

**Get your butt in gear!** Grace Guerrero-Garcia

Mid-quarter will be up until February 7, 2020 and 3rd quarter will end on March 13, 2020. Parent conferences will be held on April 7, 8, 9 from 2:00-3:00 in the Cafeteria and we will also be ending school at 1:00. if you didn't know already. If your grade is low you could ask for extra work so you get extra credit and make up work. And if you don't want to be failing you will have to go to each class you have even if you don't like the teacher or its a very hard class ask for help. There will be no ditching. You will have to try your best paying attention and actually doing your work not just sitting there talking to your friend. The 7th graders probably don't care well most of them from what I see but 8th grades I know will when at least most of them because they wouldn't want to repeat 8th grade again and have to stay with the 7th graders next year while all their friends are up in 9th grade. What I have noticed is when we were in 7th grade nobody really cared about their grades but now that next year we will hopefully most likely going to 9th now there starting to care like the kids that act bad are starting to care.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH** Mari Mari-Jane Naravette

Black History month (BHM) celebrates and recognizes what African Americans have done for this country and the hardships they went through. Black History isn't celebrated all around the world, only the U.S, Canada, and Germany officially celebrates Black History month. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for Study of Negro Life and History in 1926, announced the second week of February was "Negro History Week." The reason behind this was February 12th was Abraham Lincoln's birthday and Fredrick Douglas' birthday on February 14th. When it first was brought to the table only some States recognized it, however it became more recognized with the help of the Department of Education, North Carolina, Delaware and West Virginia, some cities school's administration helped as well in Baltimore and Washington D.C. This was a big step in recognizing the hardship for people of colored skin, and this is how Black History Month was born

**The Worst of 2019 and the Best of 2019** Zechariah Hose-See

For some 2019 was their best year, but for others 2019 was a low. Today I will be talking about some of the worst tragedies of 2019, as well as the triumphs of 2019. To start this off we have the worst tragedy of 2019, the Sri Lanka Church Bombing. This bombing was terroristic and has caused a lot of pain and damage around the world. This bombing took place on Easter morning on a small country off of Asia and over 290 people were found diseased and hundreds injured. Then we have the Christchurch Mosque shooting that took place in New Zealand on March 15. On this day a white supremacist went to an Islam church and opened fire upon 100s of people killing 51 and injuring 49. News spread around the world to countries like Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Malaysia, and Indonesia. Coming in last for the worst things that happened in 2019, is the Australian bush fires which is still going on. These bushfires started in June of 2019, and are still going on through 2020. The bushfires are the biggest on the eastern and southern coast of Australia where most of the population takes place there. Also over 6.3 million acres of land has been burned from the fires and at least 30 people were killed. About half a billion animals were killed and some will not go extinct.

Now for one of the most wholesome part of 2019, coming in first is the Narwhal puppy who was rescued. This puppy named "Narwhal the magical furry unicorn" was found freezing with frostbite in one paw and was rescued by a non-profit organization "Mac's Mission". The puppy is named the Narwhal because there is a small tail like thing between his eyes making him look like a narwhal. The puppy hasn't gone through surgery to get it removed because doctors say it means no harm to the puppy so why get rid of it. The non profit organization specializes in dogs that have been abused or dogs with defects and they say the puppy is healing from the frostbite. The owner of the organization says, "they're going to keep the puppy and will train him to become a therapy dog and to keep him as a spokes dog." Photo on 2<sup>nd</sup> page

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## **Leap Year** By: Anuheia Kuahiwinui

A leap year is a year where there is an extra day in February. It only happens once every four years. In February, usually there are only twenty eight days, but during the Leap Year, there are twenty nine. That happens because the earth does not orbit around the sun in the three hundred and sixty five days, so it needs an extra day to do that. For the people who were born on February twenty ninth, they only celebrate their real birthday once every four years. On years when it's not a leap year, they either celebrate their birthday on March first, or February twenty-eight. People born on that day would be called, "leapling," "a leaper," or "a leap year baby." So far in the twenty-first century, there have been six leap years. The next leap year will be in 2024, when the eighth graders graduate. A man named Julius Caesar discovered it. In 45 BC, leap year began. Along with his team of astronomers, they noticed that the usual cycle of 365 days was not in sync with the seasons. The reason February is the month with an extra day is because it is the only month that does not have 30 or 31 days. We need a leap year because that is what keeps our calendars in sync with the earth's revolution around the sun.

### **Super Bowl LIV** Ezekiel Majamay

The Super Bowl is one of THE biggest sports events in the whole world. This year the Super Bowl game was in the Miami Stadium. The two starting teams playing in The Super Bowl were San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs. The team that I thought would win was the San Francisco 49ers. The Super Bowl halftime entertainment featured Jennifer Lopez and Shakira. Oh la la! The Super Bowl commercials are just 30 seconds on Fox and costs \$5.6 million. The Super Bowl will started at 1:30 pm on Sunday, February 2. The Super Bowl tickets cost are super high at \$6,390, and fans can snatch up tickets for as low as \$4,810. The final score was 20-31 Kansas City won while San Francisco 49ers took the L.

### **Acrylic Nails for Aquarius** Zaelynn Kahele-Kia

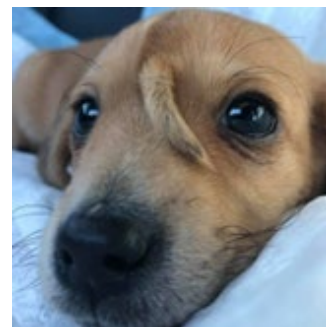
The zodiac sign for February is Aquarius. Aquarius is the second zodiac sign. Aquarius girls like to get their nails done and they like it fancy. Designs include water nails, marbles, holographics, and ombre. The gemstone for Aquarius is an Amethyst. The gemstone color is nice purple. You can make your nails with gemstones and starts too. You can have different shapes, coffin, square, almond and stiletto. You also can have many different colors. Aquarians go get your nails done.

### **The Number One Gift** Jayliana Puakea

Valentine's day is around the corner and the number one gift that mostly everyone gives their friends, crush, boyfriend/girlfriend, spouse mom or significant other, is chocolate. It may be milk chocolate candy bars or white chocolate hearts. And maybe even dark chocolate truffles. All three of these are good chocolates that lots of people love to eat. (not all though) The chocolate making process is actually pretty complicated though.

First thing they do in making chocolates is they have to grow cocoa beans then harvest it. The cocoa bean is one of the main ingredients of chocolate without it just wouldn't be chocolate. They also have to clean the beans by hand. The beans also have to be carefully dried and then they ship them out.

Next they roast the beans. While they're doing this the shells come off which they use to make cocoa mass. The cocoa mass can be combined with cocoa butter and powder to make the different kinds of chocolates. But, they still have to grind and blend it all together. And finally the chocolate has to be put into blocks. Then they ship the chocolate blocks out around the world. Chocolatiers then melt and mold the chocolate into different shapes. Hershey's, Nestles, Godiva or See's chocolates all taste a little different because each chocolatier has their own secret recipe. Did you notice the tips of Hershey Kisses are missing? But they're working on it!



**Narwhal**

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way - in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only." (C. Dickens)