

# THE THUNDERBIRD TIMES



Your Imagine Schools North Manatee News

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## OUR THANKSGIVING EDITION

When you sit by the dimly lit table  
With your family and friends  
With food you find in a fable  
You wish it never had to end  
We talk and joke until we're sore  
Clutching our sides for air  
We feed ourselves until we cannot eat anymore  
Yet we all get the same amount so it's fair  
But now we lay in bed  
Trying to get sleep  
We put the pillow to our head  
Counting fluffy sheep



Arianna Harrison  
Poet



### WHAT IS THAT?

The item photographed above is in the halls of Imagine Schools North Manatee in plain view for all to see. Be the first STUDENT (sorry, no teachers) to correctly identify this item and win a prize! If you know it, see Mr. Bailey in Room 102.

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# Editorial Section

Please Note: The opinions expressed in this section are not necessarily those of Imagine Schools or its administration.

## BEING THANKFUL

Hey, it's Dorian. Today I'm going to talk to you about what I'm thankful for. There is really only one thing you could be thankful for—that is, of course, life. Anything you could be thankful for falls into the category of life. Whether it's family, friends, food, etc., you would have none of this without first having life. So that is the only thing I could possibly be thankful for. Even if it has its twists and turns, life comes through for you at some point (most of the time). And, so I say something which is not said often by me - *Thank you life*. Until next time on *Dorian's Opinion*.

~Dorian Sims  
Staff Writer

## THE MEANING OF THANKSGIVING with Mr. Anderson

The pilgrims started as normal English people, but then because of their religion they were being pushed around, and then they broke off from their mother country Great Britain and the Anglican Church to become separatist. They moved to the Netherlands, but they did not like it there so they made a deal with the Virginia Company to take them to Virginia. They called themselves pilgrim, which actually means someone traveling on a journey for a religious purpose. They then went on a boat called the Speedwell, but then it sprung a leak, so they went on a different boat called the Mayflower. There were 102 passengers, but only 35 of them were pilgrims. They then created the Mayflower Compact. This document set up a direct democracy. When they got there the pilgrims lost about half their people to a brutal winter, illness, and lack of nutrition. They were expecting to see some natives, but strangely there were none, however there were signs that there had been some not too long ago. Sometimes they saw natives in the distance, but they always ran away. One day a tall handsome native approached with a big smile and said in perfect English. "Welcome Englishmen! Have you got any *beverages*?" The Indian's name was Samoset, and he learned English from English fishermen. He told them that there were not any Indians around because the local Patuxet were wiped out by a disease about six months before the pilgrims' arrival. He then introduced them to Squanto. Squanto taught them many things that were very helpful and helped them rebuild their civilization. Soon enough, the pilgrims then invited Chief Massasoit and Squanto to feast with them. They brought about 90 others with them though but they also brought plenty of food including 5 deer they killed as a gift for the Pilgrims. They had a huge feast that lasted about 3 days. But Thanksgiving did not become a national holiday until 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln declared they would celebrate a yearly Thanksgiving to bring America together after the civil war.



~James Crowell  
Staff Writer

## Maria Perez-Arias

### 4th Grade Science



Q: Why did you become a teacher?

A: I became a teacher because I wanted to make a change in the world, and children are the best way to start.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: I went to college at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico.

Q: If you weren't an educator, what else would you be?

A: If I weren't a teacher I would be an environmentalist and work with turtles.

Q: What is your favorite musician?

A: My favorite band is called Sonata Arctica. I like older songs.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: I like to work with sea turtles and listen to rock music from all over the world.

Q: If you could have any superpower what would it be?

A: The power of cloning myself so I could be at multiple places at once.

Q: What is your family's Thanksgiving tradition?

A: I cook turkey and have an early dinner. I usually do all the cooking and we hang out together.

Q: Are you travelling anywhere for the holidays?

A: No, my family is actually coming to visit from Puerto Rico.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like our reading audience to know about you?

A: I would love to learn a third language and love to learn how to play the electric guitar.

-Aaliyah Francis  
Staff Writer

# World News Update

with Dorian Sims & Daniel Miralda

## The Argentina Boycott

On Tuesday Argentina Won 3-0 against Colombia. The Barcelona forward Lionel Messi announced the boycott to protest against a journalist who alleged teammate Ezequiel Lavezzi had used an illegal substance at Argentina's training base. "We have made the decision not to talk to the press anymore, obviously you know why," the Argentina captain said.

## The 2016 Presidential Election Finally At An End

The 2016 presidential election seemed like it lasted forever, didn't it? But it finally came to an end and the results were surprising to many. Donald Trump was announced Presidential-Elect. Hillary fans were shocked thinking they had it in the bag. Even a school that had predicted elections right every time since 1968 was wrong for the first time in 48 years.

## Syria War: Bombs fall like 'rain' on eastern Aleppo

At least 45 people were killed Thursday and dozens injured as airstrikes and barrel bombs pounded eastern Aleppo and rebel-held parts of the countryside. The death toll was expected to rise as airstrikes and shelling continued throughout the entire night. "Planes are more than birds, and bombs are more than rain," one resident said of the Syrian air forces said.

## Despite reassurance, Obama warns Europe of a 'meaner world'

President Barack Obama, returning to Berlin Thursday, intended to reassure his most stalwart global ally, Chancellor Angela Merkel, about her prospects under Donald Trump. Instead, Obama found himself warning of an impending shift in the global order, one he advised could lead to a "meaner, harsher, more troubled world" if not stopped. "Whoever is President and whoever is the chancellor of Germany and whoever is the leader of other European nations and other democracies around the world, they need to recognize that," Obama said. "There are going to be forces that argue for cynicism. For looking the other way with somebody else's problems that is not going to champion people who are vulnerable because sometimes that's politically convenient. If we don't have a strong transatlantic alliance that's standing up for those things, we will be giving to our children a worse world," he said. "We will go backwards instead of forwards. So whoever the US President is, whoever the chancellor of Germany is, we need to remember that. And our citizenry who decide who our presidents and chancellors are who need to remember that."

## Kendall Jenner on Her Justin Bieber Crush: "Not Anymore Though!"

by Gabriel Rivas, Celebrity Expert

By now, Justin Bieber is basically part of the Kardashian-Jenner family. He gets along with Mason Disick; he's posted photos hanging out with Kylie Jenner on his (now-defunct) Instagram; and, he and Kanye West share a manager in Scooter Braun. But most telling of all is his long-standing friendship with Kendall Jenner. Not only have they appeared in a star-studded *Vogue* spread together, but now Kendall is admitting that she also may have wanted to be more than just friends with the singer when she was younger.

In a new interview with *W*, she says that although she "was more into the Disney kids," and "had a crush on Zack and Cody from *Suite Life of Zack and Cody*," she says that "Justin Bieber was like the pop star of my time. I feel like I must have had a 12-year-old crush on him." We have bad news for you though: She quickly followed that statement up with "Not anymore though!"



# 8th Grade Interviews

Each month we would like to take a moment to highlight two of our 8th grade students - Class of 2017! This month we sat down and talked with Dustin Stubblefield and Yaneily Ortiz Basabe. Here's what they had to say...

## Yaneily Ortiz Basabe

Q: What high school are you going to next year?

A: I am going to MSA, that's really obvious though.

Q: What's your favorite sport?

A: I don't have a favorite; I love them all.

Q: What was your favorite grade?

A: 4th grade because that's when I found out I wanted to be an artist.

Q: What are you thankful for?

A: Life!

Q: What is your favorite food on Thanksgiving?

A: Mofongo (a Puerto Rican food)

Q: Who is your favorite teacher?

A: Mr. Anderson

Q: What type of music do you listen to?

A: Gothic and rock

Q: What is your most embarrassing moment?

A: When Mr. Bailey caught me using my cell phone (disguised as a calculator) in class.



## Dustin Stubblefield

Q: What high school are you going to next year?

A: I have no idea!

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: Baseball

Q: Who are your best friends?

A: Devin, Vincent, Joey, and James

Q: Which celebrity would you like to invite over for Thanksgiving dinner?

A: Arianna Grande

Q: What are you thankful for?

A: I am thankful for family, friends, and turkey.



~James Crowell & Aaliyah Francis  
Staff Writers

# Week 10 Football Scores



## Ask Janissa



Each month our readers can submit a question about a real-life issue they are dealing with. Janissa will offer her heartfelt advice.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Browns at Ravens: Baltimore won 28-7

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Broncos at Saints: Denver won 25-23

Rams at Jets: Los Angeles won 9-6

Chiefs at Panthers: Kansas City won 20-17

Bears at Buccaneers: Tampa Bay won 36-10

Packers at Titans: Tennessee won 47-25

Dolphins at Chargers: Miami won 31-24

Cowboys at Steelers: Dallas won 35-30

Seahawks Patriots: Seattle won 31-24

49ers at Cardinals: Arizona won 23-20

Redskins at Vikings: Washington won 26-20

Texans at Jaguars: Houston won 24-21

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

Bengals at Giants: New York won 21-20

On Thanksgiving Day, be sure to tune in as the Detroit Lions are sure to destroy the Minnesota Vikings!

~James Crowell  
Sports

Dear Janissa,

My family and friends celebrate Thanksgiving, but everyone is so busy with the food that they forgot the whole meaning of Thanksgiving. Nobody seems to notice it's about giving and family, not turkey and pie. But how do I tell them?

~Anonymous

Anonymous,

While they are preparing the food or simply before dinner has started, make an announcement that yes, of course the food is lovely and it's something to be grateful for. But it is about giving thanks to the amazing things in life. After dinner you can even go around the room and ask everyone to say 3 things that they are grateful for. That should remind everyone the true meaning of Thanksgiving!

~Janissa Uribes  
Advice Columnist

## WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

by Gage Grooms & Angel Cortez  
Voices of the People

Recently we asked the lunchtime crowd what they were thankful for. Here's what they had to say...

Family	Friends	Food	Health
55%	20%	14%	11%

# Our Talented Crew of Student Journalists

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*Staff Writer*

**Aaliyah Francis (8th)**

*On Special Assignment*

**Arianna Harrison (7th)**

*Music Writer/Poet*

**Daniel Miralda (7th)**

*On Special Assignment*

**Gabriel Rivas (8th)**

*Social Media/Celebrity News*

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