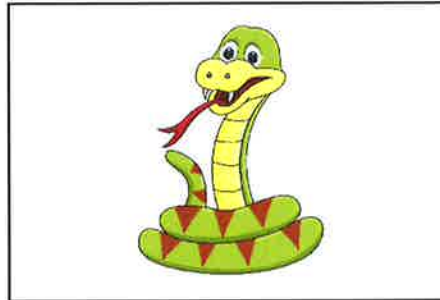


The Editor's Desk

by James Carpinelli & Kayla Napoli

It is important to be respectful and honest in and out of school. Students should always respect their teachers when they're in school. One way to earn a teacher's respect is to always be honest. It's always better to tell the truth, rather than to lie. When writing, always try to avoid plagiarism. Plagiarism is when someone takes another person's work and uses it for their own paper. Imagine if an author worked really hard on a book but the book did not get a lot of attention. Then, somebody else uses the same words from the author's book, but they receive more credit for it. See? It's not fair. The consequences of plagiarism include losing a teacher's respect or even a write up. Proper citation is also a key in writing. Always make sure to include a page number when taking evidence from a book. Additionally, if using the internet, remember to write the name of the website. It is important not to plagiarize in your work because it may get you in trouble. Proper citing can save a lot of that trouble. Both topics, if not used correctly, can ruin your reputation with your teachers. We know that all of the junior high teachers take both of these things very seriously. No one wants a failing grade for doing something that could be avoided in the first place. Be smart and do your own work!!



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

Around Town

by Celina Sanchez

Love and candy hearts are in the air and nicer weather is near. Here are some fun and exciting activities for everyone. First off, from March 5 through March 12 is Restaurant Week at MB Financial Park. People can sample food from all of the park's restaurants for only \$20 a person. If anyone loves food then come to this event. Then from March 6-17 at the park district is the Easter Coloring Contest. Kids from our school will have pictures hanging on the walls. Come out and vote for the best one. Also at the park district starting on February 25 is the Easter Candy guessing contest. Try to guess how much candy is in the jar and the winner gets all the candy. This event ends on March 17. At the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center on February 24-26 is Our World Underwater. People can visit exhibits, seminars, film festivals, and much more. Want to know about the world that's underwater? Go to the convention center; it is an all day event!

From the President...

by Cole Wilson

The 8th graders are holding a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on February 26th from 8:00 a.m. - noon. There will be pancakes and breakfast sausage served. All 8th graders are selling tickets now or they are available at the door. Also, we had a Jump Rope for Heart day. During PE classes we had fun activities like hurdles, jump ropes, and shooting basketballs around. Everyone had a great time at the different stations. We all participated and it was a great experience. Students fundraised for Jump Rope for Heart and the student who fundraised the most was able to pie Mr. Stephens in the face. Coming up, grades K-5th will be participating in Junior Achievement's day. Junior Achievement's day is when kids work on building their business skills and working together on activities. Junior Achievements will be filled with many fun activities and will give the students many great experiences and skills that they can use in everyday life. Junior Achievement's day shows students what they can be when they grow up if they work hard to succeed. Also, we're in the midst of Girls' basketball and Scholastic Bowl. We hope to see the girls make it to the playoffs. Scholastic Bowl is off to a great start. Both varsity and junior varsity are 3-0! Come watch a basketball or Scholastic Bowl game and cheer them on!

**Sunday,
February 26
Pancake Breakfast**

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Fashion Forward by Alexandra Bazianos

Dresses are the next hot trend in fashion! In the month of February, dresses are making a real breakthrough. Valentine's Day encourages girls to look their best. A dress could be worn to a casual dinner or to something fancier like the Father-Daughter Dance. The colors that are good for this month are pink, red, grey, or white. I know that there are so many styles to choose from! The question, "Which one do I pick?" may come up a lot! Searching through the stores disorganized racks may be a hassle, but I'm here to help pick a style, so it is easier to search. There is a wide range of styles from a long dresses to a knee length t-shirt dress or a high-low dress. It is short in the front then long in the back. It comes in a variety of colors from black & white to pink & grey. A long red dress is also perfect for the month of February!



Now, what's a dress without the perfect accessories? A simple pair of stud earrings is perfect! Another earring option to look for are hoop earrings. For hair, I would suggest soft, beachy curls. A necklace also looks stunning with a simply styled dress. Any necklace design would enhance an otherwise plain dress. Need a purse? A clutch purse is perfect! A clutch purse has no strap, so it's easy to hold! Usually clutch purses come in a variety of colors, but I would suggest black. Shoes can be the hardest decision for any outfit. A pair of pumps is always a solid choice. Be sure when picking shoes to have the dress color in mind. We'll get ready for spring next time in "Fashion Forward."

Tech Update

by Alfonso Pacheco

Shopping isn't something that everyone does in their daily lives. Many people don't have the time to go shopping. One easy solution is Amazon Dash Buttons. This is one of the most convenient ways to shop. It's as easy as the push of a button. With a price tag of \$4.99, the button can be set to purchase any product available at Amazon. Amazon Prime is a requirement in order to use the Dash Button because it's an Amazon exclusive item. The Dash Button will also need the Amazon App on a phone to select the products on each button. The buttons can stick onto many surfaces such as the kitchen counter or on a wall. There are about 150+ Dash Buttons and some include Gatorade, Goldfish, and Powerade. Each individual Dash Button can be set to purchase one item or a bundle of items. For example, one Dash Button may be set to buy purchase a pack of 8 lemon-lime Gatorade and 8 fruit punch Gatorade. Another order can be made once the previous order has been delivered. The Dash Buttons need wi-fi to be fully functional and it needs bluetooth to be connected to a phone. This new device can make people's shopping experience easier.



Girls' Sports by Kayla Dorgan and Emma Rufo

Basketball season is finally here for the Rosemont School Cobras! The 2017 varsity basketball team consists of four 8th graders and three 7th graders. The girls are off to a rocky start and they have a record of 1-2. Varsity is working very hard and bonding together to make up plays at practice. Varsity coach, Mr. Stephens, is doing an amazing job teaching and pushing the girls to do their best both in practice and games in order to have a successful season. The girls are starting out great and they're hoping to end the season successfully. Be sure to check the Rosemont School website to find out when and where the basketball games are scheduled!



The Junior Varsity team is made up of four 7th graders and six 5th graders who have been working very hard in practice as they come together as a team. On JV, there are some players who are brand new to the game. The experienced players are doing an amazing job helping their younger teammates with fundamentals. They are also doing a great job teaching them how to play. Coach Rhodes, in her third year of coaching basketball, has done a fantastic job of leading her girls to victory. Junior Varsity is also off to a rocky start with a record of 1-2. We're positive they will win several games throughout their season. Don't forget to stop by to catch the girls shooting some hoops at the Rosemont School Gym!

February History...

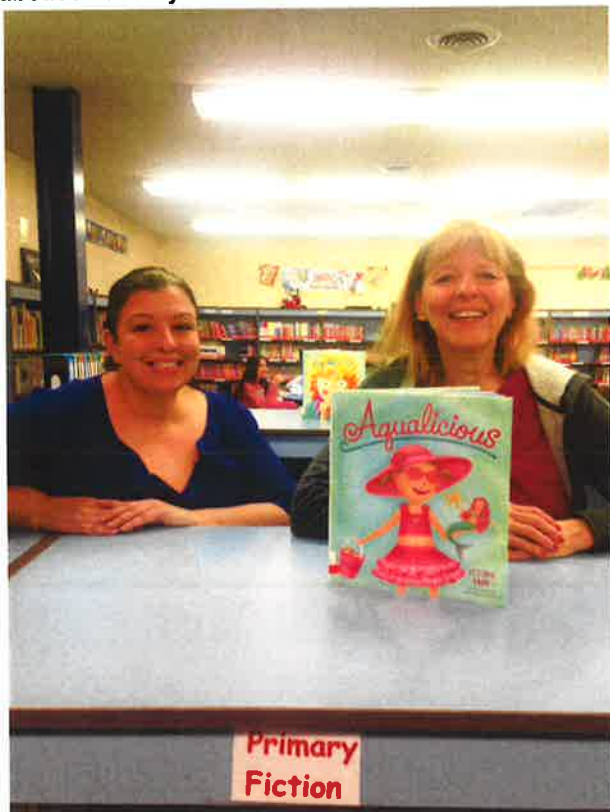
by AJ Tadavich and Paul Ramirez

- ❖ Black History Month, which memorializes many important African Americans, is celebrated in February.
- ❖ The Welsh call February "y mis bach" which means "little month" in English.
- ❖ On February 2, 1876, Major League Baseball was created.
- ❖ *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, a famous Disney movie, was released on February 4, 1938.
- ❖ Babe Ruth, a world famous baseball player, celebrated his birthday on February 6.
- ❖ In 1863, the first fire extinguisher was invented by Alanson Crane.
- ❖ On February 11, 1752, the first hospital in the U.S. opened in Pennsylvania.
- ❖ Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone on February 14, 1876.

Subjects Matter

By Lacey Jacobsen

The librarians upstairs have helped us find the perfect books for a while now. Read on to know more about what they like to do!



Mrs. Solarz, how do you pick which books you're going to read to the younger kids?

I go to workshops where they tell me what's best in children's literature.

How long have you been working at Rosemont School?

Mrs. Idefonso: I have been working here for 4 years.
Mrs. Solarz: I think 18 or 19 years.

About how many books do we have in our school library?

Mrs. Idefonso & Mrs. Solarz: Roughly 18,000.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Mrs. Idefonso: I like to do crafts.
Mrs. Solarz: I like to read and play with my grandchildren.

Do you like to read? What is your favorite book?

Mrs. Idefonso: Yes, my favorite book is Spiderwick. I like anything fantasy.
Mrs. Solarz: Yes, My favorite book is Still Alice.

What are some of your favorite places to vacation? Why?

Mrs. Idefonso: Definitely Florida because of Disney World. I also like Aruba and the Dominican Republic.
Mrs. Solarz: I haven't been on a vacation in a long time but I would like to go to Niagra Falls.

What do you like best about working at Rosemont Elementary School?

Mrs. Idefonso: I like the kids and all the students.
Mrs. Solarz: I like seeing the kids being interested in a book.

What was your favorite class novel when you were in school?

Mrs. Idefonso: I really can't remember.
Mrs. Solarz: To Kill a Mockingbird.

What is the hardest part about working in the library?

Mrs. Idefonso & Mrs. Solarz: Probably trying to keep up with all the new books that we get and having to put them in the computer and on the shelves.

What suggestions do you have for helping kids find books?

Mrs. Idefonso: To find something that they're interested in reading or something that appeals to them.
Mrs. Solarz: Asking them what they're interested in.

What genre or type of books are checked out the most?

Mrs. Idefonso & Mrs. Solarz: Mostly sports and romance.

It was really fun learning about what Mrs. Idefonso and Mrs. Solarz like to do!!! See you in our next issue of "Subjects Matter"

Boys' Sports Scholastic Bowl

by Labeeb Al-Juneidi and John Traficanti

Scholastic Bowl is known as the sport of the mind. Formerly known as "Quiz Bowl," it is a game that uses the brain more than the body. The way the game is played is that there are two teams and they go head to head against each other. Both teams have buzzers and a tossup question is asked. If someone thinks that they know an answer, they will buzz in and answer the question. If they get the question right, their team will have control of three bonus questions. If they get the the toss up question wrong, the other team has 5 seconds to answer.



2017 Varsity Scholastic Bowl Team



2017 JV Scholastic Bowl Team

There are a variety of questions asked. Some of the categories include math, literature, sports, or even geography. Scholastic Bowl has been a part of the Leyden-Norwood Athletic Conference for seven years now. Rosemont School has won the championship three times in those seven years. There are 18 students on both Varsity and Junior Varsity combined. Mrs. Paloian is the coach of both teams. We wish both teams good luck during the season and at the Leyden-Fenton Tournament on March 9. Don't forget to come back next time to hear about volleyball season.

Jokes and Riddles

by Adham Tawil

Q: What did one olive say to the other on Valentine's Day?

A: O-live you!

Q: What did one boat say to the other?

A: Are you up for a little row-mance?

Q: What did Starbucks say to Dunkin' Donuts?

A: I love you a latte!

Q: Why should you never breakup with a goalie?

A: Because he is a keeper!

Q: What did one whale say to the other whale?

A: Whale you be mine?!

Q: What did Princess Leia say to Han Solo in Star Wars?

A: Yoda one for me!

Apps for Everyone by Michael Yelich

Instagram is a useful app that allows people to show what they're up to. The app allows people to show off their photos or videos to specific people or anyone who follows the person. It is very useful if someone wants to show where they are and what they're doing. It even has instant messaging, plus Instagram has loads of filters for photos and videos. This allows people to make their pictures better or change to a style they like. Instagram was created by Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger in October 2010. The app was bought by Facebook for \$1 billion in 2012. Thanks to this, Instagram grew by 23%. After its release, Instagram quickly became more and more popular. In fact, the app was so popular that on December 2014, it had over 300 million users. Even some famous people use Instagram to show off their photos..



I personally have not used this app, but I have heard from others that it is very useful. It allows anyone to send photos or videos to family members across the world. It also allows someone to show off what they thought was a cool accomplishment. Instagram can also allow people to text each other. Altogether, it's a helpful app that can strengthen relationships.

Did You Know? by Melany Atanassov

Welcome to *Did You Know?* This article is dedicated to interesting facts that may not be known by everyone. Let's look at an American holiday, President's Day.

- President's Day is on the third Monday in February.
- John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on the same day, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1826, that's unusual!
- Thomas Jefferson was also an architect; he designed his home in Monticello and various buildings for the University of Virginia.
- James Madison was the shortest president; he was 5 feet 4 inches tall. The tallest presidents were Abraham Lincoln and Lyndon B. Johnson, who were both 6 feet 4 inches tall.
- Barack Obama worked at Baskin-Robbins as a teen, and guess what? He no longer likes to eat ice cream.
- Bill Clinton likes to play the saxophone and was a band member in high school.
- Martin Van Buren was the only president who spoke English as a second language, his first language was Dutch.
- John Tyler had 15 children, the White House must've been full!
- Donald Trump is the oldest person to become president, at 70, and the youngest was Theodore Roosevelt, who was president at the age of 42.

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Hungry? Check this Out!

by Landon Kruppa

Ever wonder if there is an amazing restaurant nearby? Well there is! Try Chili's! It's an amazing place to go for delicious food and even more delicious desserts. It's great for the young ones also because they have little tablets with lots of fun games! When someone walks into Chili's they are greeted by a kind hostess and the amazing scent of pasta. There is large menu with a ton of yummy choices! A personal favorite of mine is the chips and salsa, the salsa there is extraordinary! I've heard that's it is in the running



for the best salsa ever. Another great thing about Chili's is that the kids menu has a larger variety of choices compared to any other restaurant I have been to, and they taste amazing! The deserts there are to die for. My personal favorite one is the molten lava cake. It looks like an average chocolate cake on the outside, but the inside is filled with melted chocolate waiting to be eaten. To sum it up, Chili's is always a good restaurant to go to for a delicious meal and even more delicious desserts.

Need Something to Read???

By Yannis Mansour

Spring break is closing in on us and it's time to find a new book! *Gregor the Overlander* is a great book full of action and suspense. *Gregor the Overlander* starts with Gregor and his little sister Boots. They live in their cramped New York apartment with their mother and grandmother (their father mysteriously disappeared). Gregor and Boots have nothing to do so they decide to go and do laundry. While Gregor is loading the washer, curious little Boots, crawls over to an open air duct and falls in. Scared and worried, Gregor jumps in after her and falls down too. The two keep on falling for a long time until they finally hit the bottom. They find themselves in a dark and huge cave. Gregor and his sister wander around until finally they encounter huge, talking cockroaches!! The cockroaches are friendly and offer a ride to the humans. The cockroaches then bring them to a huge, underground city where Gregor and his sister get to meet their (human) queen and the other Underlanders. The Underlanders were very surprised to see him and Gregor was surprised to see them riding on giant bats!! Gregor is treated like a guest, until he tries to escape. The Underlanders did end up saving them, but kept them as their prisoner. Gregor soon learns about the Underland prophecy and how it may involve him. It's now up to Gregor and his little sister to save the Underland and find a way out of this creepy place. I think that many 4-7 graders would really enjoy this book.



Check out the PUZZLE PAGE!!



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