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## Updates from Student Council

By: Zain Ahmad & Dylan Diaz

Welcome to the first edition of updates on the student council- where the student council shares information about the school, themselves, and anything else important. We interviewed three student council members: Ruby Mcleer, Zada Neves, and Illiana Rivera.

The Student Council said that they believe the student council is going good at the moment and has been very productive. They think the student council has made an incredible impact on MS 936 as a whole. According to the council, there will be a cultural festival and possibly a winter festival. The winter festival is not confirmed but may happen. Whether or not the winter festival happens, the council is working hard. Student council believes that being left out is a big problem in MS 936 and we should work together to stop it. MS 936 is excited about what the future upholds for the student council.

## World Events:

### Is Christopher Columbus a Hero?

By: Ellie Kline

In this day and age there are so many things to pay attention to, but to catch you up, we'll talk about a more recent event. In New Mexico they are replacing a Columbus statue with a statue of an indigenous woman. In an interview with a student when asked if they thought this change was a good idea or if it was wrong, they said, "I personally think he did horrible things, but in the end If he didn't explore and did not find this place it would not be what it was today". Also in Social Studies classes, there were debates on whether we think Christoper Columbus was a hero or not. Most students on the first day of the lesson said we should **not** celebrate him, including me, because of the things he did. We researched, read articles and watched videos, but when the debate day came about, many of the classes' minds changed. They acknowledged all the terrible things he did, but in the end a surprisingly large group said it was the norm back then and it was normal for that to happen. Although he did horrible things, he told Spain and France about the new world and we wouldn't have made it this far without him. But for those who chose to keep their claim said yes he did find the new world for Europe, he did things that yes we're average back then but aren't now and we're celebrating it now, not back then. Those people also said well if we celebrate Columbus because he found the new world and we know now the Native Americans found it, but I think we are all happy we have the day off.

## Wall of Fame

By: Viveka Avrutin, Grace Flynn, & Ellie Kline

In November, we had our very first Award Night during the PTA meeting. We celebrated student success in ELA. Below are the recipients of the awards.

600VE: Daniel Alvear	603: Fernanda Casteneda
601: Oliver Wu	604: Allyson Ariza
602: Yoali Vasquez	605: Jonathan Diaz- Quintuna
606: Emily Ponce	

700VE: Illiana Rivera	703: Kayla Rodriguez
701: Hernan Bonilla-Jimenez	704: Xin Ming Zhang
702: Eric Michaca	705: Ahmad Najm

In December we will be celebrating student achievement in Science, and the students on the Principal List and Honor Roll. We are so excited to horor the recipients of these awards! Congratulations!

## Science with Sofia: Climate Change

By: Sofia Schreibels

Climate change has been recently progressing quite negatively and not many young students are educated entirely on the topic. Water pollution is one of the biggest causes of climate change. This form of pollution comes in many different forms and cases. For this edition we are going to focus on the science behind how animal agriculture affects our oceans. Our oceans are polluted by something called farm runoff. Farm runoff is the polluted water from farmlands that is usually caused by irrigation. Irrigation is a controlled process of applying water to help crops grow. When polluted irrigation finds its way into different bodies of water, it can create something called a dead zone. Dead zones are basically exactly what it means, when everything is polluted too much it just kills it all off. Irrigation can also find itself into the ground's natural water and pollute it as well. A way you can help fix this problem is by reducing the amount of animal products you buy from stores, and do your best to help stop climate change.



**The Scoop on Every Subject**

**By: Lilyan Aleman, Sienna Hartman, Ayden Rios, & Dominic**

**Rodriguez**

### **Math**

**6th grade:** In math students will be learning about unit rates and ratios. We will also begin learning about what percentages are and how they are calculated. In math class, teachers use a lot of really helpful videos and share real-world examples, so that students are more comfortable with the topic. We allow students to work in partners or in groups to learn from each other, and we will end these units with a project so students can showcase everything they have learned.

**7th Grade:** In December, 7th graders will continue learning about proportional relationships and percentages. We will also start algebraic expressions. We will analyze State Test Questions and create our own problems

### **ELA**

**6th Grade:** Students are finishing up our first novel study: Bud, Not Buddy. We have taken a journey with Bud, learning about many types of figurative language along the way. Students are now able to identify many types of figurative language and analyze how the author's use of it can enhance the reader's experience. Our unit ends with a personal connection to the text, as students create and write about their own suitcases containing symbolic items.

**7th Grade:** The Hidden Figures biography has taken us through many significant moments in history: The Women's Rights Movement, The Civil Rights Movement, The Cold War, and The Space Race. Our unit concludes with a reflection on how artists express their point of view through a series of choices, allowing for students to create their own convincing propaganda art.

### **Science**

**6th grade:** Students will be learning about thermal energy and how molecules move when in the presence of hot or cold temperatures.

In order to learn about thermal energy, students will be using simulations online as well as observing experiments with different temperature water to learn about the properties of molecules in real world situations.

**7th grade:** Students will be finishing up the Metabolism unit by making our own artistic representations of a cell. After that we will be diving into the unit of Phase Changes, understanding what makes different states of matter change their states! We will be using foam balls and other crafting supplies to make 3D representations to help us understand the different parts of a cell. During the unit of Phase Changes we will be doing some demos and experiments. We will investigate other planets and their conditions to better understand how phase changes work!

### **Social Studies**

**6th Grade:** Students will be learning about timelines, early humans, and more exciting prehistory! Prehistory is the time in which there were no written records so historians, archaeologists, and other experts have worked together to piece together the past using fossils and other scientific evidence.

I plan on teaching the content using different educational tools like texts, artifacts, and documentaries; modes of art like cave paintings; and hopefully, a field trip!

**7th Grade:** Students will be learning about the events leading up to the American Revolution, specific battles and individuals that influenced the war, and how the Revolution impacts different groups of people. I plan to teach my students this by infusing the arts into the unit. For instance, I plan for poem analysis such as "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" as well as role playing to learn about patriots and loyalists. Additionally, students will be examining sources (primary and secondary) to learn about the American Revolution.

### **Visual Arts**

Students will begin a sculpture unit that connects the book Matilda and chapter 11 where Bruce Bogtrotter has to eat the chocolate cake on stage. We will focus on artist Wayne Thiebaud and his sculptures of cakes and other pastries. The art studio is equipped with supplies to have the students create their sculptures. We have plenty of clay and the tools to shape and mold the clay. We also have a kiln that we can't wait to use!

### **Theatre**

**6th Grade:** We will be working on Musical Theatre, "Adversity: It's The Hard Knock Life".

We will be discussing how adversity can affect a character. We will be learning and performing "It's The Hard Knock Life" from the musical, Annie

### **Dance**

Students will continue taking jazz technique class and studying popular dances from the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s. We will also study famous dancers within that area, like Gene Kelly, Russ Tamblyn, Cyd Charisse and Rita Moreno. The students will work on choreographing their own Motown dances, learning a holiday dance to share with the school, and discussing aspects of our spring show. 6th grade students will be learning about dances of the Harlem Renaissance, like the Charleston and the Lindy Hop, and we may also do a study of the Broadway show Matilda.

### **Music**

**6th Grade:** Students will be composing their own melodies using an online music notation program called "Noteflight". Students will get mini-lessons on musical concepts and demonstrations for using Noteflight. They will have a chance to create their own music and share it with their classmates.

**7th Grade:** Students are continuing to learn how to play their band instruments, including: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass and percussion. They are using their music reading skills to learn new notes and play arrangements of simple folk songs. 7th graders get instruction in large group settings and have small group music lessons two times a month. Our goal is to play a concert in the spring!

## **School Events**

**By: Sienna Hartman**

-Our December PTA Meeting was/will be held on the 21st of December at 7:00 pm

-Winter Break will begin on December 24 and we will come back to a new year on January 2nd!

Happy Holidays and Enjoy Your New Year!

## **Exposé Chaoticness in the Halls**

By : Earus Chi

### What is happening in the building?

When there is limited supervision in the areas for transition (Hallyways, stairs, exits, etc) there is a lot of chaos, that can vary from pushing, shoving, yelling, etc. Students don't follow expectations when they think they don't have to.

### Why does it matter?

This is a problem because it makes a lot of distraction and unnecessary noise, even after teachers tell the students to quiet down. Once they move away from the teacher, they go back to being loud and chaotic.

Students also don't really get caught for these things because there are a lot of people to handle and you can't really keep track of this problem. You can get in a lot of trouble if you do something like harass someone and push them.

It is also important that we fix this because it is causing people to be late or it's making people get in trouble. Also, we should also know that there is an elementary school below us and when some of our classes are on the 3rd floor and under it can be distracting for those students..

### Ways we could fix it

There should also be people watching and kind of just keeping track of who's where. This would also be organizing. Someone could easily get lost and/or confused.

Lastly, something that helps students stay organized is when Ms. Nastasi (the principal) is on the floor. Students get intimidated by associates and they seem to pay attention and follow the rules more, (mostly because they don't want to get in trouble) so something they could do is remember to stay to the right. (The side we are supposed to stay at) Something else that could help is that teachers could also remind students before leaving class so that the students will get a reminder. It will not only help make a reminder but since the students are getting reminders often by their teachers it will stay in their brains.

## Arts in NYC

By: Emily Feinsilver

The Van Gogh exhibit has been a great exhibit in the past few years. There is one in lower Manhattan, showcasing room sized animations of Van Gogh paintings. In 2001, the creative team created the first Van Gogh exhibit. In 2008 the first showing happened and it was called "Imagine Van Gogh: The Immersive Exhibition." Showings in the United States grew attractions after a netflix show was released and many people started watching it.

## The Monthly Debate!

### What's better, Roblox or Minecraft?

By: Oliver Wu

### Why is Minecraft better?

When it comes to non-violent, educational games, Minecraft is arguably one of the best. With close to 240 million downloads, it is the biggest video game in the world. Playing minecraft can improve teamwork, project management, and gives kids a great environment to express their creativity. It's an incredibly fun game to play with friends online or by yourself!

### Why is Roblox better?

Roblox is a free online game platform that teaches kids basic coding skills, game design, and entrepreneurship. These are skills that can all be transferred to real life. There are over 380 million downloads, and you can even customize your avatar to virtually anything. It gives kids access to a wider variety of fun games like obstacle courses, tycoon games, survival games, and PVP games.

To vote, copy this link:  
<https://bit.ly/ms936poll>

In next month's paper,  
results of that poll will be showcased here



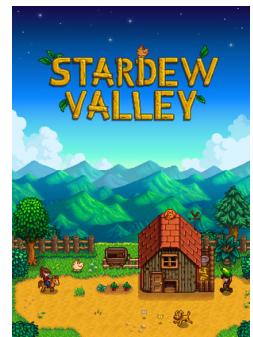
## Game Recommendation

By: Viveka Avrutin

Have you ever wanted to live a simple, relaxing life on a cozy farm? Well then BOY, do I have a game for you! In Stardew Valley, you play as a farmer who inherited their grandfather's old farm after he passed away. This farm is located next to Pelican Town, a small village populated by lovable characters (excluding Clint). There are currently a dozen romanceable NPCs that you can date and marry, but that doesn't mean you can't make a strong friendship with the other 12! You can easily build relationships with these characters by talking to them regularly and giving them their favorite gifts! Another great thing about this game is the exploration element. The map is very large and there are many different areas to explore. With all these areas, comes different items like fish, plants, minerals, and seeds! The Calico Desert is a great example of this. It is rich in resources and provides the player with coconuts, cacti, and a secret cave that may be full of rare treasures- at a cost.

*Stardew Valley is available on iOS/Android, Steam, Nintendo Switch, XBOX ONE, and PS4*

\$7.99 – 14.99



## Fun Facts With Flynn

By: Grace Flynn

- Sharks do not have bones, they have cartilage
- Shark skin feels like sandpaper
- There are over 500 species of sharks
- Hammerhead sharks have 360° vision
- Greenland sharks, also known as arctic sharks, have a lifespan of 250 – 500 years
- A shark's bite is more powerful than that of a jungle cat
- Lightning strikes are more deadly – and common – than shark attacks
- Deer are deadlier than a shark
- Sharks prefer to attack men
- Sharks never sleep. Ever.
- Sharks are older than the oldest dinosaurs
- An extinct species of shark, known as the megalodon, could grow to be 60 feet long and weight 25 tons
- Sharks can grow up to 50,000 teeth in a lifetime
- If you were looking for shark teeth, the best place to look is on the ocean floor, due to them losing teeth frequently
- A species of shark known as the dwarf lantern shark is as small as a goldfish
- Sharks don't make any noise at all

## Chess Moves: Beginners

By: Mary Silvestre

Before doing your chess openings you must understand how the chess board works, the image below is a better understanding of how it's set up. After understanding your chess board, you start with your opening. (You can ask a family member to play with you or play alone!) One of the best Chess moves for beginners is the Italian game, one of the best chess openings. You move your pawn to e4. (as white) Black then moves to e5, Move your knight to f3. Black moves their knight to c6. Then move your bishop to c4. Now you've done the Italian opening.



## Fashion Through The Decades

By: Lillyan Aleman

FASHION! Some people love it, some people don't get why it's so big , but everyone uses it. We all have our own style. Your own opinion on if something looks good or bad. The difference of fashion from 1865 and now 2021 is drastic. so I am here to tell you how fashion looked back in 1865.

Back then fashion was so different then now. In 1865 people dressed like the women in the picture shown below. They would wear long heavy dresses and the big 'Spoon' bonnet is named for its shallow shape. The bonnet had a peaked crown that could be decorated with a nosegay of flowers. The weather the women where the fancier the bonnets looked. For the men they wore Shirts of linen or cotton , featuring high upstanding or turnover collars. They also wore neckties that grew wider and were tied in a bow or looped in.

Some similarities from 1865 high fashion to 2021 high fashion are women's dresses. So let's look at the similarsites .Some Similarities is the red, the color is vibrant and sharp, also the v-neck is in both dresses . As you can see we have similarities in our fashion from 156 years ago. Obviously there is some difference in fashion for example we don't only wear dresses and we don't have bonts on our heads.



## Seasonal Sidelines

By: Dylan Diaz

### 1. Building A Snowman

Building A Snowman is a classic way to have fun during winter. When it's snowing, you can go out and build a snowman based on your imagination

### 2. Go Sledding

Speaking from personal experience, going sledding is an amazing time and I would 100% do it again! A place I recommend is shore road park

### 3. Watch A Seasonal Movie

Seasonal movies are the best! From Home Alone to Elf, nothing beats sitting down and watching a winter classic!.

## Top 3 Winter Movies

By: Emma Carberry and Scarlett Montigue



This article is about the top 3 Winter movies voted on by the M.S.936 students.

The first top Winter movie is.... Home Alone !!! This movie is about Kevin McCallister who acts out the night before the trip to Paris for Winter. The next day Kevin awakens to find himself alone, his family has

forgotten him and have already left for Paris. Kevin thinks this wish will come true until the Wet Bandits, Harry and Marv try to rob the McCallister house. Kevin must do whatever he can to protect his family home. This movie is a classic, you should definitely watch this movie during the Winter!!!

My Rating



The second top winter movie is Dr.Seuss The Grinch !!! This movie is about the Grinch played by Jim Carrey, a grumpy person who hates the Winter time, and hates Whoville where all the people are so cheerful, he lives on Mount Crumpit right by Whoville. He decides he's had enough of Christmas so he becomes Santa and takes all the presents and Winter things away. However a little girl named Cindy Woo Who changes the Grinch's heart.

My Rating:



The third top winter movie is Elf !!! This movie is about Bud, a baby at an orphanage who accidentally crawls into Santa's sack and becomes an elf in the North Pole until he grows up to be an adult. He realizes that he is actually a human and goes to New York City to find his real father causing lot's of chaotic events.

My Rating:



## Top 5 Movies of 2021

By: Emma Carberry and Scarlett Montigue

This month students voted on their 5 favorite movies of 2021! Below is the list in order.

### 1. Shang-Chi

The best movie that everyone loved this year is Shang-Chi! Martial-arts master Shang-Chi and his friend Katy confront Shang-chi's past and mysterious ten rings organization.

### 2. The Spongebob Movie: Sponge on the Run

Another great movie from this year is The Spongebob Movie: Sponge on the Run. In this movie, Spongebob's pet snail, Gary, goes missing so Spongebob and his best friend Patrick go on a mission to find Gary.

### 3. Jungle Cruise

Third on the list is Jungle Cruise! Jungle Cruise is about Dr. Lily Houghton who is on a quest with Frank Wolff to find an ancient tree that has the power to heal..

### 4. Cruella

Fourth on the list is Cruella! This movie is about Cruella de Vil, from 101 Dalmations, past and childhood.

### 5. Raya and the Last Dragon

Long ago, humans and dragons lived together in harmony. But, when monsters called Druun threatened the land, the dragons sacrificed themselves to save humanity. The movie takes place 500 years later, the same monsters have returned, and it's up to a lone warrior to track down the last dragon and stop the Druun for good.

## December Word Search

By: Emma Carberry and Scarlett Montigue

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Blizzard • Cold • Frozen • Ice • Mittens • Snowman • Holidays • Winter • Frosty • Coat • Scarf • Icicle • Sledding • Snow

## MLB Playoffs

By: Zain Ahmad

In 2021, the MLB season was very intense as the year the Atlanta Braves took home the World Series Trophy as they Beat the Astros 4 games to 2 in that Series.

### MLB

In the American League Wild Card

Game the Boston Red Sox were hosting the New York Yankees as the Red Sox Won 6-2 and advanced. In the National League Wild

Card Game it was the Los Angeles Dodgers and the St. Louis Cardinals as the Dodgers won 3-1 and advanced. The Tampa Bay Rays and the Boston Red Sox Faced off and the Houston Astros and the White Sox's Faced off. The Atlanta Braves and Milwaukee Brewers faced off and so did the Los Angeles Dodgers and the San Francisco Giants. Then the Boston Red Soxs and the Houston Astros played each other and the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Atlanta Brave were playing each other. Then the Houston Astros and the Atlanta Braves each plated each other as the Atlanta Braves beat the Houston Astros in the World Series 4 games to 2, to win their first championship since 1995.



## Our Voice Matters Student Interviews

By Cesar Pinto and Yatziri Avendano

We interviewed students for a bit of a survey on what they think about the school, here were some of their responses.

We asked a student who wanted to be anonymous some questions about MS 936, we first asked them what they thought about the school lunch, they said, "The school lunch is actually pretty good, but at the beginning it was much better like mozzarella and mac and cheese but now I feel like its just burritos". We then asked them a second question, 'How do you feel about MS 936?', "I think MS 936 has a great school, I like the way that there are plenty of projects and tons of fantastic teachers. Although crossing the highway to get to school everyday is a bit scary, it is a great school and a highway can't take away from that".

Another student was asked what she thought about school lunch, "I like the food they serve and I believe it is a complete misconception that School food is bad", she said. The same student was also asked what subject she liked most. "I really like art, I just find it relaxing and overall enjoyable". Lastly we asked what she thinks MS 936 should add/improve on, her response was, "I think maybe MS 936 could use some more decorations, things to represent school culture?