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# Peace and Diversity at MS 447

By Julia Justice and Lulu McDonald



Photo by Julia Justice

Dioni Payamps and Sariya Sealey at the Diversity Talent Show

Peace and Diversity Day at MS 447 is an excellent chance to take a breath and really think about how you treat others. The day started off with an introduction to the day, along with a quote related to peace and diversity. Then there was a school-wide performance from Dance Parade, which featured Irish Step-dance, Asian

Hip-Hop Fusion, and Mexican folk dance.

Later in the day, students went back to their classrooms to try different peace day activities. Students then continued on to a gallery walk of seventh and eighth grade items, along with teacher items, that related to their

beliefs, ancestry, and interests. Then, each grade had a guest speaker come and talk to them about important topics related to Peace and Diversity day.

Finally, at the end of the day, was the moment everyone had been waiting for: the 2017 Talent Show. The Talent show featured amazing performances of dance, both traditional and modern; music, such as singing, playing an instrument, or a combination; and a skit. Zane Elinson in class 606, who performed Corner of the Sky on the piano, chose this piece because, "My piano teacher and I like playing it a lot, and I realized it's about peace and diversity. The song is basically about finding your place in the world." Madeline Bernstein, in class 601, really en-



Photo by Julia Justice

Zane Elinson in class 606 performing "Corner of the Sky"

joyed the talent show and felt that it was important because, "It shows the diversity in all the students."

Overall, Peace and Diversity Day was a huge success. Students reflected on their behavior towards others in order to improve our school community.

## No Place for Hate Mural on Display

By Mariana Maloney

Have you walked along 447's ramp recently? If you have, I'm sure you've noticed the new mural on the walls. This is a new design from our No Place for Hate (NPFH) committee, which is part of the Student Council. The NPFH committee composed the idea of the protest signs, and all of the aspects of the incredible mural. Mica Rajakumar in class 804, says, "We thought it should be inspired by our leaders." The long list of amazing people featured in the mural includes Malala Yousafzai, Harvey Milk, Ghandi, and many more. "These leaders really all connect to what our NPFH committee is trying to

do, spread more love," explained Mica. According to Ms. Russo, the student council advisor, student, teacher, and parent volunteers, along with NPFH committee members, "worked well together

to make this happen." They spent many hours after school, as well as two Saturdays, to get everything done. The next time you walk past the ramp, take a look at the incredible design!

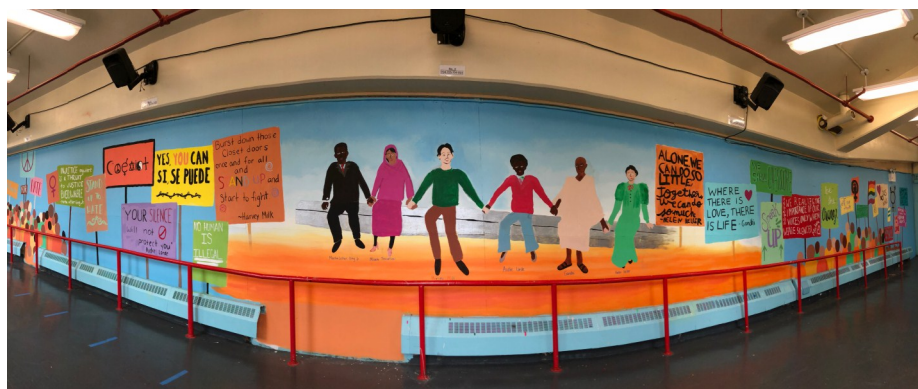


Photo by Mariana Maloney

A panorama of the gorgeous new "No Place For Hate" Mural



The Wolf Press and the MS447 community sends its thoughts and support to the community of Parkland, Florida, and the survivors at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. We admire your courage and advocacy.

At MS 447, we will continue to discuss school safety and ways to support our peers. We also want the 447 community to know that you are not alone. Please reach out to your advisor, grade level guidance counselors and peer mediators for additional support.

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## L.E.A.P. into Afterschool

By Nadia Jordon

Have you thought about signing up for afterschool? 447's afterschool program, called LEAP, is an wonderful program that has many activities that you can do. LEAP is an acronym that stands for "learning through an expanded arts program." The organization is new to 447, but it is actually 40 years old. The program offers dance, music, graphic design, photography, visual arts, flag football, basketball, styles and skills, culinary arts, and homework help. There is even an activity called "Game Factory" that is run by Miss Davis!

Ms. Tricia, who is the director of the afterschool program, is a very nice woman who makes sure that everyone has

what they need and want in afterschool. This is her 6th year as a director, but she has been a teaching artist for 10 years. She says, "I taught in a lot of after school programs and I had a lot of good ideas on renting an after school program, so I just decided to make my own program."

The after school program loves to instill literary and leadership skills in all of their activities. Their teachers are very professional and all of their jobs are the activities they teach. All of them love the jobs that they teach which gives them the passion to teach their classes as well as they can.

## Student Council Corner

By Amelia Jackson

Our Student Council is made up of student body members from all grades, and there are three committees:

The Events committee works to plan and execute school events. They made our Winter Dance possible by organizing the food, the music, the decorations, and the cost of everything! Without them, we couldn't have our monthly spirit days, like Decade Day, or Twin Day. They also run our annual carnival. They organize all of the games, the tickets, the music, and the food. This year, the carnival is on June 8th, so save the date!

As for the Service committee, they are the ones that help our school give back to the community. They set up food, jackets, toys, and lego drives to donate to those in need. They also organized the Sean Casey activity where 447 students got to walk dogs!

And last, but not least, is the No Place for Hate (NPFH) committee. It partners with the Anti-Defamation League's NPFH initiative. They organize whole school initiatives to fight against racism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, and more. For example, the Humansof447 interviews and the most recent project, the mural on the ramp, are run by the NPFH.

But, after listing all of these amazing things that our 447 Student Council does, we can't forget to thank Ms. Russo and Ms. Zaretsky for the amount of stress and hard work they put themselves through to make Student Council even possible. After all, MS 447 would not be the same if it weren't for our amazing Student Council.

Want to join Student Council? You can apply in the Fall!

## Letter from the Editors



Hi and welcome to MS 447's first print issue of our school newspaper. We are Amelia and Sophia, and we are both in the eighth grade. Last year, we were excited to help Principal Rusch and Mrs. Shedwell start up the Wolf Press as an online newspaper.

Mrs. Shedwell, our advisor, scouted us to write for the Wolf Press in its founding year, and asked us to apply to be Co-Editors in Chief this year. We gladly took on the job after being accepted.

We enjoy leadership positions and wanted to be a part of something where we could write for a real purpose alongside peers that wanted to do the same. We had played soccer against each other before middle school, with not a thought in our mind that we would end up writing this letter to you.

The Wolf Press had a fundraiser at last year's student council carnival, and earned enough money to print these copies for the students and teachers at MS 447. In this first print issue, we have all of the sections we feature in our online paper, plus a features section. Not all of the articles that were written by the Wolf Press were printed in this copy, so check out our website to see what you might have missed.

We love this issue because it is a great representation of our student body. We picked the most timely articles to go into the printed copy, but everything is always online at our website:

[wolfpress.weebly.com](http://wolfpress.weebly.com).

And never feel afraid to come and participate in any way to help publish our newspaper! We are overjoyed that we have this amazing opportunity to print the best of our staff's brilliant minds, and we hope you enjoy!

### Check out the No Place for Hate Committee on Instagram



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No Place For Hate

# Community

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## Resource Room Recommendations

By Lulu McDonald

In my first few weeks at 447, I realized that during lunch, I was bored. I had been to the Resource Room, also known as the Quiet Room, but never went in it at lunch. So finally, one day, when I had finished eating, I walked nervously up to the door and peeked inside. Seeing many students, I walked in and sat down at one of the tables to read. I came back the next day. And the day after that. Now I come every day, and I am also a librarian.

The Resource Room is a great place for reading and doing work without disturbance. A recent survey by the Wolf Press found that 12.3% of students who responded use the Resource Room every day during lunch.

The librarians are in the middle of a big project reorganizing the books in the library. This includes moving the non-fiction books to fill up the shelves, creating brand new non-fiction labels, putting all the fiction books into baskets, and overall making the library much more user-friendly.

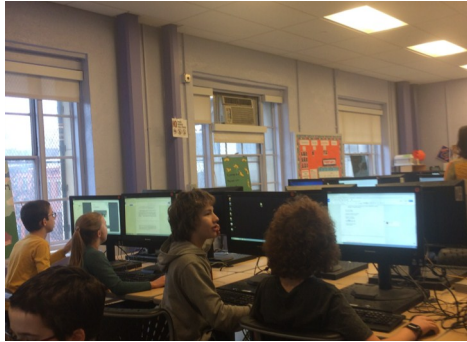


Photo by Quill Cavanah  
7th grade lunch in the resource room

The librarians have many other duties they need to do every day. We patrol the computers to make sure students are staying quiet and following the rules. The librarians also help students with checking out books. To check out a book, simply ask a librarian. A recent Wolf Press survey found that only 10.7% of people who took the survey have actually checked out a book.

If you are interested in becoming a librarian, or are just interested in learning more about all the resource room has to offer, see a librarian during lunch.

## A Piece of Diversity with Sophie Miretsky

By Alexandra Ralles

Peace and Diversity was on January 26, 2018. To continue celebrating the diversity of our student body, the Wolf Press interviewed Sophie Miretsky in class 606 about her culture, and her family's life in the former Soviet Union, today known as Russia and Ukraine.

### Where is your family from?

My family is from the former Soviet Union. Now there is no more Soviet Union, so technically my family is from Ukraine.

### Do you celebrate any Russian holidays?

Yes, I do, I celebrate New Years. I mean, I don't celebrate it like other people do. I celebrate it as a Russian holiday. Basically, it's like Christmas. You have a tree and you give presents. And of course when you wake up on New Year's morning there's presents from Santa.

### What is diverse about you?

What's diverse about me is that I'm Jewish and Russian, but I don't know what comes



Photo by Andreas Wieslander  
Sophie with her friend Alexandra Ralles

from my dad's side because I have a donor.

### Why did your family come to the US?

In the Soviet Union people did not treat the Jews kindly. They wouldn't let us get a normal job or go to good schools. My grandparents wanted my mom and future generations like me to have a fair and equal life, so they moved to the US.

### Do you speak Russian?

Yes, I do speak Russian at home with my family. I can also read, and write in Russian. I speak Russian everyday at home with my mom and my grandpa.

## Building School Spirit One Day at a Time

By Sylvie Weeks and Arjun Agostinho

Every Friday our school has a spirit day where we wear clothes that show school spirit. School spirit days were started by the Events committee in the Student Council. Isabella Fusco, a seventh grader in the student council, says they started when the student council wanted other students to have the chance to be



Photo by Arjun Agostinho  
6th graders on Decade Day

connected to the school.

Our school's mascot is the wolf pack, and that is one of the most popular logos to see on shirts and sweaters on Fridays. The wolf pack represents our school working together.

Some spirit days are themed. One of the most recent spirit days was Decade Day. Sixth grader Mariabel Ocampo, who dressed up wearing a denim jacket filled with tons of pins, explained, "I wanted to wear a denim jacket because I know it was a big thing in the 80s."

A few additional examples of school spirit days other

than the ones every Friday, are Ugly Sweater Day, Pajama Day, and Sports Day. On Pajama Day, students are able to come into school in their pajamas and be comfortable all day. On Ugly Sweater Day, kids can compete to see who can wear the ugliest sweater.

School spirit days boost school morale because not only do students get to have fun, but the teachers can enjoy the silly days just as much. They can also foster friendship towards other classmates, and help boost confidence, because there is less of a chance of feeling self-conscious about yourself when everyone looks just as silly, or sillier, than you. This

makes school spirit days helpful, fun, and important to our school.



Photo by Amy Sirot  
Ms. Stanislaus and her eighth graders show school spirit and embody the Black Panther movement

# Arts and Entertainment

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## Wonder & Wonder

Movie vs. Book Review

By Una Dorr & Amalia Lebowitsch

There is no other way to describe it—this book and this movie really are wonders. Auggie is a 10 year old boy who was born facially disfigured. Because of his different looks, August (Auggie) Pullman was homeschooled by his mother from preschool to 4th grade. But his parents decide that it's time to make a switch, and when he reaches the 5th grade, they send Auggie to a new school.

There are many characters that we learn to love and hate, and even understand. Although no movies are as good as books, we found that this movie represented Wonder incredibly! Even though it missed small parts here and there (like any other movie), it still gave the feeling that the book gives. It was a sweet and happy tale that left you dissolving into tears!

The new 2017 movie was a huge hit for almost everyone! With Jacob Tremblay playing Auggie, the cast flourished. Julia Roberts plays Auggie's caring mother, with Owen Wil-

son as the fun-loving dad. Izabela Vidovic plays the role of Via. At Beecher Prep, we have Daveed Diggs who plays Mr. Brown, Auggie's compassionate teacher, who is always looking out for him. Also inspiring is the Principal, Mr. Tushman, played by Mandy Patinkin. Each cast member seems real and alive, and in the end, you learn to sympathize with nearly every character.

One special thing that is seen in Wonder (the book, and now the movie), is that you get to view the story from a few different characters' point of view. If you disliked one of these characters in the beginning, you will feel for them and understand their struggles after hearing their story.

All in all, both the book and the movie are brilliant, engaging works of art that we recommend reading and watching. This is one of our favorites, both the movie and the book, and we hope it will become yours, too.

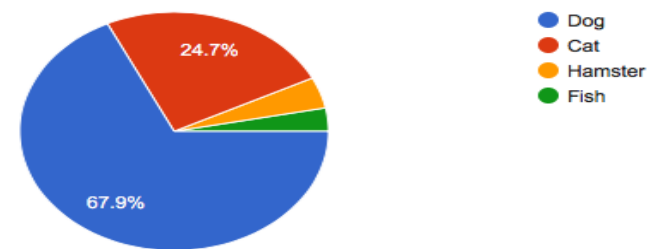
## 447's Favorites

By Madeline Lyon

The Wolf Press sent out a survey about MS 447's favorites. This survey was a huge success! 190 students participated. Here are a few of the results:

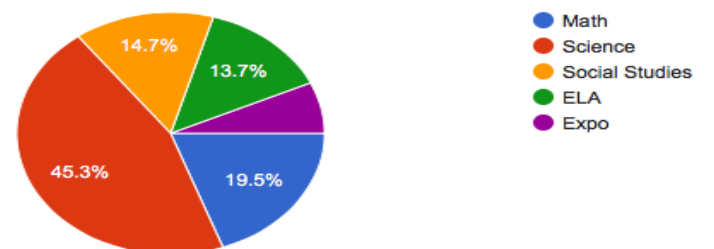
### What is your favorite pet?

190 responses



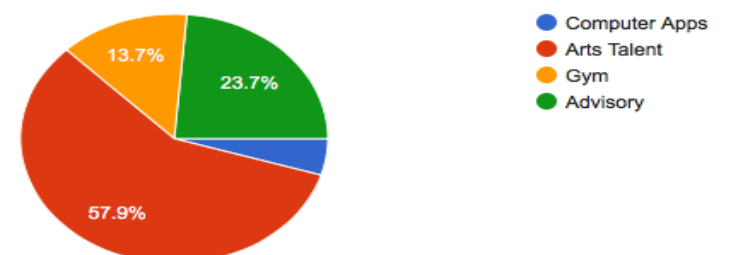
### What is your favorite core subject?

190 responses



### What is your favorite non-core subject?

190 responses



## Tale as Old as Time: Beauty and the Beast at 447

By Julia Justice, Grace Korsch, Eliot Taber and Roshi Soans

This year's musical is Beauty and the Beast! With our theater teacher, Ms. Acker, and students hard at work it will be amazing without a doubt. The cast includes Clementine Vonnegut as Belle and Mekhi Vazquez as the Beast.

The students that are actors and actresses attend rehearsal every Friday after school. Students are also part of stage crew working on costume, makeup, props, set design, and tech.

Casting was difficult. "We look for students who are not only talented actors and musical actors, but also are kind and responsible people who are willing to work hard and be a part of a bigger ensemble,"

says Ms. Acker. There was also a competitive selection for stage crew and costume design.

The script is made possible by a grant from Broadway Junior. Ms. Acker explains, "They graciously provide us with real scripts. The students who play characters can't change the actual words, but they can change the way they say them."

Beauty and the Beast was an animated musical film produced by Walt Disney Feature Animation and released by Walt Disney Pictures in 1991. Disney originally tried to make an animated movie in the 1930s and 1950s based

on the French fairy tale Beauty and the Beast.

More recently, the live action movie was released March 17th 2017, with Emma Watson as Belle and Dan Stevens as the Beast. The modern live action movie of Beauty and the Beast has restored interest in the fantastical story.

What is Ms. Acker's favorite part of making this production? "Overall seeing a group of kids working together as an ensemble. I love watching them grow, developing lasting friendships as well as growing artistically. My absolute favorite part is opening night, after the performance, and seeing the kids so

proud." We are all looking forward to our school's production, taking place this Spring.



Illustration by Olivia Kim  
Belle in her classic golden dress with the famous red roses that will seal the Beast's fate!

# Features

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## Give Me a B-R-E-A-K!

### 447 on Mid-Winter Break

By Una Dorr and Amalia Lebowitsch

**Spoiler Alert:** The answer to "Miss Davis" story is listed here.

There is one thing that nobody can stop thinking about: break! A break from school for a week and a day? What a tremendous relief! Everybody has spent their break in a unique way. Whether they were going to another country, visiting family, or just relaxing at home everyone was very excited. We asked a few people what they were doing for break, and here were their plans:

"I [will] spend my time drawing comics, and teaching myself songs on the violin and piano," said Mia Edwards, 704.

Shane Beaver, 803 planned on "...going to Florida, Vero Beach."

"I am going to France to visit a friend," said Ms. Fan.

"I am just staying at home," said Ms. Canning.

Miss Davis said, "I am going to India!"

"I am going to Costa Rica for February break," said Caleb Goldstein, in 606.

Clearly, everybody had a different plan, and they all sound like a good way to spend break. However, if your break wasn't long enough, or if you are looking for cheap but fun things to do during Spring Break, check out the "Staycation" article for more ideas that can make your upcoming week-ends or breaks a little bit more interesting.



Photo by Nina Fan  
Ms. Fan at Mont Saint-Michel in France

### Spring Break Staycation

By Tyler Wong

Having the unfortunate thought that you can't go anywhere fun during the upcoming Spring break (April 2-6), like Paris or Disney World? Don't worry — you can stay around the city and do other fun stuff for little to no money.

For spring break, go to a local New York beach. If you wanted to go to a tropical beach but can't, you can go to beaches in the city for free. Coney Island may not be a fancy beach, like Venice Beach in California, but it's worth it. There is a boardwalk, and you can use your money to buy lunch or play an arcade game. But if you don't have a chair or an umbrella you can rent one for \$10.

If you want to go sightseeing, you could go to the Statue of Liberty on a ferry. The maximum cost of a ferry is only \$18.50. You could take a walk around the statue and even go to the top of the torch.

Or, you could go to Pier 11, and take a round trip ferry ride that costs only \$7 to Liberty State Park. Then, walk

around the park and either take a tour of the Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal or visit the Liberty Science Center (admission is \$23).

Prefer to be indoors? Go to a museum! Brooklyn Museum is free for kids under 19. It has Ancient Egyptian animal mummies and other amazing art work. You can also catch the David Bowie exhibit, which is opening on March 2. Prices are \$12-\$16 depending on when you go.

An awesome movie is always a great indoor option. You can buy a ticket for under \$17 to a matinee at UA Court Street. There are so many great movies that have been released over the past few weeks such as Black Panther and A Wrinkle in Time.

Can't make it the movies? Rent or buy a DVD. The one I recommend is Wonder, and you can read more about the movie and the book it was based on in the Arts and Entertainment section.

Enjoy your staycation!

## LET'S PLAY

MS 447 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Game Night

March 16, 2018

When: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Where: MS 447 Cafeteria

Admission: Free for all MS 447 students, with a \$5 suggested donation for all family members.

PIZZA will be available for purchase.

Raffle tickets will be sold for **PRIZES!**



## Where in the World is Miss Davis?

By Eliot Taber



Photo by Nadia Jordan  
Miss Davis isn't going to Egypt, but there is diet coke!

Do you think you can figure out where Miss Davis went for the mid-winter break? Use the following clues to help uncover the mystery!

- 1) I am going to a place where they serve Diet Coke.
- 2) 1.324 billion people live

here.

- 3) I will sleep in a tiger national park.
- 4) I will see a building that is cleaned by mud.
- 5) Currently the McDonalds Happy Meal prize here is a Snoopy toy.
- 6) There is a floating post office.
- 7) This is the wettest inhabited place in the world.
- 8) This place has the highest "Cricket" ground (the sport, not the insect) in the world.
- 9) They invented shampooing!
- 10) This place has a spa just for elephants.

Where did Miss Davis go? Make a guess, then find the answer in the article above!

## Come to the school carnival!

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# Editorial and Opinion

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## Opinion Stall Comes to a Head

By Amelia Jackson

From art hanging in museums, to graffiti on NYC streets, anyone should be able to express themselves. In the girl's bathroom next to the expo rooms, inside the middle stall, is just that: the "opinion stall."

For as long as I can remember, there have been marks all over this stall. They include everything from political remarks, to comments such as, "I like your handwriting."

From a student's point of view, there's nothing wrong with it. If you're bored and you don't want to go back to class, why not write or draw your opinion really quickly? It shouldn't bother the teachers, because they never use that bathroom.

Expressing yourself is one thing that SHOULD NOT be taken away from anyone, especially growing teens. The opinion stall is somewhere girls can write to other girls, and share their feelings. If taken away, that can limit one's personality or identity.

And no, I'm not saying that writing on a bathroom stall is an art, or is the only way that 447 students can express themselves, but why take something

away that is special?

If it's violating the school's



Photo by Lulu McDonald  
Painted over and peeled away: The opinion stall in the girls' bathroom

property, it's not like it's making anyone feel secluded or discriminated against. And it's not something that the whole school or guests can see.

The controversy came to a head when the custodians painted over all the walls, including the opinion stall. Girls got mad. They started going into the bathroom and peeling off the paint to reveal the old blue and green walls with polls, questions, drawings and secrets. The custodians have not painted over it since.

## 7th Grade Stages Revolution

By Maxwell Isaacs and Rawlins Collard

As you probably know, the said "quiet room" has a new strict policy, or as some people call it, a "No-Fun" policy. Last year, students were allowed to play games in the quiet room. Students were also downloading games, and several computers ended up with viruses.

Some people suspect that it was not one event, but many, that caused the change in rules. According to Ms. Willis, "The goal for the quiet room is to provide an environment for students to do homework. There is a slippery slope when teachers allow the students to play games." However, many people argue that there is simply no reason to ban games.

Ms. Willis encouraged the 7th graders to take their complaints to the higher-ups, yet she works for them, so she has no choice but to enforce the rules (she is still trying to find a happy medium between the two sides). Seventh grader Max Gregorian wrote a letter of grievance in support of a revolution. "The revolution began in December. The ad-

ministration banned the last game we were allowed to play, which was "GeoGuessr." The other kids, me included, felt like that was the last straw," explains Max. "I volunteered to write a letter of grievance, which my friend Cole turned into a petition. It didn't really do that much, since a couple of weeks ago, a kid got kicked off for using Khan Academy, another one for 3-D modelling, you could get kicked out for anything. And I'm not sure if other kids agree, but I think they do, that this is way too much."

The quiet room teachers were forced to compromise, giving us Quiet Room patrons back a beloved game, "GeoGuessr," and a more lenient punishing system. One plus side is they banned memes.

Yet still, the fight remains, "I'm willing to help negotiate something, if the administration will let me, but things have really gone bad here, and we want some sliver of fun in our 45 minute break," offers Max. Hopefully the administration will hear our plea and allow some game playing in the quiet room.

## The Intertwined Thoughts on Student Led Conferences

By Rawlins Collard

For the record, I thought that SLCs were nerve racking. Going into it, I said in my opening letter to my parents that, "I felt like I have a stone in my stomach and am trying to digest it." In other words, I was very nervous.

SLCs (Student Led Conferences) come twice a year and are different from regular parent teacher conferences because the student leads the conversation and personally shares some of their work.

Now we get to the real question. What was it actually like? Not bad. I know everyone

wants reasons, reasons, reasons, so these are the three reasons why:

1. It was short. If it was longer, it would get awkward. It gives an in-and-out feeling that lets you walk out happy. And lets you say, hey, that wasn't too bad. Knowing it is only 15 minutes also relieves prior stress.

2. It was sharp. It has enough prep to be effective, but on the other hand, a lot of kids choose not to share specific work if it is embarrassing. It is also tenuously effective

because of the fact it gives the student the shallow impression they are helpful.

3. It is comforting. Teachers, you don't know what they're going to say. But, if it's you sharing, you can share what you want and how you felt in the moment. Plus, if you can't trust your parents, who can you trust.

All in all, SLCs aren't as bad as some 7th graders say. But then again, those same 7th graders said bad stuff about Camp Bernie, which wasn't so bad (no fingers pointed).



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# Sports

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## A Dramatic Winter Olympics

By Sophia Kyriacou and Katie Fahey

At the close of the 23rd Winter Olympics, we look back at the dramatic highlights.

The events, which were hosted in Pyeongchang, South Korea, were striking from the beginning. There was the Russian doping scandal that caused Russia to be eliminated (though clean athletes were still able to compete as Olympic Athletes from Russia). At the opening ceremony, the North and South Korean athletes entered as one unified nation, and people waving South Korean and American flags outside of the stadium were seen ripping pictures of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un to show their dissatisfaction. Inside the stadium, Trump and Kim Jong-un impersonators were kicked out by security.

But let's talk about the medals, and we will start with US team sports. The men's curling team went on to win the USA's first-ever gold, but accidentally received women's medals at the ceremony. The women's ice hockey team took gold for the first-time in 20 years beating Canada, and the cross-country team "sprinted" away with gold.

On to individual sports. In snowboarding: The US won their first gold medal in men's Slopestyle, which is like an obstacle course on a snowboard, courtesy of 17-year-old Red Gerard who pulled off an astonishing performance at his last run. Jaime Anderson also took gold, making it an all-around gold for Team USA in Slopestyle. Anderson then added to team USA's medal count with a second gold in Big Air. Rounding things out, Shaun White and Chloe Kim both took gold in the half-pipe.

In skiing, Mikaela Shiffrin won two medals, a gold in Giant Slalom and a silver in Alpine skiing. And Lindsey Vonn tearfully walked away with the bronze in her last Olympics.

In figure skating, Nathan Chen and Mirai Nagasu didn't earn individual medals, but took home bronze with their teams.

Overall, the Olympics were exciting and the US finished with 23 medals total, which is less than past years but still 4th overall amongst competing countries.

## The Wolf Pack's Undefeated Season

By Maxwell Isaacs, Demetrios Houtrides, Tristan Edwards, and Sophia Kyriacou

The boy's basketball team has smashed records at MS 447 this season! The Wolf Pack just finished an undefeated season, dominating through eight games to become the Johnson division champions.



Photo by Mariana Maloney  
8th grade players at Senior Night, Feb. 2, standing in front of the new team banner with their plaques

How did they accomplish this victory? "It takes a lot of hard work and practice to be undefeated," says Zack Horton Mariner in class 705.

The team was pushed to the limit by Head Coach George, along with Coaches Dallas, Andy and K, who explained, "We want them to be the best version of themselves." The team has 3 practices each week, part of which is having to run the entire music staircase six times.

The team also has the support of their biggest fans. "We attend the games to support John, Kevin, and the rest of the team, who work so hard," parent Joyce Kairouz explained. Students also love to attend games, "Because they are on a winning streak," according to Dioni Payamps in 802.

Don't miss the Wolf Pack when they go on to the Playoffs which begin in March.

## The Incredible athletes of 447's Wolf Pack

The Wolf Pack has two amazing teams: girls and boys. Both teams play in the Johnson Division and feature some incredible athletes and coaches, who showcase true dedication.



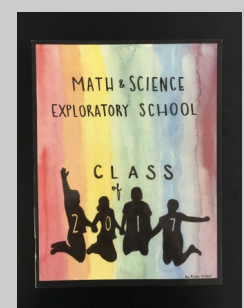
Photo by Allison Pariani  
Girls' Wolf Pack, with Coaches Grau, Canning and Andy



Photo by Allison Pariani  
An amazing shot: 8th grader Grace Mtunguja



Photo by Coach Dallas  
Graduating Wolf Pack star Supreme Niles



### Get Your Yearbook!

6th and 7th graders, you should consider purchasing a yearbook. It is an amazing memento of the year. Be on the lookout for order forms, which come out in April. All 8th graders, your yearbook is INCLUDED with your Senior dues!

### Want to contribute to the yearbook?

Design the cover art! Your cover design must include our school's name, "Class of 2018", be colorful and original, and most importantly, represent our school. You can turn in your submissions to Ms. Pariani in room 333. The deadline is Thursday, March 8th! You can also submit your photos from school events. Please send photos to yearbook@ms447.org

## Spotlighting Short Stories

### The Books of Wonder: Prologue

By Maya Vatury and Evelyn Worcester

The man turned the book in his hands. He knew his time was short. The little girl he was writing about hadn't finished her adventure. She wasn't good, but she wasn't bad either, and she was curious. But he couldn't leave her world unattended. Suddenly a thought struck. She was in grave danger, and he had to warn her... but how? He felt the magical pen in his hands. He had to give it to her. But no one else could know. There would be someone — someone she knew — who would hurt her especially. He reached into the book, almost grasping for her, although he knew she was imaginary. Or was she? He stopped thinking for a moment. He knew he must tell her, but it would end soon. Everything. Not that it hadn't ended before. He teared up just thinking about it. He didn't even know what happened. It had all stopped so quickly. He only remembered a face with blonde hair, and an expression filled with laughter. The wind had interrupted it all... He choked as he remembered what would happen to the written girl. The same as before. His pen splattered ink on the page as he wrote, "Beware of the past." He then quickly hid the book the best he could. Then everything went black.

Want to read more? Find out what happens next as we publish the rest of "The Books of Wonder" on our website: [wolfpress.weebly.com](http://wolfpress.weebly.com)

## Meme of the Moment

Graphic Design by Rawlins Collard



**THE INCARNATION OF HOW YOU  
FEEL ON SUNDAY NIGHTS**

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Illustrated by Georgia Hauser



## Pets of 447— Teacher Edition!

### ABOUT ME

#### Meet Ariel...

Ariel is the beloved family dog of Ms. Haft. She was rescued from a shelter in West Virginia and was adopted about five years ago. She's very sweet and shy. When she came to Brooklyn, she had never seen or heard city traffic, or been on sidewalks or stairs! Once, she got loose from her dog-walker and ran because she got scared. She ended up about a mile away, but luckily she was okay.



Photo by Ms. Haft  
This picture of Ariel was taken at the beach last summer

### ABOUT ME

#### Meet Louie...

This is Louie. He is Ms. Russo's French bulldog who loves to sleep and cuddle under the blankets. He loves being around people too. He's a loud snorer, but Ms. Russo loves that he falls asleep in her arms every night.



Photo by Ms. Russo  
Louie is Ms. Russo's French bulldog

### ABOUT ME

#### Meet Savannah...

Savannah was born in Ms. Moore's friend's garage. She is about 10 years old and is an amazing jumper and runner. She is a cat that is always ready for fun! She loves to cuddle, play catch and chase birds and squirrels from her window seat. In her down time, she likes to nap in any available box and sunbathe in the window. Cats rock!



Photo by Ms. Moore  
This is Ms. Moore's cat Savannah

## Semi-Stick Life