

# The Informing Feathers

February 2018

Issue 4

Welcome to the 4th Edition of our school newsletter!  
Our team is dedicated to giving you past, current, and future  
information about Miller Middle School, in Riverside, and  
even worldly happenings!

## Macaw Happenings

By

Marshall, Camden, and Max

We have many happenings  
going on this month like  
Valentines Day, where  
some of us express our  
love for one another.



On February 28, there  
going to be a Pre-Band  
concert from 6:00pm to  
7:00pm.



On February 14  
Valentine's day will be  
going on and love may be  
in the air.

On February 27th the 6th graders will come to Miller and view what it will be like! Say hello to our future Macaws!



On February 22nd we will have Semester 1 awards night for both 7th and 8th graders, so make sure to be there!

7th Grade Awards is at 6pm

8th grade awards is at 7pm



No school on the 16th&19th due to Chinese New Year and President's day holidays. Have a great four-day break.



## **WORLDLY HAPPENINGS**

By Marina, Ethan, Angelie

### **BLUE BLOOD MOON**

On January 31, 2018 a super blood moon appeared. A supermoon appears when the moon reaches its closest orbit to the Earth.

# WINTER OLYMPICS 2018

By Marina smalley



**TO SEE ALL OF THE OLYMPIC UPDATES,  
GO TO:**

<https://www.pyeongchang2018.com/en/game-time/results/OWG2018/en/general/competition-schedule.htm>

February 9 - February 25, 2018

## Dolores O'Riordan

By Angelie Landar

On Monday, January 15, 2018, a singer, Dolores O'Riordan, from the band



Cranberries sadly passed away. Her bandmates claimed that she died suddenly in London, where she was supposedly going to do another recording session.

# On the Rise (Trends)

Welcome to the "Trends" section! Have you been wondering about the coolest new trends?... Well here you go! Different fashion trends, fun trends, trending accessories, and more!

By: Kaylee, Sumaya, Sean'na, Mia,



Popsockets is a cool, new trend for people to put on their phones. Popsockets will help you hold your phone if you constantly drop it. There are also a lot of different types of designs and colors for you to choose from. Popsockets will help you to take pictures and videos with a good grip, as well as help you get the angle you want. You can even wrap your earbuds around it instead of having to hold them or letting them get tangled when you put them in your pocket. Another thing that you can use popsockets for is as a kickstand to watch a show, movie, or to play games. So tryout a popsocket!



The iPhone X is the newest Apple phone. It no longer has a home button. Since there is no longer a home button it responds with a tap or even a voice! It's all screen and 5.8 inches big. There is a face ID to unlock your phone, the face ID doesn't even need a touch of a button, all you do is stare straight at your phone! The face ID has facial recognition to adapt overtime to facial changes and looks. Face ID is so secure you could use it on Apple pay too. The iPhone x has the most durable glass on the front and back and has stainless steel to protect the back. It is also waterproof and dust resistance. Another cool feature that it has is it could charge wirelessly. If you want to get off a page, instead of pressing a button to get home, all it takes is a swipe of the finger. The camera is also now on the side. Both rear cameras have optical image stabilization and fast lenses for outstanding photos and videos even in low light. The iPhone X is \$999. It was announced September 12, 2017. Try out the new Iphone!

## Fashion trends



Santa Cruz is a popular clothing brand. They also have skateboards and many other things. You can find this brand at Zumiez, Tillys, and so many more places. Santa Cruz also has sweatshirts and skateboards. Santa Cruz is very popular.



Thrasher is a very popular trend of clothing and other items. It is mostly known for their sweatshirts and other types of clothing. There are even Thrasher phone cases and popsockets.

## Fun trends



Santa Cruz is so popular you might not only see people that have clothing from Santa Cruz, you might also see kids and adults riding on their brand of skateboards. There are a lot of people that love Santa Cruz.

# HEALTH

By

*Isabella, Lauren, Tessa, Savannah*

*Now that the holidays are over it is time to get to work on the new you! You can start by eating healthier and there are some fun and yummy foods that you can make for you and your family! Staying healthy isn't all about eating right. You also must stay active! You can stay active by doing even simple things like walking your dog or going to get the mail.*

## RECIPES:

- *Peanut Butter Balls-*

- 1. Mix 1 cup of peanut butter with 1 cup of powdered sugar and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of butter*
- 2. Make them into small balls with your hands*
- 3. Then dip into melted chocolate*
- 4. Let harden*
- 5. Enjoy!*



- *Ants on a Log*

- 1. Wash celery sticks*
- 2. Spread peanut butter into the divit of the celery stick*

3. Sprinkle raisins on top of the peanut butter
4. Enjoy!

- *Chocolate dipped strawberries*

1. Get some organic strawberries and rinse them well
2. Melt one bag of semisweet chocolate chips over a double boiler
3. Dip the strawberries into the chocolate by the stem of the strawberry
4. Place onto a baking tray and chill until hardened
5. Optional- drizzle with white chocolate
6. Enjoy!



- *Strawberry raspberry froyo cup*

1. Thoroughly mash one bag of frozen strawberries with a fork
2. Combine one package of raspberries, 4 tbsp of coconut oil, and one teaspoon of vanilla extract
3. Combine well together and add the mixture to the strawberries
4. Mix all the ingredients together
5. Be sure to grease a muffin tray
6. Divide mixture into muffin tray filling each  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way full
7. Freeze for one hour.



# WORKOUTS:

*Workouts are an easy way to stay fit! Here are some fast and easy workouts to get into shape! Repeat the process 5 times for an efficient and fun workout! If you are just starting out you might want to repeat the workout only 2 times.*

*Make sure to stay hydrated while doing these exercises!*

- 25 jumping jacks
- 15 squats
- 25 crunches
- 10 pushups
- 10 burpees
- 10 curl ups

## Stories

By Eddie Candelas

### THE Lieutenant

"Who are you," I asked? I looked out the window and not a speck of land in sight. I asked again, "Who are you?" "Will you stop talking? We are almost to our destination." "Where are you taking me?," I asked? "Just wait, we are almost there," the man said. So, I just sat back into the chair looking through the window to see the clouds of mist swirl by us like freshly whipped cream. Just then I saw through the clouds a ship of some sort. I thought I have absolutely lost my mind, but the man saw it too for he was INTENTIONALLY flying towards it. Worried, I ask the man, "What is that?" He responded with, "That is the Amazon."



As we drew closer, vast guns were spread in defensive areas of the ship. Amazing I thought. Not knowing what may happen next, we flew towards the hanger bay. "What is it?" I asked demanding for a more explanatory explanation. "It is a carrier," the man said. Thinking through my mind I knew that meant that the ship that I was going to go on was one that carried supplies. I looked through the window again to see an energy field of some kind come around the ship. "What was that?," I asked the man. He responded with, "That was the shield that protects the entire ship." We pulled into the hanger bay. In my head I thought to myself, "What was this? Where did these people come from?" I had both a veil of curiosity and fright come over my mind.

We landed, the man hopped out of the vehicle then he asked me to come with him. We walked and went through many different doors and long halls. Then I realized that he was taking me to the bridge. As we walked further, I saw a vast door in front of me with metal rods in it. After seeing the rods move into the wall, the door started to open. There were two stages of the door; seeing the first stage go up and down and the second go side to side. I expected a tall strong figure to be the one standing in the captain's post but no, standing before me was a young man.

He had brown hair and dark brown eyes. He was a little disheveled. The man who brought me here talked to the captain. I believe that the man called him Captain Eddie. I thought to myself, "That sounds like a first name." Knowing that a captain deserves respect I wanted to ask him what his last name was, but he asked me a question first. The young man asked, "What is your name?" I didn't know what to do, all of these questions swirling around in my

mind but I just put them aside and I answered his question. "My name is Lieutenant Shane Daily," I responded in a nervous tone.

"Shane?" the young man asked." I was confused, because I was so used to people calling me by my last name that it almost seemed new to me that he was calling me by my first name. The young man started to talk again, "I am sorry about your friends, we are trying to stop the people who did this to them."

"You mean killed them!" I responded with an angered tone. I looked at the young man for a little bit not knowing what he was going to do. So, I turned to look out the window seeing the clouds swirling around giving me a distinct clue that we were moving. "What are you?" I asked the young man. "I am a Force Bender, we are a people who are suppose to guide and help the people of the world." "So, what are you some kind alien?" I asked in a sort of disrespectful tone. "No," the young man responded. "No we are not." The young man took a deep breath. "We just discovered a part of our brains that let us have special abilities that in such your people would say in the year of today to be super powers." "We could use your help to fight, Mr. Daily." "LET ME GO!" I yelled into the boys face. "I have fought enough wars, I do not want to join another one."

"Everyone is part of this war," the young man said. "This war doesn't only involve you or your country, it involves the world." The young man said in a serious tone. "Do what you want, just know this you may help us save many more lives." "Then who exactly are we fighting?" I asked in an annoyed tone. The young man stood there. "TELL ME!" "I cannot tell you..." I rolled my eyes at him, "Of course he can't tell me," I said under my breath. "But I can show you," the boy said after a hot minute.

"How, How are you going to show me?" I asked. Just then the room at which they were standing in dissipated I was alarmed to see that I was not on the ground but floating in mid air. I saw a battlefield, but then out of the smoke I saw a figure. "Ashleam!" yelled a man who lay on the ground. Ashleam just walked over him. "You coward and fool," said the man. Ashleam was searching for a boy who was the only one that can stop him.

"Come out Ethos, come out and fight, for I know that you will not be a challenge." Then I saw him, the young man in a room with some sort of small light blue creature. The creature was the most magnificent thing I had ever seen. Just then the boy said, "Ocean, I just need a little more of your ice and that will be the last I will take." The creature shook its head in disagreement and it appeared to be very weak. But then it agreed and it walked slowly to a container. Then it took a deep breath and a jet of what looked like mist came out of its mouth and then when it could not put any more in the container, it collapsed and it looked tired. "Rest well," the young man said. Then I looked into the container and what I saw amazed me. I saw the most cleanest looking ice. The creature was able to create ice with its breath. I stood there in awe, but then the young man walked away and after a few minutes the room seemed to grow colder and colder. Then ice formed on the walls and all was covered in a solid layer of ice.

Just then the room started to fade and I was back in the Amazon. "Who was that person?" I asked. "And what was that creature I saw in the room with you?" "What sick trick are you pulling on me?" "It is not a trick Mr. Daily," the young man said. "This is all very real." Just then the man that brought me to the Amazon seemed to dematerialize and I saw a robot of some kind hovering in his place. "My name is Flint," said the robot "and I have a

question for you." I was completely clueless on what to say so I waited for a response. "Did you take the job to save lives of others?" I stared back at Flint and I said, "Yes". "Then why don't you help us stop this person from taking anything else from this world?" I thought in my head for a second I joined the core to protect people, confusion spread through my mind. "Why didn't I want to help them?" After what felt like two minutes, I agreed to help them but at that same moment I thought to myself what am I getting into.

## Clubs/Elective Spotlight

PO-78 Hanah, Hailey, and Dorian

Mrs. Gordon - Random Acts of Kindness

What made you want to start this club/activity?

# *Entertainment*

*By: Linzy, Julian, Collin, Sonia, and Kayla*

## Popular Songs

1. 1-800-273-8255 - Logic
2. Perfect - Ed Sheeran
3. How Long - Charlie Puth

4. Wolves - Selena Gomez x Marshmello
5. Believer - Imagine Dragons
6. Thunder - Imagine Dragons
7. Attention - Charlie Puth
8. Shape Of You - Ed Sheeran

## ***New Movies coming out Soon or Popular***

1. Avengers: Infinity War
2. Solo: A Star Wars story
3. Black Panther
4. The Man Who Invented Christmas
5. Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald
6. Coco
7. A Wrinkle in Time
8. Paddington 2
9. Ferdinand
10. The Greatest Showman

## ***Top ten actors of 2017***

1. Johnny Depp
2. Finn Wolfhard
3. Robert Downey Jr
4. Sadie Sink
5. Chris Pratt

6. Vin Diesel
7. Chris Hemsworth
8. Dwayne Johnson
9. Chris Evans
10. Tom Holland

## *Must watch Netflix shows/movies...*

1. Stranger Things
2. 13 Reasons Why
3. Riverdale
4. Earth to Echo
5. A Series of Unfortunate Events
6. Star Trek: The Next generation
7. Sherlock
8. Doctor Who
9. Marvel's Luke Cage
10. Fuller House



# Meet...

By: Bailey, Kylie, Abby, Brayden



Mrs. Squire

1. How long have you been at Miller?

I have been here 8 years.

2. Have you ever taught another subject?

I have taught Kindergarten and 1st grade.

3. How many sports have you played and what were they?

I have played soccer.

4. How many countries have you been to? What was your favorite to go to?

I have been to over 10 countries. Fiji was my favorite.

5. What's your favorite part about being a teacher?

Working with kids.

6. What inspired you to be a teacher?

I like working with kids and making a difference in the world.

7. What's your favorite food?

I like seafood.

8. What would you say is the best part of this 2017-2018 school year?

Being able to look forward to soccer season.



**Mrs. Holland**

1. How long have you been at Miller?

I have been teaching here since it opened; 9 years.

2. Have you ever taught another subject?

I use to be a teacher at Sylvan, a tutoring center. There , we taught most subjects.

3. How many sports have you played and what were they?  
What was your favorite?

I played softball and tennis. I played tennis all the way up senior year in high school.

4. How many countries have you been to? What was your favorite to go to?

I've been to about 15 countries. My favorite would have to be Germany.

5. What's your favorite part about being a teacher?

I love the kids. I really like to know the students, and how they develop throughout the year.

6. What inspired you to be a teacher?

Living in Germany inspired me to teach about new languages and cultures.

7. What's your favorite food?

Mexican food. I can eat it for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

8. What would you call the best part of this 2017-2018 school year?

I had a lot of fun at leadership retreat. Both my kids went, so it was awesome being able to experiencing it with them.



**Mrs. Tiberi**

1. How long have you been at Miller?

I have been at Miller for 7 years.

2. Have you ever taught another subject?

Yes, reading, writing, and math in elementary school.

3. How many sports have you played and what were they?

What was your favorite?

I have played 3 sports: soccer, track, horseback riding. My favorite was 3 days of venting.

4. How many countries have you been to? What was your favorite to go to?

I'm not sure, but a fair amount. My favorite was probably Australia.

5. What's your favorite part about being a teacher?

When students figure out something new

6. What inspired you to be a teacher?

That's a long story. I became a teacher by accident.

7. What's your favorite food?

My favorite food is filet mignon.

8. What would you call the best part of this 2017-2018 school year?

For me personally, getting a REEF grant.



**Mr. McCloud**

1. How long have you been at Miller?

This is my 6th year.

2. Have you ever taught another subject?

I have taught World History, Chicano Studies, Ethnic Diversity, Study Skills, and Personal Finance.

3. How many sports have you played and what were they?  
What was your favorite?

I have surfed, mountain and dirt bike, and skateboarding.

4. How many countries have you been to? What was your favorite to go to?

I have been to 12 countries and the Netherlands was my favorite.

5. What's your favorite part about being a teacher?  
Getting to make a difference.

7. What's your favorite food?  
Bacon is my favorite food.

8. If you could teach another subject, what would it be?  
I would teach surfing.



## Mrs. Weinstein

1. How long have you been at Miller?

Since it opened. I've been teaching for 20 years.

2. Have you ever taught another subject?

Yes, science.

3. How many sports have you played and what were they?

What was your favorite?

I played gymnastics and swimming. Backstroke and breaststroke were my strokes for swimming.

4. How many countries have you been to? What was your favorite to go to?

I've been to 8. My favorite was Uganda

5. What's your favorite part about being a teacher?

I love my job so much. I also adore books, technology, and students.

6. What inspired you to be a teacher?

In 8th grade, my science teacher inspired me to teach.

7. What's your favorite food?

Tabbouli.

8. What would you call the best part of this 2017-2018 school year?

The students, by far. I also love working with the book *Wonder*.

# Sports

By Olivia, Stacy



## Current Standings for NFL

By: Stacy

NFL website: <https://www.nfl.com/>





## The Puppy Bowl

Did you know that puppies have their own way of doing the Super Bowl? It's called the Puppy Bowl. **It was Sunday February 4, 2018 at 3pm Pacific Standard Time**



## Current Information for MLS

By Olivia

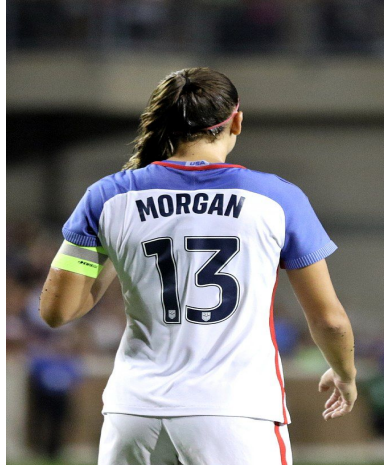


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## Soccer Player Spotlight

Alex Morgan



She was born on July 2, 1989. She is an American Soccer player and has won the an Olympic Gold Metal and FIFA Women World Cup as well as the U.S Soccer Female Athlete of the Year. She is a forward for the Orlando Pride .She also played on the U.S Women National Soccer Team.



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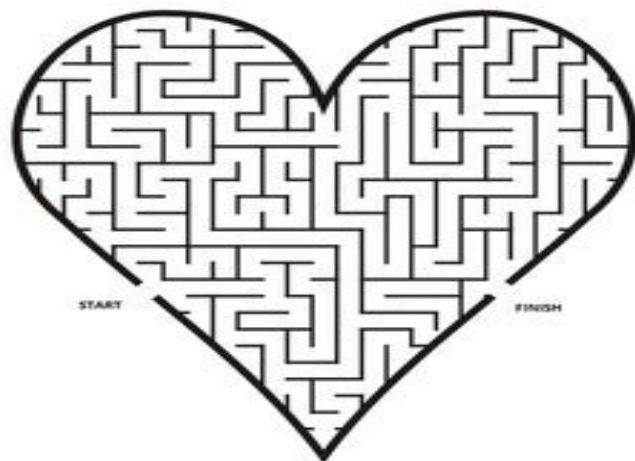
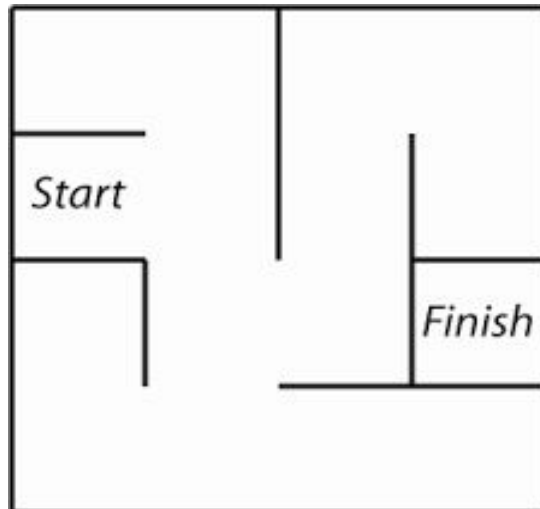
## By Brayden Rosa

ASB is back at it again! This month has been one of the most productive for your student leaders. First thing first, we have been busy setting up yet another dance. This dance's theme is roses! Also, make sure to look out for some new lunch time activities! We have some games that will test your trust with others, test your mind, and make some great memories! Frankie the Macaw will even make an appearance! This is yet again another successful year for your ASB! Have a FAMMtastic month!

## Facts of the Month

By; Katie, Bianca, and Kadence

- Did you know that February is the shortest month of the year?
- There are many famous birthdays during the month of February such as: Jacksepticeye(February 7), Abraham Lincoln(February 12), and George Washington(February 22).
- February is the third month of winter.
- February frequently occurs in a list of the most commonly misspelled words of the english language.
- Groundhog Day is on February 2nd.



## FEBRUARY

ABE LINCOLN	BURROW	CHOCOLATE	CUPID
DOLLAR BILL	GROUNDHOG	HEART	LEAP YEAR
LOVE	PENNY	PRESIDENTS DAY	PUNXSUTAWNEY
ROSES	SHADOW	SWEETHEART	VALENTINE
WOODCHUCK			

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