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Dear Readers,

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This month, it is our pleasure to present you with an issue that showcases the introductory events of the new year and the lovely feelings of February. Our fourth take with the *Observer* captures enticing topics ranging from the recent government shutdown to new scientific advances. As we enter the second half of the school year, we have been exposed to new staff, heavier symptoms of senioritis, and a bland winter. Please, allow us to introduce you to our new employee, provide you with information about the senior epidemic, and infuse your winter with some colors. We have a variety of articles that will certainly quench your curiosity!

Sarah Johnson

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Mission & Vision

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The *Alfred-Almond Observer* strives to inform, entertain, and unify the members of our school and our community. Our aim is to provide local and national stories that relate to our readers, are unbiased, and engage our audience through truth and transparency.

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Announcements

**Valentine's Day
February 14**

**Random Acts of
Kindness Day
February 17**

**President's Day
February 18**

**Spaghetti Dinner (4:00-6:00)
and Talent Show (6:30-10:00)
at Alfred-Almond in the
Auditorium
March 8**

**February is
Black History
Month**

**Winter Break
February 18-22
No School!**

**Bump-A-Palooza in the
Alfred-Almond
gymnasium at 4:00
March 1**

**First Day
of Varsity and JV Spring
Sports
March 4**

**Pennies for Paws Student
Government penny drive
for the Humane Society
Last Day: February 28**

**St. Patrick's Day
March 17**



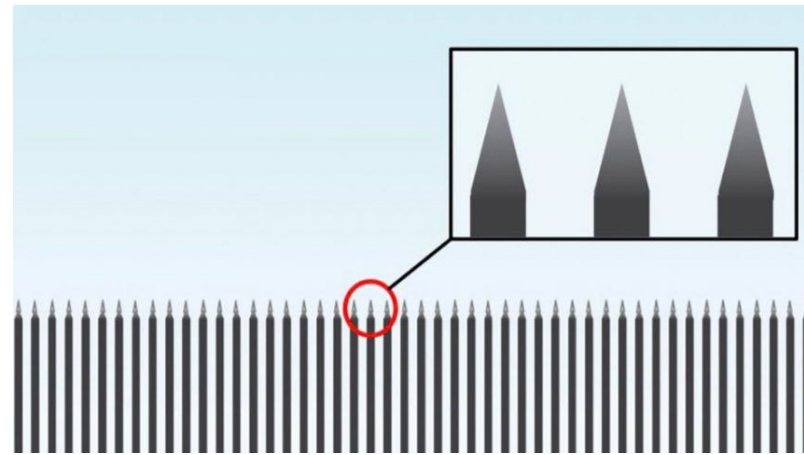
The Government Shutdown

By **Hanna Tormey**
Co Editor-In-Chief

Starting on December 22, 2018 our government went into shutdown mode. A government shutdown occurs when government expenditures are not passed by Congress, which leads to non-essential functions of the government no longer taking place. In this case, the government was in partial shutdown, which according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, means that “lawmakers have already passed full-year appropriations for five of the twelve appropriations bills: Defense, Labor, Health and Human-Services Education, Military Construction - Veterans Affairs, Energy and Water, and the legislative branch.” This leaves one quarter of appropriations that would need to shutdown. In this case, Congress and the White House “failed to agree on the inclusion in an annual spending bill of \$5.7 billion requested by President Trump for the construction of an additional 234 miles of fencing added to the existing border,” according to ThoughtCo. This partial government shutdown left roughly 800,000 federal employees without pay.

The cause of this shutdown was border security, specifically a wall that President Trump wished to build at the Southern Border. The President wished to secure funding for a steel slatted wall, which he says is needed for national security and would support his zero tolerance policy. The President also says the wall is needed to stop a “humanitarian crisis, a crisis of the heart and a crisis of the soul,” according to Aljazeera.com. President Trump publicly claimed that he had the full support of the Republican Party, but US Senator Cory Gardner made the statement, “We should pass a continuing resolution to get the government back open. The Senate has done it last Congress, we should do it again.”

The Democratic Party continues to view the wall as “expensive and ineffective” (Aljazeera.com). Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi claimed that “the wall and the government shutdown really have nothing to do with each other,” agreeing with Senator Gardner about the



Wall Design

This is the design of the wall showcased on President Trump's twitter, that he describes as “beautiful.”

Photo from Dezeen.com

One Paycheck into the Government Shutdown...

9 out of 15
federal
departments
closed



75%
of the federal
government
funded through
September 2019



5.7 billion
requested
by Trump for
construction of
a Southwest
border wall



420,000
federal employees
are working
without pay
About the size
of Miami, Florida*



380,000
workers have
been furloughed
About the size
of New Orleans**



@StatistaCharts

* In 2016 the population was estimated to be around 440,000 for Miami, Florida
** The estimated population of the Orleans parish in 2018 is 393,292
Sources: NBC, Washington Post, CNN, World Population

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About the Shutdown..
Photo from statista.com



A Meal

Chef Jose Andres of World Central Kitchen provides a free meal to government employees suffering from the shutdown on Pennsylvania Avenue on January 24.

Photo from bostonglobe.com



A Cry to Work

A federal employee protesting the government shutdown.

Photo from zimbio.com



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FEEA

FEEA is an organization working to help federal employees affected by the shutdown. They are accepting donations at feea.org.

Photo from feea.org

sentiment that it was time to open the government. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer has also been a leading figure in Democratic opposition of the shutdown and the wall. Schumer reported of a conversation that he had with President Trump with the statement, “I said, ‘Mr. President give me one good reason why you should continue your shutdown,’ He could not give me an answer”. Democrats stand firmly in their stance that a wall is a non-starter for negotiations, and President Trump refused to pass any legislation to reopen the government that does not include funding for a border wall.

All across the country, the question of when and how the government shutdown would end was on the mind of most citizens. On January 19, President Trump gave a televised address to the country where he proposed a plan to reopen the government that included funding for a border wall and a three year revival for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). Only a few hours later, Democrats rejected this proposal because it failed to give a permanent plan for DACA recipients and included funding for the wall, according to ThoughtCO. Another way that President Trump has explored to receive his funding is to declare a state of national emergency, as reported by CNN. The National Emergencies Act, Sections 201 and 301, allows for the President to declare a National Emergency, which would “trigger emergency authorities contained in other federal statutes” (astho.com). This declaration would allow for our military to build the wall, with funds previously allocated to different areas, said CNN.com. TIME reported that Trump would allow this shutdown to last, “as long as it takes” in order to secure the funding needed to build the wall. At this point, the government shutdown is already the longest in American history, and there was no clear end in sight.

The stress from the government shutdown even reached Alfred-Almond. Ms. Hunt, Ms. Backer’s former student teacher, is a member of the National Guard through the ROTC program at Keuka College. She has been directly affected by the government shutdown, and one way was that right before Christmas, she did not receive her \$5,000 bonus. Luckily, she was able to obtain some Christmas gifts, thanks to those who donated some to members and their families who were affected by the shutdown. Once the shutdown ends, she will receive this bonus. However, one item that she will not receive after the shutdown ends is her \$5,000 student grant. Both the bonus and student grant were a part of her enlistment contract. Ms. Hunt is angered by the government shutdown, not just because it is affecting her, but also because it affects many families all across the country.



As of January 24, the President signed a bill to reopen the government for three weeks, according to the New York Times. This plan did not provide any funding for the border wall, and was extremely similar to the bill he chose not to sign right before the government shutdown began. Trump released the statement that, “If we don’t get a fair deal from Congress, the government will either shut down on February 15, or I will use the powers afforded to me under the laws of the Constitution of the United States to address this emergency”. President Trump is referring to his power to declare a state of National Emergency. As this three week period continued, talks in Congress ensued to try to reach a compromise bill that would satisfy both parties. As of February 11, an agreement was reached according to The Cullman Times. Now the country waits to see if President Trump will sign the bill which will determine the fate of the border wall.

The Shutdown: A Timeline

Dec 22
Shutdown
begins

Dec 26
FEMA issued a
stop work order
to contractors

Dec 28
EPA furloughed
95% of
employees

Dec 30
National Park
suspended
services

Jan 2
Smithsonian and
National Zoo
closed

Jan 4
HUD asks
landlords not to
evict residents

Jan 8
Trump
addressed the
nation to explain
the wall

Jan 11
800,000
employees
missed their first
paycheck

Jan 12
The
government
shutdown
became the
longest ever

Jan 14
Reports show
that 42,000
immigration
hearings have
been cancelled

Jan 19
President Trump
proposed a deal
of DACA for the
wall

Jan 24
Two bills to
reopen the
government
failed in the
Senate

Jan 25
President signs
bill to reopen
the government

Feb 11
Congress
reaches a
compromise
deal

Feb 14
Congress votes
on the bill, if it
passes it will
reach the
President’s desk

Feb 15
If a deal is not
reached another
government
shutdown will
begin



Sharing Our Reading

BY: PAUL BARNIAK

THERE ARE THREE BOOKS THAT PEOPLE MAY BENEFIT FROM BECAUSE THEY DEAL WITH TOPICS THAT MOST NEVER CONTEMPLATE.

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS

by Ali Nomad describes the levels of consciousness that humans are capable of attaining. An attempt is made to describe a level of consciousness that is difficult to describe with words. Examples of several people who have attained that level of consciousness throughout recorded human history are given along with evidence of attainment.

IN THE DAYS OF THE COMET

by H. G. Wells is a science fiction novel that describes what happens when humans are "exalted" and attain a higher state of consciousness because of the effect of the changes in Earth's atmosphere when a comet passes close to the Earth's orbit around the sun. Very entertaining and yet thought provoking.

DANCING WU LI MASTERS

by Gary Zukav describes modern physics and quantum phenomena using metaphors taken from eastern spiritual ideas including Buddhism to explain various phenomena. The work of pioneers of western physics down through the ages is discussed. Chapters are not numbered because they were not intended to be read in any order. Of paramount interest to those whose task is to impart understanding of physics to others is "The Wu Li Master does not teach, but the student learns. The Wu Li Master always begins at the center, the heart of the matter..."

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS
Ali Nomad

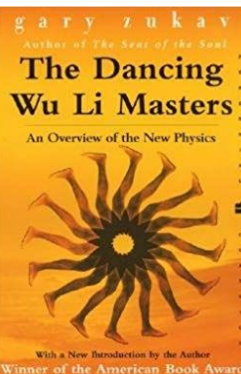


Serapis Classics

IN THE DAYS
OF THE COMET



H. G. WELLS
INTRODUCTION BY BEN BOVA





Reading

the

Library



BY MARK
HALL -
LIBRARIAN AND
COLUMNIST

A GOOD BOOK IS (SOMETIMES) HARD TO READ!

Last week I read "The Bear", a novella by William Faulkner (after putting it off for more than fifty years because his fiction is sometimes hard to understand) and I found it worth the effort! It is an epic tale on several levels, recounting an epic bear hunt in the deep woods of North Central Mississippi in the 1880s, a boy's rite of passage into adult realizations, and the tragi-comic legacy of conquest, settlement, and slavery in the 19th Century. Faulkner, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1948, gets a lot said in 132 pages; the raw frontier of Mississippi, wrested from the hands of its Chickasaw inhabitants, exploited through the labor of African slaves, is soon to be stripped of its forests by the timber industry, leaving only the mythic memories of encounters with fierce bears and enormous buck deer in the minds of true hunters like Ike McCaslin, the central character in the novella.

In his fiction, Faulkner was seeking the universal meaning to be found in lives of people on the postage stamp of ground (Lafayette County, Mississippi) which his ancestors had settled only two generations before his birth. The fiction resonates with me because my own ancestors settled in and struggled to survive in the same region, at roughly the same time - only fifty miles to the northeast of his. Faulkner's family saga is, for all practical purposes, my own saga as well.

A word of caution to those whom I encourage to read this and other difficult books: the difficulties are genuine. At one point, after one of the most breathtaking descriptions of a hunt and its aftermath which I have ever read, the author jumps ahead in time and presents an argument between Ike McCaslin and his older cousin, which goes on for page after page in an apparent run-on sentence in which it is often difficult to keep up with whom is speaking. However, the careful reader soon catches on, keeping an eye on the semicolons, and follows its tortured summary of a family's racial split into two separate and supremely unequal branches. It all serves to support Faulkner's theme that the land itself cannot be owned or legitimately inherited by any honest person because exploitation and slavery have placed a curse upon it (which not even defeat in the Civil War can expiate).

If the foregoing comments have not frightened you away, you can find "The Bear" in "Three Famous Short Novels: Spotted Horses, Old Man, The Bear" by William Faulkner (SC FAU) In the High School library.



WILLIAM FAULKNER



The Bear





Suggested Readings for Black History Month



BY MARK
HALL -
LIBRARIAN AND
COLUMNIST

"And Why Not Any Every Man: an Account of Slavery, the Underground Railroad, and the Road to Freedom in New York's Southern Tier" by Helene C. Phelan ** (326 PHE)

"I Know Why the Caged Birds Sing" by Maya Angelou (921 ANG)

"All God's Children Need Travelin' Shoes" by Maya Angelou (921 ANG)

"Lets Meet Ida Wells Barnett" by Helen Frost (921 WEL)

"Duke Ellington, Giant of Jazz" by Wendie C. Old (921 ELL)

"Amos Fortune, Free Man" by Elizabeth Yates (921 FO)

"Up From Slavery" by Booker T. Washington (921 WA)

"Harriet Tubman, Conductor of the Underground Railroad" by Ann Parry (921 TU)

"The Story of Phillis Wheatley, the Poetess of the American Revolution" by Shirley Graham (921 WHE)

"Oprah Winfrey, "I Don't Believe in Failure"" by Robin Westen (921 WEN)

"Black Boy" by Richard Wright (921 WR)

"The Most Native Son" by John A. Williams (921 WR)

** Author was once the Librarian at Alfred Almond Central School. Watch for a full profile of her and her works in the next edition of "The Observer"

BOOKS ABOUT READING

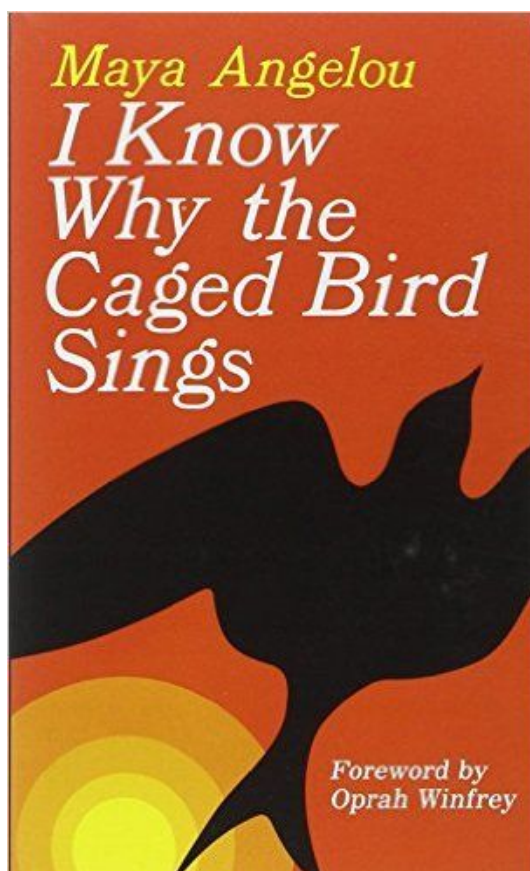
The following are books contain discussions of personal literacy by people who consider personal reading the central experience of their lives.

"Reading in Bed, Personal Essays on the Glories of Reading" by Steven Gilbar (028 GIL)

"The Joy of Reading, 210 Favorite Books, Plays, Essays ETC., What's in them, Why Read Them." by Charles VAn Doren (011 VAN)

"The Lifetime Reading Program" by Clifton Fadiman (011 FAD)

"Ex Libris, Confessions of a Common Reader" by Ann Fadiman (921 FAD)



By Wesley Dennison
Design Manager



Smile for the Camera!
Photo by Wesley Dennison

If you're anything like me, you're curious about what happens during activity mod, beyond frantically doing the homework that's due in 45 minutes - 44 minutes and 55 seconds actually, so you'd better do your homework before reading this (I'm one of those kids too). In case you have set aside an adequate amount of time to read this, I'm here to inform you about what happens in some of the clubs at AA, and help encourage more students to join.

Many, if not all, high schools have in-school organizations, or clubs, and Alfred-Almond is no exception. Our school has numerous teacher and student organized clubs to join if you're looking for something fun to do for a break in an otherwise drab week in school. Each month of the *Observer* features one such club, in order to better acquaint yourself with the Alfred-Almond environment.

You may have seen some students floating around with cameras, taking pictures of unsuspecting classrooms, or maybe have even asked you to smile for the flash, but aside from cringing and shielding your

face, have you ever wondered why they're doing it in the first place? Meet the club ALCEN. ALCEN is not actually an acronym, rather it's a contraction of Alfred-Almond and Central.



Within These Halls
Annie Lloyd, a co-editor of the yearbook club, in the process of capturing memories to last a lifetime

Photo by Wesley Dennison

These students are our school's yearbook organizers. The group of 13 students and the tech savvy Mrs. Valentine work an almost impossibly busy schedule. In interviewing Mrs. Valentine, I gained a lot of insight to the time intensive task the club members have ahead of them. They are required to take pictures all across the school, to plan and to format the top secret layout for this year's yearbook, and to do so the deadlines set by the publishing company, Jostens - this group has a lot cut out for them on a very tight schedule.

As someone who is not involved in ALCEN, the inner workings of the club were a mystery. I asked Mrs. Valentine and the senior staff some questions that I think will help us better understand a mostly unknown club.

Q: When did ALCEN start?

A: ALCEN has been around since 1941.

Q: How do you choose the music in the yearbook presentation?

A: The club members choose the music they would like, then Mrs. Bain-Lucy chooses what is appropriate.

Q: Why are the Spring sports pictures always from last year?

A: The way the deadlines set by the yearbook company fall, the final product must be ready to be printed before Spring.

Q: Who makes the themes?

A: The seniors choose the layout for the presentation.

Q: How are roles decided in the club?

A: The staff members submit a job application to Mrs. Valentine, so she can sort people into the jobs they would be best fit for.



Tim!

By: Joe Miletta, Design Manager

WHO IS THIS TIM?

Tim Hosmer is the name of the new janitor at Alfred-Almond. Tim was born on April 6, 1962 in Woodlawn, New York. He later moved to Bolivar, then to Angola, and graduated from Lake Shore Central; he went to BOCES and went into the machine shop. His first job was quite similar to some students at Alfred-Almond. He worked for a catering company, similar to ACES, called Chiavetta's. He later worked at the College of Ceramics as support staff. He added that "he has always loved kids," and this is why he worked in support staff for schools.

HOSMER FAMILY:

Tim met his then future wife Debby in Bolivar. Together they raised two children, who then had kids of their own, making Tim a Grandfather to his four "Grandbabies." While telling me this, Tim, who had just finished working and was exhausted, lit up and smiled. He really does love kids, especially his family. Sadly, Tim's wife Debby passed away in 2012; they were married for 33 years. Tim is a family man, and though he has gone through hard times, still keeps an optimistic outlook on life and mankind as a whole.



Proud employee
Tim standing proudly wearing the smile so many are used to seeing on his face
Photo courtesy of Joe Miletta



Job well done
Tim walking away from a freshly cleaned carpet in the gym lobby
Photo courtesy of Joe Miletta

TIM'S WORK:

Tim first started working at Chiavetta's catering during high school, as previously stated. He then, in 1982, went to work at Andover School as support staff. He worked there for a while then worked at the College of Ceramics and fell in love with helping the kids in anyway possible. Tim later worked as a Corrections Officer for 12 years; sadly this was brought to an end by a stroke he sustained. He never went back due to a fear of not being able to be on top of his game and have his co-workers backs if an incident were to occur. Overall Tim is a really kind man who loves kids. So if you see him in the hallway, make sure to say "Hi".

FUN FACTS FROM TIM:

- Tim plans on taking a cross country trip to Alaska on his motorcycle.
- Loves his job
- Has 2 Kids and 4 Grandbabies
- Favorite parts of the school day are welcoming everyone to school and wishing them a goodnight as they leave for the bus



Meet Matt McAneney, one of Alfred Almond's Greatest School Counselors

BACKGROUND

Matt McAneney began our interview by introducing himself as one of the current school counselors of Alfred Almond. This marks his 20th year working at the school, and is one of his proudest achievements. Growing up, Mr. Mac always wanted to be a teacher, especially from a very young age. One of his teachers in the fourth grade was the first male teacher he had, and this influenced him to want to become an elementary teacher. Gradually through time, he also found that he wanted to teach high school kids. However, once he got into college, it changed his perspective on teaching, and he became fond of the idea of becoming a school counselor. He found that his strengths were more interpersonal than teaching to students.

COLLEGE PREP

One of the biggest changes in college prep being done to Alfred-Almond each year is the opportunity to enlist in college courses during the school year. Mr. Mac is always looking for ways to best prepare students for when they graduate. The school participates in this effort by giving students a feel of how difficult they can expect college classes to be, and helps prepare

By Parsa Rashidi
Copy Editor



them. It makes them realize that if they can do it in high school, then they have more confidence to be successful in college.

JOY IN THE JOB

Mr. Mac has found that working with students who are struggling profoundly and watching them progress from seventh graders to seniors and grow as individuals has been his greatest joy as working as a counselor. He described his main responsibility, in one sentence, is “to help students to graduate from high school.” He provides support for kids with social issues, college applications, parent meetings, emotional needs, etc. The good thing about his job is that every single day is different, because there are always different things going on with teenagers. He is also able to help students do better at school, get along with their peers, and help them become the best versions of themselves. So if you ever feel like you’re in need of some help or are struggling to pass by in school, visit Mr. Mac’s office in the SCO and he’ll be sure to make your experience at school more enjoyable!

“Even on your worst day, you are someone’s best hope.”

- Mr. Mac



Musical Teachers

By Arnold Saint-Phard - Staff Writer



Mr. Rech

He started in elementary school on the trumpet, and moved on to junior high school playing the euphonium, and finally in high school played tuba. He played tuba throughout the end of his highschool and college years. In college, music helped him push through the college stress. Music for Mr. Rech gives a different thought process after a long day, and he thinks the way it fits and works together is interesting, especially when multiple people play music together.



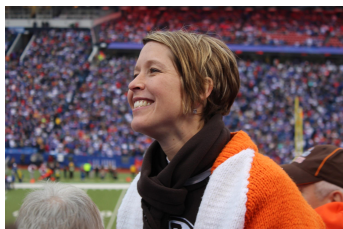
Mr. Hall the librarian

He used to teach, but now a librarian, he is hoping his songs helped kids' lives.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Chambliss

Miss Karr

She started singing in church as a kid, and later in high school she became a part of a singing group and toured. She wanted to sing in her college years, but she also wanted to become a historian for the Smithsonian. Her decision to move forward in her musical career was her acceptance to the Houghton college musical program before the college acceptance for history. For Miss Karr, music is a personal thing because everyone has their own taste in music and music speaks to people differently. She added, "when words fail, music speaks."



To Much Fun

Ms. Carretto is having fun at a game as her heart dances with joy.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Chambliss

Mr. Hall

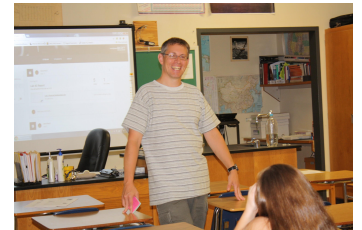
He started his musical journey in his early forties singing musicals. He was part of "Fiddler on the Roof". Then as a teacher, Mr. Hall sang in class to help his kids remember their history. A "classic" Is Vasco da Gama played to the tune of Pina Colada. Music, to Mr. Hall is, "Everything, its magic, I live for it."



Teaching with music

Mr. Rech, at times in class, helps students learn with music.

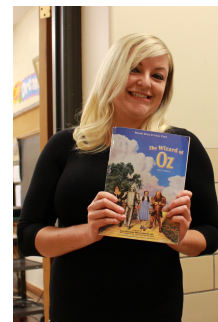
Photo courtesy of Mrs. Chambliss



Musical Success

Ms. Karr is happy that the musical Wizard of Oz was so successful.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Chambliss



Miss Carretto

Miss Carretto isn't fancy smancy singer and/or musician, but music has played a part in her life. To her, it means fun and dance. To help her students, she lets them listen to music while working on their school work. As a person she can't work and listen to music, but science does say music does help with concentration. She wants to give her student maximum potential to get that knowledge.



More Musical teachers >>



Mr. Bialecki

His musical career started in third grade playing the trumpet, and continued throughout high school and college. In 10th grade he had already decided on becoming a teacher because music meant so much to him. During his college years, he learned how to play many more instruments in order to play many different parts. In college, he could play at least 12 instruments. To Mr. Bialecki, music is universal: no matter where you are, people will understand through music.



Leads the band
Mr. Bialecki is leading a concert full of joyous music, that everyone can understand and love.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Chambliss

Band on stage
Mr. Ruch is doing a small gig, spreading that music love around town.

Photo courtesy of Mr. Ruch

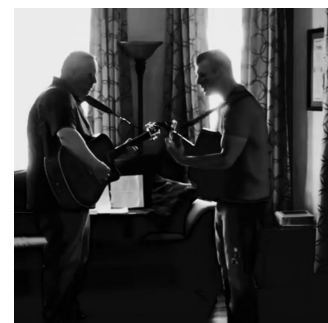


Mr. Ruch

He is part of a band called the “Sound Foundation”, and they do small gigs around Alfred-Almond. He started in a band in college, and enjoyed playing his music. Now, in his freetime and as a hobby, he plays music in almost every genre in his band. He not only plays guitar in the “Sound Foundation,” he also plays four other instruments. Mr. Ruch says that music is “eclectic: there’s good music in every genre.”

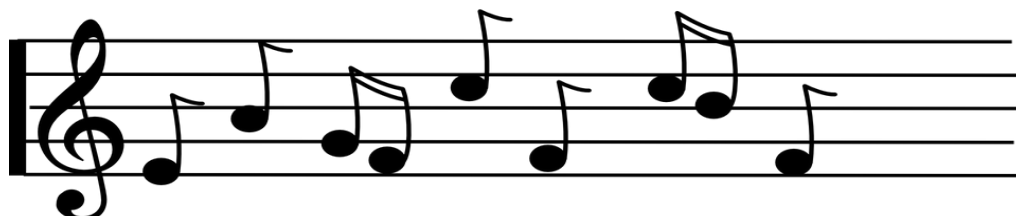
Mr. Donlon

Mr. Donlon is part of a band called the “Donlon Brothers,” and he mainly sings, but also plays the guitar. His band consists of his brother and another individual named Mike Porters. The band consists of family, even if it isn't blood. Mike is considered to be a “brother from another mother” some powerful words right there. In the Donlon family, music is a tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation. Since childhood Mr. Donlon knew music and enjoys all of its qualities. “Music, if you learn enough of it, can play your mood, whether its anger, happiness, sadness, etc.”



Brother harmony
Mr. Donlon and Mr. Donlon, the actual brothers, played beautifully together.

Photo courtesy of
Donlon Brothers/facebook.com





Senioritis an Epidemic

Disclaimer: ObserverMD is not an accredited source of medical information. This article is for entertainment purposes only.

Senioritis is a chronic condition that plagues the nation; especially among teens around the age of 17-18. It is often left untreated; and is allowed to progress to chronic stages. As the number of cases has been rapidly increasing, recently it is increasingly important to be aware in this upcoming season.

Step One:

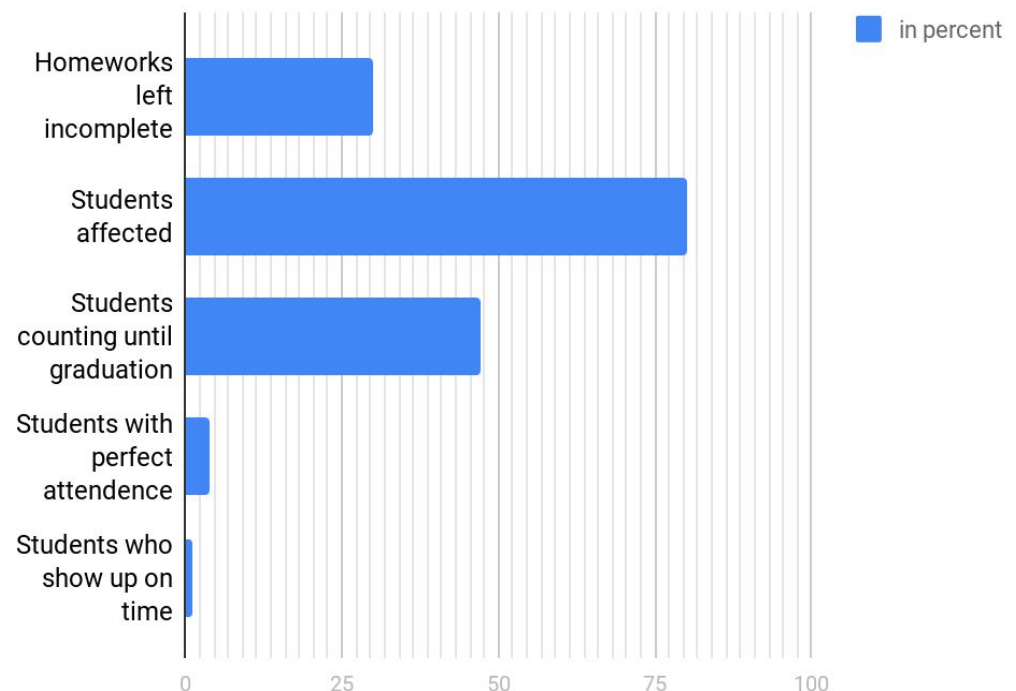
Know The Symptoms

Early signs are crucial in the treatment of Senioritis. Those who have caught senioritis may not even realize it. The symptoms often progress slowly. They could be subtle drops in the quality of your work. You may start striving for 95s instead of hundreds, and it continues to decline from there even to the point where completion may be the only goal regardless of whether you are correct. This downward spiral is extremely dangerous and can still affect your college admittance, regardless of acceptance. Many schools will check your GPA as you continue through your senior year. With this in mind; no matter how severe your case of Senioritis may be or how unimportant school may feel because it is almost over, you need to keep up the work ethic you maintained your previous years. Seek help if necessary; most people are willing to help.

By Conner Griffin
Co Editor-in-Chief

ObserverMD

All information was gathered through my personal observations not actual scientific studies



Step 2: Treatment

After detection, steps should immediately be taken to halt any progression of your disease before your prognosis gets worse. Treatment of Senioritis is incredibly arduous, and takes a lot of willpower. First thing to try is to do your homework; as meaningless as you may deem it, it is still a necessary part of reaching graduation. If you have reached a stage in your illness in which you are too weak to complete homework, your next step is to get help; external support is necessary in the treatment of Senioritis. Anyone can be of help all you might need is a little encouragement and you can see tremendous growth. If you fail to find external help, the final thing you can do to help with Senioritis is to try your hardest to attend school and interact with others; your friends need the help too.



Friendship February

By: Amya Snyder, Design Manager

“Being there for people when they need it.”

“Someone that can listen and make you laugh.”

-Morgan Randall

“Friendship is someone that you don’t necessarily have to see every single day, but when you see them it’s like you never missed a beat.”

“They have to be able to keep your secrets and they have to laugh with you.”

-Mrs. Valentine

“Someone to laugh with and help you.”

-Justin McClain

February, a month known for several things including: Valentine’s Day, Presidents Day, Groundhog Day, the Super Bowl, the Chinese New Year, and more. During my research of these holidays, I discovered that February was International Friendship Month. With this lesser known fact, I thought what’s a better way to celebrate it than ask the people around me: “What does friendship mean to you?”

“Trust, acceptance, and fun.”

“No judgment and always having open arms.”

-Logan Brown

“Having people to support you.”

-Lauren Kelly

“Someone you can talk with, speak the truth, tell your secrets and is there for you. It’s pretty unbreakable.”

-Tristan Feltin

“Having a true friendship is when you always celebrate your successes together and there isn’t a lot of jealousy or competitiveness, it’s like you’re in it to win it together.”

-Bella Lang

“Friendship means you can really be yourself with someone and they will forgive you, even when you go too far. It also means sometimes sacrificing something for yourself to make them feel better when they need it.”

-Mrs. Powers

“It’s just like not being alone all of the time man.”

-Bella Powell

“Someone who you can trust. If you needed something to be done, you can count on them being there.”

-Shane Davidson

“A true friendship to me would be like a second family. You can trust them.”

-Sierra Sanchez

Friendship has no boundaries...

Reagan Comer (left)
Kiara Wisniewski (right)

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Amber Trudell (left)
Jake Schultze (right)

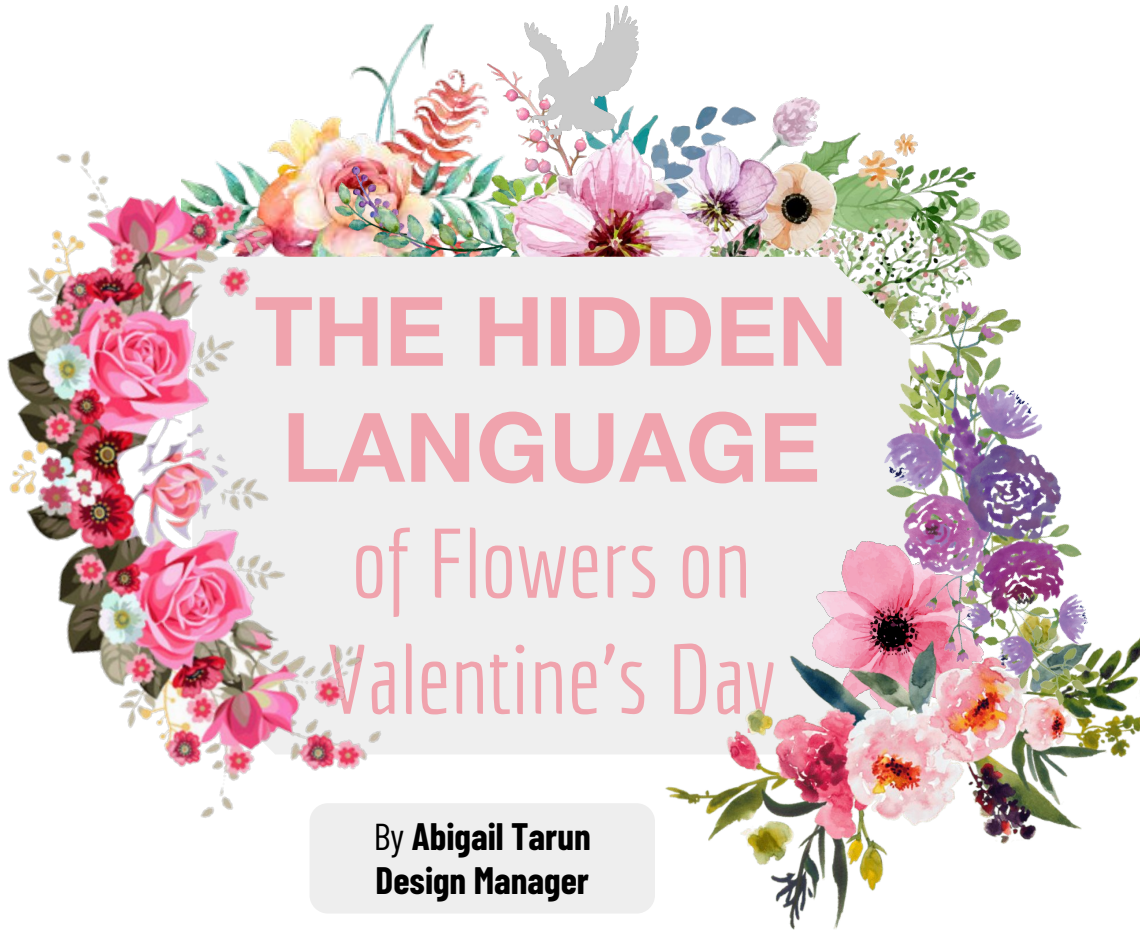
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Mirra Robbers (left)
Kayla Snyder (center)
Alyssa Turner (right)

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THE HIDDEN LANGUAGE of Flowers on Valentine's Day

By **Abigail Tarun**
Design Manager

Discover the special meaning behind your Valentine's Day flower...

If there's one holiday in which people share their feelings with one another, it's Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day has remained the same Victorian holiday the English celebrated back in the **19th century**. Just as they used handmade Valentine cards, the English had an alternative **communication method through the arrangement and use of flowers called floriography**. Carrying flower dictionaries, **the sender delivered a coded message** through specific arrangements of flowers, plants, and blooms **to his or her recipient**. This allowed the sender to express feelings which could not be spoken aloud at that time. Over time, floriography has continued to shape the **symbolism and meaning of flowers** in pop culture, literature, and art. Here are several Valentine's Day flowers with classic Victorian meanings still intact today.



ROSE - *Rosa*

FLORAL QUALITIES

Fragrance: **Sweet-spicy**

Blossom Texture: **Velvety**

Vase Life: **6-12 days**

Colors: **Reds, oranges, yellows, yellows/greens, blues/purples, green, red/purples, purples, whites/ivories, browns, pinks**

General Availability: **Year-round**

Blooming Seasons:
Spring, winter, fall

1. RED ROSE = "I love you" / "Be mine" Without a doubt, the red rose symbolizes the very essence of Valentine's Day. It's the ultimate proclamation of romantic love and enduring passion.

2. YELLOW ROSE = friendship, joy, happiness In contrast to the red rose, the yellow rose radiates the sun's everlasting warmth and joy while the color itself represents the warm feelings of friendship and optimism.



3. PALE PINK ROSE = grace, gentleness, gratitude When it comes to giving affection, pink roses are generally thought upon as the flower to ease emotions and bring sweet thoughts to the mind. Pale pink, in particular, signifies gentleness, joy, and grace, which is an indication of an affection that has yet to transform into a deeper love.

4. WHITE ROSE = marriage, spirituality, new beginnings A pure color in itself, the white rose conveys respect by paying homage to new beginnings and hopes for the future. Symbolizing innocence and purity, the elegant white rose is well-suited for the most reverent occasions, like marriages, christenings, and graduations.

5. PURPLE ROSE = enchantment Referred to as the "mystical rose", the purple rose gives off endless enchantment for the recipient. Givers of the purple rose seek to convey that he or she has fallen in love with the recipient at first sight and cannot resist the object of his or her desire.

6. BLUE ROSE = a mystery Like a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, the blue rose is a fragment of the wishful, imaginative, and free pieces of mind that seek something unattainable.



CARNATION - *Dianthus caryophyllus*

FLORAL QUALITIES

Fragrance: **Peppery**

Blossom Texture: **Satin**

Vase Life: **7-14 days**

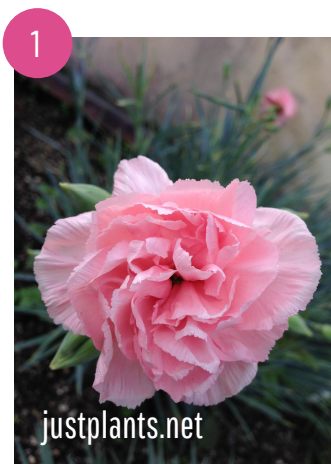
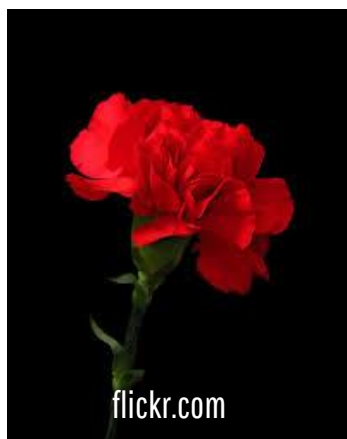
Colors: **White, dark red, light red, yellow, purple, pink**

General Availability: **Year-round**

Blooming Seasons: **Late-spring starting in May**

1. PINK CARNATION

= *tenderness, fondness, motherly love* According to Christian legends, the first carnations sprouted from the earth as Jesus carried his Cross. As Mary witnessed his plight, she started to shed tears where pink carnations would eventually spring forth from the earth. Since then, the color pink has exemplified a protective motherly love. Light-pink carnations symbolize gratitude and a motherly love while dark pink carnations express tenderness and fondness. In some cases, they can also be used to express sentiments of blooming love on a first date.



2. PURPLE CARNATION = *capriciousness, condolences, apology* Purple carnations indicate capriciousness or unpredictability, which usually implies a condolence for an unfortunate circumstance. They can also be appropriate for seeking apologies.



3. YELLOW CARNATION = *disappointment, rejection*

If you find that someone has disappointed you or you no longer love someone, then the yellow carnation is the go-to flower for break-ups. While the color yellow can be positive, the flower itself has many negative meanings associated with it such as disdain and contempt.



LILY - *Lilium*

FLORAL QUALITIES

Fragrance: **Heavy-mild**

Blossom Texture: **Satin**

Vase Life: **7-14 days**

Colors: **Pink (Stargazer), white (Casa Blanca/Madonna/Easter), red, orange (Tiger), purple (Martagon/Tango)**

General Availability: **Year-round**

Blooming Seasons: **Mid to late summer**

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1. STARGAZER LILY = *heavenly paradise, prosperity, purity* One of the most adored lily varieties, the stargazer lily truly stands out with its lovely pink shades, seductive scent, and white highlights. Generally, lilies are well-known motifs for innocence and purity which go all the way back to ancient Greek civilizations and biblical practices. White stargazer lilies have symbolized purity and sympathy while the pink varieties are also considered a sign of wealth and aspiration.

2. MADONNA LILY = *femininity, fertility, amiability* In conjunction with the Virgin Mary, the white lily has appeared in many portraits beside the Madonna herself as a prolific symbol for purity and virginity. Monastery gardens used to be packed with white lilies as they were not only considered holy but also medicinal in value to treat rashes and wounds.

3. TIGER LILY = *confidence, pride, wealth* Presented in Buddhism as a flower of mercy and compassion, the tiger lily is tied with the aggressive aspects of the feminine. With fiery hues of orange and yellow streaks, the dark-patterned "tiger spots" on the lily are thought to represent coins or in other words, the abundance of wealth.

4. LILY OF THE VALLEY = *humility, chastity, sweetness* In the Bible, the lily of the valley symbolized the weeping tears from Eve and her banishment from the Garden of Eden, Jacob when he wept for Rachel and their missing son Joseph, and the Virgin Mary's tears shed at the crucifixion which are all tears believed to have turned into the flower, according to Christian lore.



ALSTROEMERIA - *Alstroemeria aurea*

FLORAL QUALITIES

Fragrance: **None**

Blossom Texture: **Satin**

Vase Life: **Long-lasting**

Colors: **White, golden yellow, orange; to apricot, pink, red, purple and lavender**

General Availability: **Year-round**

Blooming Seasons: **Summer**

ALSTROEMERIA = *support, devotion, survival* Discovered in 1753 by Swedish baron Claus von Alstromer, the alstroemeria has carried various spiritual interpretations from devotion and friendship to achievement of aspirations; making it the perfect token for companionship and a gift for good luck. Moreover, alstroemerias can say to a companion or loved one that you will always be there for them and that you trust in your lasting bond. Interestingly enough, the title "Peruvian Lily" or "Lily of the Incas" references its native habitat to the cool mountainous terrain of Chile, Brazil, and Peru.





HYACINTH - *Hyacinthus*

FLORAL QUALITIES

Fragrance: **Strong**

Blossom Texture: **Waxy**

Vase Life: **4-7 days**

Colors: **White, peach, orange, salmon, yellow, pink, red, purple, lavender and blue**

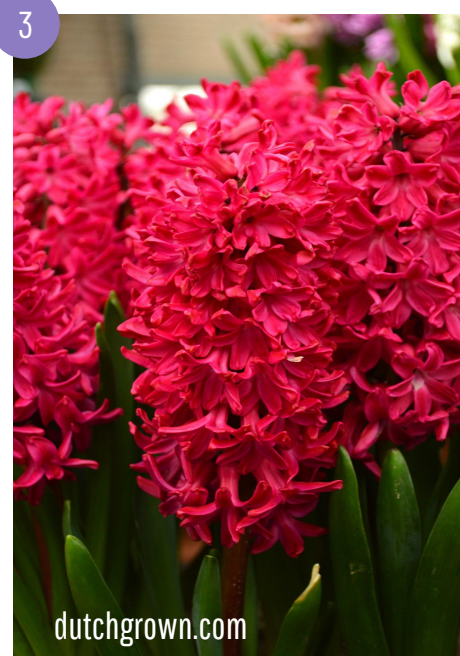
General Availability: **Winter, spring**

Blooming Seasons: **Early to mid-spring**

1. PURPLE HYACINTH = *sorrow, apology* According to Greek mythology, Apollo named the hyacinth flower after a beautiful boy named Hyacinth, whom he affectionately loved. However, due to the jealousy of their love, Zephyr killed the boy by sending their thrown discus back at his head with a gust of wind. Weeping over the white hyacinth that came from Hyacinth's blood, Apollo's tears turned the flower's petals purple. The hyacinths' symbolism for sorrow and grief could be what Apollo felt when Hyacinth died, while the message of apology could come from Zephyr's instant regret for killing the boy.



2. WHITE HYACINTH = *purity, innocence* Continuing the story from the purple hyacinth, Apollo refused to give up Hyacinth to Hades, the ruler of the Underworld. So instead, Apollo looked after the boy's soul making sure that he would never perish in the Underworld. The Victorian meaning of "I'll pray for you" from the white hyacinth might have come from this part of the Greek legend.



3. RED HYACINTH = *happiness, play* Credited more for its bold appearance, the pink or red hyacinth means play in Victorian interpretations. However, in the Bible, the Book of Revelations mentions in Apostle John's vision some war-like horsemen who wore breastplates with fiery red hyacinths.



GLADIOLUS - *Gladiolus*

FLORAL QUALITIES

Fragrance: **Light, but elusive**

Blossom Texture: **Satin**

Vase Life: **7-14 days**

Colors: **Pink, red, purple, yellow, orange, white, green, bi-color**

General Availability: **Year-round**

Blooming Seasons: **Summer**

GLADIOLUS = strength, moral integrity, faithfulness With leaves that bear the resemblance of swords, the gladiolus has long been referred to as the flower of the gladiators, or men who fought as armed swordsmen in the Roman Republic. As such, the gladiolus has become a prominent symbol for the fond remembrance and honor for those who passed away. In addition, the Victorians have attached other meanings to the sword-flower such as sincerity, infatuation, or the message "give me a break."





RANUNCULUS - *Ranunculus asiaticus*

FLORAL QUALITIES

Fragrance: **None**

Blossom Texture: **Paper-like**

Vase Life: **10-12 days**

Colors: **White, cream and jewel-like shades of yellow, orange, red, purple and pink**

General Availability: **Year-round except summer**

Blooming Seasons: **January to May**

RANUNCULUS = *radiant charm*

Having a delicate appearance, the ranunculus flower has a certain whimsical charm that will leave him or her mesmerized by its appearance. These gentle blooms relay sweet sentiments of alluring beauty and tenderness to those who receive it. While the ranunculus may symbolize charm in all of its forms, the flower is also a symbol for reckless behavior which derives from a Native American tale of a coyote who used ranunculus flowers as eyes after an eagle stole his original pair, hence the flower's nickname "Coyote's Eyes."



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Coloring in the winter

Let's be real, the white snow, the brown slush, and the grey skies are seriously getting old. This time of the year is always the most bland. The seasonal gloom may be starting to get to you; however, we are here to tell you a little bit about ourselves in the hopes that we can color in the boring visuals of your winter.



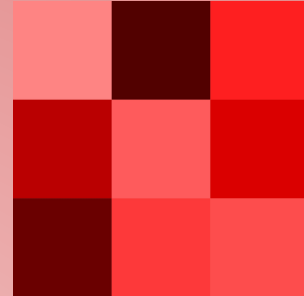
(Note: Indigo couldn't make it because he's been on vacation in the Bahamas, and we're not sure when he's coming back. It's okay, he's still in our hearts.)



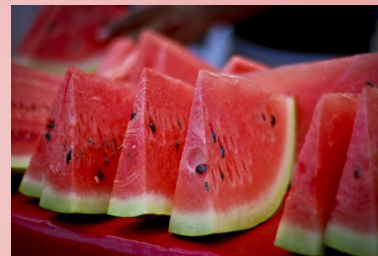
Red

By Spenser Ormsby
Copy Editor

Hi, I'm red. The first color in the rainbow, with Orange following me. I am a primary color. When mixed with Yellow I make Orange, and when combined with Blue I make Violet. People say I am a warm color, which I think is very much needed in this time of single-digit temperatures.



My complementary color is Green. We are best friends. Christmas would be nothing without the combination of us. Our color combination also tops off the deliciousness of the watermelon.



There are many things in this world that are made up of me. If it weren't for my bright attributes on a stop sign, there would be a lot of accidents. The yummy restaurant called "Red Robin" would just be Robin without me. I am the color of some delicious fruits, including strawberries, cherries, apples, and the controversial tomato. My color gives a red fox its intensity and I am always a base color for a nice hot fire.



Red Robin
GOURMET BURGERS AND BREWS

I am very energetic, strong, powerful and courageous. I enjoy capturing the attention of everyone. I lead the other colors in the rainbow, so they may tell you that I am the most assertive color and maybe sometimes the most angry, but what can I say? I always need to bring the heat. Despite those facts, I also convey love and passion. The sight of me tends to spark a sense of strong emotion and intensity in people.

I hope that with my hot connotations and with the fun aspects of my friends, we were able to brighten up your winter!



By Davon Bloom
Design Manager

Orange

Hi, I'm Orange! I'm soon to be your favorite color and these are the reasons why-I'm the second color in the rainbow, with Yellow following me. I am a secondary color. When Red and Yellow are mixed they make me! Most would consider me a warm color, because if you look closely you'll see me in a flame.



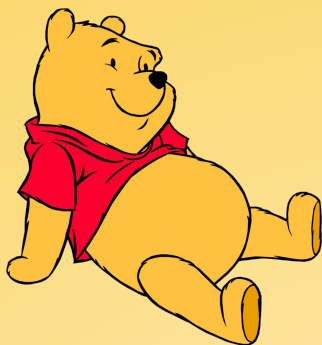
Orange is associated with vitamin C, which will keep your immune system strong and fight these winter colds. I'm not only a beautiful color, I'm a delicious fruit. My brightness is used to keep hunters and construction workers safe. I make up the best part of the evening sunset. I will provide warmth when you're cold. I get my passion from Red and my joy from Yellow.

The color orange is stimulating, vibrant and flamboyant. I'm the pure color of joy and creativity. Orange is less aggressive than the color red, and it combines with the calming color of yellow.



I'm the color of the Syracuse Orange. I'm the Denver Broncos and the Cleveland Browns. My complimentary color is Blue. Blue is like my best friend. Together we make the Oklahoma City Thunder. Most importantly I'm the color of a basketball! Yep, I'm your favorite color!

I hope I added a little bit of color to you winter!!



Yellow

By Lindsey Allen
Staff Writer

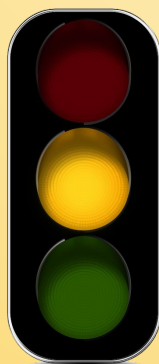
Hello! I'm Yellow. I am the third color in the rainbow, right in the middle of Orange and Green. I am a primary color; when I am combined with Red we make Orange, and when I am combined with Blue we make Green. I understand that the winter has been long and colorless with all of that white snow, so I am here to help. I am a warm color, so I'm not very fond of the cold, and I'm ready for this winter to be over and color to come back.



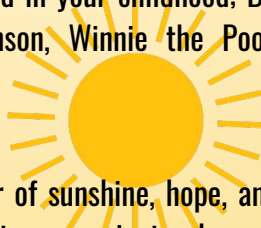
My complementary color is Violet. He's the second best color in my opinion (right after myself), and also my best friend. Together we make up the Los Angeles Lakers colors. Whether you like the team or not, they look very sharp, you must admit, and that's thanks to us.



I am found in many things; just look around, I'm sure you can see me. I am in the sun, and if you didn't know this, try not to look directly at it please. I am also in many foods. I am in bananas, which are good for you - get that potassium. Lemons as well, which give you a good source of vitamin C, so eat up. And delicious yellow pineapple, yummmm. I am found all over nature, in my favorite flowers: sunflowers and daffodils! I'm also found in your childhood; Big Bird from Sesame Street, SpongeBob, Barry B. Benson, Winnie the Pooh, remember them? Yeah, that's me too.



I am the color of sunshine, hope, and happiness. I am warmth, cheerfulness, and youth. I am a great communicator, have a great memory, I am confident, and I am optimistic. I am all of these things, but with good comes bad, too. When taken the wrong way, I can represent betrayal, madness, and a coward. I can also be seen as caution in some instances, such as a yellow light while driving (this light means use caution, not "beat the red light"). I can be seen as anything you wish to see, preferably the good things though!



I hope that my friends and I helped make your winter a little more colorful!





By Dylan Guthrie
Design Manager

Green

I'm Green, whatchu mean? Howdy. I am the fourth color in the rainbow, right before Blue and right after Yellow. A secondary color is what I am, so Blue and Yellow make me. I am a cool color, in the winter it is very cold, but I want to be seen again. I can explain to you what I mean, keep reading.



My best buddy Red is my complementary color. You can see us together a lot during Christmas; we are very festive together. Also, have you ever noticed the colors of apples? Yeah, that's us. Although we may contradict each other when it comes to stopping and going, we have learned how to work through it and we know when it's our time to shine. He does stand for anger, but we don't have to talk about that.

Look around! Look at the ground! I make up 20% of the world in grass. I'm the color of the famous British gecko on the Geico commercial. Haven't you heard of M&M's? Well there is even one coated in my color!! Have you ever been wanting to quench your thirst with some water? Maybe the next time you feel this way, slap a nice green, juicy lime in that sucker. You may even see me while you're zoning out in class, looking at old chalkboards. I'm also a type of apple that if you eat it everyday you can keep the doctors away.



I am the meaning of life, renewal, and nature. People say I am ambitious and energetic, which I think is very true. I am traditionally associated with money, finances, and banking. With this being said, I am very important because when it comes to money, everyone needs me. I also bring great energy, and an example of this is in summer everyone seems more energetic, and maybe this is because there is more of me outside.

When it comes down to it my friends and I add so much to the world and to everyone's lives. We all make up the rainbow.



Blue

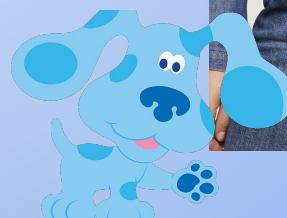
By Sarah Johnson
Editor in Chief

Hey you, it's Blue. I am the fifth color in the rainbow, right after Green and right before Indigo. I am a primary color so I am not made by any colors; however, I can combine with Yellow to make Green, and I can combine with Red to make Violet. Although I may be considered a cold color, I am in no way acquainted with this cold weather; hence my reason for being here. I am here to give you a little splash of blue during this seemingly endless, colorless season and to prove to you that the expression "feeling blue" is actually a good thing.



You may have noticed that when introducing myself, I failed to mention one color. That color happens to not only be my complementary color, but also my bestest friend. Orange and I go way back. As you may know, we agreed to be Syracuse University's school colors together, and we also signed with Oklahoma City Thunder to be their team's colors. You must admit we make them look pretty fly. My boy Orange has always been there for me. He stood by me when everyone was claiming that the dress wasn't blue and black. I couldn't have been blessed with a better complementary color.

If you take the time to look around, you'll find that I make up an abundance of very fun creations. Let's see here... I give denim its color, so you can thank me for those cool jeans you're wearing. Blueberries wouldn't be blueberries if it weren't for my participation, and that awesome kids' show everyone loved... What was it? Ah yes, "Blue's Clues". Without me, that would just be called Clues. In nature, I am the blue sky that we all love to see so much, also making me a backdrop for my friend Yellow, who makes the sun. The water that makes up 71% of the earth's surface would just be clear liquid if it weren't for the contribution of my various shades. Although these are just a few examples of where I can be found, every single thing that I make up brings me so much joy, and I hope it does the same for you!



I am an extremely trustworthy, loyal, and wise color. I usually exhibit confidence, intelligence, and truthfulness. Humans have told me many times that I am extremely beneficial to the mind and body. I am strongly associated with tranquility and calmness. This makes sense, since the sight of me slows the metabolism and because I can have a calming effect on whoever is looking at me.

See, feeling blue isn't all that bad! I hope my friends and I were able to color in this dull season for you!



Violet

By Alex Comer
Copy Editor

Hi there, I am Violet. I am the last color in the rainbow, right after Indigo. I am not a primary color, but if you combine Red and Blue then you can make me. You may mistake me for the very close look alike, purple, but I am here to tell you that I am not purple. Purple is considered closer to red when mixed, but I am closer to blue. I am here to tell you a little about myself.



Now, Yellow is my main woman, and my complementary color. We can be used to make multiple collaborations. For example, we make up the basketball team, the LA Lakers, and the Alfred University Saxons.



I am not in many things, but the things that I am in are very special. I am in some healthy foods; grapes, red cabbage, eggplants, and other foods. I'm not just in food, I am also in many flowers, such as lilacs, irises, and many more. I am in some precious gems, like amethyst, and I am the color of royalty as well. You may have heard my name in many movies or books because a lot of people have the name Violet. My name was used in "A Series of Unfortunate Events", "The Incredibles", and "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory".



I am a very gentle and free spirit, and I always think of others before myself. While I may not be the most popular of colors, as only 4% of Americans listed me as their favorite color, I still am a very soothing and relaxing color. Many health offices have used me in their buildings and rooms due to my soothing properties, and I am very happy to help.

I hope we succeeded in brightening up your winter!



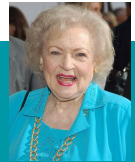
By: Ali Fancher
Staff Writer

Generations

Note to the Reader: Many of these characteristics were influenced by the economy, historical events, and previous generations. These characteristics are what researchers have found to be a trend with people born in these time ranges, but because everyone is different you many or may not have the characteristics that are associated with your generations. There are many ways to break down a generation; I took the most common ways of breaking down a generation for the information below.



Mother Teresa-1910



Betty White-1922

"The Greatest Generation"

AKA: The Depression Era, World War II, and the GI Generation

Born: 1901- 1924

Current Age: 95-118

Characteristics:

- People who were born during this time period reached adulthood in a hard time in history. They lived through the Great Depression and World War II.
- Savers- Due to the fact that these people were alive during the biggest recession in history, they had to learn how to be financially smart. When it came to financial investment, people chose CDs because they were low risk. *CDs are certificates of deposits they are a safe and low risk way to invest money.
- Waste-free- Due to the fact these people grew up during a severe depression and wartime (times that resources were highly restrictive), these people were very resourceful and had very little waste. For example, they would save down to the plastic bread bag and make bread bags into rugs.
 - Work-Oriented- These people would put work before their own enjoyment.
 - They have a sense of moral obligation and respect for authority.
- Marriage- When people got married they were together for life; getting a divorce was not acceptable.
 - Teamwork- In this generation, people would be described as team players.
- At their job they worked hard to hopefully one day "climb up the ladder", but at the same time, they knew that was rare. Once they got a job, they kept that job until they retired. They did not move from job to job.



Clint Eastwood--1930

"The Silent Generation"

AKA: Post-War Cohort and The Builders

Born: 1925-1945

Current Age: 74-94

Characteristics:

- During this time period, there was a very traditional home setting in that the men would provide for their family and the women would stay at home and take care of the family and home. If women did work, it was as teacher or nurse; very limited career options.
 - These people lived through the Vietnam and Korean war..
- The children who were growing up during this period were told and understood that "children should be seen and not heard."
- Even though this generation is called the silent generation, it is full of activists such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and Robert F. Kennedy.
 - This was a time of conforming to social norms.
 - They enjoyed reading; the newspaper was a popular read.
- This Generation is very much like Gen Z because both were born into economic hardships and global crisis times.



"The Baby Boomers"

* Can be broken down into two groups

Boomers I Born: 1946-1954

Boomers II Born 1955-1964

Current Age: 55-73



Kareem Abdul-Jabbar-1947



Oprah Winfrey- 1954

Characteristics:

- These people are often described as having a very strong work ethic and drive. They can be borderline workaholics.
- Like their parents, they are very resourceful. They grew up in a time where being resourceful was a requirement.
- This generation has a strong sense of community and is very team-oriented.
- They have strong interpersonal skills; growing up they talked to people on the phone and wrote letters. They also value relationships.
- They did not have the advanced technologies that we have today, so when they do use it, it's for getting something done, compared to later generations using it for entertainment and staying connected. Even though the "baby boomers" did not grow up with very much technology, most can use the advanced technologies that we have today.
 - The name Baby Boomer came from the spike in births.



Elon Musk-1971



Jennifer
Aniston-1969

"Generation X"

AKA: MTV Generation and the Lost Generation

Born: 1965-1976

Current Age: 43-54

Characteristics:

- This is a generation that is often associated with the attitude of "what's in it for me"
- When growing up, these kids might have been referred to as "latch-key kids" because kids would wear a key around their neck because when they came home, the house was empty.
 - This generation was also one of the first generations to experience "daycare."
 - This generation can often feel very misunderstood by the other generations.
- In the span of this generation's career, they will change their job 7 times. This very different from the previous generations in that once they have a job they have the same one until retirement.
 - The focus was on individual rights over the common good.
- When it came to marriage, this generation usually got married, but divorce was on the rise. Single parenting became more common.
- These people strive for and value a balance in their home and personal life. This is because their parent might have been in the Baby Boomer generation, and they were workaholics.
 - Money- They like to save and be conservative with money.



"Millennials"

AKA: Generation Y, Echo Boomers, and the Peter Pan generation

Born: 1977-1995

Current Age: 24-43



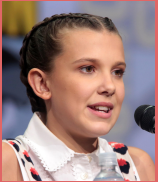
Ashton Kutcher-1978



Beyonce-1981

Characteristics:

- Millennials can be called the "Me Me Me Generation" because of their self-centered focused thinking.
 - They are technologically intelligent.
- People who are part of this generation can be described as assertive, and with strong views. This description is because of the information at their disposal.
- Some traits that millennials possess are that they are less likely to engage in politics and are very into scheduling, this is probably because as a child they grew up with a schedule.
 - Many of these children grew up with divorced parents.
 - They view money in that they earn money to then later spend it.
- When the Millennials entered the workforce they have had the most experience than any other previous generation.



Millie Bobby Brown- 2004



Zendaya- 1996

"Generation Z"

AKA: iGen

Born: 1996-2012

Current Age: 7-23

Characteristic:

- The people in this generation are known as very technologically savvy. They have grown up in a time of ever-changing technologies.
 - Generation Z is more accepting of diversity and very diverse themselves.
 - iGen is less likely to go to church than other generations.
- The nickname iGen comes from how reliant they are on technology and social media. They are more likely to be using Instagram than Facebook. They are often reliant on social media.
 - Gen Z has grown up with people telling them to save the planet.
 - Within this generation, there is a desire fix social injustices and problems.
- They grew up or were born in the Great Recession, not really knowing good economic times.
- Generation Z is growing up with "drone parents" because their parents were most likely in Generation X. Gen X was pushed to be independent and a "survivor", this Gen X does not want to redo this on their children, Gen X is very engaged with their Gen Z. They are not helicoptering parents because they are not going to save or rescue Gen Z, but want them to learn how to take things into their own hands. Also, Gen X has taught their children that they are clear winners and losers (no participation trophies). Gen X is there to watch their Gen Z, but not as likely to interfere.

"Generation Alpha"

Born:2013-225

Current Age 1-6

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The Mystery Behind Middle Names

By: Olivia Ormsby
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Middle names are one of those things in the world that are just kind of there and no one really thinks about. Some people have one, some have two, and some have none. I decided to investigate this phenomenon to gain a deeper understanding of this mysterious topic.

Middle names originally were non-existent. The trend began in Italy in the late 13th century by aristocratic families. Oftentimes no one had middle names except for the extremely wealthy. In Roman society men had middle names, women had no middle name, and slaves had one first name. The middle name trend spread to other social classes and eventually to other

countries, including Spain and France. Middle names spread throughout Europe and were very rare until the 1780s where 99% of children with middle names were born after 1780.

There are many reasons behind middle names. One is the thought of changing your identity or having the freedom to somewhat pick your name. For example, famous artist Pablo Picasso was baptized with an abundance of different names. He wasn't known by all of them, but he experimented with different names sometimes signing his painting as P. Ruiz Picasso. Another example is famous actor (from "That 70's Show," of course), Ashton Kutcher,

who uses his middle name as his first name (his full name is Christopher Ashton Kutcher). Another reason behind middle names is to make a family connection or "piling up relationships". Oftentimes when considering middle names parents lean towards names of family members that are important to them. For example, my middle name is Mae, which is also my grandmother's middle name.

Sometimes in the mid 1930s in the United States married women used their maiden names as their middle names. In modern times, women normally don't use their maiden name as their middle name, but rather they just have two last names or they keep their maiden name.

Is your middle name on one of these lists?

Top 12 Boy Middle Names 2018

- | | |
|------------|-----------------|
| 1. James | 7. Edward |
| 2. John | 8. Peter |
| 3. William | 9. Lee |
| 4. Thomas | 10. Christopher |
| 5. David | 11. Alexander |
| 6. Robert | 12. Michael |

Top 12 Girl Middle Names 2018

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Louise | 7. Mae |
| 2. Rose | 8. Marie |
| 3. Grace | 9. Mary |
| 4. Jane | 10. Amy |
| 5. Elizabeth | 11. Catherine |
| 6. Anne | 12. Victoria |

Learn about your fellow classmates and their middle names on the next page!

Information from:
[Time.com](https://www.time.com)



Paige Andrea Marlatt

As a seventh grader and my cousin, Paige's middle name is "Andrea" after our uncle, Andrew Marlatt, who passed away during the summer of 2005.



Big Baller Paige
Paige poses for a picture with her basketball headband on.
Photo
Courtesy of Olivia Ormsby



Andy
Our Uncle Andrew Marlatt poses for a photo on a golf course.
Photo
Courtesy of Nicole Norton

Noah Alan Dusinberre

Eighth grader Noah's middle name has been passed through multiple generations. Noah doesn't really like his name because his father's initials are B.A.D while his are N.A.D.



N.A.D and B.A.D
Noah is picture with his dad both beaming smiles.
Photo Courtesy
of
Mr. Dusinberre

Bella Mary Catherine Lang

Ninth grader Bella Lang is named after her grandmother, Mary Teresa Lang, and her Aunt, Erica Catherine Lang. Bella likes her middle names, but wishes that "one of them was a reflection of my Hispanic side so that there is sort of a balance."



Bella and Her Grandma
Bella pictured with her grandmother, Mary Teresa Lang whom she was named after.
Photo Courtesy of
Bella Lang

Maeve Rebecca Looney

Sophomore Maeve Looney was born on her Aunt Becky's birthday. Maeve's mom and aunt were always very close growing up, and Maeve's mom wanted to incorporate her name into Maeve's.



The Whole Fam
Baby Maeve is pictured with her Mom (far left) and her Aunt Becky (middle).
Photo Courtesy of
Maeve Looney

Lucas Drake Quintana

Lucas Quintana is a junior at AACCS. His middle name really has no family relation. His brother was simply given the option to choose Lucas's middle name when he was born, so he chose Drake.



Happy Lucas
Lucas is pictured with a smile on his face and his fancy shirt during the summer of 2017.
Photo Courtesy of
Olivia Ormsby

Zane Daniel Johnson

You'll most likely find senior Zane Johnson on the soccer and baseball fields, hanging out with friends or messing around with his dad, Dan Johnson. Zane's middle name is Daniel after his father.



Father and Son
Zane is pictured with his father, Dan Johnson, on senior night for Boys Varsity Soccer in 2018.
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Zane Johnson



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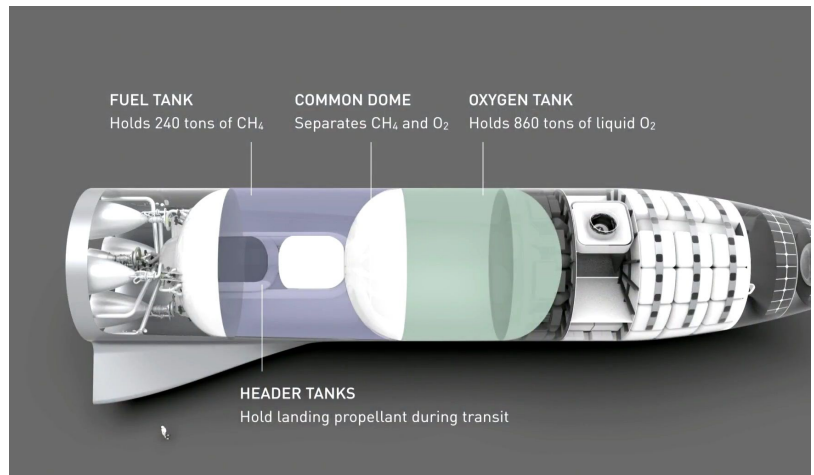
2024: Year of the Two Planet Race

BY: *Gabe Empson* (EIC)

Life on the red planet may not be science fiction for long. Especially if SpaceX has a say. The company and its CEO Elon Musk are taking Martian inhabitants with the utmost importance. In an article on *techexplorist.com* Elon and his company plan to send humans to Mars with the intentions of preserving the human race in the case of an earth shattering event. The company has been working to fund its research through its business with NASA and other companies, launching satellites and refueling space stations. Information from *SpaceX/about* records that these missions accumulated over \$12 billion in profits. This money would eventually be used to design, build, and test one of Musk's prized rockets called the BFR or Big Falcon Rocket. According to the specs on the SpaceX website, this rocket has 5,400 tons of thrust; more than double the previous design. The payload attached to this BFR is the brand new 'Starship' "-a craft capable of carrying over a hundred people and land in any atmosphere in the solar system." claims CEO Elon Musk in a video on his plans to colonize Mars.

"You want to wake up in the morning and think that the future is going to be great- and that's what being a spacefaring civilization is all about. It's about believing in the future and thinking that the future will be better than the past. And I can't think of anything more exciting than going out there and being among the stars."
-Elon Musk

Having the means to get to Mars does not mean that the humans put there will survive. Many people including Michelle Thaller, Assistant Director of Science Communication for NASA are very sceptical of Elon's capability to keep humans safe in a martian atmosphere. Stating in a Q and A video on youtube (*'Colonize Mars? Elon Musk, SpaceX and NASA are making big plans'*) she explains that it would be a dream and would love to see him follow through with his plans but is skeptical that he can keep people safe from the radiation and lack of an atmosphere.



The ship of the future- A model of the craft SpaceX plans to utilize for the colonization of Mars. Photo from: spaceflight101.com

Having rocket power alone won't get you to Mars. The red planet is more complicated than just an inhabitable ball in space. *Mars.nasa.gov* offers some eye opening facts about the variables involved with making it to the red planet. To start, the planet Mars' orbital ellipse is about 50 million miles away from earth's give or take based on season and time of the year for both planets. Because it takes 687 earth days for Mars to rotate once around the sun with the paths and speed of each planet there is a perfect window once every two earth years. This is the time where Mars is at its closest to earth, thus the best time to transport resources by rocket. The two year gap can be challenging for a colony attempting to survive the red planet. The average temperature on Mars is a cozy -81 degrees Fahrenheit with an atmosphere of mostly carbon dioxide and water vapor. The planet also lacks an ozone layer meaning the solar radiation won't be deflected as it is on earth. One of the final variables that might prove advantageous is the lack of gravity at about 62.5% of Earth's due to a smaller size and lower density.



The First Steps

The last open window for Mars ended in late 2018 meaning that the next open window to launch something will be in 2020, however Musk and his team plans to wait another cycle before sending any colony cargo. This second window is when the 38 story (387 feet) tall rockets will commence the trip they were ingeniously designed for. With advanced body design, and thick heat shields these rockets can make efficient aerodynamic landings, using air resistance to slow the craft without the use of propellant. I strongly encourage you to watch the videos contained on the SpaceX website portraying a Mars landing with their technology.



A picture of the planet Mars today

The Foot in the Door

In the 2022 window of opportunity, SpaceX plans on sending two BFR rockets full of cargo consisting of starter resources for a successful colony. Musk is the owner of more than just SpaceX, he also parents SolarCity a solar panel manufacturer, Tesla an advanced electronics and automobile company, and Neuralink a neuromechanics development lab. He is able and willing to provide the resources to birth a martian colony. And one day hopes to live there.



CGI representation of a SpaceX rocket approaching Mars

The Year Humans Live on Two Planets

With the resources in waiting, SpaceX will wait yet again until the next available window (2024) to send two more cargo ships along with two passenger ships carrying about 200 trained colonists ready to permanently colonize the red planet. They will spend a majority of their time setting up and building the complex that is to be the beginning of a city on Mars. These people would make history in the martian colonization story. Creating a second Earth would only be a matter of time.



Concept art of an early colony on the red planet

Growing the Population

The plan for SpaceX is to wash rinse and repeat the transport, attempting to send more people each time the trip is made. Musk states that his rocket technology is getting better by the day and plans to have more advanced rockets capable of making round trips. Eventually he wants to be able to send every day people to the planet hoping to achieve his dream of a Mars for everyone. As of now SpaceX is working on Earth to Earth travel in which someone can take a rocket to their destination of choice on Earth.



Musk's representation of the Martian super city to host Mars citizens

The Endgame

With each trip, the super city will grow larger and larger with attempts to terraform the environment around it. Musk predicts that with our modern science, Mars will be uninhabitable without a space suit within his lifetime. This would mean big things for our race and major questions finally answered. The NASA rovers have found evidence of bacteria on the planet which means at least one form of life has or does live on the red planet. Is there more? What secrets will we find, and what will the new life on Mars take form as? Exciting possibilities. Always remember to learn something new, and I'll see you on the next issue.



The transition of Mars from red to blue and green



The Actual Mixtape

The Ca\$h Magnet reflects on his music career.

By **Gabe Marcus**
Copy Editor

I have been warned about writing this article because there may be “indirect” links to possibly offending content. And I said to my fellows, do not worry about us getting shut down because I had a strong sense that the article would be something that would be perceived very well by the people. In 2015, Alfred Almond *Observer* reporter Elizabeth Allen interviewed me when I was entry-level at our school in terms of my career as a musical artist. I think that now, It is my responsibility to reflect on the four years of my career in the industry, and talk about what is ahead to come.

Quite frankly, writing each song requires a very short time. I have written so many songs, but have never taken the time to record many. I promise you that I will get to that. Distractions from my career such as academics, athletics and other activities made having time to write more of a hobby, not necessarily a job; but the results do not make it feel like it is a hobby. I realized though, that for over three years, I have not actively produced any material for YouTube until the summer 2018.

In the summer, what had happened was that I found this beat that I really liked on my brand new Tracfone smartphone



Professionally Entertaining

The Ca\$h Magnet performing at semi formal in 2016

Photo Courtesy of Mrs, Chambliss

and I wrote some lyrics about my Tracfone smartphone. It looked great and I decided to look nice in my skiing Giant Slalom suit. It was a big hit because I had not released any songs for three years. Then I noticed that people always noted my stubbornness and many people told me “you do you,” which I thought was a compliment. I wrote the lyrics and used a beat that was great, not from my producer Josh Carstens, though, but the song had to get produced. I produced “Me Do Me,” which is one of my favorite records and it took off like a jet.

Now at this point in time, I got to thinking about what type of content would be best to move forward, and I established my persona of “Hitting them with the shock value.” I did not intend for “Me Do Me” to be political, but arrogant and controversial. I now realized that having the most controversial persona would establish an atmosphere to my music.

“Whippy” was the next record I produced in early December 2018. The feedback was amazing, and I had five songs that could belong in a mixtape. When I went to Maine in December, I was with some friends and “superfans” of my music, and they allowed me to provide a personal concert for them, which was absolutely fantastic. The friends told me that they loved that I had “No Filter” and that I said what I meant and I was controversial. That was it. I would produce a mixtape named “No Filter.” So I went to SoundCloud and put all of my current material on SoundCloud.

Writing “No Filter” would finish the mixtape, but then I wanted to add a bonus track called “Goon” precisely because people will call me a goon and that’s fine. I promised Josh I would use his music on SoundCloud, and that promise will be kept. Believe me, There is more to come. And the mixtape will be sold commercially when it is completed.



Nora and Conner: Scholars, Athletes, Friends, Upstanding Citizens, and Now...Film Critics??

Dearest Reader,

Hello. Welcome. Our names are Nora and Conner. We are more than delighted to introduce you to our tastes and opinions, and give you a glimpse into the depths of our imaginations through the art of movie reviews. The two of us are tremendous movie lovers. While our preferred film genres differ, the love for cinema that stirs in our hearts is equivalent. With Valentine's Day around the corner, we have decided to delve into the infamous genre of the romantic comedy.

Everyone loves a rom-com, right? No? Okay, well honestly, neither do we. Our go-to movie genres range anywhere from drama to horror to sci-fi. When it comes to movies, we're typically not too picky; we'll watch anything. Anything, that is, with the exception of the romantic comedy. In our opinion, rom-coms tend to be repetitive, unoriginal, and predictable. With that said, a good movie is a good movie. We believe that if a movie is done right, its storyline will outweigh any preconceived notions one may have had about it, because of the genre that it falls under. While rom-coms may not be the most layered or thought-provoking movies, they can be fun, and feel good. So, in the following article we will review some of our favorite romantic comedies of the past few decades.

Our Proposal

Photo courtesy of Nathan Grove



The Proposal

Photo from amazon.com

The Proposal:

"The Proposal" is a heartwarming romantic comedy about a man named Andrew Paxton who is blackmailed into an engagement with Margaret Tate, his boss at a book editing company whose visa in America is about to expire. This film really pushes the comedic side of a romantic comedy when Andrew says she has to go to Alaska and meet his parents. They play a fantastic couple when around others, but as soon as they leave eyeshot they get as much distance as they can from each other. It creates hilarious scenes of them trying to balance their fake love and the real feelings they start to develop throughout the movie. It is a really fun movie that can be watched countless times. It features the cast of Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds, and Betty White. The cast was what took the idea for this movie and made it work.



To All the Boys I've Loved Before:

If you think that the rom-com era ended in the early 2000s, you are wrong. Appearing on Netflix this past August, “To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before” received a great deal of attention from teenagers everywhere. This movie proves that it is still possible to produce a new and fresh take on the romantic comedy. When I watched this movie, I wasn’t expecting much, but much to my surprise, I thoroughly enjoyed it. Lara Jean is the protagonist of the movie. She is creative, intelligent, but a bit closed off and reserved. She finds herself in a bit of a pickle when the personal love letters she had written to her crushes throughout the years, but never intended to mail, were mysteriously released. After some embarrassment and awkward moments with the recipients of the letters, she finds herself growing closer to one of the boys who received a letter. As the movie progresses, we are able to see their relationship blossom in interesting and unexpected ways. Overall, the movie was lighthearted and sweet, and was full of endearing moments that left the viewer feeling warm and full of joy.



To All The Boys I've Loved Before
Photo from imdb.com



10 Things I Hate About You:

Much like real life adolescence, this movie is a perfect blend of cringe, charm, awkwardness, and delight. “10 Things I Hate About You” debuting in 1999, dives into the lives of Kat and Bianca Stratford, two high school aged girls who couldn’t be more unlike. The only thing they have in common is the fact that they are sisters. Bianca is popular, naive, and sweet, while her older sister, Kat, is an outspoken feminist, who despises status quo, and seems to have an opinion about everything. If you ask me, Kat is totally iconic, and someone I aspire to be like.

This movie is light and not full of substance, but I believe a few of its characteristics make it worthy of our attention. Its late 90s/early 2000s fashion is eye catching and lots of fun. Every scene features at least one bold pattern, cargo pant, or tube top. I constantly found myself rewinding, and thinking of ways to incorporate a piece from an outfit into my wardrobe. Another redeeming quality about this movie is its cast. The movie features a young Heath Ledger, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, and Julia Stiles. The youthful cast can be thanked for the energetic atmosphere of the film.



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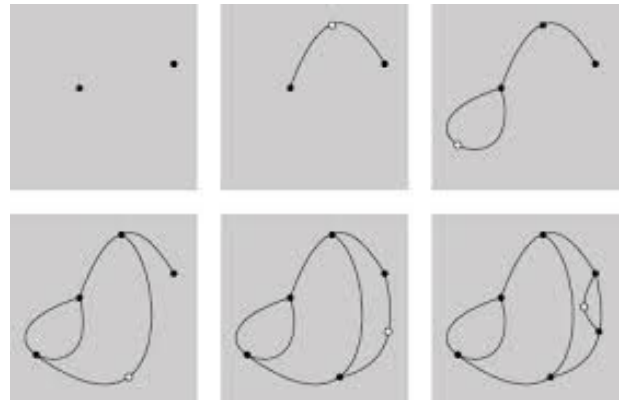
Sprouts, A Pen and Paper Game!

By: Wesley Dennison
Design Manager

Rules:

-Sprouts requires only 2 players

- Start by drawing 2 or more dots on the page
- Take turns drawing lines connecting the dots, then draw another dot somewhere on the line you just drew
- The line may be straight or curved, but must not touch or cross itself or any other line.
- The new spot cannot be placed on top of one of the endpoints of the new line. Thus the new spot splits the line into two shorter lines.
- No spot may have more than three lines attached to it. A line from the spot to itself counts as two attached lines
- The winner is the one who draws the last segment



Example

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