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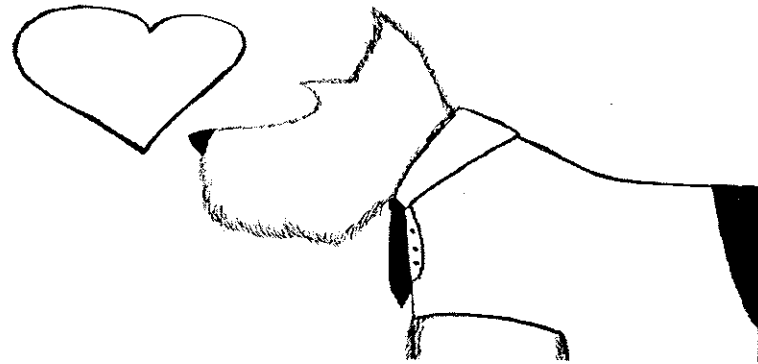


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Science Research

Logan Lee, Mathew Starkey

Science Research is a whole year elective where students get to choose their own project to research, plan, test and present. The last step involves student presenting their final project at the Merritt Island Square Mall to a panel of judges. The Science and Engineering Fair was held on February 4th and 5th. Mrs. Rice, the science research teacher, stated, "Science research was an overall success because we all got our projects and went to the science and engineering fair." Our Scottie Scientists earned a lot of recognitions. Piper Doherty was honored with the Mainstream Engineering Award and won \$250! Among the first place winners were Zander Colangelo, Ashwath Rajesh and Jaydyn Cross. Aswath won First Place in Environmental Engineering. Ashwath will be moving on to compete at State! He also earned Best of Show with an invitation to compete in Lockheed Martin Science Challenge and the Broadcom Masters competition

along with the L3 Harris - Excellence in STEM with a \$25 gift card. In addition, Zander Colangelo won First Place in Physics and Astronomy with the invitation to compete at State in addition to Runner-up for Best of Show with an invitation to compete in Lockheed Martin Science Challenge. Jadydn was also recognized as a Junior Innovator in Thermo Scientific and received an invitation to participate in their national challenge. They also were recognized by L3 Harris - Excellence in STEM with a \$25 prize. Jaydyn said, "My favorite part of my project was having all of my components work!" Zander said "I think people should try out science research as it is not just a boring science class." Great job Science Scotties!

Literacy Week Competition

During Literacy Week, students participated in a bookmark design competition. Out of hundreds of submissions, five students' bookmarks were selected to be published and displayed in the Media Center. Free copies of the winning designs are available for all

students to use! This year's winning designs were created by Mereiyale Al-ecilla, Emma Llaguno, Mashie Ames, Alyssa Bushre and Jake Hodges. Make sure to stop by the Media Center to see the awesome bookmarks!

History of St. Patrick's Day

Bella Maher, Kiersten Denzel, Leah Vallandigham,

St. Patrick's Day is the holiday held on March 17th honoring the day that Saint Patrick died. It started as a religious holiday for the Irish, and has been celebrated since the 10th century. For many, St. Patrick's Day is when we wear green so we don't get pinched by classmates and friends. March 17th falls on a Friday this year

and is during spring break. The celebration of St. Patrick's Day started in 1631 when the church established a Feast Day honoring St. Patrick. He was the Patron Saint of Ireland who had died around the fifth century, which was 12 centuries before the modern version of the holiday was first observed. Make sure you trade out your Scottie blue for green on St. Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick's Day Appetizer

Mel Suggs

Are you looking for a green appetizer for St. Patrick's Day? For this recipe, you're going to need to start by placing a dozen eggs in a saucepan and cover it with water. Bring it to a boil, remove from heat, and let eggs stand in the hot water for 15 minutes. Remove the eggs from the hot water and chill for at least 30 minutes in a bowl of cold water or in the fridge. While the eggs are cooling, prepare your egg dye by the product's instructions in a large bowl. Gently crack

eggs but don't remove the shells so that the egg dye can reach the whites. Place the eggs into the dye until it seeps through the cracks and colors the eggs slightly. You can work in batches if necessary, five minutes per batch. Afterwards, rinse eggs and peel to expose the green marbled color. Then slice eggs in half lengthwise. Take your hard boiled egg yolks into another bowl and mash them with a fork, mix in mayonnaise, mustard, and celery to create your green St. Patrick's Day appetizer.

Animal Feature

Leena Swartz

Loxodonta, better known as the African elephant, is the largest living land animal. They live up to 70 years in the wild and can weigh up to 2.5 tons! According to National Geographic, African elephants, depending on the separate habitats, can be labeled from endangered to critically endangered. The informative National Geographic article also states that the African elephant diet consists of, "roots, grasses, fruit, and bark," making them undeniably herbivorous. Despite their size and

peaceful demeanor, illegal poaching and trading of their ivory tusks have rapidly decreased the African elephant population. National Geographic goes on to say, "Before the Europeans settled in Africa, there may have been ... 26 million elephants." From the early 1900's to 1990, the elephant population decreased so much that the herbivorous, large, gentle creatures were on the brink of extinction. According to worldwildlife.org, there are only 415,000 elephants remaining in Africa.

Women's History Month

Karen Hattie

March is Women's History Month! This month is a great time to recognize the important women who have fought for women's rights and who've made a difference in this world. Did you know that women have only been able to vote for 103 years? And the fight for equality is not done- in fact, it is just the beginning. There have been a lot of firsts for women in the 21st century-

like the first female vice president Kamala Harris in American history, and in 2024 Jessica Meir will be the first woman to go to the moon on NASA's Artemis project. Both of these women work in male dominated workforces and have worked hard for equality. What women can you think of that have made a difference in our nation's history?

Super Bowl LVII Review

Quin Durbin, Kallan Martin

Did you watch the big game on Sunday, February 12? At 6:30 the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles participated in the Super Bowl. The Eagles dominated the first half of possession and were leading by ten points. Near the end of the first half Patrick Mahomes, the Chiefs' quarterback, re-injured his ankle when he was sacked. The Chiefs were down at halftime, 24-14, but came back and won 38-35, while scoring on every drive in the second half. Thanks to a crucial 26 yard scramble and a game-altering holding flag, the Chiefs were able to run out the clock and eventu-

ally kick the game-winning field goal! If you weren't into the actual game, you might have tuned in to see the halftime show featuring Rihanna's performance. She sang a mashup of some of her biggest hits while hanging on a platform that retracted from the top of the stadium. Or maybe you watched the Super Bowl for the commercials? There was an NFL-sponsored halftime commercial about women fighting for their right to play in the NFL flag league. Did anyone see the surprise appearance by YouTube star Mr. Beast during that commercial?

Spring

Poetry Feature by Lydia Buehler

Winter is ending as March brings us to spring.

Flowers are blooming as birds begin to sing. I hope that it brings a lot of joy and fun.

Because spring has finally sprung.

Saint Patrick's Day is on its way make sure to wear green, Or make sure you're not seen.

So that you don't get pinched.

And are forced to flinch.

So I hope this new month is filled with joy, Because spring break is on its way.

So get ready to have fun all day.

Band Review

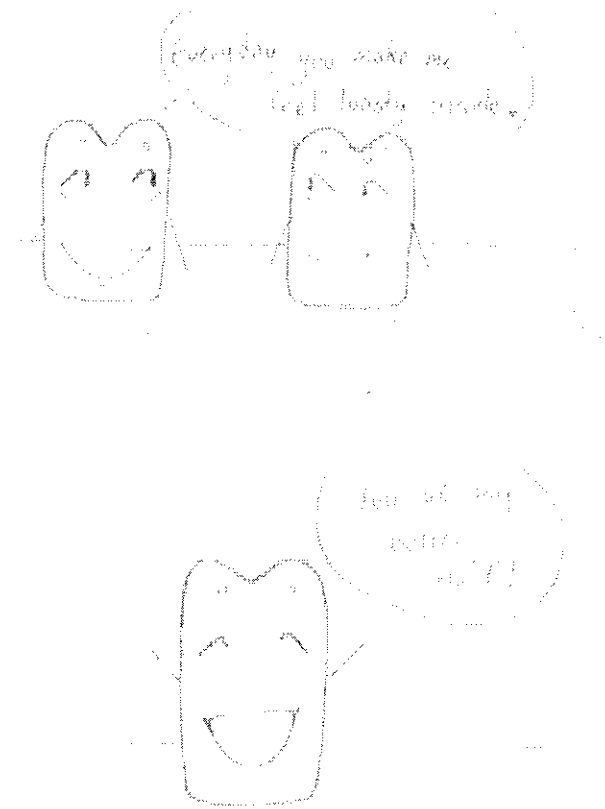
Logan Lee, Mathew Starkey

Have you heard of one the greatest jazz musicians to ever live? He was the first drummer to be put into the drumming hall of fame. His name was Buddy Rich! Despite never winning a Grammy, he is still one of the greatest. He was in 4 different bands: The Buddy Rich Big Band, Buddy Rich Orchestra, The Buddy Rich Band, and The Big Band Ma-

chine. The reason many considered Buddy Rich the best is because of his commitment to music and the art of performance. The two Buddy Rich albums that I would recommend are "Big Swing Face" and "Roar of 74." Buddy Rich's music tends to be very fast paced and has a lot of swing to it and is very centered around the drumming. Happy listening!

Comic Feature

Mel Suggs



The FlipSide

Military Tree Ceremony

Karen Hattie

On February 10th, DeLaura had a ceremony for the new Deployment Tree. This tree is a symbol used to honor students' parents who serve our country. Mr. Corso, Ms. Presnal (our MFCLC), as well as special guests Colonel Graham, Chief Master Sergeant Duvall, and Master Sergeant Howard attended the event. When asked how they felt about the ceremony, Colonel Graham said, "We definitely appreciate the support the school has given the troops." Chief Duvall said, "This tree is important to the support and recognition of our deployed members and their families". Satellite's JROTC participated in the event and

Ms. Benincasa's Vocal Ensemble sang the National Anthem. DeLaura student, McKenna, contributed to the dedication by giving the opening speech. She later said, "I really appreciate this tree." There is a close connection between DeLaura and the military as we have many military families in our school community. If you want to stop by the tree, it is located near the girls locker rooms. You will notice yellow ribbons blowing in the breeze with messages written to the deployed. If you would like to put up a ribbon on the tree, stop by the front office. This tree is a lovely symbol to honor those who serve our country.

Concealed Author Visit

Scout Kelly

On February 22nd, Christina Diaz Gonzalez, the author of *Concealed*, visited our school! Almost one hundred people attended the author party and almost all of them were able to get a book signed. Book signing wasn't the only thing going on though... Ms. Gonzalez also presented her other books and talked about the journey of becoming an author. She has been writing books for fourteen years, but she did not always want to be a writer. Only after pursuing several different jobs, she realized that writing was the career for her. Ms. Gonzalez also talked about her nine other published books and how she always procrastinated on the writing. However, she eventually would find the motivation through her surroundings to continue writing. At the very end of her presentation, the

students had the opportunity to ask questions. One student asked, "What advice would you give to rising authors?" Ms. Gonzalez replied that you should always read because reading will give you the motivation to write and get the gears turning in your head. She also suggested to begin with writing garbage- you should always reread and revise and then you'll have a piece of writing to work with! If you haven't read *Concealed* yet, I recommend that you read it! In addition, if you read some of the other SSYRA books and blog about them, you will be able to attend the party at the end of the year. Thank you to those of you that read and blogged on *Concealed* and attended this special event. Thank you Library Runners and Ms. Harris for organizing this great opportunity!

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Scottie Tales February Edition: Black History Month

Alexandra Barnes

This month, your monthly Scottie Tales is a little different... in a "Who Am I" type format, I chose a historical figure, and it's your challenge to solve the mystery! You get one hint: "February is Black History Month." Can you guess who the following historical excerpt is about? Email me at 2204056@share.brevardschools.org. The first person to correctly guess will receive a prize! "Who am I? I was separated from my parents as a young child. I was sold to Master Anthony, who died in 1826. After that, I was given to Lucretia Auld, who sent me to her brother-in-

Up-to-Date

Alexandra Barnes

Let's make sure you're up to date! First off, the Science Fair was on the 3rd, and our school did great! Make sure to read the featured article. The third interim ended on the 7th with grades posted to Focus on the 10th. The 10th was also the due date for the "Grad-venture" 8th grade t-shirt design contest, so keep your ears open for who won the winning design! While the nation celebrated President's Day, we had school on the 20th due to hurricane make-up days. There is a PSAT test on the 28th. This month, track season starts on February 27th with practices from 7:45-8:45 am in the gym. No tryouts are necessary; you can just show up with tennis shoes, black shorts, and a

Math Competition

Alexandra Barnes

On January 31st, DeLaura's Math Team attended the Brevard County School's Math Competition. Our math team fared quite well! The Geometry, Math 2 (Ms Fromson/Ms Martin's class), and Algebra Team earned second place in the Math Bowl, Geometry got 2nd place in district 1 overall, and Math 2 won 3rd place in the written exam. Overall we did really well this year, as every team was on the podium! When asked about the experience, Garrison Winters said, "You're surrounded by a lot of smart people. It

law, Hugh Auld. Master Auld's wife, Sophia, tried to teach me to read before her husband shut it down. His attempt to forbid me from learning was feeble however, because while they hid even the Bible from me, I went to the white children and the men I worked with to teach me to read. I knew that there was a link between literacy and freedom. Eventually I was sold to William Freeland, who gathered 30 or more slaves for a Sabbath Literacy school. In September of 1838, I escaped to freedom. With that information, who am I?"

DeLaura Track shirt (\$9) ready to run. Track coaches include Ms. Fromson, Mr. Bonar, Ms. Rodriguez, and Mr. Butler. The meets are listed on the DeLaura homepage. If you'd like to know more info about track, you can ask Ms. Fromson in room 213. March 1st falls on a Wednesday, meaning you can plan to start your month off with an NJHS meeting. On the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of March is the Chorus MPA, and the Symphonic Band MPA is on the 9th. The 3rd quarter ends on the 10th, so keep up the hard work! Report cards will be posted on the 22nd. Spring break is from the 13th-17th with a student holiday on the 20th. There is another PSAT test on the 28th, and March ends on a Friday!

was pretty busy. It was fun because I like math." A big thanks to Ms. Fromson for sponsoring us, and to her and Ms. Martin for chaperoning us to the competition. If you see the following Math Club members in the hall, make sure to give them a hearty congratulations: Christian Mavcaurelle, Charles Kelford, Andrew Skinner, Zander Colongelo, Garrison Winters, William Gross, Sebastian Devee, Xavier Harrison, and Vincent Robertson. I would also like to thank Xavier for being our cheerleader during the competition! Keep up the good work, Math Team!

Scottie Music Feature Choir Updates

Maddy Gulliver

Over the past few months, many choir competitions have taken place including All State, All County, and Solo and Ensemble. On January 12-13th, students performed in Tampa at All State. All State students were recorded performing sections of music with their part missing. The sections were unknown until that morning! Judges from around the state score the recordings and select the final students who would perform. All State Treble performed six songs and All State Mixed performed five songs. Another chorus event that a lot of students participated in was All County. Many students auditioned and over twenty students were accepted. When asked about the events, Mrs. Benincasa stated,

"DeLaura students once again represented our school in such a positive way. We had more students in All State and All County than any other Middle School in Brevard County!" On January 21st, The Treble, Show Choir, and soloists all performed at Heritage High school in front of judges at the Solo and Ensemble Festival. The Treble Ensemble earned a Straight Superior! Five of the soloists received a Superior rating including: Clarice Bell, Mason Brown, Madison Gulliver, Leena Swartz, and Lucy Thomas. Both ensembles received straight "A" superiors! Mrs. Benincasa stated, "I was super proud of the students that performed! It was a great learning experience for them as well as for me."

All County Orchestra

Ms. Lohman

Here is my much-delayed congratulatory post to the 11 students who participated in the All-County Middle School Orchestra... (Jan 28th)! They participated in rigorous (8 hour) rehearsals with a guest clinician and put on an incredible performance. All students were incredibly prepared and focused throughout the weekend. Two DeLaura students, Alexa Banks & Jadyn Jones, were seated as principal

(first) chairs of their sections. In mid-January one of our bass players, Jadyn Jones was selected as an All-State performer. Not only that, but she was placed 2nd chair in the entire state of Florida for middle school bassists. What an accomplishment! I am so lucky to work with such dedicated students. They bring so much passion to their music and serve as leaders in their community.

Jazz MPA

Karen Hattie

On February 8th, the DeLaura Jazz band went to Satellite High School to perform their two songs. Jace Joss (Alto Sax) and Liam Deasy (Trumpet) performed solos. The DeLaura Jazz Band earned a superior! Symphonic Band is playing at MPA on March 9th at Eau Gallie. They will be performing

three songs. When asked about this competition, Alyssa Denny stated, "I'm really excited for MPA because I love playing on stage- it's fun! But it's also very stressful because it's coming soon and we're not completely prepared..." Congratulations Mr. Carr and the Jazz Band and best of luck, Symphonic Band!

Vocal Ensemble Performance

Gabby Grascia

On Friday, March 24th, DeLaura's Vocal Ensemble class will sing the National Anthem at the Solar Bears game at the Amway Center in Orlando! Mrs. Benincasa and Vocal Ensemble need to sell 100 tickets. If you would like to

attend, you can buy tickets for \$20 each. The hockey game will start at 7:00pm just after the Vocal Ensemble class sings the anthem. Scan the QR code to buy your tickets. We hope to see you there supporting our Vocal Ensemble!

