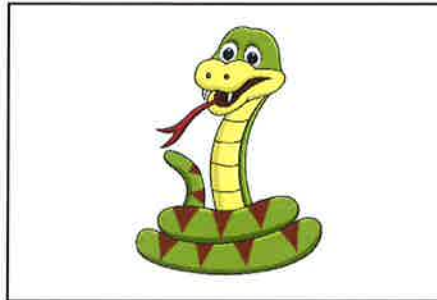


The Editor's Desk

by Annabelle Lu

It's already February, and Valentine's Day is just around the corner! Most people who celebrate Valentine's Day see it as a day of love and romance. However, people who aren't in a relationship or don't have a "valentine" often feel lonely on Valentine's Day. But Valentine's Day isn't only about relationships between a couple; it's about love for everyone! This day can be seen as a day for expressing love for your family, friends, pets, and most importantly, love for yourself. I think many people forget to love themselves, and they forget that caring about yourself is just as important as caring and being kind to others. Loving yourself can be as simple and easy as just being optimistic! Self love can be such an amazing thing to do, and it's a great way to improve mental health. Positive thinking can really boost mental health and self-esteem. Self confidence is another issue that self love can easily fix. So use Valentine's Day as another way to spend time with family and friends or to unwind and care for yourself. Go out for dinner with family, have fun with friends, or even spend a quiet evening at home doing what you enjoy! Everyone can celebrate this loving day in their own fun and interesting ways.

**Remember to
love yourself
and others,
too!**



Support the Cobras...come to a game!!

Around Town

by Nina Ramirez and Veronica Carpinelli

It's a new month so get ready for more events and activities! On March 10th there is mother/son bowling. Enjoy pizza, pop, and bowling at Kings. It's only \$40 dollars for residents and \$55 dollars for non-residents. Registration is over on February 24th, so hurry on down to the Park District to sign up. While leaving, make sure to take a guess at the candy jar. Guess correctly and win a jar of candy to share with family and friends. Guessing from the Easter candy jar starts on February 26th and ends on March 16th so don't miss out. Also, check out *Skate with the Greats* at the Parkway Bank Park, featuring Blackhawk alumni and current Blackhawk Patrick Sharp on February 18th from 2-4 p.m. It's \$125 for adults and \$75 for children. Also, to get into the spirit of Valentine's Day, kids can make cute Valentine cards for family and friends to celebrate this amazing holiday.

From the President...

by Isabella Fiorentino

February is here and there are many new events at Rosemont School. On January 26th, we had Grandparents' Day and it was a success. The kids from preschool to second grade sang in the lunchroom for their grandparents and made beautiful art that was hung up on the wall. Some of the 8th graders sold cookbooks to fundraise for our Washington, D.C. trip. Very soon we will be selling delicious cookie dough to also raise money. Help support our class fundraiser for our trip and buy cookie dough for only \$15! There are several kinds of cookies to choose from and also delicious popcorn and lava cakes. The Pancake Breakfast is coming up very soon on February 25th. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for kids age 5-12. We hope to see everybody there. We'll also have a table selling cookbooks and our cookie dough. On February 15th, students will be using jump ropes during gym class for "Jump Rope for Heart." This is for a great cause, and it's also a lot of fun. Don't forget to wear red on Thursday, February 15th to support this great cause!



**Happy Valentine's
Day!**

Apps for Everyone

by Kevin Mariano and Jonnie Watts

Having problems organizing schedules, tasks and plans? Any.do fixes those problems. This app allows the user to set up a to-do list with reminders. The user is able to schedule a to-do list for any day of the week. Any.do has a calendar in the app that automatically marks the person's activity. In the app, there's also a wonderful feature which is called "Smart Reminders." "Smart Reminders" are reminders that will pop up when the user is near a store where they can purchase a needed item. There's also a feature that is made specifically for a group or family. This feature allows the users within their group to work together on completing their tasks. This is also useful because the group is able to communicate via message to decide on what tasks they decide to complete and finish as soon as possible.



Any.do is for anyone over the age of 5. The app is completely free. The app is compatible with Apple and Android. Instead of typing every plan, the user can ask Siri to add reminders and dates. Any.do is the perfect app to get for anyone who wants to organize their plans faster and more efficiently.

Did You Know

by Nicholas Victoria and Jaime Quezada

Welcome to Did You Know facts. We are going to learn about some sweet and lovely facts about Valentine's Day. Did You Know?

- ...Over 189 million stems of roses are sold in the U.S. on Valentine's Day?
- ...About 220,000 proposals are made on Valentine's Day each year?
- ...Valentine's Day is the second most popular day of the year for sending cards?
- ...Cupid is the son of Venus, the goddess of beauty and love?
- ...Just about 3 percent of pet owners give their pets gifts on this day?
- ...About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year?
- ...Those little conversation heart candies can last up to 5 years on shelves?

Interesting Facts on Teen Phone Use By: Multiple Contributors

Phones have become a huge part of our lives for both good and bad. The 7th and 8th graders completed a 5 question survey detailing some of their phone habits. Here are the results:

Question 1: About how many contacts do you have in your phone? Answers ranged from 6 to 200 with most students in the 40-60 contacts range.

Question 2: About how many photos do you have in your phone? This one again had lots of different answers. Some people has less than 10 photos on their phone while others counted pictures in the thousands!!

Question 3: What social media apps do you have on your phone? Snapchat (95%) and Instagram (73%) are the big winners with the 7th and 8th grade students. Gaining in popularity is House Party, (50%) the video chat platform allowing up to 8 people in the conversation. Only a few students have Twitter, Facebook or Tumblr accounts.

Question 4: About how many hours a day are you on your phone? This was not a surprise at all. Kids spend an awful lot of time on their phones. 31% reported spending less than 4 hours on their phones a day; 53 % felt they spent about 5-10 hours a day connected to their devices. Then 13% of our students use their phones 11-15 hours a day and only 2% said they were using phones 16-24 hours a day. This might explain why some people are tired!!

Question 5: What one rule do you feel should be enforced regarding phones at school? Students had many suggestions about phone usage here at school. The majority of 7th and 8th graders seem to agree with most adults that phones should not be allowed in class or bathrooms!! The students actually listed some phone rules that limit cell phones on school property. Some strongly suggested they not be used at any time in the school building, while others want more freedom to use phones in the hallways or at lunch. A few students commented that phones shouldn't be allowed out at after school activities. Considering what we found out from the survey, it seems that for right now, our students understand the reasons why cell phone use is limited in our school.



Need Something to Read? By: Yasmin Reyes

If kids in grades 3-5 are looking for some great books to read, Rosemont School has a book series they are sure to love. This is the popular and fun *A to Z Mysteries*. It is about 3 friends, Dink, Ross, and Ruth Rose, who try to solve strange mysteries in their town of Green Lawn. These are great mystery books for beginning readers. The chapters are short but interesting, the characters are funny and helpful, and the mysteries aren't too complicated. The *A to Z Mysteries* series has a book for every letter in the alphabet. This series is great for kids and parents to read and enjoy together. Many children would love these books because they are filled with humor, suspense, and they show how working with friends can be an adventure. These chapter books introduce the mystery genre to young readers. To summarize, the *A to Z Mysteries* series is an exceptionally amazing series for kids to build problem solving skills and understand that with friends by their side, they can accomplish any task together.

Fashion Forward

by Alexis Hernandez and Madison Rivera

It's pretty cold this season, so it's time to dress for the weather! (In style, of course!) Leggings are an essential item for the winter season. They're warm, come in many types and colors, and can be worn with any outfit. If leggings aren't working out, jeans are another alternative. Wearing them can instantly make an outfit look more "put together." In addition, they can be purchased anywhere. On the other hand, the guys can wear a pair of khakis or jeans to stay both warm and stylish during the winter. Parka jackets are "in" this season! They can be worn with a scarf and a casual sweater to make a complete outfit. Don't like the look of a parka jacket? A simple bomber jacket would do the same just without the bulk and is a shorter length. Same for the guys! They can wear parka and bomber jackets to make their outfit look more casual. Shoes can be a great tool to make an outfit stand out. Ugg boots can be worn with many different things. They're also very comfortable and there are many style options to choose from. If they're a little too pricey, there are other similar styles of boots at Target and are a quarter of the price! Hunter boots are another alternative shoe option. They can be paired with an oversized sweater and a pair of jeans. The guys can wear Timberlands to instantaneously make their outfit look a lot more stylish. Staying fashion forward this February couldn't be any easier!



Tech Update

By Mazen Malas

Looking to upgrade an old phone? Try the Google Pixel 2! The Google Pixel 2 is made by Google and runs on Android software. The new Google Pixel 2 has one of the best cameras a smartphone can have. It also has unlimited storage for photos, unlike many other phone companies that limit people's storage. With the Google Pixel 2, owners of the phone can keep all photos. The Google Pixel 2 has a great battery that can last up to seven hours and will fully charge in just 15 minutes! That's right, no more waiting an hour or two for a phone to fully charge. The Google Pixel 2 only needs 15 minutes and it will have a full battery. This new phone has something similar to Siri, but since it is made by Google, it is much more reliable and all that is needed to say to turn it on is "Hey Google." Google can answer questions and even take a selfie just by saying "take a selfie." The Google Pixel 2 has a water resistant body, and the phone comes in two sizes. The first size is just regular size with a 5" screen and would cost \$649.99. The Google Pixel 2 also come in a XL with a 6" screen and that one would cost \$849.99.



Subjects Matter by Aliyah Gobenciong

This time on Subjects Matter, I'll be interviewing Mrs. Cline. She is an exceptional 5th grade teacher and she is a very interesting person! Read on to find out more about her!!

What do you love the most about Valentine's Day?

I love that it gives you a chance to tell the people you love how much they really mean to you.

What is your favorite thing to receive for Valentine's Day?

I liked getting little notes from my son when he was younger.



What was one teacher that made the biggest impact on you?

It would be my first grade teacher Judy Waring because she taught me when I was younger and when I began teaching here she kind of took me under her wing and helped me with whatever I needed.

Do you enjoy working with the senior citizens for Computer Club?

I love working with the senior citizens. They always make me laugh.

What was your favorite school activity growing up?

When I was younger, I liked being in the band.

What makes you the happiest?

I love it when I'm with my family and friends, and enjoy it when we play card games beside a bonfire.

If you weren't teaching what could you see yourself doing?

I would see myself working in a gift shop resort somewhere in Minnesota.

What was an important lesson you learned teaching 5th grade?

The important lesson I learned was that everyone has their own learning style and their own strength.

What is an important asset to being a great teacher?

It's important to have patience, flexibility and kindness.

Where would you like to go to escape this cold weather?

I would go to Cabo San Lucas because they have beautiful water and warm tropical breezes. I'd love to go to Tabasco Beach.

It was so much fun interviewing Mrs. Cline. She is such an amazing teacher. Make sure you check back in next time on Subjects Matter and see who I'll be interviewing next!!

Girls' Sports

by Brianna Molini and Victoria Torres

Girls' basketball season is off to a fantastic start. The girls had their first game on February 7th. Varsity, this season, is a small but mighty team with only 7 players. They are coached by Mr. Stephens with Mrs. Rhodes as an assistant coach. They are off to a rocky start with a 0-2 record but are still fighting to make it to playoffs. The team is working very hard on their shooting, dribbling, and defense skills. All of the girls are very excited to work together and become closer as a team. While having fun during practices and in games, they still manage to be incredibly focused while in action.



This year's JV basketball team has some young but awesome players! They have 10 girls, and they are looking forward to a great season. Everyone is working hard to improve from last season and to win a game. The team is super excited to make their bond even closer. Mrs. Rhodes is their coach and the assistant coach is Mr. Stephens. Just like Varsity, JV is off to a rough start, with a 0-2 record, but all of the girls are improving tremendously. Almost everyday, they are working on improving different skills. So come and support our girls this season!

This Month in History...February

by 2nd Period Reading

- February 4th is "Thank a Mailman Day."
- On February 5, 1958, the U.S. Air Force "lost" a hydrogen bomb off the coast of Savannah, Georgia. It was never found.
- February is one of the most common misspelled words in the English language.
- February is the only month that can pass without a full moon.
- The largest American sporting event that is held in February is the Super Bowl.
- In the southern hemisphere, February is a summer month.

Boys' Sports

by Patrick Golz and Guise Salas

Now that the boys' sports are taking a little break, they will be teaming up with the girls for the Scholastic Bowl team. The boys are looking forward to bounce back from the dreadful basketball season, and focus on Scholastic Bowl. Many of the members of the team find this sport the most exciting of them all. The spectators also find it really exciting and nerve-racking at times. Scholastic Bowl will stretch out from the beginning of February until the tournament on March 8th. Scholastic Bowl's two teams are broken up between JV And Varsity. Mrs. Paloian will be coaching JV and Varsity for her last season as the coach. Both teams are going to try win the championship, so Mrs. Paloian can have a great farewell season. Varsity is also trying to make this season their most memorable. Varsity is mostly made up from the 8th grade and a couple of 7th graders. The current Varsity is hoping that they can accomplish what they did last season, which was going 10-0 through the regular season. Although the tournament for them didn't go as planned, Varsity wants to redeem themselves and hopefully win the championship. Both teams have a lot of potential and have the intelligence to accomplish their goal. The Varsity team is also trying to pass on their firepower to the young JV team that has a little experience in matches. JV will also be looking at Varsity as an aid to help them develop into good overall players.

**Our Scholastic Bowl team motto
"Keep Calm and Buzz In"**



The JV team is made up from an equal amount of 7th and 6th graders. The team has a lot of potential. JV has a promising future ahead of them, with the talent they have. Many of the students on the team have been involved in trivia through their Rosemont years. Many of the students have been involved in the Geography Bee. The team is also a good overall enough team for future competition that may lie ahead of them. The JV team also gets the help from Varsity whenever they need it, including during practices. Although most players had never played a match before, many of the players have had the influence from previous players, and most of the players are excited to start the season and get the nervousness out of their body for the first game of the season. Both teams have very high expectations and have set their goals, and they will also do everything in their power to make sure that both teams hang a banner in the gym.

**Check out
the
PUZZLE
PAGE!!**



Happy Valentine's Day!!

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