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New Year, New You

by Kathy Graves

3... 2... 1... Happy New Year! The start of a new year is a time for celebration across the world; another 365 days have passed and the world has made another rotation around the sun, but this isn't what many of us are excited about. With each January 1st that passes, the phrase "new year, new me" is thrown around, but how many people actually mean it? Promises of "I'm



going to start working out," "I'll eat healthier," or "I'll get better grades" are made, but by the beginning of February, most have abandoned these thoughts.

Part of the reason why most resolutions aren't kept year-round is because people are trying to make really big changes all at once. Personal change isn't something that can happen overnight, even if you do put your mind to it. Below are three simple and easy changes you can make that will improve your life.

1. If it can be done in under two minutes, it can be done now: For those people who are procrastinators, an extra push is often

needed when it comes to doing something productive. When struggling with leaving responsibilities to the last minute, that person should consider this resolution. If a task takes two minutes or less, they shouldn't neglect it; they should just finish the job. Little things like washing dinner dishes, tidying desks, and making the bed will be out of the way, and time management skills will begin to improve.

2. Choosing one unhealthy snack to cut completely: The promise of eating healthier is a common new year's resolution, but most people give up on this because they're taking the wrong approach. Making slight changes to the food eaten is easier to hold to than a strict diet straight away. Trying to cut one unhealthy snack from a diet is much more beneficial. Without so many potato chips, cookies, or whatever else that is cut out, those people quickly start feeling healthier.

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History of Valentine's Day

By: Nikki Kaminski

Every February 14th there is an exceptional amount of love in the air. Candy, flowers, and various other gifts are exchanged between people who share love for one another. But did you know that Valentine's Day wasn't always associated with romance?

St. Valentine's Day was at first a Christian feast day. One legend says the Valentine was a priest during the third century in Rome. Emperor Claudius II, ruler of Rome at the time, decided that men who were single made better soldiers for his army than those with wives and children, therefore outlawing marriage for young men. Realizing the unfairness of the rule, Valentine, would perform marriage for young lovers in secret. When Claudius discovered what Valentine was doing, he exiled him.

Some believe that the feast day was celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the burial of Valentine while others suggest that it was placed in the middle of February in order to "christianize" the Roman festival of Lupercalia.

In the 5th century, Pope Gelasius banned the celebration of Lupercalia, as he deemed it "un-Christian", and moved St. Valentine's Day from February 15th to February 14th. It was then in the Middle Ages when people began to tie the day with romance. Overtime the religious background was lost, and the holiday was shaped into the Valentine's Day that we celebrate in modern times.

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Scavenger Hunt!

Check out our 'Friendship Puzzler' section on Page 9 to try a fun scavenger hunt for a chance to win a prize!



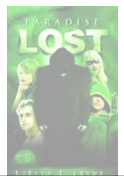
Video Game Reviews

Have you heard about the video game reviews in this month's Feed? Read one on page 10 and submit one online at www.firebirdfeed.weebly.com



Steven Layne Book Review!

Remember when Dr. Layne came to visit our school? Read about the one of his books, *Paradise Lost*, on page 5!



Firebird Halftime Report

Volleyball Victories

By: Alysa Cobb

The season has started! Many students are excited to see this year's team in action, as seen from the high number of them in the stands. Last year, the girls in the program could have done a little better, but this year many people have higher expectations. The eighth grade coach, Mrs. Lorch, is very pumped for the season, saying, "We have a strong team of returning players and new players that I think will work well together. We also have a new coach, Coach Farwell that will be a great asset to us this year. We always want to win and have fun along the way! Go Firebirds!" From the looks of it, it seems the season is off to a fine start. On January 23, both teams played against Emerson at home, and let's just say it was a wonderful way to start off the season. During the seventh grade game, the crowds had already emptied,

but there were some amazing serves from Lauren Millhiser, incredible sets by Sydney Joseph, and marvelous passes from Dominica Ptak. Even though they lost, the girls were unbelievable, no one could ever tell that it was the first game for almost everyone on the team.

However, the eighth grade game did not go so well during the first match, but the girls seemed to do a lot better in the second match. A player on the team, Cecelia Witkowski, had mentioned something about what the team could work on, "I think my team could work on being focused a little more." They ended up losing the first game.

The next day, the girls came out to play against Algonquin, and both teams had amazing victories.

They had worked on some of the skills that the coaches had told them about during their first game and ended up coming out on top.

Wish the girls luck, and make sure to come out and watch them during the rest of the season!



*The eighth grade girls playing against Emerson.
Photo Credits: Alexa Joshi*



Check out the calendar on firebirdfeed.weebly.com to see the dates of both the volleyball and basketball teams' future games.



Pass...Shoot...Score!

By: Utsa Bhattacharyya
& Aiyanna Hudson

The seventh and eighth grade girls and boys have had an amazing chance to play head-to-head basketball against other schools in the area. Now, an opportunity has opened up for sixth grade girls to shine in one of Friendship's most popular sports. On January the seventeenth through the twentieth, sixth grade girls basketball clinics and tryouts took place. Around fifty girls tryout annually. Coach Verback states, "I wish I had enough jerseys to take every girl that ever comes out because they want to play basketball and they want to learn how to play." In order to find girls that would best suit the team, the coaches have to look for the necessary basic skills. These skills include general knowledge of the game, knowing both concepts of offense

and defense, as well as shooting and dribbling the ball. Often sixth graders are underestimated when it comes to playing competitive sports like basketball since most of them often do not know the games as well as seventh or eighth graders might. Although this may be the case for some sixth graders, the coaches are able to use their knowledge and skills to train these players to come out on top when playing on the court. Our sixth grade girls basketball team is predicted to be a well-rounded, and overall successful team for this 2016-2017 school year.



*The sixth grade girls practice for their upcoming game.
Photo Credits: Aiyanna Hudson*

New Year, New You continued...

3. Limit the time spent using electronic devices: People all know it, but they seem to ignore the fact that TV and other electronic devices aren't great for health. Staring at a screen for hours on end is damaging to the eyes, and using electronics before bed is shown to prevent sleep. If people know they spend too much time on devices, they might want to consider limiting the hours of usage. This will give them more time for different interests, and they might even sleep better at night. Happy 2017, Firebirds!



Meet Our New President

By: Ryan Allegretti

Donald Trump has become ubiquitous in every American's life through politics, news, and social media with his controversial beliefs and unfiltered comments. This outspoken man has created quite a stir in the recent election against rival Hillary Clinton, beating his opponent and winning the title of President. His victory caused an outbreak of emotions across the country, including joy, anger, and even fear, but Mr. Trump has undoubtedly already made his mark on our nation. Whether you're for or against Trump's win, it's time to finally say hello to our new President.

Donald J. Trump was born on June 14, 1946, in Queens, New York. Similar to his present self, young Donald was both energetic and assertive so his parents decided to send him away to the New York Military Academy at the age of thirteen in the hopes of channeling his enthusiasm. After graduating the academy, Trump went on to attend Fordham University and the University of Pennsylvania which led him to a successful career in real estate.

Donald Trump followed in his father's footsteps in becoming a well-known in real estate development by joining his father's company, Elizabeth Trump & Son. It was clear that Donald had a lot of talent working in the company, and in 1971, he was given control of it. He renamed the company the Trump Organization and made millions of dollars developing buildings all around the country.



In 2004, the popular Donald Trump decided to produce and star in his own reality TV show, *The Apprentice*. Contestants would compete for a job in the Trump Organization while they were fired one by one by Donald. The show had

millions of viewers which added to Trump's growing fortune.

On June 16, 2015, Donald Trump announced his run for president in the Republican party, facing off against Democrat Hillary Clinton. After months of battling it out against Clinton, Trump managed to win in the end, despite numerous setbacks - which have been all over the media.

During his presidential election campaign, Donald Trump vowed to "make America great again." It's time to finally see if he can stay true to his word and improve our country as the 45th President of the United States of America.



School News

A Chance to Rotate

By: Brayden Bobowski

While some classes at FJHS are required, others such as Project Lead the Way, Family and Consumer Science, Art, Creativity Technology, and General Music are options. Each of these classes is a class students can take during their arts rotation.

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is led by Ms. Kuettler, a new teacher of Friendship. PLTW is an engineering-focused, STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, focused program that allows students to design objects and come up with ideas that can influence the world around them. New technology and resources are available to students as Friendship becomes more and more advanced which makes PLTW even more enjoyable.

Family and Consumer Science, FACS, is run by Mrs. Wadman, who has been here since around 2002. Her class is Hands-on, and it involves a ton of food.



"You name any food group, any kind of thing, we've pretty much done it." While food labs are one of the highlights of FACS, the class also helps students learn useful skills and complete projects together.

Art is taught by Mrs. Osterman, who has been teaching it since 1994. It is fun and allows students to explore all areas of creativity. They will practice problem-solving skills through drawing, painting, 2-D and 3-D art, ceramics, and technology. Art allows students freedom with every project so students can think outside of the box.

Creative Technology is a class Mr. Willett instructs, who has taught it for 3 years. His class offers students a challenge, taking them beyond knowing how to do the simplest functions and teaching them how to use a device to its fullest potential. The 8th grade classes are learning how to code and type in languages such as JavaScript and Python.

General Music is directed by Mrs. Zolmierski, who has been teaching it for 11 years. While her choirs mostly involve singing, this class has ukuleles, other instruments, and some singing. This class operates in a very relaxed environment which gives students a break from their usual studying.

Overall, all of these classes are extremely interesting and amazingly fun. Students should try as many of these as they possible can, and if any students would like to get any more information about any of these classes, please contact the teacher listed in the individual paragraphs.

Band Bonanza

By: Deanna Al Dakka

As the students of Friendship Junior High are still struggling to back into the flow of school, the sixth grade band students have been working extremely hard to prepare for their performance on Wednesday, January 11. Before the sixth grade, the fifth graders from Brentwood, Devonshire and Frost bands had their first ever performance, in which they played a few basic scales accompanied by a full French folktale rhythm.

Our sixth grade performed the song "Revenge of the Dust Bunnies", and the band had taken the crowd by storm with their elaborate instruments including a vacuum, a ratchet, and a solo of a scream, breaking through as the climax of the song. Mr. Dall announced that it had only taken the band a week to learn the song. "We take it part by part, bit by bit," he explained. The sixth graders themselves

were very proud that they had managed to learn a song in a few days, and they had been waiting anxiously in the band room, rehearsing notes nearly half an hour before the concert started! Even with all the nerves, the sixth grade band managed to play flawlessly. "They've done a magnificent job," he told us, and we couldn't agree more. For students wondering about joining band, Mr. Dall recommended it. "It's a great thing. You learn how to play a musical instrument, it's good discipline, and you get to see a finished product."



For videos and pictures of the concert, visit firebirdfeed.weebly.com

Bouncing Back

By: Xiomara Myles

The sound of a ping pong ball bouncing back and forth across the table fills the cafeteria. Students shuffle their feet, intensely concentrating on the game. A player watches the ball, anticipating where it will go and making sure not to tap it too hard or too lightly. As the pace of the ball speeds up, he anxiously tries not to lose control. The thought of him winning rushes through his head, and he tries his best to make that vision come true. These are the sights and sounds that are present at FJHS' awesome ping pong club.

Every Thursday, students of FJHS come together in the lunchroom to play entertaining games of ping pong. This after-school activity is run by Mr.

Andresen and Mrs. Verback, who have been the club for several years.

When you get there, you begin by filling out a card by just writing your name. Then you set the card down on the table card, and start two lines. These cards hold your spot in line and indicate who you will be playing with. You then play a game up to 11, and go back to the end of the line.

"This club has helped me improve on my skills and allows me to interact with more people," says Daniel Meyka, an eighth grade student. Ping pong club gives students the opportunity to play a competitive sport without having to go through a tryout process before. Students are also able to play the sport with the company of their friends. "I look forward to coming to ping pong club because it is a really fun sport, and I am able to enjoy it with my friends," comments Kesha Patel, another eighth grader.

Mrs. Verback, one of the club sponsors, agrees that ping pong is a fun sport and enjoys playing games with the students after school. She says that she loves seeing how much all of the students improve, and she looks forward to coming to ping pong club.

Ping pong club is a great way to improve upon your athletic abilities while having fun with your friends. Mr. Andresen and Mrs. Verback would love to see you there!



The Valentine Box

By: Georgeena Mathai



I've been a victim of the Shy Crush Infection (SCI in my terms.) The reason? A really sweet boy in my statistics and geometry class. Yes, I will admit he was dorky, but it added to the list of reasons why he's lovable. In fact, I did talk to him a couple of times, but we never went past a sentence or two. But at the first announcement for our Valentine's Day dance, I had no choice but to resort to the old fashioned way of asking someone out: Valentine's Day notes. So far, I haven't had any responses or reactions to the 13 notes I stuffed in the vents of his locker. Well, I *hoped* it was his locker.

Racing over to locker 135, I grabbed the white index card from my pocket which read in cursive black Sharpie, 'Loving you gave me courage to write this.' Little pink and red hearts were doodled in the corners to make it look sweet yet expressive. Gingerly poking

it, through the vent, I checked the time, 7:48, and nodded slowly before sprinting to my homeroom class.

When I got out, I didn't expect for Card 14 to be thrown on the floor. Or the other 13. As people were stopping to look or snicker at them, I visibly gulped a lump in my throat and started to snatch them from the ground. A heavy weight made itself home on my chest before a girl walked in front of me.

"Hi..." she said in a feather-soft tone. She jerked a thumb to "Adorkable's" locker. "I think you mistook my locker for someone else's." I nodded.

"If you think I did this out of anger, you're wrong," she said with a slightly amused yet apologetic smile. "I stored these notes in a box because I didn't want to throw them out but when I opened the door, it fell and caused this." She picked one up, reading it over. "I really like these little sayings. If you want, I can still give you the box and you can have another go at this." I could only nod and crack a smile as she handed me a simple red box.

'Okay, there he is...' I thought, peering over the corner to see a teenage boy walking to the locker next to the girl's.

Before Adorkable could open the lock, his foot nudged the Valentine Box at the bottom and he bent down. I felt my chest constrict as he picked it up. He took about a minute to glance at each note. I swear, I thought I saw a smile gracing his lips...

To find out how "The Valentine Box" ends, visit the *Firebird Feed* website at [firebirdfeed.weebly.com!](http://firebirdfeed.weebly.com)

Firebird Favorites Book Review

Paradise Lost Review

By: Danielle Jasinski

Paradise Lost by Steven Layne is an action-packed sequel to the book *This Side of Paradise*. It takes place one year after the tragedies that had happened in Paradise, and Jack, Troy, and Jori have seemed to move on from the events that had shaped their lives. On the first day of school, Jack sees his classmate, Chase, who has had an impossible amount of change that could not have taken place over summer break. Starting as a wimpy teen, he became muscular in just three months, and Jack becomes suspicious

of how this could have happened in such a short amount of time.

After Troy and Jori report sightings of Mr. Eden, Jack starts having problems in his life: Jori breaks up with him,

Chase moves in with him, and he is arrested from a fight at the school dance. Jack realizes that his family is once again in danger, and he concludes that he needs to find help. Strange things continue to happen, but Chase recommends a place where he can fix his features and personality in order to save their family. Will Jack be too late to save his brother? Will Mr. Eden triumph after all?



Paradise Lost was an action-packed novel which made it a quick and easy read. The ending wasn't the best, but it brought way more interest than the *This Side of Paradise* did.

Fly with DIY

Homemade Bath Bomb

By: Cecelia Witkowski

Materials for Homemade Bath Bomb:

- 1 cup baking soda
- ½ cup cornstarch
- ½ cup citric acid
- ½ cup epsom salt
- 2 tbsp melted coconut oil
- 3 tsp water
- 4 drops essential oils
- Purple, pink food dye
- Big bowl
- Three smaller bowls
- Whisk
- Plastic ornament .
- Dried flower (optional)
- Small cup



Directions:

1. Mix together all of the dry ingredients into the big bowl (baking soda, cornstarch, citric acid, epsom salt).
2. Whisk together until it is fully mixed.
3. In the cup, add in your essential oils, water, and melted coconut oil.

4. Slowly add in a tablespoon of the liquid mixture into the big bowl and immediately start to mix when it comes in contact with the dry ingredients.
5. Continue doing this until the cup is empty.
6. Take the big bowl and divide it into the three smaller bowls.
7. Add four drops of purple to one bowl, and four drops of pink in another. If you don't have these colors, add two drops of blue and red to one bowl, and two drops of red in one other one.
8. Whisk and crush all clumps of food dye.
9. Open your molds and start to add in white, then layer on the purple and then the pink.
10. In the second half of the mold, do the same thing but add in the dried flower at the very bottom of the mold and then put in your colors.
11. Don't press in the mixture into the mold; instead, overflow the two halves with the same color and hold it over that color's bowl.
12. Push together both molds and place it into the fridge overnight.
13. The next morning you should have your very own bath bomb! To get the bath bomb out, gently squeeze the sides of the plastic mold.

Have a luxurious time bathing!

Chocolate Pencils DIY

By: Cecelia Witkowski

Materials:

- Orange colored paper
- Red ribbon
- Hole puncher
- Pink paper
- Aluminum foil
- 6 Hershey kisses
- 1 pack of Rolo's
- Heart tags
- Scissors
- Hot glue



Directions:

First, cut the orange paper to fit around a rolo stack. Then hot glue the orange paper to the stack. On one end, place pink paper over the end and hot glue to the bottom of the stack. After, hot glue aluminum foil around the end of the pencil about a centimeter from the edge. Take your heart tag and punch a hole into the top right corner and tie the ribbon around the pencil but just underneath the aluminum foil. Make sure to tie in the heart tag. Finally, add your hershey's kiss to the opposite end of the eraser. You are done! Enjoy your craft for yourself or give to friends or family for Valentine's day!

Firebird Favorites Movie Review



By: Natalie Dimov

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away, an ongoing war between the imperials and the rebels stands strong. The imperials believe in a dictatorship where their leaders and uncompromising rules command the galaxy while the rebels want a free and just system. The movie begins with the imperial weapon's developer, Orson

Krennic, forcing Galen Erso, a lead scientist and engineer's, assistance on a newly developed and revolutionary weapon for the empire. Jyn Erso, Galen's daughter, manages to escape unnoticed by the imperials and is later taken by Saw Gerra, an extremist captain supporting the rebels. Fifteen years later, Jyn is caught by the imperials and held in captivity. Cassian, a rebel officer, finds and frees her to assist the rebels in a plan to find Galen, the head engineer of a seemingly unstoppable imperial weapon called the Death Star and Jyn's father.

Rogue One: A Star Wars story that is a PG-13 science fiction and action film that earned 980 million in box office sales. It was released on December 16, 2016 and is now available to purchase on DVD and Blu-Ray. I'm positive that this is a movie the whole family will enjoy. Star Wars fans will be pleasantly surprised with episode 3 ½.

Check out
firebirdfeed.weebly.com to see the new
Star Wars themed movie review video!

Ask Freddie the Firebird

Dear Freddie,

I want to spread out more and meet new people. Like people who have the same interests like me. But... I'm too socially awkward... And a bit shy... Do you have any ideas?

Sincerely,
The Geek

Dear The Geek,

The best way to branch out and make more friends is to become confident with yourself. I know that is easy to say, but might be hard to do. Build up the confidence to walk up to someone that seems like a good friend, and introduce yourself. Also, when doing activities in class that rely on working with partners or a group, try to pick new people so you can get to know more students. It might be awkward at first, but it will get better! Best of luck!!

Sincerely,
Freddie

Dear Freddie,

I keep on getting nervous about future presentations and tests. What can I do to help with that?

Sincerely,
Worried Student

Dear Worried Student,

Presentations and tests can be very nerve wracking. The most you can do to do well on a test is study a lot and make sure you know the material. With presentations, it is very different because you never know how it will turn out. Make sure to practice as much as possible! Practicing in front of your friends or family will really help, but if they are not around, practicing in front of a mirror will help you just as much. Make sure you know the topic that you are presenting, and if possible, try to use notecards to guide you during your presentation. Don't stress! Good luck!

Sincerely,
Freddie

Social Experiment Corner

Did You Fall For It?

By Grace Ko and Jovana Oreskovic

Look up! Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, you just fell for the *Firebird Feed* Social Experiment. Since it's the new year, we decided to test how gullible Friendship students really are. A cluster of the *Firebird Feed* staff executed a devious plan to record how many students from each grade level would actually look up when they witnessed a group of people staring at the ceiling.

In the 8th grade hallway, 17 people fell for our trick. Some people even abruptly stopped walking and kept glancing up and down because they were confused. The best part was that a group of people passed by and simultaneously glanced up and realized their mistake. Kesha Patel, an eighth grade student, stood by the sidelines and was so confused that she kept looking up and down multiple times. The number of people recorded in the 7th grade hallway was unimaginably lower with an unexpected six people



looking up, and two of them were 8th graders visiting Mr. Bromley's class! Could they possibly be more intelligent than the older kids, or is it because there were barely any kids walking in the halls?

Finally, in the 6th grade hallway, we concluded that 20 students looked up. We were surprised by that number because we originally thought that they would just pass by and ignore two random kids staring up. We thought this because the 6th graders always seem in such a rush to get to their classes.

Who knew the Firebirds would be so gullible? Next time you see an obvious trap, don't fall for it!

History of Valentine's Day, cont'd...

The oldest known written Valentine is one from Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife. It was a poem he wrote to her while she was imprisoned in a tower in 1415. It was in the early 1700's that Americans first began to give one another handmade Valentines. Now, it is estimated that over 1 billion Valentines are sent each February.

Valentine's Day is now celebrated all around the world. From Mexico to Canada to Italy, each country shares this day to show the love and appreciation they have for each other.



Firebird Interviews

Getting to Know: Ms. Lee

By: Karolina Maksymowicz

Ms. Lee is Friendship's new orchestra teacher. Many of you may have heard from many orchestra students how awesome she is; therefore, I decided to conduct an interview with her. The following interview was conducted on Wednesday, January 18th.



What inspired you to teach orchestra?

"My middle school teacher. He made me want to continue on because I hated practicing at first. And I really wasn't like convinced to play, but he showed me how much I can learn from music and how much fun it still was at school. And I also like to be around kids and help them love music like I do."

How do you feel teaching at Friendship?

"I love it. I feel like everyone is so nice; the students are very inviting. The first day, everyone was surprised I was here, but they were really happy. And the staff is also nice."

If you could be any food, what would you be and why?

"French fries because it's my favorite food. Like I could live on French fries and eat them everyday for the rest of my life. I'm not sure how I would feel about being fried, but they're the best food, and I want to be the best too."

What is your biggest New Year resolution and why?

"Probably not eating French fries every day so I don't get fat and gain weight."

Friendship Funny Bone

By: Om Bhatt and Jean Luis

--What's the difference between a cat and comma?

--**One has claws at the end of its paws and the other is a pause at the end of a clause.**

--Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?

--**Yeah, February 14th.**

--What do you call a police officer in bed?

--**An undercover cop**

--What do you call an arrogant criminal going down the stairs?

--**A condescending con descending**

--For New Years I was going to quit my bad habits, but then again, nobody likes a quitter.

--Whoever invented the knock knock joke should get a NO BELL prize.

--Did you hear about the mathematician who was afraid of negative numbers?

--**He will stop at nothing to avoid them.**

--What did the DNA say to the other DNA?

--**Do these genes make me look fat?**



Olive you



Teachers vs. Makeup

By: Julia Filipowska

Whether people use makeup because they're interested in it, or if they just want to enhance their natural beauty, it is no lie that some students wear makeup in middle school. Most of the students that wear makeup are girls, but it is perfectly fine for anyone to wear makeup. While walking through the halls of Friendship Jr. High, It is obvious that students use a wide range of makeup. Some students wear a full face of makeup, including foundation, bronzer, eyeshadow, etc. everyday to school, while some girls don't wear any makeup whatsoever. Personally, if I am in a good mood and have enough time in the morning, I tend to wear more makeup, but I have never felt pressured to wear makeup. On the other hand, I have felt judged or personally victimized by some teachers and students for wearing "too much makeup."

Society seems to tell young girls that they shouldn't wear makeup because they're too young, but we are also raised with images of women with winged liner and dark lipstick everywhere. Girls our age are sometimes pressured to figure out what the "right" amount of makeup is. I wear makeup because I love it. I entertain myself by trying different eyeshadow looks and learning how to use different makeup, but once I swipe a makeup wipe across my face, I am still confident with my facial features. I wish other girls felt this way. Many students at Friendship Jr. High wear makeup because they want to fit in with the social media trends or pressures of society while other students at Friendship would wish to wear makeup, but are afraid to because of the opinions of their peer, which, in reality, are irrelevant.

Out of the 28 teachers that were surveyed, 46% of them said that they only noticed when a student is wearing makeup if it's too much. I was surprised to see that most teachers didn't really mind how much makeup we wear and thought, "it is up to the student and parent."

There were a few teachers and staff members that mentioned "Students are really very pretty and don't need makeup," and although I agree that makeup can hurt your skin or that most students don't *need* to wear makeup, many other students, including myself, have a different perspective on why they wear makeup.

Eighth grade student, Alysa Cobb says, "I wear makeup because it is fun to try different looks," and Salma Causevic mentions that she wears makeup because it makes her "feel like I'm more up to the social standards." No matter what the reason is that students at Friendship Junior High wear makeup, our staff members and teachers are very understanding and supportive and won't judge students at Friendship for wearing makeup as long as they feel good in it.



Friendship Puzzler

Who's ready for a school scavenger hunt?! From now through February 15, search through FJHS for clues that can lead you to a fabulous prize! After finding all of our clues, **bring your paper to 210B**; you will be entered in a raffle for the chance to win a VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSET! All you have to do is follow each clue, write down the location of each clue, and **submit this form to room 210B** (8th grade hallway) for a chance to win! **Happy hunting!**

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Clue #1: FJHS graduates from 2015 stand tall in the 200 hall. One in specific stands out from them all. Search for Sam Ko for your next clue.

Clue #1 Location: _____

Clue #6 Location: _____

Clue #2 Location: _____

Clue #7 Location: _____

Clue #3 Location: _____

Clue #8 Location: _____

Clue #4 Location: _____

Clue #9 Location: _____

Clue #5 Location: _____

Clue #10 Book Call Number: _____

'Bird Box!

Questioned by
Julia Filipowska
and Stefan Rusev

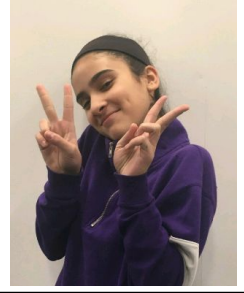
Julia Masnica-6th



Kyle Surz-7th



Gia Mistretta-8th



What are you planning to accomplish in 2017?	Good Grades	Having a successful relationship, getting grades up.	Do really well in school, and stay savage.
If you had a million dollars what would you buy?	Softball Stadium	Eight huge teddy bears from costco.	A lot of clothes, I'd give them away, then go on a date with Justin Bieber.
If you could pick any animal to have as a pet, what would it be?	Dog	Down Syndrome tiger, because they're cute.	Monkey

Gamer's Guide

By: Alina Paul

Because of readers' suggestions, the staff of the *Firebird Feed* is incorporating a video game review section! If you have recently played any video games that you really love or hate, and want to share with the *Feed*, please submit your comments on the form on our website and we may include it in the *Feed*!

Submitted via email from Kenny Nolan:

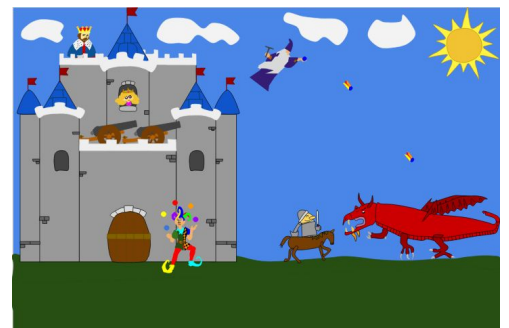
Stranded on one of 18,446,744,073,709,551,616 planets after your spaceship has crash landed is how you start the game in *No Man's Sky*. In *No Man's Sky* your main goal is to find your way in the center of what seems to be a never ending universe but before you can do that you would need to fix your ship. Using your scanner you can mine for materials to fix your ship and craft other items but be warned, you need to find specific materials to keep your life

support running, to charge up your scanner, and to keep yourself safe from harsh temperatures. There are things to do in between fixing your ship and searching for the center of the universe. You can explore countless of planets on your journey. All planets are unique and have problems you will face when exploring. When you explore use your analysis visor(which you have to fix first) to record any animal or plant you find. If you submit your findings in *No Man's Sky* to the computer you can earn units (money).



You can even meet other aliens to trade with. In *No Man's Sky* there are many enemies. Though I haven't met any enemies on the game (unless you count those robots that attack you if you attack them) I have heard about criminals, bounty hunters, and police if you go against the law. This said, I think that this game is a cool space game that has a couple similarities of *Minecraft*.

For more reviews such as Xandria Pedota's review on *Silent Hill* and Michael Kajiwara's review on *Don't Starve*, check our online website!



Digital drawing submitted by Brett Ulreich.