

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Mrs. Hahn's 8th Grade ELA Classroom



Dear Parents,

Thank you for a wonderful year with your kids. It has been my pleasure and honor to know and work with them. We accomplished a great deal together, and I hope they use it to find success in their futures. See you at graduation!



LA

Our big focus this quarter was on public speaking. I was SO impressed with how confidently and emotionally these students presented their TED talks. They were absolutely amazing. They found their voices and I hope their presentation/speaking skills continue to soar next year. If you did not receive an email from me last week with your child's video attached, please email me.

Firebird Feed

Our final "8th Grade Issue" was released today. Please find the PDF attached to this newsletter and the online issue at firebirdfeed.weebly.com. I want to thank all the students who put 100% of their effort and excitement into this year-long project. I loved working on it with them, and I hope it has opened a few doors to possible careers in journalism, writing, photography, graphic design, copy editing, and more! If nothing else, I hope they will consider taking a

high school course like this one day. I will wear my shirt with pride next year and carry on your legacy!



When Stars Collide

I hope you were able to join us last night to witness the magnificence that was the % production of *When Stars Collide*. The kids' performance exceeded my expectations--they were simply outstanding. They portrayed their carefully crafted characters compassionately, sincerely, and humorously. It was a night to remember, and I am thankful for all who made it possible, especially these hard-working students. I could not be more proud of them. Additionally, they raised \$655.55 for NAMI!

Please find the recording of it at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dSqGg3xbw8&feature=youtu.be>. Watch it a million times, share it with your friends and family, and treasure it always. Maybe we'll be discovered and the kids can retire with a million dollar Broadway-bound play by the time they're 15. :)



Important Dates to

Remember:

6/2: 8th grade trip to Six Flags (pick up, 6PM at FJHS)
6/7: Graduation, 7PM at EGHS (students arrive at 6:30)

Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer! (Students, do some reading!) ;)

Sincerely,

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More pictures below!



Such a lucky, grateful teacher I am!



60s fun day!



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Friendship's Class of 2017 Most Likely To...

*Form created by Aiyanna Hudson
Voted for by 8th Grade Students*

Most Likely To...	Winner Name	Most Likely To...	Winner Name
Most Likely to Become Successful	Utsa Bhattacharyya	Best Singer (Male)	Marcus Ramos
Most Likely to Become President	Ryan Allegretti	Best Singer (Female)	Joyce Reyes
Most School Spirit	Estefania Rodriguez	Most Artistic	Kaylyn Ahn
Best Dressed (Male)	Danny Capetillo	Best Writer	Kathy Graves
Best Dressed (Female)	Alysa Cobb	Most Likely to Become a Famous Actor/Actress	Zach Meyers
Most Likely to Attend an IVY League School	Utsa Bhattacharyya	Most Likely to Become a Scientist	George Kouvelis
Funniest	Nick Gianos	Most Likely to Become a Model	Cecelia Witkowski
Most Likely to Become a Professional Athlete (Male)	Josh Bilodeau	Most Likely to Become a Teacher	Erin Danielewicz
Most Likely to Become a Professional Athlete (Female)	Alexa Joshi	Most Likely to Travel the World	Eryk Limanowka
Cutest Couple	Alissa Hopp & Sebastian Ayala	Best Dancer	Makayla Staszal-Terpstra

Friendship Memories

My favorite memory from all of my years at Friendship was

El mejor momento fue cuando me uni al equipo de volleyball (when I joined the volleyball team).

-Abimael Acevedo Jimenez

Throwing pop-its in the lunchroom.

-Carlos Acosta

The entirety of making WHEN STARS COLLIDE.

-Kaylyn Ahn

Leading a project in Language Arts using glow sticks.

-Deanna Al Dakka

Growing tall over everyone.

-Ayaan Alam

During the 7th grade Springfield trip, Daniel Meyka, Dominic Fosco, and I stayed up until 5 AM drinking Diet Coke and throwing socks at each other.

-Ryan Allegretti

Going to Springfield with my friends.

-Drake Andersen

When I met new people.

-Yesenia Andres

Doing math problems.

-Rachel Pasamba

Meeting new people and being in the "Spo Squad".

-Gabriel Aponte

When Emily Rissman and I ate expensive grilled cheese sandwiches in St. Louis.

-Colleen Atonson

Staying in the hotel room in Springfield.

-Sebastian Ayala

Accidentally flipping off Mr. Bromley when I had a cut on my middle finger.

-Om Bhatt

When we were playing Laser Tag with Mr. Lavine's class and I accidentally shot Danielle, who was on my team.

-Utsa Bhattacharyya

When we went up the St. Louis Arch and got "arrested."

-Josh Bilodeau

When my friends and I had a sword fight after school while helping Mrs. Knowles pack up her room.

-Brayden Bobowski

Coming into any teacher's room to enjoy a nice day and talk with my friends.

-William Brockie

Bringing the "wet floor" sign into a room and saying the floor is dry.

-Jaylen Butler

The end of seventh grade when all the short kids could reach the basketball nets .

-Justin Calleja

Making new friends throughout these 3 years.

-Steven Camera

When I finally got to touch Mr. Bromley's head.

-Nancy Cano

Volleyball games with Ms. Browning and joking around about her "boyfriend," Fernando.

-Salma Causevic

Blasting Disco Polo in the halls with my wifey (Michelle O.).

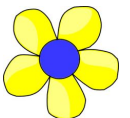
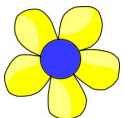
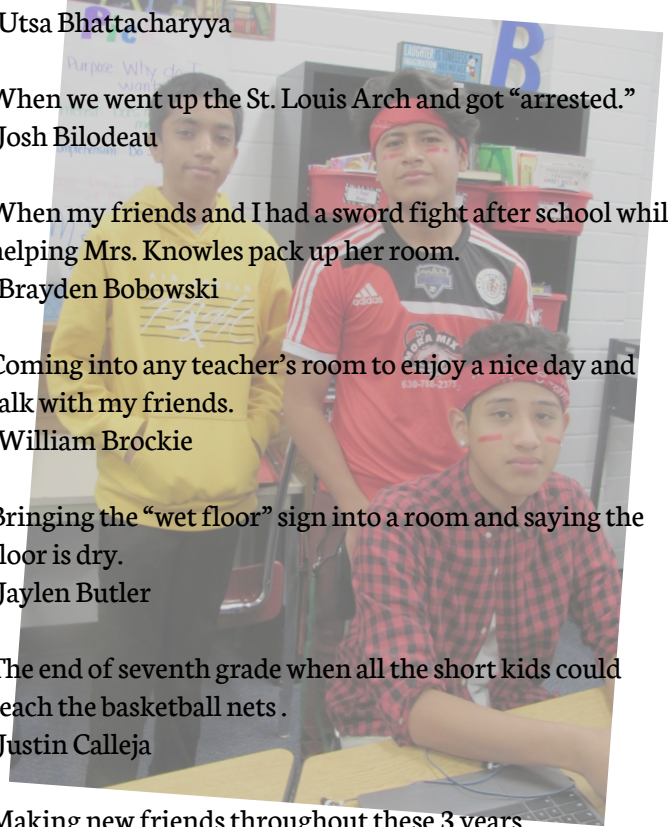
-Julia Chmura

While hanging out with friends, I climbed a tree and my friends saw a face behind me, and it freaked me out.

-Alysa Cobb

At the dance when Gael Pliego didn't know how to dance.

-Victor Contreras



Friendship Memories

My favorite memory from all of my years at Friendship was

When I made the soccer team in 7th and 8th grade and being undefeated, and meeting new friends.

-Berenice Contreras

When my friends and I friends made a commercial in seventh grade about weight watchers.

-Alfonso Fernandez

When I made the soccer team.

-Angel Coronel

Telling scary stories with a huge group on the bus to St. Louis.

-Julia Filipowska

When I won the iPad mini at movie night three years ago.

-Justin Cuatepitz

Josh falling in the toilet.

-Declan Flanagan

The assemblies when all the teachers gathered to play the students and the skills Josh and Tyler did.

-Guadalupe Cuevas

The sock war I had with my roommates in Springfield .

-Dominic Fosco

When the lights went out.

-Raul Culcean

When my best friends pranked me by singing Happy Birthday when it wasn't my birthday.

-Barsha Gaire

When I walked into a desk, hit my knee, and laughing because I couldn't see during the power outage.

-Angie Dabbour

The last day of sixth and seventh grade.

-Isaac Garcia

The staff vs. students games.

-Kayla Daley

Going to the play with Hahn's class, and using conversation starters in The Jelly Cafe.

-Gianna Geallis

Trying out for the soccer team with Selma.

-Erin Danielewicz

Going to Sunrise Lake.

-Alvin George

Stealing Tea from The Jelly Cafe during the ALA field trip.

-Abby Davis

When we went to the museum and went on the long slide with my friends in Springfield.

-Varsha George

In 8th grade, when I met Mila because she is now my best friend and helps me with everything.

-Hector Diaz

The moment I realized I made the basketball team.

-Stephanie Gueder

The Truth or Dare game we played on the bus back from the Springfield trip.

-Natalie Dimov

Going to the Lyric Opera House with the eighth grade band and orchestra.

-Kathy Graves

When I got the first comment on Mrs.Hahn's post.

-Francis Encina

Coaching volleyball in gym.

-Natalia Habas

The student-staff basketball game.

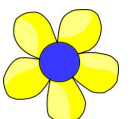
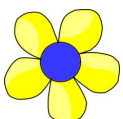
-Jenna Ethithara

When I went to Springfield.

-Carla Hernandez

Getting yelled at in Mr. A's class everyday for doing my math homework.

-Katie Hofmann



Friendship Memories

My favorite memory from all of my years at Friendship was

Being on different teams throughout the years and meeting new people that would later on become family.
-Alissa Hopp

Eating rows of oreos with my two roommates, Cydane and Natasha, in our Springfield hotel room.
-Aiyanna Hudson

The social experiments.
-Brian Huerta

Going to Camp Sunrise in sixth grade and getting stuck with Deanna and Utsa while we were canoeing.
-Danielle Jasinski

Going to watch *A Christmas Carol* and eating at the Jelly Cafe while Michael tried to teach us poker.
-Susan Johnson

“Accidentally” breaking the window in the hotel on the Springfield/St. Louis field trip.
-Alexa Joshi

Writing three word journal entries in Mr. Bromley’s class.
-Prasant Kafle

When Mrs. Hahn swore with Mr. Timmins in the room and he said, “Yes, Mrs. Hahn, the Hoover Dam is a great place.”
-Michael Kajiwarra

The student senate spaghetti dinner.
-Mehak Kamani

Meeting my best friend and getting to know the people closest to me.
-Nikki Kaminski

All the cool friends I made and all the things I experienced.
-Taylor Klicka

When I saw Natalie fall on top of Ryan’s dad during basketball game.
-Grace Ko

When me and my friends kept ramming a chair into the door to wake up our other friends in the other room on the Springfield trip.
-George Kouvelis

When my friends and I got in trouble and had to be janitors for the afternoon.
-Matthew Krol

When I met my best friend and so many amazing people.
-Nikol Kroumova

In sixth grade, I called my mom and I’m European and she pronounced my friend Danny’s name “Dinny” and me and Alejandro started laughing in class.
-Eryk Limanowka

Winning the football tournament in gym.
-Adrian Lopez

In 7th grade, my lunch table was always funny with friends.
-Allen Lopez

In Springfield, when I kept waking up Alex and Francis with pizza while they were trying to sleep.
-Jean Luis

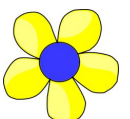
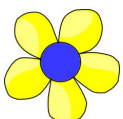
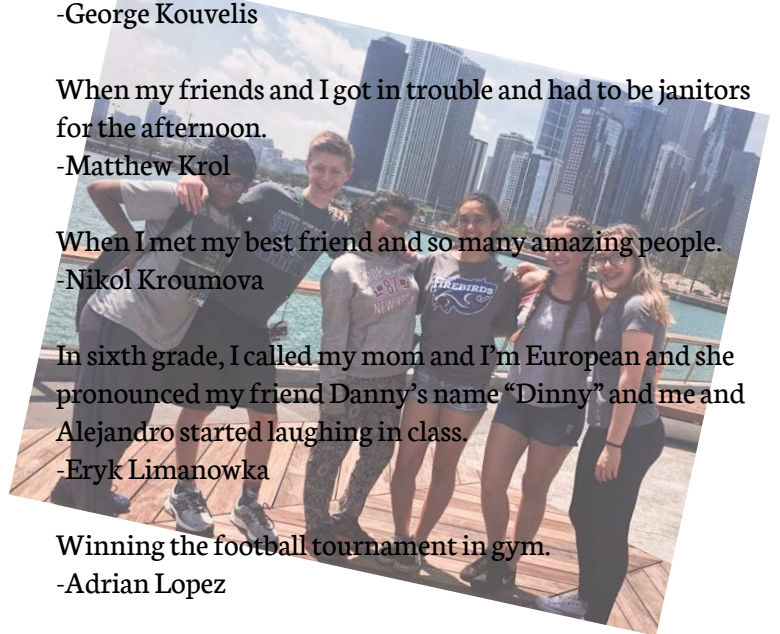
The assemblies.
-Selma Lukac

Going to see *A Christmas Carol* play with the rest of the ALA students.
-Lexie Mahoney

Winning the Character Award during the 7th grade ceremony.
-Colin Mahoney

Playing tag with my friends in the maze at Springfield.
-Karolina Maksymowicz

When me and my friends clogged the toilet and accidentally flooded the bathroom in Springfield.
-Chris Martinez



Friendship Memories

My favorite memory from all of my years at Friendship was

Playing in the student-staff basketball game.

-Olivia Masnica

When I became addicted to writing, which annoyed everyone, and I wrote a 500 page book.

-Georgeena Mathai

Meeting Mrs. Sussman and Ms. Browning who helped me improve in subjects I've struggled the most in.

-Carlos Mazari

My closest friends being there to support me .

-Elizabeth McKeown

When I was in Springfield, and we went to the museum in St.Louis.

-Zach Meyers

When me, Dominic, and Ryan had a sock war in our Springfield hotel room and set sleeping Colin as "no man's land".

-Daniel Meyka

When Om accidentally flipped off Mr. Bromley.

-Milenko Milicevic

When I almost made a half-court shot during the student-staff basketball game.

-Gia Mistretta

When Sehadé and I started talking more in seventh grade, because now she is my best friend.

-Solimar Montanez

Making the basketball team.

-Tyler Montgomery

Rock climbing at Camp Sunrise.

-Javier Mora

The first day of sixth grade, I got to see so many new people and make new friends

-Bobby Mouzakis

Meeting the most outstanding people anyone could ask for.

-Sehadé Muratoski

Being on the basketball team all three years, and winning third place in MCSL tournament.

-Xiomara Myles

Going to the St. Louis and Springfield trip in 7th grade.

-Edwin Navarro

The beginning of the year assembly when Mr. Verback danced.

-Kevin Negrete

I got a lot of candy from the office.

-Emili Nencheva

When Mr. Benes said on the first day of 7th grade, "Life isn't easy, it's simple".

-Ryan Nguyen

The band and orchestra's field trip to the Lyric Opera House in Chicago.

-Danny Oczko

When I made a soccer team and scored a banger against Holmes.

-Edgar Olvera

In seventh grade, when I was on the basketball team and I made a three-pointer.

-Michelle Opalinski

When Kesha, Grace, and I decided to fill in Ryan's eyebrows with eyeliner for Halloween.

-Jovana Oreskovic

Painting Ms. Spo's ceiling tiles in seventh grade.

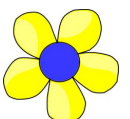
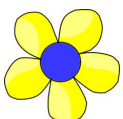
-Valerie Ortiz

When I was janitor for a day.

-Alex Oye

Going to camp in 6th grade, making a wish, throwing a coin into the fire, and watching it turn into a lot of different colors.

-Sabrina Pantoja



Friendship Memories

My favorite memory from all of my years at Friendship was

When I had a streak of 14 serves and got 10 kills in a single volleyball game in seventh grade.

-Aryan Patel

When I went to Lake Sunrise.

-Harith Patel

Meeting new people and spending time with my friends.

-Heli Patel

When we went to Camp Sunrise and played Predator and Prey and I got burs in my clothes.

-Niki Patel

The student-staff basketball game.

-Pranjal Patel

Playing weird but fun games with my friends while waiting for our food to come at Springfield.

-Alina Paul

Meeting new people.

-Froy Perez

The Springfield trip.

-Joshua Philip

Halloween when I wore a Batman onesie and was the most comfortable I've ever been.

-Landy Plata

Meeting amazing people and making new friends.

-Emilia Ponciano

The student vs. staff basketball game.

-Olivia Preister

The first GSA meeting, being able to see what Martin's work had become.

-Karen Puentes

Going to Springfield because it was the funniest thing I had ever done.

-Daniel Pytlewicz

When we raised money for the Hydration Station and raised enough money to get two.

-Sofia Quintana

When I saw my name as Captain Shang in Mulan.

-Marcus Ramos

When I met new friends.

-Jacqueline Real

Looking through a ceiling panel and yelling "WE GOT RATS".

-Claudia Rejowski

The co-ed basketball game against the teachers.

-Joyce Reyes

Trying to win an oreo minute to win it challenge.

-Richie Reyes

Going to the City Museum in Springfield.

-Emily Rissman

Meeting my best friends.

-Jenifer Roman

Getting to be a part of Willy Wonka Jr.

-Mia Rondoni

Trying to speak spanish in class and gaining my best friend because of that.

-Stefan Rusev

Singing songs and messing around in the field with my friends on the last day of seventh grade.

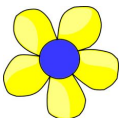
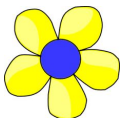
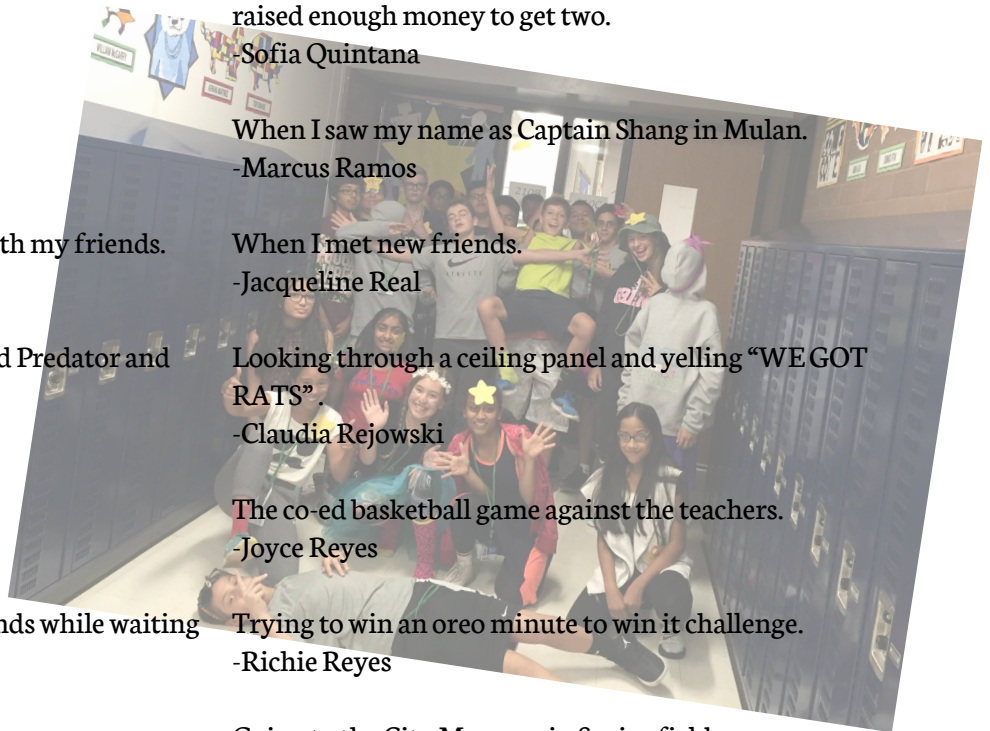
-Natasha Sevilla

When the lights went out.

-Darshan Shah

Playing frisbee on the hill in gym with my friends.

-Olivia Sibou



Friendship Memories

My favorite memory from all of my years at Friendship was

Hanging out with my friends and the basketball and volleyball games.

-Georgia Smith

Talking about weirdest things with my friends during lunch.

-Makayla Staszal-Terpstra

When Ms. Larson got mad because my lunch table saw a spider and we started jumping and screaming.

-Diona Thomas

Reenacting Romeo and Juliet in Mr. Bromley's class.

-Faith Torres

Throwing food at lunch and getting moved.

-Ignacio Torres

Playing dodgeball with Mr. Verback.

-Brett Ulreich

Being a janitor for a day.

-Ryan Ulreich

The school dances.

-Ashley Villafuerte

Dancing with Aiyanna in the variety show.

-Cydaney Whyte

While managing the game with my wifey (Xiomara M.) and I started laughing after seeing a boy trip over nothing.

-Cecelia Witkowski

Messing with someone's drink at a restaurant.

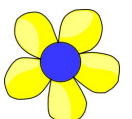
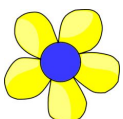
-Alex Wojtowicz

When Emili smashed a cupcake in my face and Ms. Larson took my cupcakes away.

-Diane Yunda

Scoring six points in a basketball game on my birthday.

-Zach Zajko



Firebird Trips

Six Flags Fun

By: Alysa Cobb and Alexa Joshi

Height Seeker

--*Vertical Velocity* is a height seeking adventure waiting to be ridden. For all you short people the height requirement for this ride is 54" inches tall!

--*Giant Drop* has a 227- foot EXTREME drop that will make you pee your pants. It has a height requirement of 48' inches tall. BEWARE! If you get sick very easily do not ride this attraction.

--*Goliath* is the world's fastest wooden coaster which goes 72 mph. It is the tallest wooden coaster worldwide at 180 ft, and it has the steepest drop for a wooden coaster with an 85 degree drop which goes almost straight down. It's height requirement is 48" tall.

--*Raging Bull* is one of the tallest and longest rides at Great America, making it a fan favorite. It reaches up to 20 stories high, it travels at 73 mph, and the steepest drop is a 65 degree angle.

--*Condor* is a soothing 112 foot ride. If you're just getting started on height rides this is the perfect attraction for you! The height requirement is 48" tall.

--*American Eagle* is one of the fan favorites. When you first trek up the hill you go about 127 feet, and going down you reach speeds up to 66 miles per hour and a 147 foot drop which is 20 below sea level. This ride is a dual ride which means there are 2 coasters going at the same time!



Batman The Ultimate Ride

Loop-de Loops

--*Superman* has a track that is 2,798 ft long, and it reaches up to 50 mph. It also has a full 360 degree twist, and it is the only one of its kind in the midwest. Trust us, you'll feel like a hero after this one-of-a-kind ride.

--*Batman* has a section where you feel 3 seconds of zero-gravity and was the world's first suspended outdoor-looping roller coaster. The ride has two vertical loops and three 360 degree spins. It's highest point is 10 stories tall and travels at 55 mph. The height requirement for this ride is 54" tall.

--*King Chaos* is a ride which contains a lot of 360 degree turns. Although it is not a roller coaster like many of the other attractions at Six Flags, *King Chaos* is a ride perfect for anyone who enjoys rotating in circles.

--*The Demon* is a 10 story drop into 2 loops that are 35 meters in diameter apart. It has 2 G forces, which is how much acceleration the ride has to push you up each loop. I would totally recommend this ride, but there isn't much padding for your head when it jerks around.

--*X-flight* is one of the newer rides at Six Flags which reaches top speeds of 55 miles per hour and has 180 degree turns. I would recommend this ride to anyone who loves thrill rides!

--*Revolution* is a ride which consistently spins riders the whole entire ride and you reach over 65 feet in the air too! If you are one prone to getting sick and dizzy this ride is not for you

Other

--*The Dark Knight Coaster* is a great ride if you're not a fan of the outside roller coasters. This ride is for everyone it is an indoor 1,213 foot track reaching over 3 stories high and 2 minutes long!

--*The Whizzer* has a track of 3,100 feet reaching over 45 miles per hour! It has a 70 foot spiral. It may seem like a younger kids ride but it is fun for everyone!



Superman



Raging Bull



Vertical Velocity

Social Experiment

Flash of Fun

By: Danielle Jasinski and
Utsa Bhattacharyya

To end the year, the Firebird Feed staff decided to surprise students in the eighth grade hallway with a flash mob during the passing period between first and second period. There were mixed responses to our fun end-of-the-year activity.

At first when the music started to play through the speakers, many students who were just coming out of class stopped to stare and wondered what we were doing. As we started dancing, the crowd of students formed a loose semi-circle around the dancers, clapping to the beat. Some students reacted to the flash mob with disgust, and a student said, "Oh my god, it's a flash mob." Others reacted with the opposite response: "Oh, that's so cute!" As for the dancers, they had fun performing for the most part even though some felt nervous at the beginning. "Originally, people were staring, and I was kinda getting nervous, but in the end, it was all good because my friends were enjoying it."

The dancers also noticed that there was a lot of positivity surrounding the dance. Makayla commented, "As the dancer, I feel like there was a lot of positive feedback from the audience and the dancers, and it really outcasted the negative responses that I wasn't aware of while dancing."

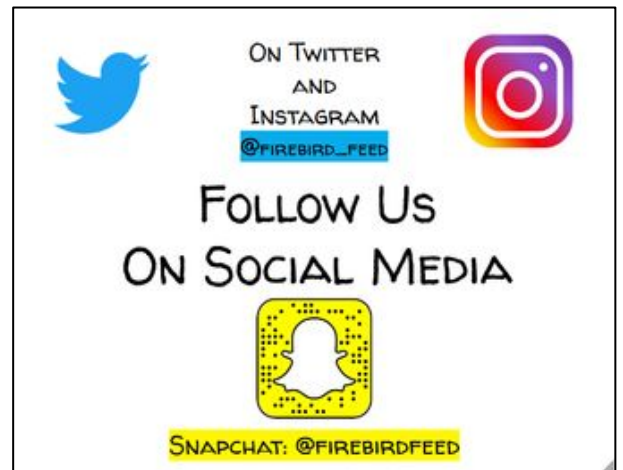
However, along with the positive reactions, there were negative ones, too. Some people didn't have time to stand around watching, and a dedicated student ordered, "Move. I need to get to class." In addition to the shouts of encouragement, there were also a few people who booed.

Some students watching the dance wanted to participate but didn't because they thought it was only meant for the dancers already performing. Even though they wanted to join, others simply couldn't because they were afraid of the attention. Watching the dance, an eighth grader wondered, "How are they so brave? I can't do that."

Even though this was a social experiment, we were doing it to end the year with something fun. We wanted people to join in on the fun, but because of their uncertainty, they didn't join. So the next time you see something that looks like fun, don't be afraid to join in!



In the eighth grade hallway, the flash mobbers talk to each other before the dance begins.



Ask Freddy

Compiled by: Cecelia Witkowski,
assisted by EGHS's *Guardian* staff

Dear Freddy,

I am super stressed and I have so many questions for high school. Are we allowed to have back packs in our classes? How do we handle a person talking bad about you? What about how do I organize my locker? Do you have any tips to be successful for high school? Thanks!

-Future High School Student

Dear Future High School Student,

Here are a few bits of advice from ____ the Grenadier:

1. Your freshman year, good or bad, won't determine the rest of high school. Don't worry about it if you struggle; just try harder next year.
2. The vending machines at EGHS only accepts one and five dollar bills and gives change in just quarters. Try to keep singles on you.
3. You don't have to agree with someone to be respectful.
4. . Do your work as soon as you can. Procrastination will destroy your mental health.
5. It isn't worth it to stay up until 4 a.m. You won't be productive, you'll be too tired to do well on the test, and it'll take days to change your sleep schedule. If you have to do something, wake up early instead of staying up late.
6. A 90% and a 100% are worth the same (GPA wise). Either way, it will show up as an "A".
7. For all you type A personalities, when you think you have too much work to hang out with friends, that's when you need them the most. Try to make time for yourself to stay sane.
8. Get involved. There are so many opportunities and areas of discovery in high school. Take advantage of them. You'll not only hone a skill, you'll meet some of the best friends you'll have had in your entire life.

Whether you're going to EG or Prospect, Freddy wishes you a happy, successful high school career! --Freddy



Firebird Spotlight

When Stars Collide

By: Natalie Dimov
and Kathy Graves

On May 31, after a year of working long and hard, the eighth graders in Mrs. Hahn's fourth and fifth period language arts class are ready to present a touching theatrical masterpiece: *When Stars Collide*. Dealing with many social issues that occur regularly in the lives of teens, this is sure to be a heartwarming drama that all audiences can relate to.

The play takes place at the start of a busy school year in a regular high school called Hamilton High. Gathered in the nurse's office, the five main characters are introduced. They form a strong bond while waiting as they talk about how their lives and the struggles they face. Despite these many obstacles, they are able to overcome them through friendship and perseverance. "It's about a group of people, each with different individual issues, coming together in the

end," says Lexie Mahoney, playing Autumn Collins.

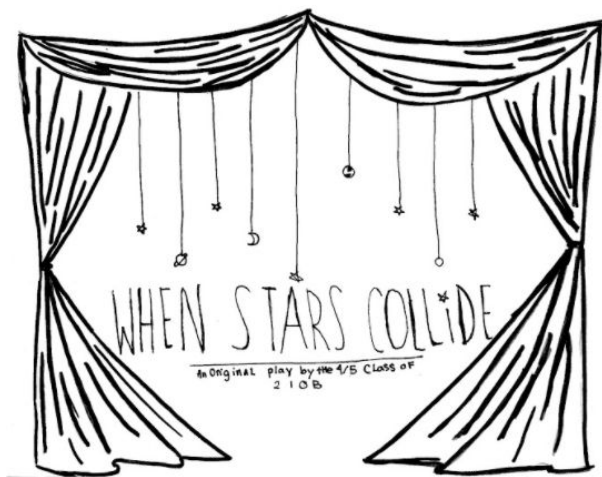
The five main characters each have their own background presented throughout the play, and these stories reflect on social issues of today like homosexuality, dealing with anxiety and loneliness, the stereotype that boys don't cry, and what to do about abuse. When asked what their characters represent throughout the performance, many actors elaborated on their topic. "Loneliness and not having a person you can confide in," says Salma Causevic, playing Alice. "The stereotype that boys have to act like they're stronger than everyone," says Josh Bilodeau, acting as Jack. Even though the play has a deep underlying message, it manages to cover these topics in an entertaining and humorous way so as to bring awareness while simultaneously enticing the audience with the amusing aspects.

The making of the *When Stars Collide* was an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. Not only did the

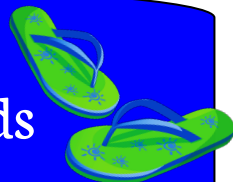
actors have their hands full, but the whole class worked as a combined effort; thinking of the plot, revising the script, creating the set, and designing costumes took collaboration and cooperation. "It's all about the creativity," says Kesha Patel, a student who devoted extra time and effort to work on the backdrops and scenery. She loves that she can express her artistic side while assisting with the play, saying, "I paint on a regular basis."

The other actors and set designers are excited to share what we can expect from their performance. "A lot of people haven't acted before," says Sebastian Ayala who is acting for the first time as the character, Liam. "Accepting others for who they are is something that you can be proud of," says Leyla Rusan.

It is safe to say that *When Stars Collide* will leave a mark on its audience. The hard-working students began as amateurs with a goal and evolved into stars with purpose. It will be a performance like no other that encourages self-acceptance and love.



The *Firebird Feed* wishes you and all of your friends
an amazing summer!



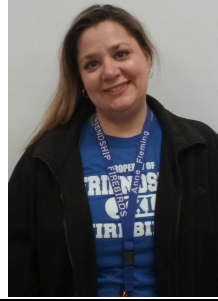
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Ms. Schrage



Mrs. Fleming



Mr. Andresen



What one word do you think wraps up this year?	Vivacious (meaning high energy)	Enriching	Interesting
What was your favorite project conducted?	Holocaust Remembrance Day	Physics Project	Physics Project
What was the funniest thing your students did?	An April Fool's joke where my students hung pictures of Shrek and Smash Mouth around the classroom.	When I thought there was a gas leak in the science lab. It turned out to be a fidget spinner spinning on a table.	They plastered my room with smiley faces and I hate smiley faces.

Fly With DIY

Summer Vacation Ideas

By: Deanna Al Dakka

Summer is fast approaching, and as everyone knows, the long stretch puts a strain on a lot of friendships, and many people don't know what to do when they get together with friends. But worry not Firebirds, there is a whole lot of "do it yourself" fun things to do around Des Plaines and Mt Prospect, for little or no money.

The first on the list is waterparks. Rainbow Falls, which is in Elk Grove Village, has an assortment of different pools and slides including diving boards, drop slides, and slower slides. If you prefer the ocean over the beach but can't get there, Mt. Prospect's Big Surf pool offers waves and diving boards, as well as a concession stand and tennis courts right next to the pool.

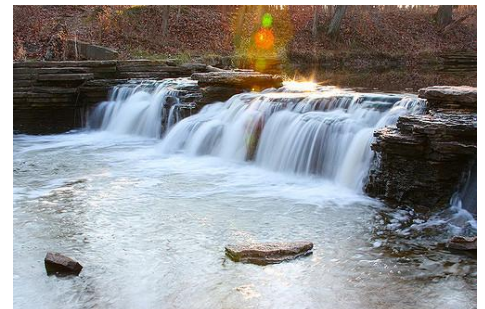
Not into pools? That's alright!

There are plenty of places to see water but not jump in For bikers and hikers, there are plenty of naturistic locations to enjoy summer with friends while getting some fresh air. Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve offers plenty of trails and amazing scenery with small streams and ponds. A little farther out is Starved Rock. It has all the perks of Waterfall Glen but also allows fishing, boating, and camping.

This summer also releases a ton of new movies! DC's *Wonder Woman* is expected to come out June 2nd. For all those Marvel lovers, worry not because a new *Spider-Man* movie is also on the way! *Spider-Man: Homecoming* will be coming to theaters on July 7th. For animated movies, this summer is looking good! The third *Despicable Me* movie is joined by *Cars 3*, the release dates only 14 days away from each

other, *Despicable Me* is entering theaters on June 30th, while *Cars 3* is released on June 16th.

In the end, it doesn't matter how much money spent on a trip, but the memories that come from it. So spend this summer making as many memories as possible and with people who make you happy.



(Waterfall Glen)

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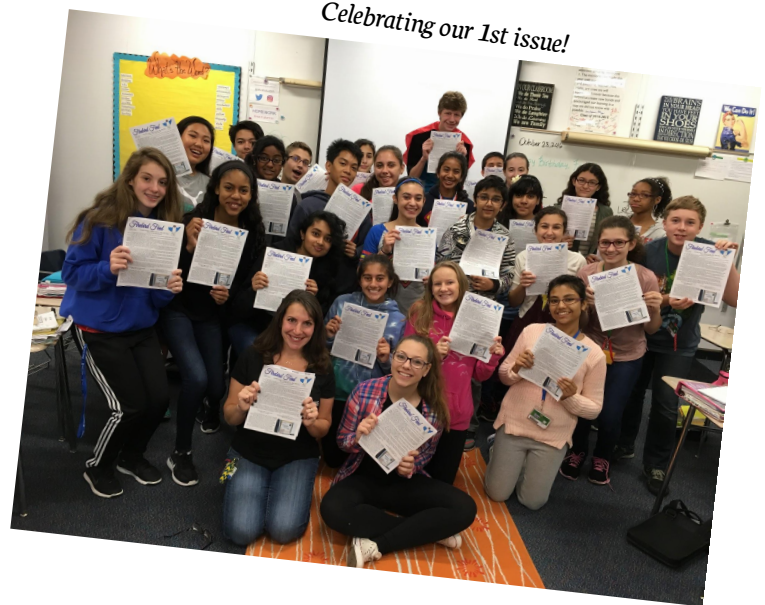
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Celebrating our 1st issue!



Our 1st editors in chief, Deanna and Ryan, "passed the torch" after 2nd quarter to Makayla and Olivia.



Our final group picture



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