

# THE THUNDERBIRD TIMES



Your Imagine Schools North Manatee News

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## *The Tragedy*

by Arianna Adams, guest writer (7th grade)

It was an unusually cold and silent night, the night the "tragedy" happened.

That night my friend, Mackayla, and I were on a walk with her dog. The night was just another normal night. We ate dinner, fed her dog, then we took a walk on December 5th, 2015 at 10:00 p.m. This night was quiet. But it was too quiet. "I feel like we're in a horror movie," she said, " Does it feel like that?" I replied, "Yea it does...wow Mackayla, you're always right!" We both started laughing our butts off.

Of course on a creepy suspicious silent night, we forgot our phones. So if anything happened no one would know. We were finally on our way home. "This feels like a really long walk," I muttered. Mackayla replied "Yea." All of a sudden, a cold creepy sensation crept through my body. I started to speed up. I knew I was ahead of her, but anyways I asked "How much longer until we get home?" No answer...

I figured she couldn't hear me, so I said it again. "Mackayla, how much longer until we get home?" No answer. Knowing Mackayla, she was probably just playing a trick on me. But I could feel sweat dripping down my back with just the thought of her missing. "Mackayla, this isn't funny, answer me!!!" I hollered. No answer. It was dark, but there were street lamps. 'I should be able to see her, right?' I thought... No, I didn't see her at all. She was nowhere to be found. "Mackayla...Mackayla!!!" I screamed at the top of my lungs. I started to give up. Plopping down on the sidewalk, I started to cry. I was in front of a bush. I heard rustling, like an animal in the bush. I started to walk sluggishly towards the bush. Then out of the blue..."AHHH!!!" she screamed, "You fell for it!!" She started to bawl her eyes out laughing. "UGH!! You scared me half to death!" I screamed. After that we went home. I didn't talk to her for the rest of the night.

We are not friends anymore, but she really did scare me!



### 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.

## WAR

Hey, it's Dorian. Today I will give my opinion on war. Personally I think war is a harsh and unnecessary way to solve a problem. Most of the countries went to war because of a cruel leader forcing them to do so or someone making them fight for what he believes. War would never have to be an option if mankind were more diplomatic. Unfortunately there are people who fail to see reason. Because of people like this bad things usually happen. They can't see a way to solve a problem rationally so they resort to the only thing they think will help...violence! Wars only end in death and sorrow. For every man or woman that dies someone is without a mom, a dad, a brother, a sister, a daughter, a son, a wife, or a husband. War shouldn't be the solution to a problem because it only causes more problems. When you spark a flame it starts a fire, and fighting fire with fire will only cause it to grow. But, if you add some water that fire will begin to extinguish. Just something to think about. Until next time on *Dorian's Opinion*.

~Dorian Sims  
Staff Writer

## Keeping Up With The Primeranos

We've decided to go to the students for the inquiries this time. Our inquisitive readers have their own questions for the Primes. Here's what they wanted to know...

Q: When did you get married? (Rachel Rizzi—8th grade)

A: July 25, 2016

Q: What is your favorite dog breed? (Yaneily Ortiz—8th grade)

A: I love my miniature pincher. Our 2nd choice would be a Doberman pincher. (They're not related.)

Q: Where in Florida do you live? (Miguel Zavala—3rd grade)

A: The sunny part!

Q: What is your favorite pizza? (Rene Mendez—3rd grade)

A: Either buffalo chicken or meatlovers.

Q: Why do you like Dragon Ball Z? (Felix Campfield—3rd grade)

A: Because I was young and poor when it came out, and it was an escape from being young and poor. Plus, it's uber amazing.

Q: What are the good and bad parts of working in the school together?  
(Mrs. Allen—teacher)

A: Sometimes she uses my copies, and I find out the hard way.

Q: Have you always lived in Florida? (Mrs. Rigney—teacher)

A: No, I spent the majority of my life in New York, and I spent some time in Nevada and Utah.

Stay tuned. More to come!

~Aaliyah Francis  
Interview Specialist



The Primeranos

## Brigitte Allen

3rd Grade ELA & Social Studies



Q: Why did you become a teacher?

A: I became a teacher because I wanted to make a difference in students' lives. I struggled in school, and I had some great teachers that helped me so I wanted to do the same for others.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: I went to USF Sarasota.

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

A: If I wasn't a teacher I would work in a job where I was helping people, perhaps in the travel industry.

Q: What is your favorite song?

A: My favorite band is U2, and one of my favorite songs is "One" and "Sometimes You Can't Make It On Your Own."

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

A: I love baking—it's my favorite thing to do. I also like cooking and spending time with my friends and family.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like our reading audience to know about you? A: I think that this is a wonderful school, and I love the people I have met so far. Also, I love *The Thunderbird Times!*

Thank you and welcome, Ms. Allen!!!

-Aaliyah Francis  
Staff Writer

# World News Update

## New evidence shows that MH17 might have been shot down by Ukraine:

At a news conference Monday, the head of Russian air and Space forces, Andrei Koban, said that analysis of the data pointed too the widely-accepted conclusion that the aircraft was shot down by a BUK missile from within territory held by Russian-backed rebels. And Ukraine has not yet released they're data on the incident pointing more towards the fact that they may have shot down MH17.



## North Korea threatens to wipe out Seoul and puts South Korea on high alert:

South Korea's defense minister said elite troops are on standby to assassinate Kim Jong Un if the country feels threatened by North Korean nuclear weapons.



## Former Israeli Prime Minister and President Shimon Peres:



Former Israeli Prime Minister and President Shimon Peres was laid to rest on Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at the age of 93. Many leaders from other countries including Barack Obama showed up to pay they're respects. Peres was loaded into a hearse early Friday morning and driven from Knesset the Israeli parliament to the national cemetery at Jerusalem's Mount Herzl where he was buried.

~James Crowell  
Staff Writer

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**JOSE FERNANDEZ**  
**(July 31, 1992 – September 25, 2016)**

Star pitcher for the Miami Marlins passed away Saturday evening in a boating accident off the coast of Florida. The death of José Fernández was very sad for all his fans and his teammates, but mostly his family. Fernández was born in Santa Clara, Cuba, and was a successful professional baseball pitcher from 2013 up until his death in 2016.



R.I.P José Fernández.

**OCTOBER STAFF BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Dawn Patterson</b>	<b>October 2</b>
<b>Ronald Miller</b>	<b>October 15</b>
<b>Melissa Stevenson</b>	<b>October 27</b>
<b>Leslie Grover</b>	<b>October 30</b>



Information courtesy of D. Tisdale

**Forecast for Florida worsens as Caribbean braces for Matthew**

As Hurricane Matthew's outer bands began pounding Jamaica and southwest Haiti on Monday, the long-term forecast for Florida took a bleak turn.

In their Monday evening advisory, National Hurricane Center forecasters said computer models have shifted Matthew's track westward after three days, putting Florida and the U.S. southeast coast at greater risk. The storm was located 200 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince, traveling north, northeast at 8 mph at 8 p.m. EDT. Sustained winds remained at 140 mph, keeping Matthew a fierce Category 4 hurricane.

While forecasters have been wary about the long-range forecast - beyond three days, tracks can be off by as much as 175 miles - they said models Monday afternoon shifted in response to the strengthening of a subtropical ridge. A strong ridge would steer the storm to the northwest. That shift also followed an earlier westward slide, said University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy.

Courtesy *Bradenton Herald*

# GO GREEN!

Our school needs to do a better job in helping our planet stay healthy.



So we need to start recycling our milk and juice cartons instead of throwing them away for no reason.

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# 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 Janissa Uribes and Johan Reyna. Here's what they had to say...

## Janissa Uribes

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

A: Lennard High School in Ruskin. I am nervous because there are so many students there and I might get lost. I might walk into a senior class and they'll be like, "Uh, what are you doing here?"

Q: What are your goals in life?

A: To be successful in my career.

Q: Who's your role model?

A: My mom. She's a hard worker; she always gets the things done that she wants to get done.

Q: What are you looking forward to most right now?

A: My quinceanera.

Q: If you could vote in the upcoming presidential election, whom would you vote for?

A: Neither. I'm not happy with either of the candidates.

Q: What makes you unique?

A: I'm a little on the short side but I have cool hair.



## Johan Reyna

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

A: Manatee High School. I'm not nervous. I'm looking forward to meeting new people.

Q: What has been your favorite class at Imagine?

A: Math. I have had Mrs. Stevenson for a long time.

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: I go on Instagram.

Q: If you could vote in the upcoming presidential election, whom would you vote for?

A: Hillary Clinton because everyone would hate me if I picked Donald Trump.

Q: What makes you unique?

A: I'm funny.



# 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.

*Dear Janissa,,*

*I go to school everyday and I always get decent grades. But the people are a whole other story. I feel they don't like me for me, or the choices in my own life. Every time I go to school I feel like I have to wear a disguise of my true personality. It's only gotten more frequent. What should I do?*

*~Anonymous*

Anonymous,

That is amazing that you get good grades. Keep up the good work and focus on your education first. Who cares what people think. No matter what you do there's always going to be someone who judges you. So you might as well just be yourself. They could possibly just envy your academic success. Do not worry about those negative people in life because if you search for negative you will always find negative. Surround yourself with people who are positive because these negative people in your life will not matter in 5 years.

Haley Simpson & Brooke Waters  
Staff Writers

~Janissa Uribes  
Advice Columnist

## Music

Each edition, our music columnist, Arianna Harrison, will review a musical artist. This month, she is featuring **Melanie Martinez**.

On August 14, Melanie Martinez released an album called "Crybaby," and it quickly climbed to the top 10 of the Billboard 200. A few of my favorites from her are "Mad Hatter" and "Pity Party" along with a few others. She is a very amazing artist and she is in my top 10 list.

Melanie Martinez was born on April 28, 1995. She auditioned for *The Voice* and was selected by Team Adam. Growing up, Melanie wrote poetry, didn't have many friends, and didn't like playing outside.

~Arianna Harrison  
Staff Writer



## This Month in Social Media

### WHAT WOULD DISNEY MOVIES LOOK LIKE IF TIM BURTON DIRECTED THEM?

Andrew Tarusov is a Los Angeles-based animator and illustrator that's been drawing Disney interpretations for years. His newest series of drawings takes the entire Disney universe to a very dark place. The Russian-born artist reinterpreted Disney classics like *Snow White*, *The Lion King*, *Bambi*, and *Pinocchio* as if director Tim Burton had created them, and they're all mysterious, creepy and downright perfect.

~Gabriel Rivas  
Staff Writer



## On The Campaign Trail

with James Crowell

### PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE #1

Monday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The first 2016 presidential debate took place. Hillary attacked trump harshly leaving him almost speechless. Hillary warned he would be unsafe with nuclear weapons and is rude towards women. She even pointed out how he had not released his tax returns and had plenty to hide from the people. He came back by saying he would when Hillary released her alleged 3000 secret emails she had hidden or deleted during her investigation.

Trump interrupted a lot during the debate but Hillary just kept going. After the debate they took a poll of who the people thought won the debate. Only 27% of voters thought Donald won. Leaving Hillary with 73% of voters saying she won. 45% of people think Donald Trump would be a better president but the other 55% would rather have Hillary and say she is a better choice. Mr. Trump boasted about his campaign travels. "You've seen me, I've been all over the place," he said. "You decided to stay home and that's okay." Mrs. Clinton replied that she did indeed prepare for the debate, adding that she was preparing to be president, too.

# Our Talented Crew of Student Journalists

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*Ask Janissa*

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