

Letter from the Editor

Our Volume 2 Issue 1 Carver Chronicles magazine reflects pure talent and hard work not just from our Creative Writing class, but from each language department and artist in between our walls. Our magazine not only holds our school's name, but is a representation of it, and of its students.

As my first time working as an editor for a magazine, the journey was certainly hard. From getting used to the website to thinking of different designs, it all felt pressuring and stressful. Nevertheless, I wasn't alone. I'd like to give a special thank you to my associate editors Addison Grewe and Jolene Bagorda and to my art director Isabella Rodriguez, for being with me every step of the way. Together we have pushed through, working in the mornings, organizing shifts and adding an extra amount of precision and care to each word on our project to make what you're holding in your hands a reality. Not forgetting Mrs. Fletcher for facilitating us her classroom each morning and for providing advice and experience in our times of need. Thank you all so much for your support and help, it has been an unforgettable experience that will be hard to forget. We are excited for the 2nd issue.

Stay tuned,
Carla Acosta
Editor-in-Chief

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Taylor Swift: The Media's Focus on Her Relationships, Not Her Talent

Taylor Swift is a hot topic, to say the least. People have a long list of complaints about her. A topic however that keeps popping up, surrounding Taylor and her reputation is her relationships.

At only sixteen she was getting harassed for anything and everything regarding guys. Now in 2023 Taylor Swift is a household name with everyone knowing or hearing of her. Now that her fame is at a peak I don't think we have ever seen before and it's only right to bring up the same thing that people dislike about her and her music as a whole.

Her whole music career has been followed by rumors, snarky comments and full on hatred directed at her. Taylor herself understands this and in her Woman of the Decade Award at Billboard's Women In Music speech she says, "They're saying I'm dating too much in my 20s? Okay, I'll stop, I'll just be single. For years. Now they're saying my album Red is filled with too many breakup songs? Okay, okay, I'll make one about moving to New York and deciding that really my life is more fun with just my friends. Oh, they're saying my music is changing too much for me to stay in country music? All right. Okay, here's an entire genre shift and a pop album called 1989."

An album I think it's important to bring up is "1989". This was the album that really pushed her into an unprecedented level of fame. Her fame was thought to be at her peak and this album was her hard transition into pop. This gained her new found respect and she also had a wide variety of new fans rolling in. Her previous albums received a certain level of hatred aimed at her relationships. This album has a wider topic of songs like moving to New York and having fun with friends and overall being in the city. Even with this new perspective and wider range of songs there was still a lot of criticism regarding her relationships.

However, It's unfair to say that other criticisms and opinions aren't true or are solely rooted in misogyny. People don't like her music for many reasons. Some call her music repetitive, cringy and that she only makes depressing annoying songs. Her music is also often said to be overrated and that her fans behave in a cult-like manner. But to wholeheartedly pretend like the amount a criticism regarding her private relationships isn't insane, is insane. For example, another moment that should have been about her career was turned into a "light hearted comment" that ended up coming off as snarky and demeaning. Nancy, Taylor's interviewer, says at the 2015 grammys, "You're going to walk away with more than a trophy tonight, I think, lots of men."

In conclusion, media coverage and society in general continues to be sexist towards successful women.



*"People want to explain away a woman's success in this industry."
-Taylor Swift*



Two Hotels, Two Experiences

By Miles Galand

Last year, the floors in my house were being replaced, so we had to stay in a hotel for about a week while the workers put in the new floor. During that week, I stayed at two different hotels in Miami. One in Dadeland, the Marriott, and one in Coral Gables, the Loew's.

Rating System

Each aspect of the hotel, like parking, cleanliness, amenities etc., will be given a rating out of 5 stars. A brief description will be written for each rating. After each aspect is rated, a final rating will be given to the hotel.

Marriott at Dadeland

Parking: 5/5: There is plenty of free street parking within a block of the hotel, and it also has its own parking garage and a valet service.

Amenities: 3/5: The hotel has a medium-sized pool and a fitness center with decent exercise equipment.

Cleanliness: 5/5: The rooms and communal areas are exceptionally clean, with no bedbugs and no random stains.

Customer Service: 4/5: The staff have average customer service skills, and I have no complaints regarding them. Upon entering the lobby, we were greeted with a smile and with few minutes we were given our room key. However, they did not perform above and beyond my expectations.

Dining: 2/5: There is a small restaurant and bar on the first floor, but the food is overpriced and not of the best quality. There is also a free breakfast buffet on the second floor, but the food there is not particularly good.

Business-friendly: 5/5: There are many conference rooms that companies can use for events, including a ballroom for weddings and large conferences. In fact, Carver had their Opening of School faculty meeting there.

Technology: 5/5: The hotel has elevators that when you scan your room card, it takes you to the floor your room is on without you having to press any buttons.

Proximity to locations: 4/5: Miami International Airport is only a couple of miles away from the hotel, which is why many flight attendants and pilots stay there. In the area, there are many bars, restaurants, and cafes.

My final rating for the Marriott at Dadeland is 3.5 stars. The hotel really needs to improve their dining, by improving the quality of the food and slightly decreasing the prices. They could add a hot tub and saunas to improve the amenities rating, and their employees could be a little more attentive. Ultimately, the Marriott at Dadeland is not somewhere I would go out of my way to stay at, but it is convenient for airline employees and travelers.

Loew's Coral Gables

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Parking: 3.5/5: There is a valet service, however it is ridiculously overpriced. If you want an alternative to this, you can find street parking a few blocks away, but it is quite inconvenient to walk that distance.

Amenities: 5/5: The hotel has a large infinity pool, a jacuzzi tub, a fitness center, saunas, a spa, and a recreation room with table tennis, air hockey, and other games.

Cleanliness: 5/5: The rooms are extremely clean, and so are the shared areas like the lobby and the hallways. The housekeeping staff are excellent at their job.

Customer Service: 4/5: The hotel's employees are very professional and respectful, but they lack any real emotion.

Dining: 4.5/5: The food is a little overpriced, but it is exceedingly high quality and delicious. The hotel has a café and bakery, which serves breakfast pastries and coffee. There is also a restaurant on the first floor that serves many different cuisines. The hotel also has room service.

Business-friendly: 5/5: The hotel has many conference rooms, function spaces, and wedding venues.

Technology: 5/5: There are TVs in the elevators, which display video and images of the hotel's amenities and conference areas. The televisions in the rooms are wide, flatscreen TVs.

Proximity to locations: 5/5: It is a couple of miles away from the University of Miami, it is one block away from Miracle Mile, which has stores, restaurants, and coffee shops. There is also a Brazilian buffet restaurant, Fogo De Chao, which is only a 1-minute walk from the hotel.

My final rating for the **Loew's Coral Gables** is 4.8 stars. The only issues I see with the hotel are the parking situation and the slightly overpriced food, but those are insignificant complications that can effortlessly be resolved. If you are ever in the Coral Gables area as a tourist, or you want a staycation, I would unequivocally recommend staying at this hotel.

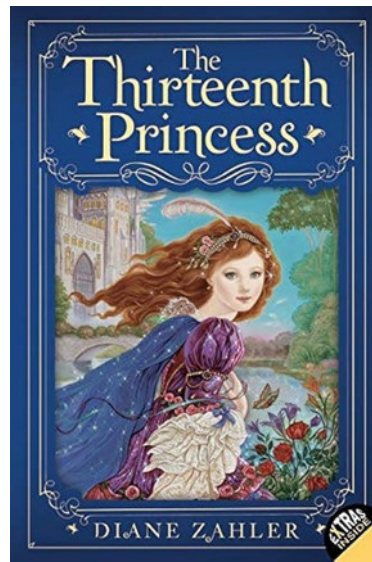


Marriott at Dadeland



Loew's Coral Gables

The Thirteenth Princess



By: Eva Crawford

"My twelve sisters have become the subject of legend, even in faraway kingdoms, but I am sure you have never heard of me."

The Thirteenth Princess, a novel by the talented Diane Zahler, is about the thirteenth daughter of a King. When Zita, the thirteenth daughter is born, her mother dies shortly after. Throughout her whole life her dad, the King, has blamed her for her mother's death. She was banished to the servants' corners, but secretly talked with her sisters at night. Zita is a very empathetic girl filled with joy until the unreal happens. Suddenly after Zita's twelfth birthday all her sisters fell ill with only one thing that was irregular: tattered and worn-out shoes.

She soon finds herself in a mystery trying to save her sisters with the help of three people. Breckin - her father's stable boy, who falls in love with Zita. Babette - the only witch left near the kingdom because Zita's father bans witches and magic. And Milek - a soldier from another kingdom. With her knowledge of the woods and her magic, Babette helps Zita her friends. Milek helps with his brave, yet kind nature. And Breckin helps Zita from the beginning. Milek, Breckin, and Zita follow her sisters into the woods and into a castle underground. Inside the castle Zita's sisters dance with their "true love" but almost to the princesses' deaths.

Soon enough the three find out who put the curse on Zita's sisters. It's an unexpected twist that you'll never see coming. In summary Zita, a sweet and delightful girl, finds out who put a curse on her 12 sisters. The Thirteenth Princess is an exquisite tale of mystery and love. Diving into adventures that will take you to the most unexpected places.

I rate this book with a 4/5 stars. It includes lot of details that get you swarmed in by the imagery. It is also a superb book for reading over the weekend. It's short, yet it tells the whole story. However, it's not a 5/5 because the author, Diane Zahler, could use a bit more language to describe the setting.

The Great Rainbow Debate

By: Ashley Abigail and Daniela Araujo

Colors can definitely symbolize how students think about subjects in school. When students choose colors to represent different subjects, it's often because they have made personal connections between the colors and their experiences or feelings about those subjects. For example, someone might choose red to represent math because it makes them feel frustrated since they don't understand it. Some mathematical concepts are so complicated that even with our best teachers explaining it, students can feel frustrated. In regard to social studies, they chose different colors. Since social studies covers different topics like government, wars, and history, they associate different colors with it. When we asked students which color they associated with science, many chose green because it represents growth and nature.

Color associations can help students create a visual and emotional connection to their subjects making them more engaging and memorable. So, when students choose colors to symbolize subjects, it's all about finding what resonates with them and helps them feel connected to their studies.

Eva Crawford 7th grade:

Math

"I think math is yellow because it brings me a lot of joy and positive thoughts."

History

"I think civics is purple because I like the class and my favorite color is purple."

Science

"I think science is green because it is the second-best subject for me and it reminds me of nature and chemicals."

Connor Wiggins 6th grade:

Math

"Green because I feel like with all the shapes and colors it just makes sense."

History

"White or something like that, because of the flag."

Science

"To me science is red because its like explosions and stuff."



Battle of the Titans



Oh, where to begin? The timeless rivalry of Boston and LA: players on the court shining like a shooting star. Let's experience the feelings of a primetime, must-watch rivalry. The most incredible basketball, ever.

A Small Taste of a Big History

Boston and LA have met at the biggest stage, the NBA Finals, a record 12 times. Imagine 12 years of Boston and LA beating and destroying competition. They've played 372 games together. The Lakers and the Boston Celtics have 34 combined championships. The Celtics have had some of the best players in history like Paul Pierce, Bob Cousy, and Bill Russell. The Lakers also have some, LeBron James, Magic Johnson, and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. On the other hand, the Miami Heat, for example, have won 3 championships. So close, yet so far.

The Showtime Lakers

In the 1979 NCAA basketball final, Magic Johnson met Larry Bird. Bird and Magic were some of the bests in the country. Not surprisingly, they hated each other, even more after Magic beat Larry Bird in the championship game 75 to 64. It's clear to see that the beef between them real when Magic said, "When the new schedule would come out each year, I would grab it and circle the Boston games. To me, it was *The Two* and the other 80."

Larry also had a reputation for being a big trash talker, like crazy big. In Portland on February 14, 1986, Larry only used his left hand, including the game-winning shot. After the game he said, "I'm saving my right hand for the Lakers." He went into the game, won the game, and only used his right hand! Every single shot. The debate between the Lakers and Boston is a long one; but there is one thing for certain: Magic and Bird made the NBA better thereby increasing basketball's popularity.

Recent History

After a slow 1990's where Micheal Jordan dominated, the saga continued with the arrival of Kobe Bryant, a great scorer, and a defensive mastermind. Kobe would always do his best to win. It came to a head in the 2000 NBA Finals when the Indiana Pacers were coached by Larry Bird. Kobe really wanted the Championship Ring with his teammate, Shaquille O'Neal. The Lakers won the series and Kobe got his ring with O'Neal.

El Clásico

By Nicolas Fernandez and Christopher Duenas

“El Clasico” is synonymous with blood, sweat, and tears. When Barca or Real Madrid enter the pitch, you can see the fear in their eyes and in their faces. The fans are so loud, it almost feels like an earthquake. This is El Clasico, the biggest rivalry in football and the world. Where will the rivalry take the fans this year?

What is “El Clasico”?

Well, “El Clasico” is the matchup between Real Madrid and FC Barcelona. The first official match was in 1929, but some say it goes all the way back to 1902. Madrid and Barca are the best teams in Spain. They have never been relegated. Whenever Barca and Real play, it is called, El Clasico. Some of the legends that have played for Real are Cristiano Ronaldo, Luis Figo, and Zinedine Zidane. Some Barca legends are Lionel Messi, Luis Figo, and Ronaldinho.

Luis Figo, why?

Luis Figo, a Ballon D’or winner, UCL winner, and scoring 32 goals for his country Portugal, did play for Barca and Real Madrid, which is committing a sin, seriously. Imagine this: you are playing for Barca, and you are playing well for them. Then, Real Madrid gives you 62 Million dollars to play for your club's biggest rival. What would you do? Well, I’ll tell you what, Figo said, “heck ya!” During El Clasico that year, when Figo was playing for Real, Barca fans screamed “scum” and “traitor.” Barca would win that match and get revenge on Luis Figo. Barca never forgot.

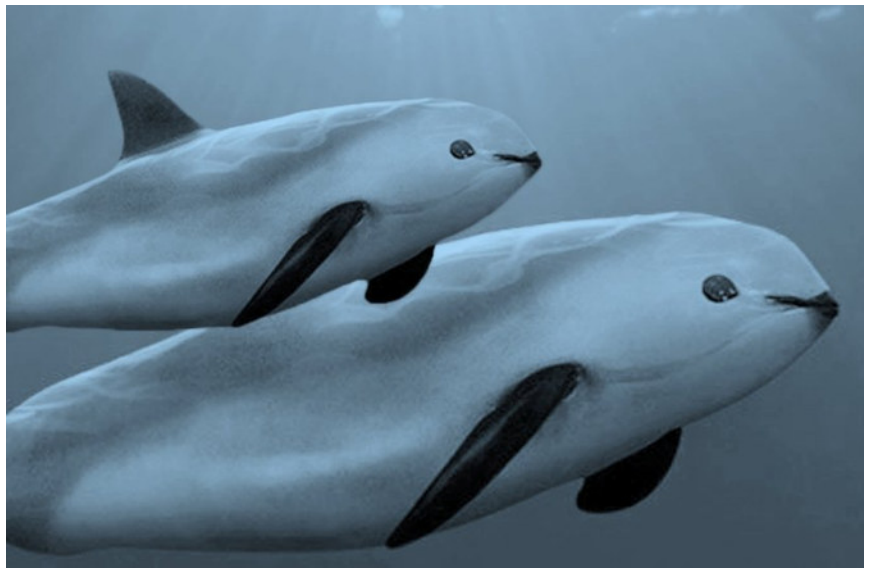
Ronaldo and Messi

As we all know, Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo are the best football players of all time. Messi played for Barca, Ronaldo for Real Madrid. A famous moment was in 2017 when Ronaldo and Messi were playing great, and the game was tied in the final minute when Barca lead a quick counterattack, and Messi scored the winner in Real Madrid's stadium, in front of all the fans, Messi took off his shirt to flex the win. Likewise, Ronaldo has had many great moments including many winners that are important and impressive goals. Due to their incredible talents and skills, the rivalry continues.



What are Vaquitas?

By: Julissa Santana



Vaquitas, the world's smallest and rarest marine mammals, are quickly escaping our grasp only about 85 years after they were discovered, and it's not even because of natural causes, the reason they are dying is because of illegal gillnets set by humans.

The Vaquita was discovered in 1958 on a beach north of Punta San Felipe in Baja, California by two zoologists, Kenneth S. Norris and William N. McFarland while they were studying the morphology of skull specimens. The reason vaquitas are quickly dying out is because they accidentally get caught, and eventually drown, in illegal gillnets set for totoaba fish, which quickly lowered their population in the mid 1970's.

Now, with only about 10 of these amazing vaquitas left in the world, they are only found in the northern part of the Sea of Cortez, or more commonly known as the Gulf of California, in Mexico. The reason the vaquitas favor this habitat above all the others in the world is because they prefer shallow water, about 50 meters or 164 feet deep. The Gulf of California is perfect because it offers plenty of shallow waters for them to swim and hunt.

Besides being the rarest, vaquitas are also the smallest marine mammals in the world, usually only being about 5 feet long when they are full grown adults and only weighing up to 120 pounds.

Not much is known about the average lifespan of a vaquita since most die at a young age because of illegal gillnets, but what we do know is that the oldest vaquita was about 21 years old when it died.

People have been noticing that the vaquitas cannot recover on their own, so they have begun to take matters into their hands. Organizations such as, NOAA, The Government of Mexico, and VaquitaCPR, etc... are all trying to prevent the vaquitas from going extinct. One thing they are doing is banning illegal totoaba fishing and removing abandoned gillnets so the vaquitas can't get caught and drown in them.

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The Harsh Hike

By; Addison Grewe

Determination overwhelms common sense.
Two hour uphill hike seems easy enough,
Though did we know later that it would be tough.
Dad falls on his shoulder leaving it tense,
His hiking stick falling over the fence.
We must continue but not without a gruff.
We resume our trip but then stop and huff.
Round rocks challenge us and the air which is dense.
I step on the first rock and begin the climb,
Sweat trickles down my face as I take my time.
But finally I reach the top and stop.
As I stand I see the trees that bop,
The smiling sun, the fragrant flowers. I hear
The wind's whisper and enjoy the nature that's near.



Isla Fuerte

By: Juli Fernandez

Summertime spent on a tropical beach
Feel the breeze and the touch of the ocean
Nature all around and friends within reach
All these elements create the potion
For a summer spent at Kiribati
An island filled with adventures and fun
Counselors and cabins for us to sleep
All while tanning in the scorching sun
Playdays and ODs and summer crushes
All while ignoring the mosquito bites
A cool moon kindly reducing out blushes
The fire burning with stories at night
But now it was time to say our goodbyes
Tear filled hugs and farewells that were cried.



Classical Euphoria

By: Austin Cunningham modeled after Carl Sandburg's poem "Jazz Fantasia"

**Pluck on your strings, tap on your keys,
sweat on the big sonorous bass.
Go to it, instrumentalists.**

**Push your fingers on the keys of the graceful piano.
Let your violins sing, and go
pling-pling-pling with the rough horsehairs.**

**Sway like a weak kite high in the turbulent wind,
Sway intently like you ran somewhere far,
Stroke like a talented artist slathering the canvas with paint,
Splash splash! You instrumentalists play altogether violins, cellos, pianos
– make an audience cry in the top floor of the theater balcony and
Embracing one another in a flutter of emotion.**

**Enjoy the beautiful song... now a melody
floats through the air with a ding-ding-ding...
And the soft notes calling to the desperate ears...
A dim light dancing on the floorboards of the stage...
Go to it, instrumentalists.**

An aerial photograph of Miami, Florida, showing a sandy beach, turquoise ocean waves, and a city skyline in the background under a sunset sky. The text is overlaid on a white rectangular box.

Miami

By: Geneva Favier-Livingston modeled after Carl Sandburg's poem, "Chicago"

Beaches For the world.

Memorie maker, mural of festivity,

Player with sand and the nation's vacation spot.

Beautiful, sunny, bright.

City of the Mesmerizing views.

They tell me you are breezy, and I believe them for I have seen

The seashore rise on the cool summer mornings.

They tell me you are sunny, and I answer yes it is true I have seen

People pass out from the sun.

They tell me you are brutal, and my reply is: on the faces
Of children I have seen sweat drip down their faces.

And having answered so I turn once more to those who smile at this,

My city, and I give them back the smile and say to them:

Come and show me another city with lifted head singing
so proud to be

Relaxing and calming, enchanting and refreshing,

As hot as a steam room on a hot morning,

As charming as a person watching a sunrise by the beach.

Beaches For the world.

“Rocking Chair”

By: Carla Acosta

Sitting relaxed,
book in my hand.
Back and forth in my rocking chair.

A world in black and white.
Spirits unite.
Back and forth in my rocking chair.

Where are you Mother?
Where did you go?
Standing so still and pale.
Watching me go,
Back and forth in my rocking chair.

Back and forth
I eye the sad sky through the window.
Back and forth
I almost feel the arctic wind blow.
Back and forth I keep saying with an air of delight,
"Oh, how lovely it is on my rocking chair."

The Whisper Of Her Dagger

By: Juli Fernandez and Manu Almeida



Rushing through the river, the people fled, chased by fear and the evil King's army. Emerging from the forest, the angered soldiers immediately began loading their bows and shooting at the suddenly bewildered group. Arrows flew and people fell. In a panic, the people began to urge their horses to go faster to escape from the sharp grasp of the King. They rushed, but the soldiers were still behind them so Octavia, a courageous and now angered young woman decided to take a step forward in the only minute they had to make a quick plan.

"If we separate, we might be able to outwit the King's army" said Octavia running out of breath. "We will meet at the margin of the dark forest" she said.

They outwitted the King, but they knew it was not for long. Darkness had arrived, so they made the decision to make camp to sleep for the night. Everyone was asleep except Octavia, for she could not sleep with everything that was running through her head. She was scared, angry, and sad for those who couldn't make it. That made her wonder: will I make it? Suddenly, a thought came into her head. She then knew she had to make it, for the sake of all the people sacrificed, and for her homeland.

It was almost morning, and Octavia decided that she couldn't take it anymore. So she packed her leather satchel and headed for the King's palace. The journey was a long one, with many trials of endurance along the way. After many days and nights, the young heroine approached the King on his throne. "Let my people be or suffer the consequences," she bellowed.

The wicked King laughed scornfully, humored by the very thought. "And relieve my great workforce? Not a chance. Besides, what's a little girl going to do? Chop my head off?" The King mocked. "Maybe I will." replied Octavia.

The King, now angered at her attitude, gave the order to kill the girl. "Make sure she doesn't cause any more trouble."

With that, his army lunged at her, trying to end her life. They almost succeeded. Octavia, now in a bloody heap on the floor, struggled to get to her feet. Managing to hobble on weak legs, she came up to the King. "I told you, you would face the consequences." And with that, Octavia reached for the concealed dagger in her boot. With a precise swing, she sliced through his neck, beheading him.

During the years that followed, Octavia's people highly celebrated her, for she took her last breath after killing their evil king.

All rejoice Octavia!

Alex and the Pegasus

By: Nevaeh Rosemond

Once upon a time, during the Enchanting Age, magic was embraced by all humankind. Magic was used every day by mystical and non-mystical beings. Years later, during the Glee Age, most humans were sure magic was always a myth. It was better that way.

Alex was the great-grandson of Juda, the protector of the world. His story starts in the Glee Age, where not even he, who came from a family of mystical people, knew the existence of magic.

One day in late November, Alex's distant cousin Ruby came to his house. He wasn't sure who she was, they had never met. Ruby was sent from Brittia, a magical island off the coast of Australia, to guide him.

Without explanation, Ruby took hold of Alex's hand. They instantly teleported to Brittia. Seconds later, upon reaching Brittia, Ruby had disappeared. There was a note telling Alex she'd be back in a few hours to explain everything.

Alex was an Earth scientist in his second year of grad school. Meaning, his job was to prove science is behind everything. Though, he couldn't help being fascinated by how beautiful Brittia was. The animals too. There were horses swimming, others with wings that were flying, and even some had a golden, cone-shaped horn.

He wasn't the only one there. There were people teleporting all over the island. He asked a man what the horses were called. The man replied explaining they were Hippocamps, Pegasus, and Unicorns, the native animals of the island.

Alex knew about these animals from the fairytales his mother read to him before she passed. Hippocamps were the sea monsters in a couple of Rick Riordon stories his mom adored. Even though they were known to be vicious, when Alex laid his eyes on a water horse for the first time, he realized they weren't like the ones the books.

It hit him. Magic was real and he was on a mystical island. He had wanted to become an Earth Scientist since he was 8 years old. Determined to prove there was no such thing as God or Magic. The realization came to him so abruptly, he felt like he was going to cry. He wanted to go home. He felt like he *needed* to go home. He was starting to wish he had never learned about this, because how was he going to go to work again knowing what he now knows?

He started to panic. He felt like everything he'd been working towards his entire life was for nothing. At this point, he was having trouble breathing: a panic attack. He looked around for something, *anything* that could help him. He ran towards the woods. He needed to be alone. Unfortunately, the running only made it worse. All of a sudden, he felt fine. He looked up to see he was laying down, and there was a Pegasus standing next to him. For the first time since he arrived, he felt calm, like everything was ok.

OSS

By: Arian Martinez

Hi there! My name is Marta, and this is a story of how I met the love of my life. I know. It sounds weird at first. You might also think that this is a JUST a love story, well, it's not JUST that, it's also a comedy story...



Part 1: D-Mission

“Hi, little bro! Oh! My bad, hi boss !!” I said laughing. It was another morning in the Organization of Super Spies or what we all affectionately call it, the OSS.

“Hahahahaha, hi big sis. Have a good Friday.” He replied as seriously as always.

He looked at me with a challenging face that said: Martha, get to work. And so I did. 30 minutes after THAT look I overheard someone saying that there was a new mission going on, but it was different than our usual missions.

We would have to be paired with someone from a different organization. I didn't like that. My whole entire life I have worked alone, no one by my side, so I hoped I wouldn't get picked for this *couple's* assignment. They were calling the names of spies who had to report to my brother, Robert's office, so I listened carefully, and surprise surprise they called me! Nervously, I approached my brother's office. I hope this partnership works.

He told me I had been chosen for the double mission. I-along with my strange, new partner – need to stop a robbery planned for *Osteria Francescana* in Modena, Italy. Anyways, I still had to be told with who I was getting paired. The next day I got called again, and apparently, I was paired with a dude name Damon from NYC.

On October 7, I was instructed to meet him at the OSS secret wing at the Miami International Airport. Our plan was to board our private jet bound for Modena, Italy. I arrived 10 minutes early as usual so I had time to check if there were any updates on the mission. As I'm looking at my phone, I hear steps approaching so I raise my eyes and see a tall man wearing a black leather jacket, dark blue jeans, and crisp white t-shirt. Was he Damon? At that point, I hoped he was.

“Hi. You're Damon, right?”

Holding out his hand for me to shake it, he says, “Yes, ma'am. Marta, right?” I nod. “I heard about the mission you completed in LA with drug dealers. Great work. I feel lucky to be paired up with you.”

Trying to keep my cool, I replied, “Thanks. I wasn't sure if this was going to work out. But it looks like it might. Let's board the jet and discuss the mission.”

During our 10 hour flight to Modena, I wondered: would this partnership be as bad as I thought it would be?

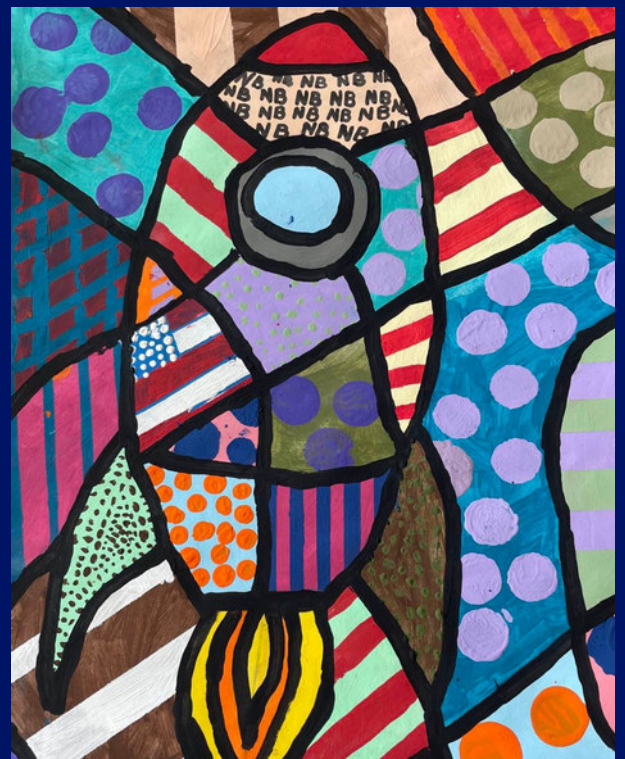
Readers, stay tuned to find out what happens to Damon and Marta.



Danielle Clasca

Ms. Sellem's 6th grade art class got inspired by Brazilian artist, Romero Britto, and his curious paintings to create their own.

They first selected their preferred shape and used Britto's strategy with lines and patterns to make their creations come to life.



Noah Bessin



Irene Sanchez

On the other hand, in Ms. Sellem's more advanced classes, they were discovering and working on their self-portraits.

They hid secret meanings in between brush strokes and never failed to leave us in awe of the talent that lies within.

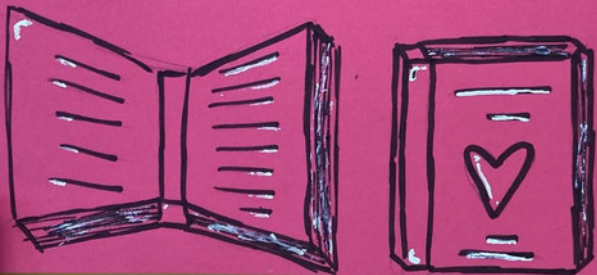


Mikaela Burgos

Vorlesen ist Wichtig ☺



Isabela Lehnen
Angelina Carnesella

- Es kann mit dein kognitiven Fähigkeiten helfen
- Man kann neue Information lernen
- Lesen hilft den Vokabular zu versterken



Vorlesen ist wichtig

Früh im ersten Lebensjahr vorlesen zu sein und bis in die erste Klasse vorlesen zu sein ist wichtig für mehrere Gründe.

Jeden Tag vorgelesen zu sein hilft näher zusammen als eine Familie zu werden. Wenn sie zusammen Zeit verbringen und entspannen dann werden sie einander besser kennenlernen und näher werden.

Vorgelesen zu sein hilft die Kreativität zu bilden, vor allem wenn man jung ist.

Wow!!

Wenn man jung ist, ist es wichtig für ein junges Kind ausgesetzt zu lesen zu sein damit man die sprachliche Kompetenz und Kommunikation ausbildet.

Melanie K.
Sarah S.


Deutsch Klasse



Warnung!

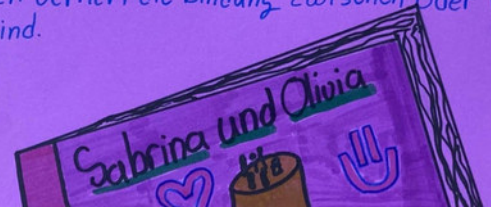
⚠️ Hurrikan Idalia kommt! ⚠️

Bleiben Sie drinnen und halten Sie sich, wenn möglich, außerhalb des Bereichs auf!



VORLESEN IST WICHTIG ☺

- Vorlesen hilft Kindern bei der sprachlichen Entwicklung.
- Vorlesen verbessert die kognitiven Fähigkeiten im Kindern.
- Vorlesen vertieft die Bindung zwischen oder Vorleser und Kind.



Dr. Bösterli: Mehr als nur eine Lehrerin

Von: Addison Grewe und Jolene Bagorda

Es ist Montag morgen, 9 Uhr. Die 19 Schüler von der AP Klasse gehen in die Klasse und setzen sich hin. Alle sind ein bisschen müde aber das hält Dr. Bösterli nicht auf. Sie beginnt mit der Stunde und die Schüler werden glücklicher. Heute stellt sie das Thema Konversation vor.

Die Familie Bölsterli

Dr. Bölsterli wurde in Bünde, Deutschland geboren. Sie zog in die Schweiz damit sie ihr Studium beenden konnte. Sie ist mit ihrem Mann schon seit 23 Jahren verheiratet und sie hat ihn in der Schweiz kennengelernt. Bevor sie Mexico waren, lebten sie in Kolumbien wo ihre erste Tochter geboren wurde. Nachdem sie ihren Mann geheiratet hatte, zog das Paar nach Kolumbien. Ein paar Jahre später wurde ihre zweite Tochter in Mexico City geboren. Sie sagt, dass Mexico ihre Lieblingsland zum leben ist, weil sie die Kultur, die Feste, die Leute und das Essen mag. Die Familie Bösterli zog nach Miami und Dr. Bösterli fing an Deutsch zu unterrichten. Bevor sie Deutsch Lehrerin wurde, unterrichtete sie Finanzen. Als die Kinder älter wurden, gingen sie beide zu Carver und eine Tochter ging nach Coral Reef und die andere nach Palmetto Senior High School.

Akademisches Leben

Dr. Bösterli unterrichtet schon seit 9 Jahren Deutsch. Als erstes war sie an einer Grundschul Deutsch Lehrerin und dann dieses Jahr fing sie mit der Mittelschule an. Sie sagt, dass beide haben ihre Vor- und-Nachteile. Es ist gleich schwer, weil die Grundschulkinder jünger sind und Mittleschüler, weil sie nicht gerne lernen. Nach ihrer Meinungen behandelt man in der Mittleschule interessantere Themen, aber die Kinder in der Grundschule sind offener und herzlicher. Dieses Jahr begann sie, in Carver zu unterrichten und sie erklärt, "In Carver mag ich die Schüler sehr." Sie arbeitet als Lehrerin, weil sie mehr Zeit mit ihre Kinder verbringen wollte und, weil sie eine engere Verbindung mit Kindern haben möchte. Dr. Bösterli mochte auch die Ferienzeit Sie mag, dass die Kinder mit Komputter und Papier lernen. Sie meint auch, dass AP schwieriger zum unterrichten ist, weil manche Kinder es nicht verstehen.

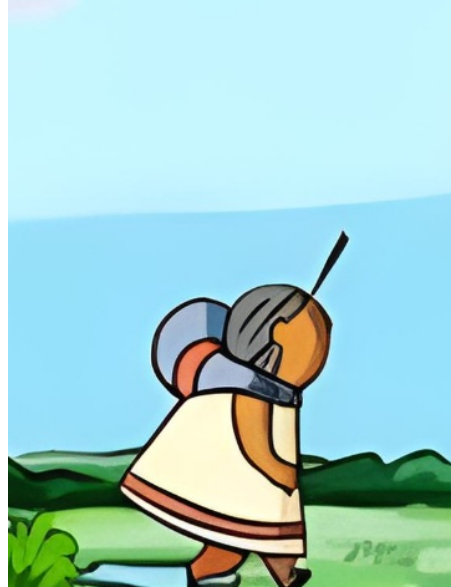
Persönliches Leben

Am liebsten mag Dr. Bösterli in ihrer Freizeit wandern. Sie erzählte uns, "Diesen Sommer bin ich 275 Kilometer durch Spanien und Portugal gewandert." Dr. Bösterli mag auch Pickleball spielen. Etwas besonderes über Dr. Bösterli ist, dass sie 4 Sprachen kann. Sie spricht Spanisch, Französisch, Deutsch und Englisch aber sie möchte auch Japanisch lernen. Ihr Lieblingsessen ist Risotto mit Pilzen aber sie mag auch französisches Essen und andere italienische Gerichte. Dr. Bösterli's Lieblingsfarbe ist dunkelblau und ihr Lieblingstier ist der Hund ihrer Tochter, namens Rosie. Rosie ist ein Pittbul lund am Anfang war Dr. Bösterli ein bisschen ängstlich, aber jetzt sagt sie, dass Rosie der süßeste Hund ist, den sie kennt. Wenn wir über Ängste sprechen, ist Dr. Bösterli's größte Angst krank zu werden.

Ich hoffe, dass sie jetzt mehr über die wunderbare Lehrerin, Dr. Bösterli gelernt haben und sie merken, dass sie mehr als eine Lehrerin ist.

La Abuela Grillo

En la tierra de colores, donde el viento danza,
La abuela grillo teje su historia, una esperanza.
Guardiana de arroyos, voz que susurra,
En su canto, la esencia de la tierra se augura.
Con sus alas de sabiduría ancestral,
Nos enseña valores, como un cuento celestial.
La pureza del agua, tesoro en sus manos,
En su relato, florecen nobles planes.
En la trama de la leyenda, resplandece la unidad,
La grillo teje la red de la bondad.
Respeto por la tierra, eco en su canción,
Un llamado eterno, un pacto de unión.
Que el eco de sus palabras inspire acción,
Cuidemos el agua, fuente de bendición.
La abuela grillo, en su vuelo de amor,
Dejo un legado, un susurro de fervor. . .



CLASE DE ESPAÑOL



Cada minuto cuenta

Por Carla Acosta Mazón

Compasiva, empática y bondadosa, esa es la impresión que me da la Sra. Gheza después haberla tenido el año pasado como profesora. Una mujer que trata a sus estudiantes con el mismo cariño y caridad con el que trataría a sus propios hijos. “Si tienes una buena base educativa y un razonamiento sistemático, vas a llegar lejos en la vida” dice esta profesora de lengua en el programa IS de español. Sin duda es muy dedicada y apasionada en su trabajo y lo muestra cada día que viene a G. W. Carver Middle School. Todas las clases con la Sra. Gheza se pueden describir con 3 palabras; educación, diversión, y compañerismo, ¿No te gustaría saber por que?



Orígenes

Miriam Gheza es una persona de países; su familia cuenta con una gran diversidad cultural. Sus padres son de orígenes italianos, sin embargo, ella nació en el país sudamericano de Chile. Sin olvidar que su marido es argentino, y sus 2 hijos nacieron en los Estados Unidos.

La Sra. Gheza migró a los Estados Unidos por una oportunidad de trabajo de su marido y con la mentalidad de que iba a ser un cambio temporal. Este cambio temporal se convirtió en una residencia permanente que lleva 30 años y contando. Ahora se encuentra como maestra en nuestra escuela, donde la podemos ver todos los días.

Vocación

Los padres de la Sra. Gheza siempre la empujaron a ella, y a sus hermanos, a perseguir una carrera en la medicina. No obstante, siendo tan sensible al ver una persona sufrir, no pensaba que este camino era el suyo. “Los ejemplos te marcan” declara Sra. Gheza, y debido a que tenía tantas impactantes influencias en maestros creciendo, se sintió inspirada a seguir el mismo camino.

Como profesora de la lengua hispana, la Sra. Gheza creó que una base de conocimiento en lengua es primordial para expresarnos como comunidad hispana. Como latinoamericanos, hemos tenido un gran impacto en el país en que ya somos 62 millones de personas, ya sea en el negocio del entretenimiento que del político. Por esta misma razón, la Sra. Gheza creó firme e innegociablemente, en la importancia de una buena educación en lengua, algo en lo que ella trabaja día tras día.

La Sra. Gheza es, en definitiva, una de las profesoras más aplicadas en el aprendizaje efectivo y divertido de sus estudiantes. De hecho, ha mencionado que su superpoder de preferencia sería que todo lo que ella enseñase, se quedase en las mentes de sus estudiantes. Ya que esto no es posible, ella trata de ser lo más interactiva con sus estudiantes, y créanme que lo digo por experiencia cuando digo que todas las actividades que se hacían en la clase de la Sra. Gheza siempre se mostraban efectivas a la hora de aprender conceptos y ganar confianza al presentar. Si, es verdad, Miriam Gheza es una mujer de experiencias, culturas, y países. Sin embargo, también es una mujer que cuida y trata a sus estudiantes con compasión y cariño. Pero, si alguna lección quiere darnos esta profesora de lengua, después de sus lecciones de gramática, es que cada minuto es importante y que “aunque el tiempo parezca elástico” en realidad pasa rápido y hay que sacarle provecho.



CLASSE D'ITALIANO

Citazione dal Racconto Dov'è più azzuro il fiume

by Emma Sarria

“Il formaggio era fatto di materia plastica, il burro con le candele steariche, nella frutta e verdura

l'arsenico degli insetticidi era concentrato in percentuali più forti che non le vitamine, i polli per ingrassarli li imbottivano di certe pillole sintetiche che potevano trasformare in pollo chi ne mangiava un cosciotto. Il pesce fresco era stato pescato l'anno scorso in Islanda e gli truccavano gli occhi perché sembrasse di ieri. Da certe bottiglie di latte era saltato fuori un sorcio non si sa se vivo o morto. Da quelle d'olio non colava il dorato succo dell'oliva, ma grasso di vecchi muli, opportunamente distillato.

Interpretazione

by Andres Jaramillo

Per capire la nuvola di Smog, bisogna sapere cosa succedeva in Italia in quel periodo. Lo smog in questo racconto è la conseguenza della industrializzazione dell'Italia. Le industrie che sono cresciute nel nord Italia hanno inquinato le città e hanno allontanato la gente dalla natura. La cosa più grave è che la gente non si rende conto di quello che sta succedendo e di quanto grave è la situazione.



8th grade students in the Italian program participated in a writing contest for the Italian Consulate General in Miami:
"The Italian writer Italo Calvino and the theme of sustainability".

La Città Avvelena La Natura

by Francesca Gariboldi

- Marcovale cerca qualsiasi traccia della presenza della natura e vi si aggrappa per separare in un modo di vivere migliore.
- Però viene sempre deluso e la sua vita rimane misera.
- Nel caso dei funghi, Marcovaldo vede in questi la promessa di un buonissimo pasto, un miglioramento della sua vita.
- Alla fine però i funghi sono velenosi, come se la città, ancora una volta, avvelenasse e rovinasse tutti gli elementi naturali e con loro la possibilità dei cittadini di essere felici.

Cours de Français



C'est quoi l'escalade?

Dans la nuit du 11 au 12 décembre 1602, pendant que toute la ville de Genève dormait, les Savoyards l'ont attaquée. Les Savoyards étaient un peu près 2000 soldats et ils commencèrent à escalader les murailles. C'est d'ailleurs pour cela que cette fête s'appelle l'escalade. Comme il y avait des gardes de nuit, la cloche de l'attaque a sonné. Les Genevois encore en pyjama prirent leurs armes et partirent défendre leur ville.

Après une bataille inoubliable, les Genevois repoussèrent les Savoyards.

Personnages importants

La mere Royaume: Pendant la bataille, Catherine Royaume, selon la legeno fenetre une marmite de soupe sur un soldat savoyard.

Dame Piaget: Par peur des soldats savoyards, Jeanne Piaget pousse une lou sa porte. Selon la legende, il faudra plusiers hommes pour la deplacer a la

Isaac Mercier: Le soldat genevois Isaac Mercier a reussi a faire tomber la he porte de la ville et empecher l'invasion



Sixth Grade in

*It feels really weird without Gabriel.
(Enzo Bianchi)*

*Interesting and magical through
nonstop competition. (Noam
Sureau)*

*Winning at Kahoot and playing
soccer. (Jaime Lafora)*

*Having diverse experiences with
different people. (Konstantin
Chountalas)*

*Going on the bus to school. (Louise
Puyana)*

*People are either discourteous or
pleasurable. (Lila Raphael)*

*Stuffing our brains with important
information. (Maximilian Liese)*

*Receiving sweet treats from a
teacher. (Max Paz)*

*The seasonal activities based on
holidays. (Lucia Vargas)*

*Arriving late to Mr. Jones'
classroom again. (Emily Flores)*

*Anxiety and chaos filling my body.
(Chloe Vega)*

*Working together with many
multicultural people. (Alexander
Litvinenko)*

*I love having a plant classroom.
(Charlotte Martinho)*

*My backpack will break my back.
(Fabio Infante)*

*All the classes are very long.
(Matilde Mejia)*

*Must work hard for good grades.
(Charlotte Martinho)*

*Is as vexatious as a fly (Ana Del
Valle)*

*I'm glad not to do IXL. (Daniel
Souza)*

in Six Words

*An open book with new chapters.
(Vera Byrne)*

*Stressing half to death every
week. (Nathan Rocourt)*

*School ends too late for me.
(Vivienne Medina)*

*Why are marginal notes so hard?
(Sophie Maragno)*

*Homework is stress following you
home. (Daniel Hoffmann)*

*I only go for my friends. (Vicente
Lethaby)*

*Why are all these assignments
necessary? (Ruth Jean-Jacques)*

*Walking around during the early
morning. (MarioCarlo Raciti)*

*This year is adventurous yet
magical. (Natalie Cabrera)*

*The drama will never be stopped.
(Christina Liu)*

*Racing my friends through the
hallways. (Jeremy Mercado)*

*Turn in your homework, or else.
(Alejandra Alava)*

*We should definitely get a pool.
(Teal Walter)*

*The hoards of people every
morning. (Camilla Grosell)*

*Too much weight on your
shoulders. (Ines Mones-Cazon)*

*Do not get caught by bell. (Martin
Borja)*

*It's hard until you're not lazy.
(Beatrice Salita)*

*Maintaining straight As is extremely
hard. (Ethan Remedios)*

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