



Letter from the Editor:

A new year has begun and with that comes more amazing editions of our school newspaper! We welcome our new hard-working staff additions and welcome back our old dedicated staff. Everyone has worked incredibly hard to add to this edition and we hope you enjoy!

Your Editor, Diya Patel

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There are hidden Mustangs all over this newspaper! Can you spot them all? Here's a hint the first one is in the title!

Principals Corner:

The first marking period has ended, and second has begun on a very positive note. Most students have done very well and I'm sure you will continue to do so. For those who haven't, I expect you to try harder and to start now! If you need help, ask your teachers, Mrs. McGlame, Mrs. Barreto or myself and we will arrange for you to be tutored. Be reminded that tutoring is also available during both lunch periods for Language Arts and Math. I also want to compliment the 5th graders for their rapid and thorough adjustment to Memorial School.

As the holiday season approaches, we should all give thanks for all we have and the good health God has bestowed upon us. We wish our troops stationed around the world a safe and healthy holiday season. May all of your wishes and hopes come true.

To all the students, parents and staff, have a happy and healthy holiday and peace to you and your families always.

- Mr. Silverstein

Note from the Advisor:

The Memorial School Newspaper Club started out strong this school year. We currently have an amazing 30 writers and contributors on our "staff" this fall! I am glad to see many returning members as well as new members from all grade levels. Aligned with the Woodland Park School District's paperless initiative, the Memorial Times will now be available electronically on the school website to students, parents, and members of the community. The electronic version not only reduces the amount of paper and toner used by the photocopier, but also allows, you, the reader to have access to a clearer and more vibrant copy of the publication. As always, this issue has a variety of articles for all types of readers. Happy holidays and happy reading everyone!

~ Ms. Riviera

Two New Playgrounds Dedicated to Ron Pascrell

by Yastika Singh

In memory of a 30 year resident of Woodland Park, Ron Pascrell, two playgrounds were dedicated at Charles Olbon School. Ron Pascrell passed away on September 24, 2017. He was on the Board of Education for ten years, a coach at the Boys and Girls Club, and a U.S. Marine Corp for 22 years. Many people came on November 11, 2017 to Charles Olbon School to dedicate the parks to Mr. Pascrell. Ron Pascrell was the cousin of Congressman Bill Pascrell and the husband of Rita Pascrell who serves on the borough council. He has two children— Joseph and Stefanie. Overall, this playground is what Ron Pascrell would have wanted.



Protests at Rifle Camp Park Have Paid Off

by Yastika Singh

We all love Rifle Camp Park here in Passaic County and a few months ago, a group of people showed that they don't want it to change one bit. The Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders wanted to construct an 18-hole disc golf course at Rifle Camp Park. You're probably wondering what on earth disc golf is. Disc golf is a sport like golf where instead of hitting a ball with a club, you throw a disc, pick it up where it landed, and continue until you hit all the targets. The Board had a meeting in Pompton Plains in July and they had many arguments against the plan. Bruce James led the meeting and stressed that the disc golf course would attract people to the park and would not damage the forest. The project would cost \$20,000 and would require removing some trees and adding concrete. Many people are against this project and have protested with signs. I myself have seen the protests in front of Rifle Camp Park.

The Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders also wanted to add a dog park to Rifle Camp Park in an area that is home to migrating birds. People in Passaic County have put together protests against this plan and the disc golf course plan. A walkathon in Clifton, NJ promoting the "Plant a Billion Trees" move, held up a banner with the faces of some of the freeholders on it. The argument made by these protesters is for one thing— nature is important and the disc golf course will destroy the forest. Also, they say Rifle Camp Park is an Audubon Important Birding Area and cutting down the trees will destroy the habitats of birds and other animals. These animals include the redheaded woodpecker and the barred owl, as well as bats.

In October, the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders agreed to consider other locations for the construction of the disc golf course. They have proposed to construct the course at the Preakness Valley Golf Course in Wayne instead of Rifle Camp Park. County Freeholder Sandi Lazzara announced this, and has said that they will try to issue a report by the end of the year. Preakness Valley has a golf course, trees, a clubhouse, and more, so many people think it is suitable for building the new disc golf course. Protesters are relieved that their efforts were rewarded. The new disc golf course sounds quite interesting and we'll just have to wait to see what new location is proposed.

Meet Kianni: WP's Female Football Player

by Mia Aquino and Haley Franco

Kianni is a student here at Memorial Middle School. She is in the 5th grade and has many sisters, but did you know she is currently the only girl in our town that plays football? Here are some questions we asked her about her experiences playing football.

Question 1: What do you mostly focus on when you are out on the field?

A: I focus on where the ball is and who has it.

Question 2: Do you ever worry about getting hurt?

A: Yes, I mostly worry about getting hurt when I am in games.

Question 3: What reaction did your parents have when you told them you wanted to play football?

A: My parents got very excited when I told them, especially my dad. He wanted me to play.

Question 4: How long have you wanted to play this sport?

A: I wanted to play for about 4-5 years.

Question 5: What age did you start to play?

A: I started at age 8.

Question 6: How did the boys react to a girl on the team?

A: They thought I was going to be slow and weak.

From the answers we have received, we are certain that Kianni is very confident in what she does. She shows pride and that is what makes a good team player. We're sure that the school and our town are happy she is representing us!



Kianni on the field in her Panthers gear!

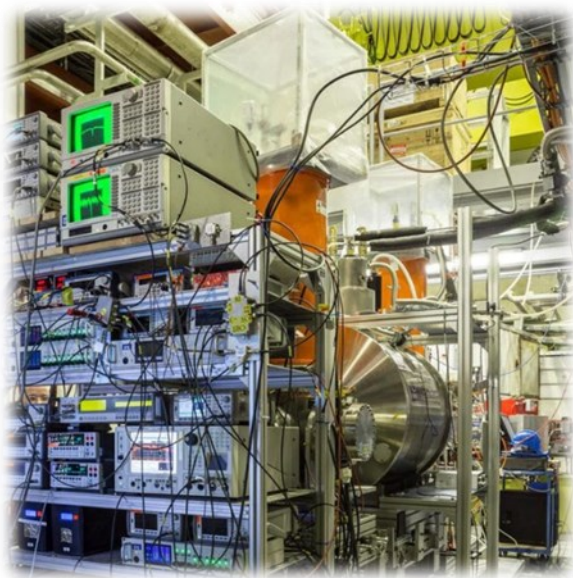


Comic submitted by Mohammed Abualouf

According to Science: The Universe Shouldn't Exist

by Chyna Sinclair

Our existence is one big question. At one point, we all wonder how it all started and how we came to be. But according to scientists who have spent their careers trying to find out how the beginning of everything didn't destroy itself, the universe shouldn't exactly exist. The current model for the beginning of the universe predicts that equal parts of matter -- the substance of which all material is made -- and antimatter -- a material composed of antiparticles which have the same mass as particles of ordinary matter but have opposite charge and properties were produced by the Big Bang. Since matter and antimatter are identical except for their opposite electrical charges, they overpower each other. When both of them collide, they arouse in a violent eruption, meaning nothing should be here today, according to scientists. Researchers at the European Organization for Nuclear Research have tried to find differences in the particles' mass, electric charge, even properties that haven't been defined yet, but everything comes up identical. Their latest study made the most precise measurements ever — 350 times more precise than previous numbers — of matter and antimatter's magnetism. But those came up identical, too. "An asymmetry must exist here somewhere, but we simply do not understand where the difference is. What is the source of the symmetry break?" Christian Smorra, the study's lead author, said in a statement. Researchers are now looking at the gravity of antimatter, hopefully providing the clarification we need to understand how we can explain anything at all.



The BASE (Baryon–Antibaryon Symmetry Experiment) experiment at the CERN (the European Organization for Nuclear Re-

Did you know?

If you have 3 quarters, 4 dimes, and 4 pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.



Droid Inverters Kit

by Zyaire Faulkner

Have you heard of a Droid inverters kit? A Droid inverters kit is a R2D2 robot you build. The robot has force drive, which is when you use your hand to move and steer the robot without even touching the robot. With the kit, there is an app that is downloaded and allows you to build the robot. The app gives a step by step completion of the robot. You can also use the app to steer the robot in different directions. If you like, you can rebuild the robot to have other things like a spinning head or lights. This Droid inverters kit is very entertaining and cool to use!



California National Guard Helping Fight Wild Fires In Northern California

by Patrick Ryan



A picture of a tanker dropping fire retardant

The Department of Defense and California National Guard played a big role in aiding with the California Wildfires that occurred late this summer. The Department Of Defense sent a drone to assess the damage and map the fires. The California National Guard has sent fuel to firefighters and other first responders due to many service stations being out of action because of the power outages. My hopes are that DoD and the California National Guard send in the helicopters to assist the containment of the fires.

Did you know?

The average four year-old child asks over four hundred questions a day. Does that surprise you?



One More Hug

by Grace Martinez

The smell of turkey was floating through my house. My mouth watered as I watched the Thanksgiving parade on TV, undisturbed by the fire alarm going off in the kitchen. It happens every Thanksgiving when my dad tries to make pecan pie. I was just getting to my favorite part of the parade, when Santa comes with Mrs. Claus, my eyes growing wide as I became more and more excited, when I heard my mother's shrill voice.

"Marisa! Can you come here please?" I hurried up the curving, oak stair case, my heart pounding as my blonde hair fanned out behind me.

"Yes?" I asked as I walked into my parents' bedroom. My mother was laying in the bed, her chestnut brown hair framing her long, narrow face. She's been really tired the last few months. Her hand was resting on her belly, where my future little sister rested. I anxiously held my breath as I waited for her to speak.

"Can you get me a glass of water please?" she asked me. I nodded, breathed a sigh of relief and headed downstairs to the kitchen. The kitchen that I was very surprised not to see on fire.

"What's up, Maris?" my father asked me.

"I'm getting a glass of water for Mom." My father looked at me with a worried expression, then said,

"Marisa, your little sister is due any day now. I really hope you're ready for that kind of responsibility." I felt my blood boil. I couldn't stand it when people doubted me.

"Dad. I am *extremely* responsible. I'll be fine, and so will the baby." I answered him, sure of myself. He smiled.

"You're going to be a great big sister."

"Thanks, Dad." Suddenly the doorbell rang. My favorite part of Thanksgiving had arrived. I ran to the large oak door and opened it up. My grandmother, grandfather, uncle, aunt, and cousins had arrived. I launched myself into a great big group hug and the chorus of "Happy Thanksgiving!" I felt my family's arms wrap around me, and thought about how next year, there would be one more little girl in that group hug.

Riddle Me This

by Diya Patel

Riddles can be the most frustrating, perplexing and problematic things put on earth. Nonetheless, they are extremely fun, so enjoy this collection of brain teasers. Answers are flipped upside down on the bottom.. No cheating!

- 1.) A man is trapped in a room. The room has only two possible exits: two doors. Through the first door, there is a room constructed from magnifying glass. The blazing hot sun instantly fries anything or anyone that enters. Through the second door there is a fire-breathing dragon. How does the man escape?
- 2.) What has cities, but no houses; forests, but no trees; and water, but no fish?
- 3.) What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat, and 2/4 goat?
- 4.) I fly without wings, I cry without eyes. What am I?
- 5.) The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

He waits until night and takes the first door.
A map
CHICAGO (3/7 of the word chicken is CH, 2/3 of the word cat is CA and 2/4 of goat is GO.
A cloud

D.I.Y Bookmark

by Erin Ryan

Supplies you will need :

Scissors

2 pieces of paper

Scotch tape

Markers/colored pencils



- 1.) Start by getting your first piece of paper, and folding it into any size triangle.
- 2.) Then, get your scissors and cut where your triangle ends to make a square.
- 3.) After cutting, fold the triangle back into its original state. Then, trace the square on to the same piece of paper.
- 4.) Now, you get your square and triangle piece and scotch tape your triangle to the top of the square.
- 5.) Tape the sides of the triangle and the square together leaving an opening so that you can mark your page on you book or papers.
- 6.) Lastly, you can leave the bookmark as is or use some markers/ colored pencils to decorate.

Microsoft Comes Out with Surface Book 2

by Fariha Khan



Here is a picture of how the Surface Book 2 looks

Microsoft recently released their newest laptop, TThe Surface Book 2! Or, as some people dub, “the laptop of the future.” This new laptop comes in a 13-inch and a 15-inch version, with the 13-inch version being powered by 7th-Gen Intel Core i5 and the 15-inch being powered by the 8th-Gen processor. It has a 10-point multi-touch PixelSense Display and has up to 3240 x 2160 of pixel resolution. The laptop can support E Ink, Surface Pen, and also Surface Dial. Gamers can use their Xbox One controllers and headsets for wireless gaming as well. The price of the Surface Book 2 starts at \$1,500. "The combination of the new Surface features and the tremendous battery life, if true, have the potential to change the way people work with their devices," Holger Mueller, principal analyst at Constellation Research told TechNewsWorld.

Source: <https://www.technewsworld.com/story/84891.html>

Holiday Food DIYs

by Giuliana Mariella and Annabelle Louis

1. Santa Hat Brownies

Strawberries
Little Bites
Whipped cream

First, take your strawberries and cut the tops with the green stem off. Then, take your Little Bites and place the cut strawberries on the top. Lastly, make the edges have a border of whipped cream around them.



2. Candy Cane Circle

2 boxes of candy canes

Take two candy canes and hot glue with arches facing toward each other. Then take another two and glue them together the same way. Then take those two pairs and hot glue together with the edges facing each other. Repeat until you have a wreath of glued candy canes.



3. Brownie Christmas Tree

Brownies
Green frosting
Candy cane
Sprinkles

Take the brownies and cut them into triangles. Then, ice the brownie by piping the brownies with green zig-zags. Next, cut a candy cane so it is straight and put it in the bottom, of the wide part of the triangle. Last, put the sprinkles on top of icing. Yellow star sprinkles look cute on top.



Memorial Middle School

by Allyson Maldonado

“You’ll be okay,” says your mother. “Never go to middle school,” says your sister. What do you think when you open the doors of middle school? Good thing you don’t have to, because I’m going to tell you all about what goes on here! I’m in 5th grade so I don’t know much, but I can tell you what I do know. Memorial Middle School has lots of great clubs like band, animal club, and newspaper club, which I participate in. They have lots of great assemblies too. There is the Week of Respect and all sorts of things fun and inspirational things like that. Memorial Middle School is a great school. So when you open the doors of Memorial, get ready to have the best time of all your years in school!

The 2017 World Series

by Kaitlyn Amanullah

The 2017 World Series was one of the best yet. The first game took place on Tuesday October 24, 2017. The Astros and the Dodgers worked very hard to get to this position, but only one team could win The Commissioner’s trophy. The grueling battle of the best teams in the country took the maximum of seven games. Each game was very exciting and nerve racking especially for Dodger and Astro fans. But, on November 1, the Astro's took the title. Next year, teams like the Yankees, Red Sox, Indians, etc., will try to take the title. As you can see, the World Series of 2017 was one whirlwind of excitement!



Top Three Recommended Video Games

by Mohammed Abualouf

Are you tired of boring old Five Nights at Freddy's or Mario Kart 8? If you want more entertainment in your life, then try out my top three video game recommendations. I hope you enjoy them!

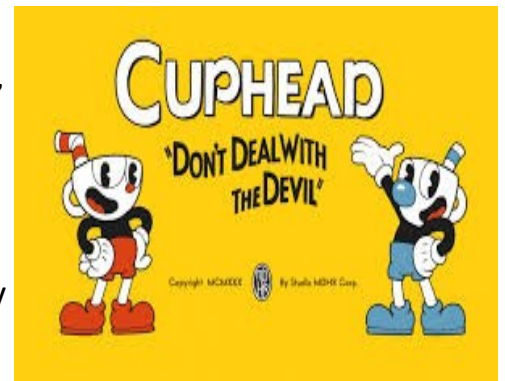
3. Hello, Neighbor!

Hello Neighbor is an upcoming stealth survival horror game developed by Dynamic Pixels. You feel right at home when you move to a peaceful new neighborhood! But then, you get suspicious about your neighbor. He has a garden on his roof, a windmill, a trolley, and a mannequin family. You break in with one goal in mind: find out what is in your neighbor's basement. The release date will be December 8, 2017.



2. Cuphead

Cuphead is a run-and-gun Indie game developed by StudioMDHR Entertainment. After losing a bet with the devil, you must collect the souls of runaway debtors. In addition, you must complete run n' gun levels, which is like a regular level, but with a mini-boss. What REALLY ties this game together is the 1930s cartoon style, which is easily noticed by the music and character's designs, actions, and styles. The release date was September 29, 2017.



1. Bendy and the Ink Machine

Bendy and the Ink Machine is an episodic survival horror game developed by TheMeatly. You come back to the old cartoon studio you worked at 30 years ago. Your goal in Chapter 1 is to turn on an ink machine, with various other goals in Chapters 2 and 3. But as you continue, you find horrors that have been lurking beneath this old, cursed studio. With only a friend and an assortment of weapons, you attempt to survive the ink demon. Chapter 1 was released February 10, 2017. Chapter 2 was April 18, 2017 and Chapter 3 was released September 28th, 2017.



2 Sweet Moves to Little Falls

by Kaitlyn Amanullah and Yastika Singh

The bakery sensation 2Sweet has moved from 279 Browertown Road Woodland Park, to 44 Main Street Little Falls, NJ. The official opening day was October 10, 2017, and a ribbon cutting ceremony occurred on October 15, 2017. The new store includes ready to go 6 to 8 inch cakes that can be customized at the store. These cakes are a new edition to the already amazing shop. The new store offers custom cakes, cup-cakes, cannoli cones, cake pops, etc. They also offer party needs. Owner Angela Shafer opened the WP shop 3 years ago and has since created treats for Broadway shows and weddings. The iconic name 2Sweet comes from her twin girls, Hailey and Kaitlyn Shafer, who go to Memorial Middle School. So, if you are in the mood for a great treat, head over to 2Sweet at their new location in Little Falls!



Holiday Tunes

- Away in a Manger
- Choir of the Bells
- Dominick the Donkey
- Frosty the Snowman
- Holly Jolly Christmas
- Jingle Bell Rock
- Jingle Bells
- Let it Snow
- Little Drummer Boy
- Little St Nick
- O Holy Night
- Rudolph
- Santa Baby
- Silent Nigh
- Silver Bells
- The Christmas Song
- The First Noel
- Winter Wonderland

Chicken Scratch NY

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S.T.E.M. 0 PERIOD @ PVHS

by Christopher Perez

Have you ever heard of the word STEM: science, technology, engineering, mathematics? Do any of these subjects spark interest to you? Would you be willing to wake up early in the morning and get to school at 7:00 a.m.? If you answered yes, then, you should consider the S.T.E.M I: Explorations class at Passaic Valley High School your 8th grade year. The course covers four major topics: computer programming, computer-aided design (CAD), biomedical engineering, and environmental science. In computer programming, you will be exposed to using Arduinos, a device where you can make your own projects using electronic components and C++ code language. In computer-aided design (CAD), you can design and create components that will be used in various projects throughout the year with a 3D Printer. During biomedical engineering, you will create your own biomedical devices using CAD and learn how it's used to improve healthcare as well as building machines that have human-like motions. Lastly, for environmental science, you will learn about the world we live in and how to solve environmental problems. At the end of the year, you can create an actual weather-balloon to conduct experiments high above the ground. You will also meet and collaborate with other chosen 8th graders from Little Falls and Totowa.

Below is a Q&A session with current STEM students from Memorial School.

Q: Do you find taking this high school course challenging?

A: Yes, because I was newly introduced to STEM, which I was never familiar with, but now I'm getting used to it. *Chyna S.*

Q: Is it worth it to wake up early in the morning to take this class?

A: Waking up early isn't that much of a challenge, especially when you know that you're waking up early for an opportunity that not everyone has. It's also a great way to learn new STEM skills which are becoming increasingly popular. *Diya P.*

Q: Would you recommend this class to other students?

A: Yes because if they're interested in STEM, then, the course will be more enjoyable and you will get more out of it. There's no point in taking a class you don't like. *Jaidyn D.*

Q: What are the requirements in order to take this class?

A: In order to take this class your 8th grade year, you need to have excellent grades and be recommended by your teachers.



Did you know?

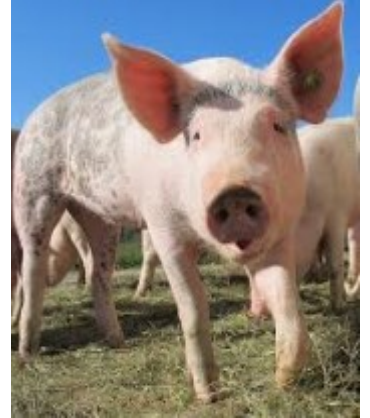
The 57 on Heinz ketchup bottles represents the number of varieties of pickles the company once had. The company also sold pickle pins as an advertising device and can be found as a collectors item.



The Farmer and his Sow

by Daniella Mencia and Alissa Gencarelli

One day, there was a farmer named Jack. Jack had a sow named Anne whom he loved dearly, more than his own wife and children in fact. One night he woke up and he called out this cry “Oh Anne!” Yet his sow did not answer him. He checked the first floor thinking she would be roaming around. He did not find her. He was not worried so he went back to sleep. A few hours later, he woke up and cried out “Oh Anne!” Yet she did not answer so he checked the first and second floor yet he did not find her. He was slightly worried. He woke up a few hours later he called out “Oh Anne!” Yet she did not come to him, this time he checked his WHOLE house and he was VERY worried, but he forced himself to sleep. When Jack woke up in the morning, he went out to water his crops and he found Anne eating all of his strawberries. Jack never grew strawberries again.



The Man with a Pan

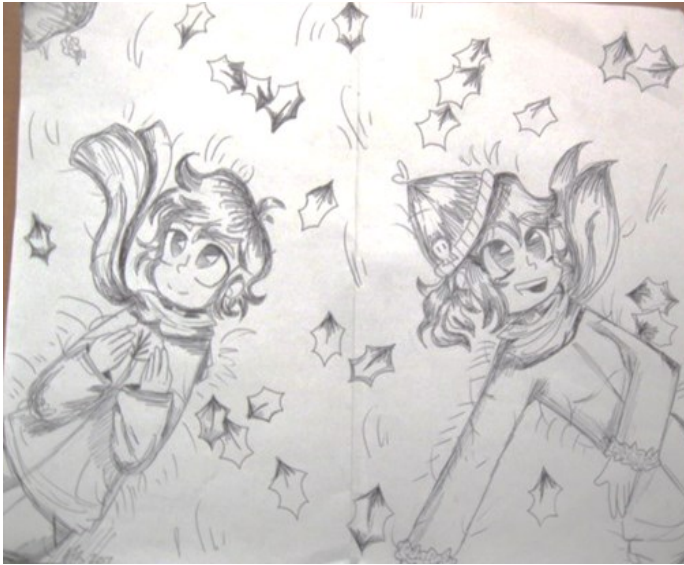
A limerick poem

by Gonzalo Vila

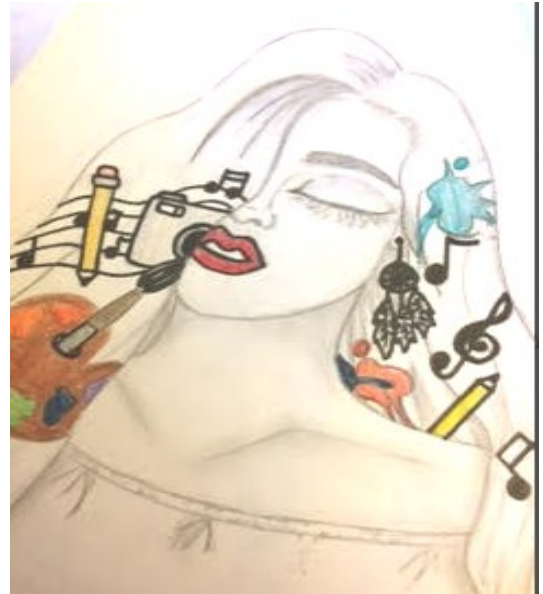
There once was a little, tiny man
He hit everyone with a pan
He did it so mean
Their heads ripped off clean
Then he tripped over a fan
But lost his little van
Next, he cried unlike a man
He put on his shoe
Then it went BOOM
Then hit himself with a pan



Student Artwork:



Artwork submitted by Fariha Khan



Artwork submitted by Jaidyn Dillon



*Artwork submitted by
Daniel Blanco*



Artwork submitted by Ben Mendoza



School Happenings:



Ms. Caputo's decorated door



Mrs. Criscione's decorated door



Mrs. Murray's decorated door



1st Place Winner Valerie Vance's Anti-Bullying Poster



2nd Place Winner Fariha Khan's Anti-Bullying Poster

