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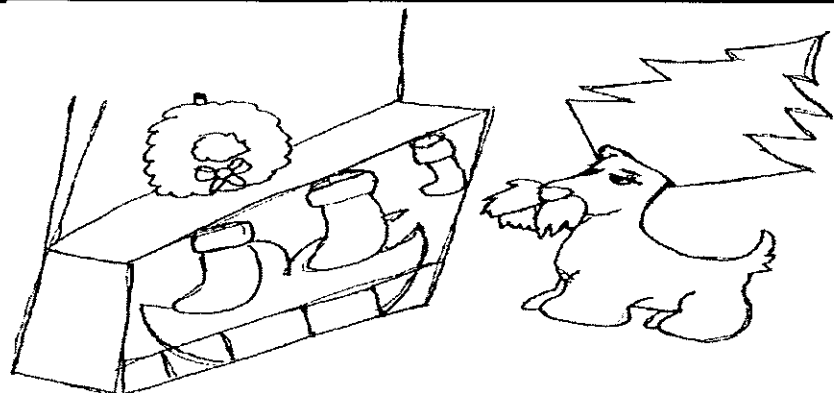


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The Scottie Pep Rally

Reese Petronella

An epic Scottie pep rally occurred on December 9, 2022! The pep rally took place in the gym. The event was to celebrate our exceptional students, musicians, athletes, but especially our champions, the girls basketball team! 8th grade Scottie basketball players competed against Scottie teachers. The DeLaura Middle School vocal ensemble and the Scottie band were there to perform. The cheerleaders also performed with some incredible stunts and brought the Scottie spirit to a high! While the teachers won, the students still put on an amazing game. Students were coached by 8th grader Wesley McChrystal. Students cheered

for their student coach, chanting his name from the stands. When asked about the game, basketball player Max Leoni said, "I liked when Kayden was blocked by Coach Terry. It was a fun time playing the teachers." Student Julianna Albanese described the event saying, "It was super enthusiastic, the crowd had so much energy, and it was so much fun!" Ms. Baldwin excitedly claimed, "I knew the teachers were going to win!" In addition to celebrating the girls basketball champions, students who have had great behavior, good grades, and regular attendance were also recognized.

Girls Basketball Champions

Kiersten Denzel & Leah Vallandigham

This year, the girls basketball team won the first district championship in the last 15 years. They had the undefeated season of 16-0. Samantha Gibbs, number 14, says, "It was an unreal season and the best basketball team I've ever been on." Another member on the team, Luci Alfaro-Salas, number 34, told us, "So this season was really out of this world for me because it was truly great. My team worked so hard for this opportunity and everything we did really paid off considering we went undefeated all season and they won the cham-

pionship. I couldn't be more grateful for my teammates- they really deserve the world and are my best friends. My coach means a lot to me too. He really helped me improve in my game, he is so motivating, and is an amazing coach in general. I love everything that happened this season and I'm so sad that it is over. I can't wait again for next year to do it all over again. Basketball is truly something great." DeLaura is so proud of this team! Make sure to check out the new championship banner hanging in the gym. Congratulations to the girls basketball team on a historical season!

New and Improved

Facil Vargas

Principal Corso is paving the way in making changes around our school through the DeLaura Revitalization Project. We want to make DeLaura a place that is warm and inviting- a school all Scotties are proud to call home. The revitalization team has been meeting to discuss and come up with ways and ideas to make the school more welcoming. So far, the committee has installed new window coverings, new signage and new floor mats. You may have even noticed the "Hi Way" signs around campus. The

purpose of these signs is to greet passersbys with a "Hi!" as you walk through the halls. The main goal of the committee is to make people feel welcomed and proud to be here. The committee is hoping to plant some palm trees on the interior of our school to make it look prettier on the inside. They would also like to create an outdoor classroom in between the gym and the 600 building. Keep an eye out for changes around campus as the committee works to "beautify" our school.

Book Review

Lydia Buehler

"You're ugly!" "You're fat!" "Whale!" Ellie, the protagonist of the novel *Starfish*, is told these words almost everyday of her life ever since she cannonballed at a pool party. Now everyone calls her "Splash." Even Ellie's own sister hasn't used her real name in years, and things are even worse since her best friend moved away. Her mom and siblings just don't understand what her life is like as "the fat kid." No one truly does. To live in a weight-obsessed world, Ellie made a list of "fat girl rules" so that people don't look at her and so that

she can fade into the background. But every once in a while, Ellie can lay in her pool and feel weightless. That is until her neighbor sees her. *Starfish* is an inspiring book for anyone who feels a little different. *Starfish* is filled with a lot of heart. I would recommend *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps to anyone who would like a quick and inspiring read. If you would like to hear more about Ellie's story, check out the media center or your local library. If you do choose to read *Starfish*, be sure to blog about it on the DeLaura media center page!

Students and Teachers of the Month

Lucca Diniz

Student of the month is a contest to recognize students for modeling our school's core values: be respectful, honest, hard working, and kind. The winning students are selected through a drawing using the redeemed Scottie Superhero Passes. Students can receive the passes from their teachers for doing the right thing at school. This month's winners include 7th grader Luciana Alfaro-Salas and 8th grader

London Parsons. Students of the month earn a goodie bag filled with treats. You can learn more about these students by reading their bios on the bulletin board on the west side of the 200-300 wing. Make sure to use your Scottie Superhero Passes in the cafeteria to be eligible for the monthly drawing! Good luck to all our "superheros" next month!

Band Review

Logan Lee

Do you want to start listening to jazz or just need some music to calm down after a long day of school? Then I think you should try listening to Gary Burton. He has won multiple Grammys. He won his Grammys in 1979, 1981, 1997, 1999, 2009 and 2013. By the time you finish one of his albums, especially his 1989 album, "Reunion"

you'll be nice and relaxed and ready to finish that homework that you've been putting off. Another album I would recommend is "Quartet Live", which is basically just a bunch of his live performances. All of his music is fun and light hearted even though it does not have any lyrics. Happy listening, Scotties!

Scottie Tales– Holiday Traditions

Alexandra Barnes, Kiersten Denzel
Holidays are fun times to come together and get to know each other more. We all have our favorite holiday traditions, so we went around and asked Scotties to describe their favorite holiday activities.

- Sophia Coleman loves making cookies because they taste delicious and it gives her an excuse to eat 12 cookies in one night.
- Emi Leeman celebrates Hanukah "My mom is Jewish. We light eight candles every night and open gifts every night. On the last night, we get the biggest gift."
- Julianne Conner and Jayden Cross both love making holiday food, because they get to spend time with their family. Gathering around a table to eat leaves everyone in "Happy Camper" mode.
- Avalen Bishop loves dressing up on Christmas Eve.
- Scout Kelly celebrates the winter solstice. She described this holiday as "the longest day of the year. It's a time for new beginnings. To celebrate, I do arts and crafts, bake, and sometimes I meditate. It's also a great time to enjoy nature."
- Kylie Wheeler goes to her grandparents house on Christmas Eve and enjoys many fun games and activities.

- Samantha Gibbs eats Chinese food on Christmas eve and then finds the hidden pickle in her Christmas tree. "On Christmas Eve, Santa hides a glass ornament pickle. The first person who finds the pickle gets an extra gift or surprise."
- Katie Dignan has a family tradition of going around on Christmas eve with hot chocolate and looking at Christmas lights with her family.
- Reese Petronella opens presents she got from her family on Christmas Eve instead of Christmas day.
- Maddie Higgins roasts marshmallows and drinks hot chocolate on her dock. Her family also enjoys looking at Christmas lights on boats as they drive by.
- Adelin Eggers goes golf cart riding with her family on Christmas Eve.
- Marisa Vallejo has Christmas parties with her family. They open presents and drink eggnog.
- Ayannah Smith makes gingerbread houses and hot chocolate and watches Christmas movies.

Hey Scotties! We would love to hear a Scottie Tale from your holiday break. Email your story to kidd.dominique@brevardschools.org for a chance to be featured in the newspaper!

Around the Sports World

Colin Thron

Currently throughout multiple sports leagues exciting things have been happening. In the NBA, the MVP race has already begun even though it's early. Right now, Giannis Antetokounmpo is the frontrunner followed by Luka Doncic, Jayson Tatum, Donovan Mitchell, and Ja Morant. In the NFL the Dolphins lead in the AFC East, Chiefs lead in the AFC West, Ravens lead in the AFC North, Titans

lead in the AFC South, Eagles lead in the NFC East, Seahawks lead in the NFC West, Vikings lead in the NFC North, and the Buccaneers lead in the NFC South. Right now the Celtics are heavily favored to win the NBA title by 21%, the Nuggets have a 13% chance, and the Grizzlies have a 8% chance to win. In the NFL, the Buffalo Bills are favored to win the Super Bowl followed by the Chiefs, and then the Eagles.

December Poll

Alex Helmers

The results are in from our last poll, folks! Kit Kats and Reeses tied with 13 votes each for DeLaura's students' fa-

vorite candy. As for this month, let's talk about pies since they are frequently eaten during the holidays. Scan the link to cast your vote!



The FlipSide

Study Tips

Lucca Diniz

Do you have a hard time studying for tests? With the December final exams beginning today and carrying on throughout next week, you will need to study if you want to succeed at the end of the first semester. To help make this process easier, this article will give you tips you can use to study for final exams or any other tests you have as a student. To learn better, you need to have a healthy study routine. A method that can help you with this is the Pomodoro method. The idea is that you work 25 minutes with absolutely no distractions and after this time, you can have a 5 minute break. In addition, some students may benefit from listening to music. There are many YouTube videos you can use that have a chronometer and calm music to use while you are studying. If you struggle with memorizing, the best way to memorize what you

Up-to-Date

Alexandra Barnes and Gabby Grascia Happy December, Scotties! This month was short but jam-packed, so let's get you all caught up! First up, midterm exams start today and continue through the 19th-21st. Your 5th period exam is today with lunch based on 6th period. 6th and 7th period exams are on Monday, with lunch during 7th period. 1st and 2nd period exams are on Tuesday, with lunch during 2nd period. Finally, on Wednesday you will take your 3rd and 4th period exams with lunch during 4th period. Make sure to get a good night's rest the day before, eat a good nutritious breakfast every morning, and fully get yourself well prepared for each exam. Winter break begins on the 22nd! On the sports side of things, basketball playoffs were in November, and DeLaura's very own girls team won! Intramural soccer started in November. Orchestra had their concert on the 13th. Band performed

study is to start studying at least 5 to 7 days before the test with a review one or two days before. Remember to review what you did in class and homework from classes leading up to the test. One step you can do is "inquiry based learning/blurting." The focus of this method is to focus on your weakest points. Some examples you can try are doing a summary of everything you know or record a video teaching the material. Even with all these tips, many students are known to procrastinate their studying. What you can do to try to solve this is simple. Remember your goal. Why are you studying? You can use your dream university, your grades, your parents, etc. as motivators. Being proactive on your studies will help you not only in an academic way, but as you set patterns for future successes.

on the 7th, and Chorus performed yesterday, Dec. 15th. FEA competed on Dec. 9th- make sure to check out the article featuring their huge success! Looking forward, next month we come back from break on Thursday, January 5th. All County Chorus is on January 26th-28th, and the math club competition is on January 31st. NJHS has a meeting on the 11th. We will celebrate MLK with no school on January 16th. Finally, for students who might be interested, tutoring sessions are offered. Math tutoring is at 8:45 in Ms. Fromson's room on Mondays. English tutoring is offered at 8:45 on Friday mornings in Ms. Austin's room. Orchestra tutoring is offered on Tuesday afternoons. Have a merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah, awesome Kwanza, a happy new year, and an enjoyable time celebrating your holiday break, Scotties!

Newsy News

Jace Joss

As the holidays are beginning, so are vacations. In recent news, a man was lost at sea while vacationing on a cruise ship. The 28-year-old was with his sister enjoying their vacation on the Carnival Valor cruise ship. The man was reported missing after he told his sister that he had to use the bathroom but never returned. His sister asked for a search party to be issued, and soon after the Coast Guard was quickly involved. After 15 hours of the man being lost at sea, the crew from a carrier spotted him in the water 20 miles from the gulf of Mexico yelling for help. He is said to be in stable condition. According to Lt. Seth Gross, it was the "absolute longest that I've heard about - and just one of those Thanksgiving miracles" Rescuers say that it "shows the

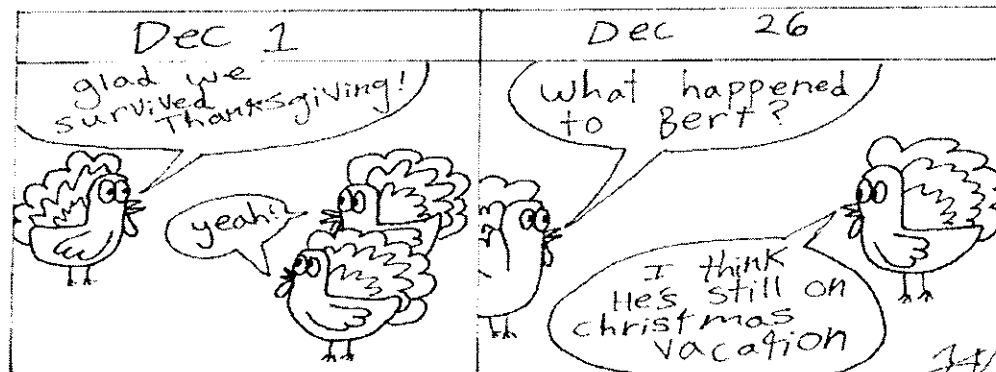
FEA Champions

Bella Maher

The Future Educators of America (FEA) is a club organized by Mrs. Fromson (Room 213). The group competed in a competition held on December 9th at UCF's Learning Center in Cocoa. DeLaura Middle School won 1st place on the board, speech, and lesson plan. For the group competition, club members created a "Wild About Teaching" display board and won 1st place.

A Christmas Comic

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will to live is something that you need to account for in every search-and-rescue case". While our world faces many challenging times, some of the most devastating can be natural disasters. A mountainy Italian island called Ischia went through a deadly landslide that devastated the island's port town. Many are missing and at least eight have been reported dead. Meteorologists say that the landslide was caused by heavy rains in the past months. According to bbc.com, many are still enduring one of the harshest winters in Ukraine, without heat, electricity, or water they have to scavenge for what is needed. To donate to the efforts in Ukraine, you can visit redcrossredcrescent.org or globalgiving.org.

Alexandra Barnes also won 1st place for her lesson plan. Karen Hattie earned 1st place for her speech that shared how she is inspired to teach music in the future because of Mr. Carr's positive influence. During the competition, students also have the opportunity to learn about many different scholarships. Congratulations, FEA!

Holiday Activities

Gabby Grascia

The holidays are just around the corner, and there are some great events for you to enjoy with your family and friends. You and your family or friends could go around neighborhoods at night looking at all the holiday lights. For example, did you know that Satellite Beach has a "Candy Cane Lane"? You can see beautiful neighborhood light displays on Verbenia Court and the surrounding neighborhoods. For some additional fun local activities, on Saturday, December 10, from 2pm to 6pm, there is a Holiday Festival and Christmas Tree Lighting at Riverfront Park. Also, there will be a parade

Recipe for December

Mel Suggs

As we approach the holidays, the month of December should be festive and delicious. This recipe for Christmas brownies is just the right dessert to treat you for the holiday season.

Brownie Ingredients:

½ cup unsalted butter
1 cup white sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
½ cup all-purpose flour
¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon baking powder

Frosting Ingredients:

1 cup shortening
4 cups confectioners sugar
3 fluid ounces heavy cream, or more as needed
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ teaspoon salt
2 drops green gel food coloring

Directions: First, preheat the oven 350° F. Then grease and flour an 8-inch pan. Next, melt butter in a large saucepan. Remove the saucepan from heat and stir in sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Beat in flour, cocoa powder, salt, and baking powder. Spread bat-

Animal Feature: Eyelash Viper

Lena Swartz

The Eyelash Viper is a small, venomous snake. According to Animalia, the snake has "superciliary scales" above the eyes, resembling eyelashes (hence the name). They come in a variety of colors, including red, brown, green, yellow, and pink. The pit viper is a tropical snake, meaning its habi-

ter into the prepared pan. As soon as you have spread the batter, bake in the preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Try not to overcook- no one likes a tough brownie! Remove from the oven and let it cool down for at least 10 minutes. Meanwhile, whip shortening for your frosting until fluffy. Start adding confectioners sugar while beating. Add 3 ounces cream, vanilla, and salt and blend on low speed in your blender until moistened. After blending add up to 1 more ounce of cream if necessary. Beat on high speed until the frosting is fluffy. Portion ½ of your frosting into another bowl and mix in a few drops of green gel food coloring until you get the color you want. Use a tree-shaped cookie cutter to make that iconic Christmas tree shape. Make sure that at this point your brownies are cooled down. If not, the frosting could melt. The final step to making these delectable treats is to pipe the green and white frosting onto cooled brownies to look like snow covered Christmas trees (recipe from AllRecipes.com).

tats are South America and Central America. Animal Spot says that the reptile's diet consists of "small birds, amphibians especially frogs, reptiles, nestlings, and lizards." Eyelash Vipers can live around 10-20 years in the wild and 16 years in captivity. According to Animal Spot, these snakes can weigh as much as 15 pounds!