

THE THUNDERBIRD TIMES



Your Imagine Schools North Manatee News

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Summer Nights

Original Poetry & Artwork by Arianna Harrison

The sky gives off a navy
speckled with blots of stars
But the glow of orange and red
give off a beautiful light
We gather around the flames
We dance, we sing, we talk
Until we can't feel our feet
and our voice as hoarse as a broken CD
All of us look at the glowing, burning heap
until it gets put out with beautiful blue jets
We walk on home to sleep
hoping to do it again
Sometime we will sing
and dance till we are sore
But for now your bed awaits
so drift off into the black
until another time



ISNM FROG INVASION!!!

Have you noticed the abundance of baby frogs outside of school lately? Were you a witness to the frog that attacked our beloved principal? Have you wondered if they were planning an attack on you too? Are you in danger? Well, to put your mind at ease we posed these questions recently to local amphibian expert Heather Rigney.

Mrs. Rigney assures us that they pose no danger and intend no harm. They are merely the result of our recent abundant rainfall. Masses of tiny eggs were laid in the water, hatched into tadpoles, and eventually became the tiny creatures we see outside today.



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.

Participation Medals

Hey, it's Dorian. Have you ever been in a contest of some sort and you tried really hard to win? Then you ended up winning but everyone got a trophy? That is what I'm going to discuss today—participation medals. Personally I feel like they are unnecessary. I mean, there isn't much point in doing something if everyone gets the same medal. I recently learned about something called a *communal system*. In early 1600s Jamestown, they established a communal system of farming. Some people worked really hard to grow food, some people did a little, and some people did nothing at all. Yet they all shared the food equally (which did not turn out too well). It's basically the same as participation medals. What's to stop someone from just submitting a project that took two minutes against someone who spent three days on their project, if they just get the same reward? Some people would argue, "But it makes kids feel better." That may be just a bit true but some kids will feel like this is unfair and be upset. This also spoils kids. Kids need to understand that they can't win everything. How would a football player feel if their team won the Super Bowl but every single team got the same trophy just for trying? That would make people hate football, wouldn't it? I think you know how I feel. Well, until next time on Dorian's Opinion...

~Dorian Sims
Staff Writer

Keeping Up With The Primeranos

by Aaliyah Francis

This month I am back with Mrs. Primerano, and here's what she had to say...

Q: Who is on a higher level in Pokémon Go?

A: He is, by one level.

Q: Does Mr. Prime mess up the house?

A: We both do on the weekends.

Q: Who, in your opinion, is smarter - you or Mr. Prime?
That's why we complement each other.

A: He has more street smarts, but I have more book smarts.

Q: Who is better with kids?
at the end of the day, but that's only because I teach kindergarten.

A: We both love kids. He might have more patience with them

Q: If Mr. Prime did not exist, what celebrity would you date

A: Keanu Reeves

Q: Does Mr. Prime drink milk and juice straight from the container?

A: He only drinks chocolate milk, but never from the carton, always from a glass.

Q: Have you met Mr. Prime's family?

A: Yes, but he has yet to meet my entire family. His sister is my favorite.

Q: If you went on the newlywed show, do you think you would win?

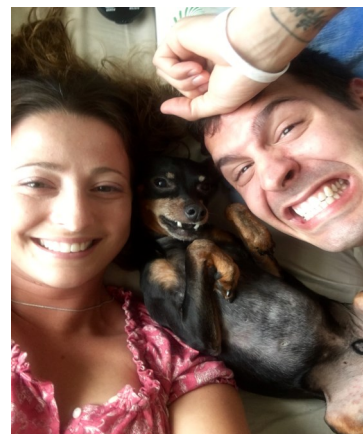
A: Absolutely.

Q: Do you like Mr. Prime's cooking?

A: Mr. Prime's cooking is going out to eat, but I can't complain because I like going out to eat too.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like *The Thunderbird Times* reading audience to know about your relationship?

A: The most important thing about our relationship is that we can laugh at each other, so if anyone wants to know any juicy details I would not mind telling.



Dawn Patterson

School Leader

Q: Tell us about your typical day.

A: I plan out my day that consists of parent calls, classroom walkthroughs, reports that are due to either the county or the corporate office, and student discipline—just the normal functioning of running a school.

Q: Is your job fun?

A: Mostly, to be honest.

Q: How many students visit your office during the day?

A: 5-10

Q: What is the most common student issue?

A: Disrespect to another classmate, and yes, there are some regulars.

Q: What is the origin of the Thunderbird?

A: We were originally the Geckos, and then when we created the middle school and added athletics, we wanted a mighty mascot. So, we created the Thunderbird, which was originally supposed to be the T-Bird. Back when we had clusters, we had animal names for each cluster. The idea was that we were going to create a totem pole with the thunderbird on top.

Q: Did you have any previous jobs?

A: Yes, I was a personal banker, a retail manager, and I worked for several well-known brands like Tommy Hilfiger and Ann Taylor. And, I even worked at the Fountain of Youth.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: I earned my bachelor's degree at Flagler University in St. Augustine and my master's degree at Concordia University.

Q: What is your favorite part of your job?

A: Resolving problems with students. I really enjoy that. I get a warm fuzzy feeling knowing that they will try out the new plan.

Q: If you could have any other job in the world, what would it be?

A: Animal rescue. I would like to have an animal rescue shelter. I love animals.

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

A: I hate to see people down and out, so I would like to have the super power to make people happy.

Q: What is your favorite song?

A: I love "I Love a Rainy Night" by Eddie Rabbitt.

Q: What do you think about *The Thunderbird Times*?

A: I LOVE *THE THUNDERBIRD TIMES*, and I'm usually the first one to get it.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like *The Thunderbird Times* reading audience to know about you?

A: My children are furry - a 15-year-old Great Dane, and an 18 year-old cat.

Thank you, Mrs. Patterson!!!



-Aaliyah Francis & James Crowell
Staff Writers

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 Rachel Rizzi and Micah Dortch. Here's what they had to say...

Rachel Rizzi

Q: Who do you consider to be your role model?

A: Alex Morgan, Olympic soccer player for the U.S. women's team

Q: If you found yourself at Starbucks, what would you order?

A: A fruit smoothie. I don't like coffee.

Q: What is your future career goal?

A: Engineer in the Army

Q: What is your dream car?

A: 1971 Charger—midnight blue with black racing stripes!

Q: Who is your favorite teacher and why?

A: Math class was always my favorite. Ms. Stevenson explains things really well.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: My mom's ham and roasted potatoes.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like *The Thunderbird Times* audience to know about you?

A: I am a black belt in Jujitsu.



Micah Dortch

Q: Who do you consider to be your role model?

A: Chance the Rapper

Q: If you found yourself at Starbucks, what would you order?

A: A medium caramel frappe.

Q: What is your future career goal?

A: Professional sports player - football or soccer.

Q: What is your dream car?

A: KSI's Lamborghini

Q: Who is your favorite teacher and why?

A: Mr. Prime, because he's Mr. Prime.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Popeye's Chicken

Q: Is there anything else you'd like *The Thunderbird Times* audience to know about you?

A: I would just like everyone to know that I'm better than Leo at everything.



Haley Simpson & Angel Cortez
Staff Writers

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'm an 8-year-old girl and I have an older brother who is 9. The problem is, he always gets all the attention. He's a little smarter than me and he plays lots of sports. When I'm around him, which is practically all the time, I feel invisible -- as if people only see HIM. How do I get people to stop noticing my brother and get them to see that I deserve some attention?

~Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Be yourself. You always have to be yourself. Please do not feel the need to change or be someone you're not for attention. Maybe you should find something that you really enjoy yourself and then you won't have to be around your brother as much. That way you can meet new friends in that particular activity. And who knows...if you enjoy it a lot then you can succeed and you won't feel invisible when you surround yourself with positive people.

~Janissa

The Kaepernick Controversy

Opinions of James Crowell
staff writer

This topic is being highly debated after Colin Kaepernick took a knee during the national anthem in a preseason game August 26th 2016. To me, I believe this is highly disrespectful to veterans and America as a whole. He is taking a knee and disrespecting the same country that gives him the right to take that knee. Now he claims he is doing this to stand up for black oppression and that he means no disrespect. Personally, I don't buy it. I'm not attacking *why* he is taking the knee. I'm attacking *when* he is taking the knee. If you want to protest black oppression, fine by me, but you don't completely disrespect the country that gives you all the freedoms and rights you have and the same country that pays you. To top this off other teams and players have started taking knees to show support. This past Sunday was September 11, 2016—a time when our country is currently remembering and honoring one of the scariest attacks on U.S soil, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. 4 to 7 players on the Miami dolphins chose to take a knee during the anthem. I have no idea whatsoever what they were thinking. I mean come on, it's 9/11. At least show a little respect. 2,996 Americans died that day on U.S soil. I don't understand how you do that. On a sad day in America. This is such a high level of disrespect and I hope it fades away and disappears soon.



Sports Corner

FLAG FOOTBALL

Current Record: 1-5

Next Matchup: Imagine School Lakewood Ranch (9/27)

Team Captain: Leonardo Torres

Quote from Coach Prime (Mr.): "The feeling of our first win was euphoric. I want more wins!"

VOLLEYBALL

Current Record: 1-4

Next Matchup: Imagine School Lakewood Ranch (9/27)

Team Captains: Haley Pettit & Alexandra Vernon

Quote from Coach Prime (Mrs.): "We are absolutely going to win the next game as long as they do everything we have been practicing."

~Gage Grooms
Staff Writer



Lunchtime Poll

Angel Cortez, Voice of the People

Do you play
Pokémon Go?

YES	NO
5	20

Our Talented Crew of Student Journalists

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James Crowell (8th)

World News Guru

Gage Grooms (6th)

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Christian Hartwell (6th)

Sports

Cameron Pierce (7th)

Cartoonist

Haley Simpson (7th)

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Janissa Uribes (8th)

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Election Specialist

Aaliyah Francis (8th)

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Arianna Harrison (7th)

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