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Red Ribbon's Real Choices



By: Ilumina Kuhley

Red Ribbon Week is the time we take to honor those who have lost their lives from drug and drug related violence. According to [dea.gov](https://www.dea.gov), it was started by Enrique “Kiki” Camarena’s family after his tragic passing caused by the Guadalajara cartel. As a drug enforcement officer, Kiki spent his life fighting against the illegal use of controlled substances and Red Ribbon Week hopes to bring awareness to his case, and other cases like it.

Every year from October 23 to October 31 students and staff are encouraged to wear red, create posters, and inform family and friends about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Ava Kuntz, also a member of NHS, and senior said, “Red Ribbon Week lets us celebrate the life of the police officer who died while trying to uncover a drug cartel and we honor his legacy by promoting a drug free life.”

This year's theme was “Life is a Puzzle, Solve it Drug Free” and was created by Carter Weinmann from Solon Middle School. This theme suggests that every choice you make matters (like pieces of a puzzle), so go through it drug free.



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Posters around the school helped remind students and staff about the importance of living a drug free life.

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When asked about how we recognize the week, Mrs. Bosheff said, “Outside the office, we put out red ribbons to pin on your clothes. A bulletin board was also put out for students and staff to sign and take a stand towards a drug free lifestyle.”



A poster made in the hallway

On Friday, October 31st, the teachers showed their classes a video supporting the campaign during The Weekly Update.

Senior Maddie Hall, a member of Media Editing, said, “People participate in Red Ribbon Week to spread awareness. We want to bring the use of alcohol and drugs to an end.”



Red Ribbon poster raising awareness



Winter Sports Preview

By: Christopher Pupin



With the fall season finishing up, school athletes are gearing up for the winter season and the sports it has to offer. Basketball and bowling for both boys and girls are getting ready to start up and are preparing for their first meetings and practices.

With some of the fall sports like cross country coming to an end, many of the boys will go on to participate in basketball and bowling.

Sophomore Zach Booth said, “I’m excited for basketball this year. We have the same team as last year with some new freshmen joining as well. The team has been working all off-season and we should have a pretty strong team this year.” They are getting ready for their first game on November 29th against Bristol

The high school girls are also getting ready for the winter season of basketball and bowling.

On the bowling side, the girls who signed up for it are very excited to start and meet their team. Junior Kai Hagerty said, “I’m excited for this year’s bowling season. I always enjoy working with the team and seeing each other improve and working on our own skills. I enjoy helping the other bowlers improve themselves and enjoy receiving constructive feedback in return.”

On the basketball side these girls are getting hyped. Sophomore Baylee Bosheff said, “I am feeling good and am excited to start the season with my teammates.”

Good luck to all our teams this season! We are excited to watch them bring the fire during the cold winter months.



McDonald, Briefly

By: Ilumina Kuhley



Students dressed up as ghost ready to Boo their classmates

Throughout the month of October Art Club held a fundraiser selling Boo suckers for a dollar. Leading up to Halloween, these suckers were passed out to students on October 29 during first period. All the money raised is being put towards funding Art Club field trips and supplies.

On October 31, Señora Ronghi, with assistance from Mrs. Mills, set up a fun, interactive display to recognize Day of the Dead, traditionally celebrated on November 1-2. Set up in the display was an ofrenda (altar) holding objects that each member of the Spanish classes cared about and candles to represent them. She also set up a small graveyard and had several posters explaining the significance of Day of the Dead and why it is celebrated.

Once they viewed the display, students had the opportunity to “become spirits” and had to complete a scavenger hunt for answers in order to be “brought back to life” with a piece of candy and skull sticker. Spanish classes also worked on comparisons between Day of the Dead and Halloween by looking at countries of origin, days celebrated, and why each is celebrated.





Editorial: Honoring Our Heroes



By: Juliana Krumpak

Veterans Day is an annual holiday that is celebrated every year on November 11. Armistice Day was the original name for this holiday, but was later changed to Veterans Day in 1954. Veterans day is on the 11th day of the 11th month of the year as it became a signal for the ending of World War I.

Veterans Day is important for our country because it honors all the soldiers who risked their lives to save ours. So on this holiday it is very important to thank and pay your respects to veterans. This holiday is not only to celebrate the lives of veterans around us, but also to pay our respects to the veterans we lost in the process. All veterans play a crucial role in our country's freedom.

Here at McDonald High School we celebrate Veterans Day a couple different ways. One way is Miss Rozzo and her Government classes work alongside Student Council to put together the Missing Man Table in Study Hall. This display symbolizes the fallen service members who served our country.

Different items on the table represent aspects of the soldiers' sacrifices they made for us. Some items include a white tablecloth, slice of lemon, pinch of salt, a single rose, lit candle, red ribbon and an empty chair.

Additionally, Government and Student Council put together a Veterans Day Breakfast for veterans in our community. Individuals from around the village come and eat breakfast here in the Commons at our school. This is just a little way for us to pay our respects back to the veterans and all they have done for us.

Veterans Day is an important celebration all over America. It is an important time to thank the individuals who are fighting for our country and to not forget the ones we lost through this process. So thank you to all who have served for our country. Your service is greatly appreciated and recognized.

Top 5 List: Things to be Thankful For



By: Theo Collins



1. **Having a family** - Having a family is important. Though most people think of blood-related families, friends can be an extended family, too.
2. **Having friends that care** - Having friends that care is an important thing to be thankful for, especially if people have a rough home life in any way.
3. **The ability to calm yourself down** - Being able to calm yourself down with some deep breaths is a very important thing to be thankful for.
4. **The existence of plants** - Without plants, not as much oxygen would be given back to us to survive. They are also beautiful to look at, and some people find it calming to sit down in a field of flowers or to sit underneath a tree with the leaves covering them with shade.
5. **The invention of art** - Art is a way many people get their emotions out about many things. It may be their chosen way to have a voice and express themselves.

Game Review : The Legend Of Zelda : Tears Of



The Kingdom



By: Richard White

Background and Story

After the smash success of *Breath of The Wild*, Nintendo started immediately on a sequel, now known as *Tears of The Kingdom*. Written by Yohei Fujino and Yasutaka Takeuchi, the sequel was created as a time jump from its predecessor.

The game picks up with Princess Zelda and Link investigating under Hyrule Castle. As they move forward, they discover a dormant Ganon underneath, and awaken him. As Link tries to defend Zelda, his arm and the master sword are both nearly irreparably harmed. He wakes on a mysterious island trying to find his way back to the lost Princess Zelda.



My Likes

I personally like the gameplay in this game more than *Breath of The Wild*, but not the story. Honestly, I feel as if the predecessor was a tech demo compared to this game. With the introduction of Zonai Devices and the new powers including Ultrahand and Fuse, the game is that much more fun to try and outsmart the bosses. The boss fights use the tool elements a lot more, since there's more you can do with so little.

Tears of The Kingdom stays strong with its world building and how everyone is affected by the Upheaval. For example, in Rito Village there are harsh winters so residents can't fly and Zora's Domain is filled with sludge so residents can't swim. It makes them feel like a real atmosphere. Finally, the music and sound effects are both still excellent and compliments the gameplay similarly, but are also more refreshing than *Breath of the Wild*.

My Dislikes

The game feels generally unpolished compared to *Breath of The Wild* and the constant frame drops when using Ultrahand and delayed button inputs can make it difficult to play the game for an elongated period of time. Also, I dislike some of the control changes from the first game, and the fact that it's different with almost the same formula/gameplay.

Do I Recommend?

Yes, I would recommend this game if you played *Breath of The Wild* since you'll see returning faces and areas that you got to know and it feels like a magical experience seeing how your favorite characters changed since the first game. The gameplay never gets old with the contraption building, so you can find new ways to create vehicles or weapons that can destroy an enemy. And even if you've never played a *Zelda* game, it's a fun starter and decently easy to get used to.



What Grinds My Gears?

Bad Package Delivery



By: Richard White

Probably something we've all done is order a product online. In this day and age it's nearly impossible to avoid. But usually if you order something (unless you pay for express shipping) it takes forever, and the package may have been thrown around!

Imagine you order something you've been saving up to buy and you order it online, but have just enough for the shipping fee and can't get express. A week goes by, then another and another and, after nearly four weeks, it shows up and it's damaged due to poor handling. So would you rather wait another four weeks for the same thing to happen again, or just stick it out and use a damaged product?

This is an issue that I've seen go unnoticed for a long time at this point and I'm honestly baffled there's not more people bringing awareness. A good personal example of mine was when I ordered a few hoodies online for the winter season coming up soon. It's been almost three months! I'd understand if it was foreign imported, but it's from the U.S., so why is it not here?

Every time I go to track them it says the same thing, "Arrived at delivery facility." Most of the time, if you have to wait that long you get a tired package delivery person in those white delivery trucks, fed up with their job, and just start tossing them on your porch, more than likely damaging what you ordered and waited for so long ago.

It honestly frustrates me even more that sometimes the more expensive the object means the more likely it is to get damaged. Imagine if you had gotten something like a pre built PC online, and someone just threw it on your porch, likely damaging it beyond repair or you have to send it back to get a new one.

But then comes the argument, "Why not pay for Prime or express?" Well, what if I don't want to pay an extra \$20 when I already spent \$100 dollars on the item? I feel as if that's a given for someone to ask, but an extra \$20 sometimes is not worth it for it not coming much faster.



Song of the Month - "Atlantis"



By: Theo Collins

November's song of the month is "Atlantis" performed by Seafret, written by Roy Stride, Harry Draper, and Jack Sedman and produced by Steve Robson. It was released on March 24, 2015 as one of the earliest songs on the album "Tell Me It's Real," which was fully posted in 2016.

When listening to this song, it becomes clear it is about the singer talking about losing their innocence and getting ready to grow up and face the "real world" where not everything is always right. In the song, the lyrics compare Atlantis to a relationship the singer has and how they view themselves, with them saying that maybe they're "not built for love" after the relationship crashed.

I do not know how famous it was when it first came out, but according to kworkb.net it has over 1,206,215,025 streams overall and about 554,912 streams daily.

"Atlantis" is part of the Alternative/Indie genre, with the entire song feeling like some form of an alternative rock song. I would like to think that for this song, people of all ages listen to it because the instrumental is nice. Along with that, people can interpret it in many different ways by listening to the lyrics if they haven't watched the music video.



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Sportlight: Sienna Gavitt



By: Leah Evans

Sienna is a senior who participates in three sports at McDonald High School. In the fall she participates in marching band on the flute and tennis 1st doubles. In the spring, she is on the track team throwing shot put and discus. During the winter Sienna prepares for track by going to the winter lifting. Now with tennis done and marching band coming to an end, Sienna is getting ready for the upcoming track and field season.

How has your senior year of marching band been going?

“Senior year of marching band is going pretty good. The football team is currently 10-0. This season we played: “Can’t Hold Us” by Macklemore, “Firework” by Katy Perry, “I’m Still Standing” by Elton John, and “Livin’ on a Prayer” by Bon Jovi. The McDonald Marching Band has come such a long way since Mr. Hill became the band director. Overall, it has been a pretty amazing experience getting to grow with so many great people.”



Mr. Hill, the seniors, and Sienna on senior night.
Photo credit: Stephanie Hilbun

How did your tennis season go?



“The tennis season went pretty well. At sectionals, me and my doubles partner, Maddie Hall, beat Niles, and then lost to Ursuline. We were happy overall because we played great and did better than last year. I have also enjoyed being on the tennis team for the past few years. I have had so much fun getting to learn alongside an amazing team. I can’t wait to see how the rest of the team will continue growing.”



Sienna and the rest of the tennis team after winning their match against Liberty.
Photo credit: Marcia McCracken

What PR are you trying to accomplish this season in shot put and discus?

“A PR I am trying to accomplish in this upcoming track season for shot is probably 28’-29’. For disc, I would say my goal would be to hit 80 feet.”

How are you feeling about this upcoming track season?

“With this upcoming track season approaching quickly I’m keeping an open mind for anything that gets thrown at me. I feeling pretty good and excited to get back out there and just try my best and to push my teammates to do the best they can do.”





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