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Bulldog of The Month

Rose Baker '22 & Hailey Reynolds '21

Natalie Parks was generously selected to be middle school Student of The Month. Of all the middle school students, she is one who has thrived in seeking excellence. Natalie carries around the biggest smile in the whole school, enough to lift everyone's spirits. Her wonderful personality makes everyone's day better. Thank you for your hard work and participation in our school, Natalie Parks!



Pictured: Natalie Parks
Taken by Natalie Parks



Pictured from left: Serina Graham,
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Picture taken by Natalie Parks

EDITORIALS

Donald Trump's Famous Wall

An Opinion Article by Natalie Hlatki '21

As we all know, November ninth was the day that America's new leader, Donald Trump, was elected as our President for the next four years. It is a widely known idea that Donald Trump has quite a few plans for our country, including his famous wall ... but would his wall really work to keep out illegal immigrants?

Don't get me wrong, America was built by immigrants; I am all for people coming here to start a new life in the U.S. of A. But when people come here illegally, it can cause a problem for the citizens who now have to pay for the immigrants' education, housing, and luxuries. In fact, a study showed that tax-funded government programs cost Americans around 900 billion dollars. That a pretty big amount of cash.

All of these facts lead one to believe that a wall would be a good idea. Keep out illegal immigrants coming in from Mexico, and you can save a couple billion dollars, right? In my opinion, maybe not so much would be saved. A wall that would stretch over the U.S. / Mexico border would literally be millions of feet long. A structure of that size, width, and length would be unstable; if it was made of concrete, the hot Mexico sun and rain could erode it in a matter of years, resulting in more money spent on concrete. Not to mention, a wall that size would be an estimated trillion dollars. Finally, a wall is easily climbed over, dug under,

or skirted around.

But say we did actually build a wall along the Mexican border. What about our other neighbors, the Canadians? What would stop Immigrants from coming in from Canada? In order to be completely sure that America is illegal immigrant free, we would have to build another wall along the border of Canada.

Lastly, Trump also stated that he wanted to make sure that “no alien may wire money into the United States unless the alien first provides a document establishing a lawful presence in the United States.”

This means that Trump is not only targeting Mexico, but the entire world. In order for someone is Japan to wire money to a person in South Dakota, the person who lives in Japan would have to establish a lawful presence in the U.S.

In essence, Donald Trump wants to cause a global change, all because of the presence of illegal immigrants. In my conclusion, a wall would not actually work; instead we should work together to make America the nation it once was, instead of isolating us from the rest of the world.

CHRISTMAS CANDY CANE SNACK MIX

By Hailey Reynolds '21

Making the candy cane snack mix treat is very simple. It should only take about 30 minutes to prep. All ingredients needed include; 7 cups of unsalted popped popcorn, 3 cups of pretzels, 2 cups of lightly salted dry-roasted cashews or honey-roasted peanuts, 1 1/4 pounds of vanilla flavored candy coating, and 1 cup of finely crushed peppermint candies.

The first step is to mix the popcorn, pretzels, and cashews (or peanuts) into a shallow roasting pan. Take out any unpopped kernels. Sit that to the side until later.

Next, place the candy coating in a saucepan, heat it on low heat, and stir it constantly until fully melted and smooth. Remove from heat and stir in 1/2 cup of the crushed peppermint candy. Pour the candy coating over the popcorn mixture. Stir gently so it can start coating and sprinkle the rest of the 1/2 crushed peppermint candy on it.

Finally, let it cool and break it into pieces when done. Now you have a delicious candy cane snack mix treat. Enjoy!

How to Make Your Turkey “Hot and Sizzling”

Posted by Serina Graham '21

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons dried parsley, 2 tablespoons ground dried rosemary, 2 tablespoons rubbed dried sage, 2 tablespoons dried thyme leave, 1 tablespoon lemon pepper, 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 (15 pound) whole turkey, neck and giblets removed
- 2 stalks celery chopped , 1 orange cut into wedges, 1 onion chopped, 1 carrot chopped , 1 (14.5 ounce) can chicken broth
- 1 (750 milliliters) bottle of champagne

Prep: 20 minutes; Cook: 3 hours; Ready: 3 h 20 m

Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F. Line a turkey roaster with long sheets of aluminum foil that will be long enough to wrap over the turkey.

Stir together the parsley, rosemary, sage, thyme, lemon pepper, and salt in a small bowl. Rub the herb mixture into the cavity of the turkey, then stuff with the celery, orange, onion, and carrot. Truss if desired, and place the turkey into the roasting pan.

Pour the chicken broth and champagne over the turkey, making sure to get some champagne in the cavity. Bring the aluminum foil over the top of the turkey, and seal. Try to keep the foil from touching the skin of the turkey breast or legs.

Bake the turkey in the preheated oven for 2.5 to 3 hours until no longer pink at the bone and the juices run clear. Uncover the turkey, and continue baking until the skin turns golden brown, 30 minutes to 1 hour longer. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh, near the bone should read 180 degrees F.

Remove the turkey from the oven, cover with a doubled sheet of aluminum foil, and allow to rest in a warm area 10 to 15 minutes before slicing! There is an easy way to cleanup. If you make this in a slow cooker, using a slow cooker liner can make cleanup easier.

All of this was from <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/166160/juicy-thanksgiving-turkey/>

WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE?

By Misty Lenon '20

If you had to pick one thing that you could change about yourself,
To become more of the person you'd rather be, what would you say?
To be in better shape...?
To be better at a sport...?
To have a more attractive physical appearance...?
Yeah, all of those things are great,
But would that really help you become a better version of yourself?
Would that really make a difference?
Would cutting your hair or losing a few pounds
Make you the person you've always wanted to be?
A little change in your appearance won't hurt,
But what matters is who you are as a person,
Who you are behind the closed doors.
So take a look at yourself now and tell me;
What can you do to become a better version of you?
What will you change?

BULLYING STILL PERSISTS

By Haille Misek '22 & Kyleigh Smith '22

Unfortunately, despite efforts of prevention, bullying is still very common. Whether it's physical, verbal, or cyber; all of it puts the victim through a hard time.

We asked some teachers and students about bullying here is what they have to say.

"I have never really been bullied but I think the most common type is cyber bullying," states Kaylee Ricketts.

"The most common type I see is verbal, but I talk to students about twice a week, who have concerns which range from physical to cyber," says Mr. William Barron, the CMS counselor.

In the hopes that bullying will come to an end everywhere, we wish you happy holidays!

CAT FACTS

By Rose Baker '21

Here are a few facts about cats that may intrigue you. Cats are very interesting animals, but people know so little about them. Because of that, I'm going to fill you in. Did you know that cats have flexible bodies as well as razor blade sharp teeth adapted for hunting small animals such as mice and rats?

A group of cats is called a clowder, a male cat is called a tom, a female cat is called a molly or queen, and young cats are called kittens. Another interesting fact about cats is that felines can make over one hundred vocal noises! The most commonly known sounds are purrs, hisses, and meows. A cat can travel up to 31 mph over a short distance, and it can jump over three times its height.

Over 40,000 people are bitten a day by a cat in the USA! A cat can recognize its owner's footsteps from hundreds of feet away! Cats have 32 muscles in their ears alone! Cats have 30 teeth total: 12 incisors, 10 premolars, 4 canines, and 4 molars.

As you can see, cats are amazing creatures, and there is so much to learn about them. Thanks for your time! (See: <http://www.factretriever.com/cat-facts>)

CUTIE PIES GIVING THANKS

By Lainey Clark '21, Natalie Parks '21, Natalie Hlatki '21

This year we wanted to know what this year's kindergartners were thankful for!

Marissa Harvey said, "I'm thankful for my family and friends."

Jeremiah Gettner said, "I have love for my family!"

Matthew Young, "I'm thankful for Superbat!"

All of those things are wonderful!

We hope that you are thankful for these things too!

Happy Holidays!

THE MOZART EFFECT

By Natalie Hlatki '21

At this point in our life, most of us have played an instrument. Whether it be a recorder, brass or string instrument, they all have the same amazing effect on your body. A study conducted by the Stanford University proved that our brains perform better after playing an instrument or listening to classical music. They called it: The Mozart Effect.

In fact, in 1996, the College Entrance Exam Board Service conducted a study on all students taking their SAT exams. Students who sang or played a musical instrument scored 51 points higher on the verbal portion of the test and an average of 39 points higher on math, compared to students who did not play a musical instrument.

If you needed any more convincing, the Mozart Effect

proved that music can relieve stress, improve communication, and increase efficiency. So, if you have to study for a text, write a book report, or make a fantastic art piece, listen to Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," because creativity scores soar when listening to Mozart.

NEWS

COLORADO KILLINGS

An Opinion Piece by Ryin Carlon '21

In the past few years we have had several homicides in Colorado. Seventy percent of people who were killed knew their killers and also knew that they had access to some type of guns.

This percentage represents people who live in Denver, Aurora, Lakewood, and Westminster. As a huge population of 416,427 people just in Colorado, we have lost 4,472 people in 2015, which is the least amount of annual fatalities over the past five years.

Yes, it's many people who have died but it's better than the Colorado average of 5,131 people per year. These deaths are not from natural causes; it's all the crimes of could you could imagine. If we never had these types of crimes, most likely we would have a bigger population than what we have right now, which is 416,427.

Yes, we have all these crazy people out in the world, thus it won't go away. However, we should all be aware of how many people in our state of Colorado have died. They have lost their lives because disgusting people feel like it's a great thing to just kill people who never did anything to them.

We have had a really ungrateful couple of years, but hey, if you're reading this, it means you're still alive today!

[Source: City of Boulder, CO Website: www.boulder-colorado.gov, 2016]

ACTIVE FIRES IN COLORADO

By Ryin Carlon '21

Lately this year we have had several forest fires. In early December, an active fires burned in Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests, spread over thousands of acres. This year there have been 27 fires in Colorado. Most of them are currently inactive. With the amount of rain we had this year, you wouldn't think there would be this many fires. Unfortunately,

the majority of the fires were manmade, with a few that have reached a huge amount of acreage.

source is <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/unit/1508/>.

THE DRAGON BOAT RACING FIREFIGHTERS

By Natalie Hlatki '21

Look out marathoners, there's a new sport in town – not just any old sport, it's Dragon Boat racing! Yes, you heard that right. The athletes of this daring sport are none other than the firefighters of Pueblo; they don't just slay dragons, they also race them. They have christened themselves as ... the Los Bombaros!

These athletes have been participating in this race for two years, and this year they took 2nd place in a competition, beating over twenty teams from around USA. The races were first introduced to the station by Mark Rohar, an EMO (Emergency Medical Officer). The station participates in the races as a great way to stay in shape and to learn new skills.

Mike Hlatki, an engineer, stated that the races pose as a team building exercise and strengthen the crew's relationship. Nowadays, the races are fun events, with plenty of food vendors and even a bouncy house. But the origin of the Dragon boat races has a slightly less cheery start.

The Dragon boat races began as a Chinese legend, with a court official named Qu Yuan. He was famous in China, known as the champion of political loyalty and integrity, as he often stood up for the poorer denizens of China's provinces. In the city in which Qu Yuan resided, it was believed that the monarchy fell under the influence of corrupt and jealous ministers. The corrupted ministers convinced the monarchy to banish Qu Yuan. Upon learning that his state had been corrupted, the legend states that Qu Yuan waded into the Miluo River, holding a large rock over his head in the ceremonial tradition to commit suicide to protest the corruption of a state.

The common people, upon learning about his death, rushed out into the water to save Qu Yuan's body. They beat drums and splashed the water with their paddles in order to keep the fish and evil spirits from his body. Later on, they scattered rice into the water to prevent him from suffering hunger. Another belief is that the people scattered rice to feed the fish, in order to prevent them from devouring the poet's body.

However, late one night, the spirit of Qu Yuan appeared before his friends and told them that the rice meant for him was being intercepted by a huge river dragon. He asked his friends to wrap their rice into three-cornered silk packages to ward off the dragon. This has been a traditional food ever since known as Zongzi or sticky rice wrapped in leaves. In commemoration of Qu Yuan, it is said, people hold dragon boat races annually on the day of his death.

Before the races, to honor the spirit of the race, Chinese monks perform a ceremonial blessing, called the Eye Dotting, where they dot the dragon's eyes to give boats the spirit of life and wisdom. Today, dragon boat festivals continue to be celebrated around the world with dragon boat racing. The races have become a famous pastime, especially for the dragon-hearted firefighters of Pueblo, led by their Captain Barb Huber.

THE CALHAN CHOIR'S STYLE

By Hailey Williams '21 & Rose Baker '22

Our astounding music teacher, Mrs. LeeCathryn Highfield, has a degree in performance and in music education. Ms. Highfield has been performing since she was 7 years old. She also conducts choirs as well as orchestras. Mrs. Highfield says: "When it comes to my classes, it is impossible to just pick one person to represent us. Each student has come so far and has made some amazing improvements."

She further elaborates: "Each student has a part to play, whether it's helping their classmates with their music or helping them figure out how to use my iPad. They all do their jobs amazingly well."

The teamwork represented by each student and what they can do together is outstanding. They perform together, they help each other, and they have fun together – not just as singers, but as friends.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH: DIANA DOYLE

By Rose Baker '22 & Hailey Reynolds '21

Diana Doyle has been selected by the middle school students to be the Teacher of the Month. She has been dedicated to our school for four years and still thriving in an effort to teach excellence. Amazingly, in her second year teaching at Calhan, she was recognized as Teacher of the Year!

Here are some reasons that our student body loves her as a teacher. She has an amazing sense of hu-

mor and even tells us stories about her life. Although Natalie Hlatki isn't in her class this year, she can still go to her for grammar advice.

Ms. Doyle is still a great teacher to those who aren't in her class and certainly to those who are. Even though she doesn't get paid for work after hours, she often remains at school to grade extra work, and to figure out what to do the next day.

Our fabulous teacher even talks to parents outside of school to improve kids' learning experience. Ms. Doyle isn't afraid to do her job right, regardless of what others think. She doesn't care if you like her; she still teaches you just the same. Ms. Doyle doesn't pick favorites.

Diana Doyle, thank you for your hard work and dedication to this school!!

THIS YEAR'S SECONDARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

By Natalie Parks '21

On December 14th, 2016 students from 6th grade up through 12th grade performed in the Winter Concert. All of the students and teachers were very excited to perform. The concert started at 6:30 p.m. and the choir performed first. The high school and middle school choir director is Mrs. Lee Cathy Highfield. She does an amazing job with all of these students, making their performance one to remember! The Local Vocals performed three songs: Winter Song, Winter Waltz, and Carol of the Snow.

Next the high school and middle school bands blew us away with their amazing talents! The high school and middle school band director is Mr. Patrick Kitchell.

The 6th grade band played three songs; Coronation, Joyeux Noel, and Creepy Crawlies. The 7th and 8th grade band performed three songs as well; Christmas in Concert, Jolly Old Sleigh Ride, and Deck the Halls. Finally, the high school band played Jingle Bells Around The World, and The Polar Express.

MS BASKETBALL FIGHTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

By Lainey Clark '21

This year our athletic boys and girls have been fighting for the championship this basketball season. As we enter close to break, we will not have games for about a month, so keep moving, Bulldogs! We interviewed a few people asking how they thought their season was

going. For boys, Alex Gunderson said, "This year has been fun. I can't wait to see how the season finishes out." For our girls, Morgan Hodges commented, "The season has been great! Our team has really come together."

Way to go, Bulldogs. Good luck!