



Youth of Today Hope of Tomorrow



Student Council Elections



Cyrena Matingou
Cedar Ridge H. S.

Last week, the Cedar Ridge High School had elections for the 2018-2019 school year. Each class elected a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and two representatives. The Student Body Council, which organizes events for the entire school and collaborates with other schools, elected a president, two co-vice presidents, a rare occurrence, a secretary, parliamentarian, and historian. The elections occurred on Tuesday, May 1 at each lunch, where students could also vote for the homecoming theme for next year.

To run for an office, each student had to attend one of four meetings with the Student Council sponsor Mrs. Shelly Jipp, where they were told the duties and responsibilities that come with being a Student Council officer. Additionally, each student had to record a short video of themselves that would be

broadcast on the morning of the election, explaining why they want to be an officer. On May first, elections were held at the lunches and the results were announced at the Student Council meeting after school.

Sofia Orozco, a current sophomore, will be serving as one of the representatives for the Junior Class Council next year. Ms. Orozco said that she is most excited to work on Homecoming next year. She explained "it's towards the beginning of the year where there's a lot of school spirit going around which makes it really exciting to know our hard work is making other students happy." Another sophomore, Ms. Eliza Jipp, ran for Student Body Council and will be serving as one of the co-vice presidents next year. Ms. Jipp believes that it is important to be involved in Student Council because "[you] help your school and become educated on the events happening around campus."

I have been a member of Student Council for 4 years and have enjoyed serving as an officer in both my middle and high schools. I love working with the teachers and students on campus to better our school. Being a member of Student Council is a great way to make new friends and provides a way to be a leader in your school.

Round Rock ISD STEM Fest



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Cedar Ridge H. S.

The annual Round Rock Independent School District STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math] Fest was held at Joe Lee Johnson Elementary School on Friday, May 4th from 4 to 7 p.m. Elementary school kids and their younger siblings from across the school district came to the STEM Fest to participate in fun, hands-on activities that furthered

their knowledge and interest in STEM. My FIRST [For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology] Robotics Team, the Lady Cans, brought one of our robots to the event. It has been redesigned specifically for the purpose of launching small balls at children so they can try to catch them. Kids love catching balls, and we almost always had a big crowd. We were able to explain how the robot worked to kids and tell their parents about how their children could get involved in robotics.

In a world where everything is becoming digitalized, events like the STEM Fest are essential in spreading awareness of and appreciation for STEM to young people, who will soon grow up and make a big impact on this planet.



Kennedy George
Weiss High School

I have some pretty big tests coming up. I have the Biology STAAR and AP Human Geography test. People work hard all year long to take tests. I know I have. I always study a lot when

the test comes up. I feel like if I fail I wasted a whole school year.

I already had my English STAAR, which I was not so sure about this year. This year the essays were a big part of the final score. I'm not very good at essays, so I used as much time as I could to plan my essay.

Everyone has been working really hard to take these tests. I actually look forward to taking them, because they take a bunch of stress off for the rest of the year. Now with less than a month left of school, we can prepare for next year.

Spring Band Camp



SaNaya White
Ann Richards

Spring Band Camp ran everyday after school from April 30th to May 4th. 4:45 to 6:00pm. The week was dedicated to welcoming current 8th graders, (such as myself) who will be in high school band next year. In the camp our 2018 Marching Show theme was revealed so we got to learn some music for the production.

Also, on May 4th, we hosted a potluck for our families with a preview performance of the music we had been working on throughout the week and we went over important events and dates for next year, as well as what to expect for the summer.

For those who aren't aware, I am in the percussion section in middle school band and I have tryouts for the high school ensemble and drum line next week. Over the week, I practiced on the flub line, which is the tom drum. I played well during the potluck performance and I will continue to get better over time. One thing I need to practice is paradiddles. I enjoy playing percussion and I can't wait to see what next year brings for me.

James McCune Smith



Montrae Nelson
Four Points M. S.

Hello, This week in class we were asked to do a report on a historical figure who really made a difference in the world and how they achieved it. My report was on "James McCune Smith" a physician apothecary, abolitionist and author. He was the first African American to get a medical degree and was a top

graduate at the University of Glasgow in Scotland.

He was a practicing doctor for 20 years at the Colored Orphan Asylum in Manhattan, he contributed articles to medical journals, wrote essays drawing from his medical and statistical training. He was most well known for his leadership as a abolitionist alongside Fredrick Douglas.

Lastly, He helped start the "National Council of Colored People" in 1853, the first permanent national organization for blacks. He and his wife were of mixed-race so his children passed into white society to escape racial discrimination, they worked as teachers, lawyers and business people. Thanks for reading

Rain, Rain Go Away



Kamryn Mack
Kipp Leadership Elem.

On Friday, it rained horribly bad. There was a thunder storm, lightning, which made for a dreadful Friday morning. But little did I know that throughout the day little surprises were in store for me and my teammates. I hope you enjoy my article.

We started our day with rotations, half of us working on our math packet, the other half working on a math computer program, IXL. That's when the rain, thunder, and lightning started. Classmates were whispering and screaming whenever they heard a little bit of lightning or thunder. They can exaggerate sometimes. Whenever someone went to the restroom, they practically ran with the umbrella and forget to even open it! It was, in my opinion, madness. I mean everyone was annoyed and terrified of the rain, thunder, and

lightning. When we tried to go outside we all got drenched, so we had to go inside, because KALE sent out a notice that students stay inside.

So, we got to stay inside and watch the movie 'Underdogs'. After that we had lunch, and my mom packed me gummy bears, as a dessert. My day was looking up. In dance class, I got to make up a dance with a partner. That was a really fun activity and we also presented it to the class. That was nerve-racking, embarrassing, and a learning experience. Afterwards, we watched these hilarious short films, serving as our recess. Then, we went to Reading class where we did rotations. While we were working Ms. Buckland walked Dexter, her half poodle half golden retriever, around the classroom, so we all had a chance to pet Dexter. He was so curly, fluffy, and soft. Lastly, we went to my homeroom teacher's classroom and had a popsicle party. The flavors were mango cherry, lemon, and cherrylime. I had mango cherry and it was delicious.

Well, that's the story of how my day had a rotten start, but surprisingly, turned out to be a awesome day I hope you enjoyed my article.

STEM Week



Tyler Allen
Gus Garcia YMLA

We are counting down to summer break. We are now going on our final field trip. This week

it is to the University of Texas. This is the STEM Club mini-competition.

This competition is designed to test student knowledge and skills in the area of science (It will be fun). All students who have attended 2 or more club meetings were eligible to attend. You had to fill out a permission slip in advance. For those that don't know what STEM stands for it is Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Summer Here I Come!



Ruby George
Riojas Elementary

I am so glad that summer is almost here. Me and my friends have all these fun plans. I'm also excited because my best friend said that she was going to have her birthday at Typhoon Texas! All of the fifth grad-

ers in my school, (including me), are having a graduation and I am so ready for that.

The whole fifth grade has two field trips. One to the museum, and one to the pool. We also have an "end of the year" party. I already have taken my math and reading Staar test, and in a week and two days I'll be taking the science test.

My friends and I are making some epic plans so that this summer is the best ever. On the last day of school, we are going to have a sleepover and watch scary movies. We're going to bake and throw water balloons. In the morning we are going to go to the pool. This is going to go to be a lit summer!



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