

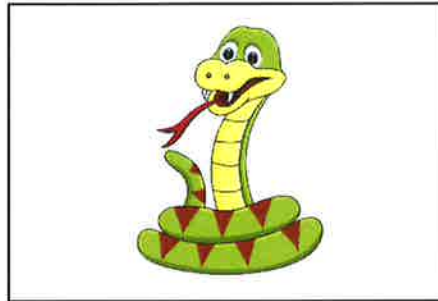
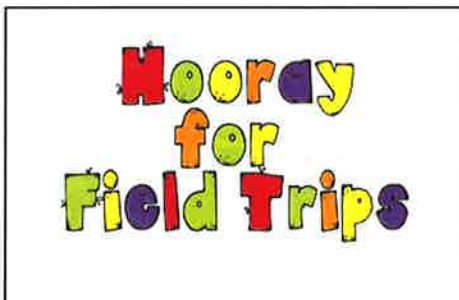
## The Editor's Desk

by James Carpinelli & Kayla Napoli

Let's go on a field trip! It's one of every student's favorite things to do! Every field trip at Rosemont School has a purpose. The second graders recently visited the Shedd Aquarium to see the sharks that they studied. Not only did they have fun, but they were able to learn more about all different varieties of sharks. Who wouldn't want to see sharks up close? The sixth grade just visited our state's capital, Springfield! They had the opportunity to learn about the government and Abraham Lincoln's life. White Pines, a dude ranch, is where the seventh grade spent three days in October.

Horseback riding and hiking were only a couple of the things that they were able to experience there!

Even though field trips are fun, the true reason Rosemont School takes their kids is to educate students about the world around them. We learn a lot in school, but it really helps when we're able to personally interact with something. There are pictures of national monuments in our textbooks, but it is a lot easier to comprehend the history that happened there when you stand in front of it. The eighth grade is very excited for Washington, D.C.! We have been waiting for this field trip for a long time! So, even though students might think that field trips just get them out of school, there is a much bigger idea behind all of them.



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

## Around Town

by Celina Sanchez

Spring is finally here! Flowers are starting to bloom and the weather is getting nicer. Here are some things to do this spring! Everyone loves gardening and butterflies, right? On April 25 at the Park District is the Spring Gardening and Butterflies event! Kids can plant vegetables and flowers and bring them home. The event starts at 3:15-4:15 pm. At MB Financial Park on April 15 is the "Party With Your Peeps" Spring Festival! There will be inflatables, face painters, balloon twisters, an interactive DJ, a live band, open bags, and everyone's favorite animal, the Easter Bunny! The event starts at 1:00 p.m and ends at 6:00 p.m. Come to the Spring Fest, it sounds like a blast! At the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center is the Feed My Starving Children event! It is an all day event where people donate food and volunteers pack the meals and send them out to other FMSC partners. It is non-profit and it feeds starving children around the world. It sounds exciting and gives people a chance to help children, or volunteer for an organization that helps save and feed hungry lives.

## From the President...

by Cole Wilson

We hope everyone had a great Spring Break but now it's time to get back down to business. First, the 8th graders are participating in the Family Fun Night softball game. The Family Fun Night fundraiser will be for all students from preschool through 8th grade. There will be a homerun derby and an 8th grade against faculty members softball game. Also, this year people can reserve a VIP table. The VIP tables will be front row and th grade vs. faculty member game. Family Fun night will include many fun activities. For example, a teacher/student dunk tank, jumpy houses, vendor fair, food and drinks, raffle prizes, and music. Family Fun Night is at the Rosemont Dome and starts at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m. The softball game will be from 6:30 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. In addition, the 8th grade cookbooks will be sold in case people didn't pre-order one already. The 8th grade cookbooks are filled with many great recipes. Be sure to buy one. The 8th grade would like to thank the Benefit Club for supporting us with this cookbook fundraiser. It was a big help with our goal toward our Washington D.C. trip. As the Class President, I encourage everyone to come out to this great event! See you there!

Friday, April 21,  
6-9 p.m.  
Family Fun Night  
"The Dome"

## **Fashion Forward** by Alexandra Bazianos

Who doesn't like shoes? Even guys like shoes! Gym shoes are a huge trend in the fashion world today. Nike, Under Armour, Adidas, and Converse are just some of the hit shoe brands around. Nike specializes in gym shoes and basketball shoes. The newest Nike gym shoes are the Nike Free Fit. These are perfect for running. Girls are huge fans of Chuck Taylors! The most popular types of Chuck Taylors are low-tops and high-tops. I know that many teenage girls are more likely to buy high-top Converse because they can wear them with higher socks. Guys are also more likely to buy low-top Chuck Taylors. Guys today are all about the Adidas Ultra-boosts. They are so popular that they are sold out almost everywhere. The most popular color is white. Even though they can become dirty quickly, there is a spray to make them almost completely weather proof. Under Armour is another big gym shoe brand. They make gym shoes in crazy colors from neon pink to white! Don't forget, when looking for a new pair of kicks, these brands are sure to make anyone look more *Fashion Forward!*



## **Tech Update**

by Alfonso Pacheco

It's the beginning of spring and the weather is warmer. Everyone is outside and having fun. Adults wake up early and lots of times like to get in a workout before they start their day. A great companion to have is the Fitbit Charge 2. To start things off, the Fitbit Charge 2 can check how many steps were taken. It can also measure how many calories was burned in a certain amount of time. There are more advanced features such as measuring pulse rates, hours of sleep, and breathing. The Fitbit includes extras such as a silent alarm. This can be a useful feature if that old alarm clock is starting to be annoying. One great feature about the Fitbit is that it can be used as a phone while exercising, so texting and calling isn't an issue. Along with the Fitbit, there is also the Fitbit App. The app can be downloaded on a computer or on any phone. The app can record and save all the stats on the Fitbit watch. There are also extra features like the food log, that records nutrition intake. The watch can be bought in 6 different colors. The Fitbit is very precise when recording measurements, making this a better buy over its competitors. Starting at \$149.99, the watch is a good buy and a great accessory to have.



## Subjects Matter

By Lacey Jacobsen

*Our newest teach Mr. Lindstrom has been teaching music here for only a year! Read on to find out what he likes to do and what he likes about music.*



### **If you weren't a music teacher what would you be?**

I honestly can't imagine not teaching music, it's everything I want. If I wasn't a music teacher, I would probably be a librarian or a genealogist.

### **Where are some of your favorite vacation spots? Why?**

My favorite place in the world is London. I would live there and vacation there. I love the Upper Peninsula of Michigan,, and I love the Colorado mountains.

### **Did you do music or band in school?**

I did both. I was in band from 6th grade until now, and I started composing music in 8th grade for band. Those two have come together, and I haven't left either one.

### **When did you become interested in music?**

In Middle School, I started out as cello player and found that didn't work out, but then switched to trombone which was the same voice quality, and that worked for me. I had a great teacher.

### **What is your favorite instrument? Why?**

I don't think I can pick just one. They all have their own unique qualities and each one of those qualities are just as important to the music.

### **What do you like most about working at Rosemont Elementary School?**

I like that it's a small school. It gives me an opportunity to have smaller groups and work closely with students as they craft their musical activities.

### **What is your favorite song or music piece?**

The most important piece to me is David Maslanka's piece called "David's Book." I heard the premiere concert of this piece, I was completely stunned and wasn't able to move for a half hour after the concert. I had to find out more about it.

### **Who is your favorite composer?**

It would probably be a tie between Beethoven and David Maslanka. They have a natural but deeply passionate quality to their music in many different ways, but their meaning is equally important.

### **What do you like to do in your freetime?**

I write a lot of music, and I'm finishing up a rather large piece. Also, I love cooking, so being in the kitchen is great fun for me.

### **How long have you been a music teacher?**

I started teaching right out of college so for about 8 years. I've taught professional music, elementary music and the spectrum of people I've taught is challenging but always fun.

### **What is your favorite genre of music?**

To find a favorite you need reason, I can find classical music, my favorite at times, it can also be rock and roll, and at the same time R&B or country. It should be true for everyone that music can provide us with what we need at any time; it doesn't matter the genre.

*I found out a lot about our new teacher and I hope he enjoys working here at Rosemont Elementary School!*



## **Apps for Everyone** by Michael Yelich

Amazon is an online shopping site that allows people to buy all kinds of things from the comfort of their home. Amazon has books, games, office supplies, clothing and so much more. They even have products they developed by themselves. For example, the Amazon Echo and Kindle are some of the many products developed by Amazon. The company Amazon was founded on July 5, 1994. Amazon started out as a small online bookstore, but over time it became bigger and better. Eventually, it became the company we now know it as today. The founder and current owner of Amazon is Jeff Bezos. Amazon is currently based in Seattle, Washington. A person can also sign up for Amazon Prime subscription which gives the person useful features that normal people on Amazon do not receive. By creating a Amazon Prime account, people can get items for cheaper prices and get packages earlier than other people. Sadly, the subscription costs \$10.99 per month.



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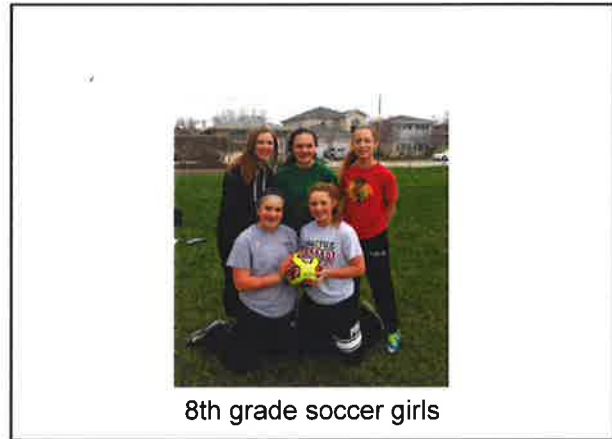
## **Did You Know?** by Melany Atanassov

Welcome to *Did You Know?* This article is dedicated to interesting facts that may not be known by everyone. Let's look at our current season, spring.

- In the Northern Hemisphere, spring starts on March 20th.
- Spring was called "Lent" in Old English.
- The first spring flowers are normally dandelions, tulips, lilacs and many more.
- In Japan, the opening of the cherry blossom is the start of spring.
- Many holidays occur in spring including Easter, April Fool's Day, Mother's Day, and many others.
- The Greek goddess, Persephone, was the goddess of spring.
- Tornadoes are more common to occur in spring than in winter. Tornado Alley is the most active during this season.
- Spring fever is an actual thing. Spring fever is the feeling of restlessness and excitement at the start of spring.
- In the Northern Hemisphere, days get longer in spring and the night falls later.
- Spring weather gets crazy! Some days it is cold enough to snow and some days it is warm enough to go outside. It can also get windy.
- During spring, flooding may happen in mountainous areas due to snow melting.
- Hurricane season begins in late spring.
- The Earth's axis is tilted towards the sun, making the day longer.

## **Girls' Sports** by Kayla Dorgan and Emma Rufo

Soccer season is finally upon us! The girls really enjoy soccer season, even though it's very short. Last year, they had seven regular season games because they didn't make the playoffs. This year, they only have six regular season games! Although it's only a few games each season, the girls like to make the best of it. Tryouts for soccer were held on April 3rd and no girls were cut. Soccer isn't one of the girls' strongest sports, but they try their hardest on the field. They also work very hard in practice by making plays and working on the certain skills that they struggle with. The girls soccer team plays their first game on April 11th at 4:00 p.m at Union Ridge School.



8th grade soccer girls

Coach Williams is very excited along with all of the team. She has been coaching girls' soccer for 4 years. The team is made up of five 8th graders, ten 7th graders, unfortunately no sixth graders, but there are four fifth graders. Depending on the age group or skill level of the team, positions could vary. This Rosemont team plays a 4-4-2 formation. There is the goalkeeper, who tries to defend the goal, defenders, who help the goalie to keep the soccer ball out of the goal, midfield, who goes back and forth defending the goal and trying to score, and then finally, the forwards. The forwards try to score the goals. Remember to stop by the Barry Rec Center to support the Rosemont Cobras!

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## **Things You Might Not Know About April's History...**

by AJ Tadavich and Paul Ramirez

- ★ Did you know that on April 3, 1970, Apollo 13 was launched?
- ★ The name "April" is a very common name to name a child in the UK.
- ★ On April 1, 1891, the Wrigley Company was founded in Chicago, Illinois.
- ★ On April 2, 1905, the first movie theater opened in the U.S.
- ★ Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.
- ★ The Hostess Twinkie was invented on April 6, 1930.
- ★ On April 14, 1912, the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank.
- ★ On April 30, 1938, Bugs Bunny was the first character to appear in a cartoon.
- ★ Jay Cutler, former Chicago Bears quarterback, was born on April 29, 1983.
- ★ The Holocaust Museum was dedicated in Washington D.C. on April 22, 1993.
- ★ On April 28, 2003, Apple's iTunes Music Store sold over one million songs its first week.

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## Hungry? Check this Out!

by Landon Kruppa

Looking for a tasty meal close by? Try Panda Express! When someone walks into Panda Express they get a wonderful whiff of delicious Chinese food. Another amazing thing about Panda Express is that there is a lot of food on the menu to choose from chow mein, and orange chicken to egg rolls, fried rice, and more! The employees at Panda Express are so kind too, they will make sure every customer gets exactly what they want without any hassle.



In my opinion, Panda Express is the best fast food I have ever eaten. It's hard to go wrong with a steaming plate of Chinese food. I did a survey in 8th grade to find out what everyone's favorite food is. Almost everyone (86%) chose orange chicken as their favorite. Only three people picked fried rice. Panda Express is similar to a buffet, but the servers fix the plates of food. To sum it up, Panda Express is always a tasty decision and it's close by!



## Need Something to Read???

By Yannis Mansour

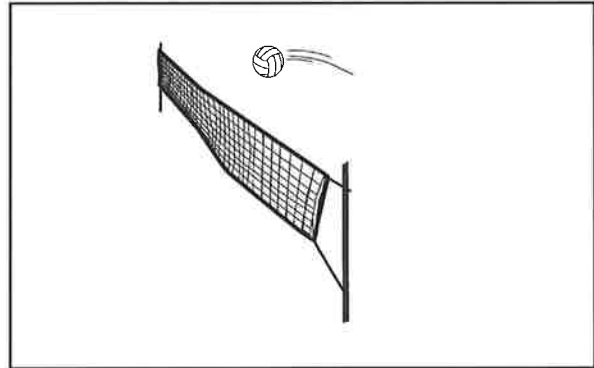
Spring break has just finished and it's time to find a new book to read. *Divergent* is an amazing book filled with excitement and action. *Divergent* starts off in a futuristic setting that is split into five factions: Abnegation, Amity, Candor, Dauntless, and Erudite. Abnegation is made up of selfless people that always care for others. Amity is full of happy and peaceful people that are never mad. Candor is made up of people that can only tell the truth and never lie. Dauntless is full of brave and rebellious people. And finally, Erudite is made up of very intelligent people. The rest the people who are poor and can't get into any of the factions are called Factionless and are homeless. When children become 16, they have the option to stay at their faction or move to another faction. Beatrice Prior was born in a family in Abnegation and lives the same boring everyday. Her father and mother both work for the Abnegation government and are respected. The factions have a truce, but Erudite is trying to take over and control every faction. This book, along with *Insurgent* and *Allegiant* make a great trilogy of suspense and excitement for any 7th & 8th grader!



## Boys' Sports Volleyball

by Labeeb Al-Juneidi and John Traficanti

Volleyball season is finally here. The coaches are Mr. Stephens is the JV coach and Mrs. Rhodes has the Varsity team. There are only 9 kids on each team. The Varsity team is consisted of all 8th graders. The JV team only has 6th and 5th graders. Other schools have only 7th graders on their JV team and 8th graders on the Varsity team. Last year, we went 4-6, and ended up missing the playoffs by one win. This season, we hope to do better.



In an indoor volleyball game, there are only six players on the court for each team. The net for boys volleyball is seven and a half feet tall. There are three main ways to hit a volleyball. They are bump, set, and spike. The bump is pretty much self explanatory. The person who receives the ball hits the ball into the air so another player can bump it. A set is a toss into the air with your fingers and a spike is when the ball is snapped to the other side to try and get a point. Stop by and cheer for the Cobras at one of our games!

## Jokes and Riddles

by Adham Tawil

Q: What is the talent show called for eggs?  
A: Eggs Factor!

Q: What do you call a rabbit with fleas?  
A: Bugs Bunny!

Q: Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?  
A: It might crack up!

Q: How did the wet Easter Bunny dry himself?  
A: With a hare-dryer!

Q: What did the rabbit say to the carrot?  
A: It's been nice gnawing you!

Q: How does the Easter Bunny travel?  
A: By hare-plane!



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