a school run smoothly; communication, collaboration, and community are key.” Ms Smith



Collins Aerospace Annual Introduce a Girl to Engineering

As part of their Redefining Futures strategy, Collins Aerospace, a Raytheon Technologies company, hosted their annual Introduce a Girl to Engineering event on Thursday, February 24. Due to COVID-19 protocols, this year's event was done virtually via Zoom rather than being hosted at the local Collins Aerospace facility. Collins has worked hard to establish an engaging and "STEM-tastic" virtual day for our students to learn more about what our engineers do and to participate remotely in engineering activities.



I asked **London Hamilton**, a 7th grader and student leader about our school.

“How is our school like an Ocean?” I said, and she gracefully replied...

“The ocean is so vast and mysterious, with all the different types of sea creatures. Similar to us in the fact that we all have our own story, none just like the other. The harsh and often unforgiving waves start resembling the packed and crowded hallways jostling you back and forth giving you no escape. The piles of homework can make you feel like you're drowning. Often both of these situations can leave you feeling helpless. However, this dangerous beauty we call the ocean can also be the host of many magnificent things. The environment created by these aspects can leave you amazed. Many teachers who may be a safe space for students can be compared to this. Whether it be their classrooms or just simply their ability to listen and sympathize with a struggling student can mean the world to them. Even our peers can surprise us, with a kind smile or an encouraging word or two you can make someone's day. Our school might seem to be just cruel tides and grueling rip currents, but if you stop and look around you can find peace in even the most violent of waves, or the most hectic school day.”

How is the Media Like a Flashlight?

By: Carlos Kuhn

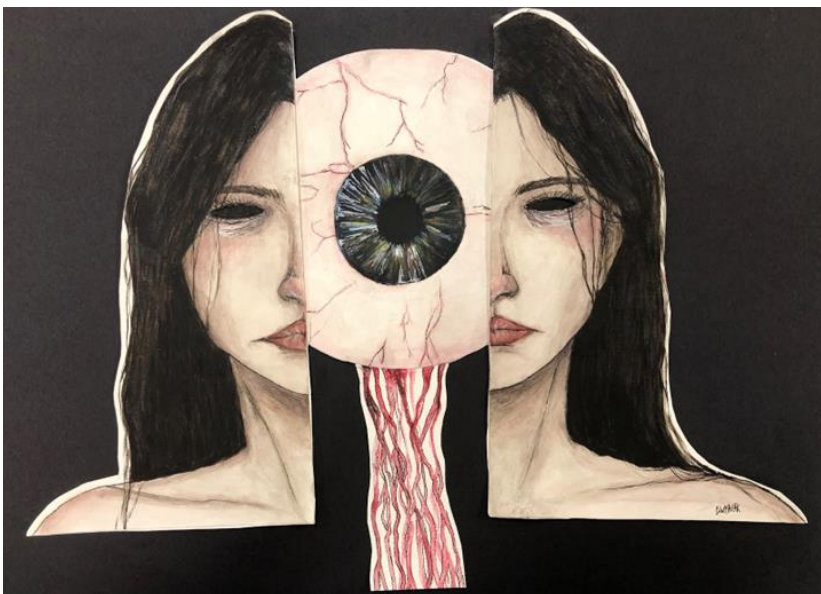
The media is like a flashlight because it is meant to shed light on issues that take place in our community (Central Middle School). Whether the issues are major or minor, rumor or fact, it still gives us an idea on what our community is like, and how we should adapt to its changes.

One thing that must be known, however; the flashlight isn't always perfect. It can flicker, and miss something. The batteries can die, and leave you in the dark. And even the person holding it can purposefully turn it off. People aren't perfect, and we all have biases, and those biases can get in the way of our logic and reason. Whether it's the people that run the newspaper censoring whatever the author had put in it, or the author refusing to write about it, or the people that read it refusing to read the paper, we can obscure the light that lets us see the facts.

While our flashlight can't illuminate everything at once (since that's impossible), we can still keep looking. That's the point of the media. Everyone deserves to know what happened, and the media should show us all!



2D ART SHOW!



Artist and winner: **Cam Wosniak** used Watercolor to reveal themselves

My piece "**Eye See You**" consists of a woman split in half. In between her, there's an eyeball with veins emerging from under. I created this piece using watercolor paint on different pieces of paper so that I would be able to layer each piece, adding more dimension. I also used colored pencils to add in smaller details. My artwork is inspired by Junji Ito and his grotesque illustrations, more specifically his manga series Uzumaki. The meaning of this piece is the way social media has its users constantly under its watch. The eye in my piece acts as the platform (the app) and the woman represents its users. The woman's eyes are blacked out. She doesn't have the ability to see through her own eyes, only through what the algorithm wants her to see.



EAGLES land in Semi-finals!

With a brilliant year filled with obstacles and uncertainties, our squads rose to the challenge making the jump into the semi-finals where Stone has become the ever-present contender. The last two seasons have shown that the path to the County Championship goes through them. With a rich tradition of championship caliber play, our ballclubs looked to even the odds this year as both boys and girls failed to clinch victories over the Gophers during the season. But at Palm Bay High School, our teams fought valiantly. There was never a moment when the game was in the sure hands of one team or another. The utter surprise of the crowd and the Stone supporters was no surprise to our coaching staff who recognized all along that those teams were beatable and our players had all the tools they needed if they trusted each other. Both games closed out with narrow margins in the final minute of the 4th quarter where our Eagles seasons ended. Although defeated, their spirits were lifted in a moral victory as the proof of growth was rewarded and acknowledged by all who witnessed it. As further encouragement and proof of how valuable athletics are to our community, we look forward to our next season, a new team, new leaders, and a chance to recover the County Championship for 2022-23. Go Eagles!

New Student Leaders *Take Up the Torch*



After our thrilling induction ceremony, the student organization immediately set themselves to the task of electing leadership. Nominations were submitted with recommendations and speeches were drafted, rewritten, practiced, and presented. Leaders in our community recognize the following student NJHS officers elect as those tasked with forging ahead the shared goals of our school as they translate student needs and wants for the coming years. Congratulations to:

Sophie Van – President, ***Brooke Hisey*** – Vice President,
Allison Brown – Secretary, ***Ella Cameruci*** – Treasurer,
Addi Trent – Historian, and ***Jacinda Guadalupe*** – Parliamentarian

L3 Harris STEM Challenge

The L3 Harris STEM Challenge exposes students to STEM and engaging them in real-world experiences. The Harris STEM Challenge will offer a way to showcase the skills our students have developed throughout the school year. Each challenge will align with the following skills; Teamwork, Communication, Design, Coding, and Engineering. Planning for the event was shared by student teams and prepared by Ms. Korpas and Mr. Kelly from our Science Department. Their hard work and determination paid off and we are grateful to them and their stewardship.

Ms. Korpas said, "We are most proud of their behavior today. They were so well behaved today and had a great attitude even when they were frustrated and struggled to solve a problem. They were encouraging toward each other, cheered on the other teams, and conducted themselves with exemplary character."



Central's 7th grade team received a 2nd place for the Breakout Box Challenge.

- Conor Browne
- Jacinda Guadalupe
- Carlos Kuhn
- Niyati Patel
- Sophie Van
- Adam Vlearbone



Central's 8th grade team received a 1st place for the Engineering Challenge

- Matthew Bakhsh
- Kyra Chang
- Isabelle Heise
- Nicholas Horn
- Lilianha Martin
- Alia Watson



EAGLES in the Kitchen?

One of our latest and greatest elective choices has become a Culinary treat. Chef Vath has enriched the lives of students, families, and faculty here at CMS by provided real world practices in an exploratory setting where students learn the sciences behind the culinary arts. They've found value in the work and in themselves as they not only study and plan, but prepare and cook the food we all love to eat. Students have piled into his creative laboratory where they are actively cooking something new each week. Students are learning to persevere as they attempt and fail, and learn from their failures in the kitchen like so many of us have learned to do. The brilliance is in the confidence they all present when their food turns out right. They delight in the process and are in awe when it actually tastes good! Students rush to share with one another, and exclaim their triumphs to their teachers later in the day. Some of us even get the benefit of a sample or two from the most selfless of students. Always to our delight, there are brownies, quesadillas, muffins, and other treats. Today's world seems to be flying by at high speeds, fast food, quick fix meals, and the latest dietary discussions. What if? Just, what if we stop and create a meal as a family from scratch. Sit together and enjoy the fruits of your labor and bask in the warm feeling of time together and the value of our efforts. It is here and in these moments, we teach the rewards of family and community.



It's not delivery, It's family!



Let 'em surprise you!



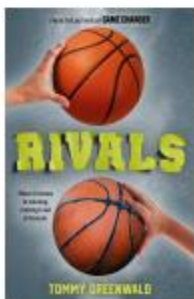
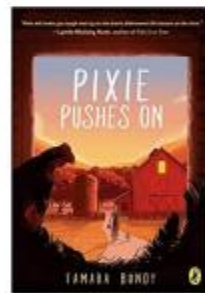
SSYRA Books



2022 - 2023



Grades 6 - 8



BURNS ON BLAST!

For those of you who do not know Laura Burns, please recognize the servant that she's been over the last few years. After transferring in to teach Math in our county she adopted a second position in Real Estate. Never compromising her work at school, she only sought opportunities to supplement the rewards of teaching during the summer hours while juggling her family and planning her coming year. As the allure of the business offered her stability, she made the difficult choice to leave CMS and become a full time Realtor. Now, what you may not realize is that she never really left the school. Throughout the year she was providing teacher lunch-ins as an expression of gratitude and class resource raffles that supplied students with necessary tools to keep up in classrooms. She continued to serve her peers and students among our community until she recognized the needs of our school once more and this year agreed to fill a vacated position in our Math department that could not be filled. Clearly she missed the work, she loves the kids, and anyone who recognizes her passion is grateful for her service. She will be returning to Real Estate this summer and if you're in the market to buy or sell we encourage you to contact Laura. She's sacrificed so much and continues to selflessly serve our community, it's time for us to pay it back. Good luck Laura!

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Learn to sew and make your own drawstring backpack to use for school, sports, dance, beach, sleepovers, or anything you like! Students will learn how to attach a button, a few basic hand sewing stitches, how to operate a sewing machine, and get the chance to make their own bag to keep forever!

Who can Participate?: Rising 7th - 9th Graders

Location: Central Middle School

Instructor: Anita Bradt

3 sessions to choose from:

June 6-10

June 13-17

June 20-24

(Students may repeat sessions to practice more by designing and making a recycled bag using jeans or other materials from home.)

Register Online at:

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share.brevardschools.org/
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