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School Year Recap

LEVEL
UP

HIGHLIGHTS

This year we had many great additions to our Clubs and Activities!

Such as the Podcast, Patriot time Patriot Press, Variety Show, eSports/ Video game club, and many more along the way!

New TV boards were installed around the school so us Patriots could easily access all the news regarding Grissom.

In April we were so lucky to get a glimpse at the solar eclipse! It's predicted we won't get a view of the eclipse from the U.S. until 2044, 20 years from now. Where will you be?

Most great memories cannot be cherished with words. So let's look at a collection of one of the best years at

Grissom Middle School



8th Grade Boys Basketball



8th Grade Girls Volleyball



8th Grade Boys Basketball

Dr. Parker



Stanley from Da'Bears



CHEER!!!



Gus



Austin Lanier



Mathletes

8TH GRADE MEMORIES

As we say goodbye to our 8th graders, they reflect on their favorite memory at GMS

- ***Playing soccer for the school in 8th Grade.***
- ***Meeting everyone at Grissom and making friends.***
- ***Track***
- ***Playing on the 7 grade volleyball team with all my favorite people and making it to the championship with everyone.***
- ***When we watched a movie***
- ***Me and all my friends laughing during an assembly after a funny thing happened***
- ***My favorite memory was when I was in 6th grade, and I told Ms. Senkpeil, the SS teacher at the time, that I wanted to quit track. Ms. Senkpeil revealed to me (or lied to me) and said that she fought for me to get into track in the first place. That made me think I was a bad runner... But it motivated me to stay in and try out for the track team for the rest of middle school.***
- ***Being on the softball team in 6-8th grade and doing fun spirit days and winning games***
- ***Playing basketball during gym and free time with all my friends.***
- ***Getting to be on the basketball team***
- ***Meeting new friends***


8TH GRADE MEMORIES

- *In 6th grade when I went to board game club with my friends and we would all bring our own games and have lots of fun.*
- *Track*
- *Getting 3rd place during basketball season*
- *3:15 when I get out of school*
- *Me favorite memory is in 6th grade when we almost won 1st place in Grissom soccer.*
- *6th grade board game club.*
- *Playing at North & Maple for Jazz Band*
- *When I first stepped into this school.*
- *When I met all my teachers for the first time*
- *Joining band and meeting new friends*
- *Someone pressing the panic button twice in 6th grade*
- *When my mom came and picked me up early from school*
- *All the sports and how fun they were here at Grissom.*
- *The last week of school, getting to do fun activities like pouring water on my teacher and having a full day outside.*
- *Soccer*
- *Laughing in Mrs Laplant's class*
- *Mrs Laplant's class*
- *Being on the track team.*



8TH GRADE MEMORIES



- ***My favorite memory was when we had medieval day in 7th grade.***
 - ***Free time and playing basketball***
 - ***The RIDE program, we learned about the importance of keeping away from smoking and other drugs. I enjoyed the free fun day and games that were paired with educational topics about our future.***
 - ***Seeing Gus the Patriot for the first time***
 - ***Lunch with friends.***
 - ***Meeting the RISE students for the first time and going on the field trip to the gymnastics place with them.***
 - ***My favorite memory was making friends with teachers, students, and teammates. I had great time even if it was just one year.***
 - ***In 6th grade getting to have 1 teacher that would let us goof around in her class and always said we were welcome if we needed anything and was always trying to make learning fun***
 - ***My favorite memory at Grissom Middle School is hanging out with my friends during recess.***
 - ***My favorite memory was in 7th grade at the end of the year when we got to play a catching game with water balloons.***
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8TH GRADE MEMORIES

- ***End of the year going outside and hanging out with friends***
- ***7th Grade ELA class with my friends***
- ***The assembly's***
- ***Having a pizza party with two of my friends***
- ***Making the championship in volleyball in 7th grade***
- ***My favorite memory at GMS are the people I got to meet.***
- ***My favorite memory Grissom was being student of the month twice.***
- ***Mr Raz coming to our class to be a para***
- ***My Favorite memory at Grissom has to be all of the sports teams and spirit weeks and fun activities.***
- ***My favorite memory at Grissom Middle School was when I met my friends.***
- ***The field trips like the one where I went to the bowling alley for science in 7th grade***
- ***My favorite memory was when we went outside and played kickball in 6th grade science.***
- ***My favorite memory at Grissom Middle School is having many friends in different classes and doing fun things in class.***

Celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May



WRITTEN BY: ROXANNE M.

Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is the celebration of Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the month of May. To celebrate this very special month, we must learn about the past, origins, and stories of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have contributed to the United States' history and how this month was developed. If knowledge is truly power, we can make this world a better place by stopping hate and discrimination with the newfound knowledge of our past.

What are the origins of the first AAPI Heritage Month? The first effort to recognize AAPI contributions to America started in the late 1970s, and it required 10 years of work to make it a celebration throughout the whole month. Originally, this celebration started as only a week, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. Then, in 1990, Congress lengthened the observance from a week to a month. In 1992, the month of May was designated as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

Why is it celebrated in the month of May? AAPI Heritage Month is observed in the month of May because the first Japanese immigrants came to the United States on May 7, 1843. Also, May recognizes Golden Spike Day on May 10, 1869, which is the day of the completion of the transcontinental railroad. Chinese workers greatly contributed the building of the railroad.



Why is AAPI Heritage Month celebrated? The main reason AAPI Heritage Month is celebrated is because of Asian American's and Pacific Islander's significant contributions toward the United States. In politics, Kamala Harris is the first Asian American Vice President of America. There has also been movies and TV series with Asian American main characters. AAPI people also have a very important history in the United States. It is believed that the first Asians migrated to the current North America more than 15,000 years ago. During the 16th century, Filipinos who were fleeing from labor and enslavement during the Spanish galleon trade immigrated to America and established a St. Malo, Louisiana settlement. In the time of the California Gold Rush, many Asian immigrants went to the West Coast in search of gold, and they provided labor for gold mines, factories, and the transcontinental railroad.

What is anti-Asian racism, and how can we stop it? In the 1850s, Chinese workers in California were abused, robbed, and murdered. During the time period of World War II, people of Japanese descent were sent to internment camps. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, some people were racist towards Asians because of the origins of the coronavirus. Because of this racism, the AAPI Equity Alliance, Chinese for Affirmative Action, and the Asian American Studies Department of San Francisco State University began the Stop AAPI Hate movement on March 19, 2020. We can stop anti-Asian racism by rising up against Asian hate. If you happen to see someone getting bullied or hurt because of their race, tell a trusted adult such as your parents, teachers, or school counselors.

To celebrate AAPI Heritage Month, you could research about famous AAPI people. You could also research about the different cultures of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Most importantly, you could find a way to stand up against Asian hate and support any AAPI people you may know.



“I’m not going to say it wasn’t hard. But I had to let go. And I learned that when you not only let go, but open your arms wide and learn lessons, that an experience—no matter how bad—can teach you. That’s when you rise.”

—Ann Curry

7TH GRADE BABY CHICKS

Last week, something magical happened. Baby chicks started to hatch right here in Grissom. They are quails and went back to the farm on Wednesday, May 1st.

If you are in 6th grade, maybe you will be able to see these baby quails for yourselves next year!



Pictures were taken on April 29th.

Written By Ryan M.

WHY IS TAYLOR SWIFT RE-RECORDING HER ALBUMS?

The Backstory

In 2006, 16 year old Taylor Swift got discovered by Scott Borchetta then got signed to Big Machine Records. During her time at Big Machine she was able to write and produce 6 Albums: *Taylor Swift* (her self titled debut album), *Fearless*, *Speak Now*, *Red*, *1989*, and *reputation*. *With-in these albums contains Taylor's major hits such as: Love Story, You Belong With Me, Shake It Off, Blank Space and More!*



Masters & Scooter Braun

In 2018, Taylor's contract expired and she could then decide whether to resign or not. Taylor thought resigning with Big Machine would not benefit her future. Taylor's Team asked Big Machine if they could buy her masters (the amount of control of a album/song such as pay). At the time, Taylor knew Big Machine would sell the company and their catalog. Big Machine would deny the offer of Taylor earning her masters for her 6 albums. In June 2019, Big Machine and their catalog (Even Taylor's) would be sold to Scooter Braun for \$300,000,000. Taylor disapproved of this purchase because of who Braun managed and how he treated people. Braun managed singer Kanye West, Ariana Grande and more! If you didn't know, Taylor and Kanye had beef from the infamous 2009 VMA's and his song "Famous" and the 2016 edited phone call with Kanye West, Taylor Swift and Kim Kardashian.

Why Re-Record

In 2018, Taylor signed to Republic Records where she is able to own her masters. Since Taylor can't buy her masters, She will re-record her albums to overtake the masters that way. As of May of 2024, Taylor has 4 re-recorded albums starting with her 2008 album: *Fearless* then *Red*, then *Speak Now*, and most recently *1989*. If you see an album or a song that has "(Taylor Version)" at the end that means Taylor owns her album masters.

All that is left in her re-recording cycle is her Debut album: *Taylor Swift* and her 6th Album *reputation*

Original Vs Re-Recorded Album Covers



ROOM 107 REST OF THE YEAR FUN

The rest of the year will be looking very busy for our friends in room 107; Here's what its looking like for them:

- They will go to Aldi's and McDonalds on May 1st
- On May 8th they will go to Brookfield Zoo
- On May 22nd they will go to The Thunderbolts with the PE Peers
- On May 24th they will go to Olivet Nazarene University to attend a show in their Planetarium

And then they will be celebrating Melanie, one of the 8th Grade graduates in their room. They will celebrate her and let her know how much she will be missed by the Grissom Family.

A MESSAGE FROM RYAN

As the 2023-2024 School Year concludes, we should reflect on the experiences and the activities that we were able to do this year. From introducing clubs such as Patriot Press to The Pod Squad, Grissom has a wide variety of clubs and extracurriculars to participate. If you didn't have a chance to participate in a club or extracurricular, there will always be next year to join.

Olivia Rodrigo

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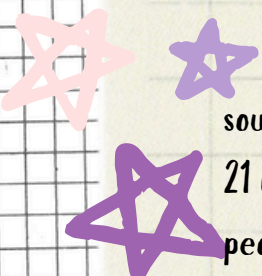
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written by: Roxanne M.

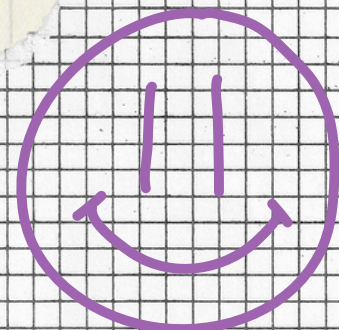
 Who is Olivia Rodrigo? Olivia Rodrigo is a singer-songwriter who writes soulful, emotional, and relatable music. She is Filipina-American and currently 21 years old. Rodrigo's debut album, SOUR, was a huge hit that is loved by many people. Her newest album/deluxe album is GUTS and GUTS (spilled). Olivia Rodrigo is currently touring for the GUTS album.

What songs is Olivia Rodrigo singing in the GUTS Tour? A few songs in Olivia Rodrigo's GUTS Tour set list include: "Can't Catch Me Now" from "The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes," "traitor" and "drivers license" from her SOUR album, and many songs from her GUTS album including: "vampire," "bad idea right?," and "get him back!" In addition, Rodrigo sings a song from the GUTS (spilled) deluxe album, "obsessed."

Where is Olivia Rodrigo touring? Rodrigo is touring in many different places that started in Palm Springs, California on February 23 and is ending in Los Angeles on August 17. Rodrigo has also toured in Chicago on March 19 and 20. In the month of May, Olivia Rodrigo is going to perform in London, Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway, and Denmark.

"It means courage. It means trusting your gut...I like spilling your guts, too. I feel like every song I've ever written is just some sort of me spilling my guts a little bit."

-Olivia Rodrigo



WATERMELON CUPCAKES

Watermelon Cupcakes Recipe:

- 1) In a mixing bowl combine the butter and sugar, beat using an electric mixer, 1-2 minutes until fluffy.
- 2) Add in egg whites, sour cream, milk, and vanilla extract. Beat lightly with the electric mixer.
- 3) In a separate mixing bowl combine the flour, baking powder, and salt. Gradually add the flour mixture to the wet ingredients a few spoonfuls at a time. Mix until just incorporated. Add in a small amount of green food coloring until you reach your desired green color.
- 4) Fill the muffin liners 1/2 to 3/4 full. Bake for 17-19 minutes at 350°F or until a few moist crumbs remain on a toothpick when inserted into the center. Allow the cupcakes to cool completely before adding frosting.

Watermelon Frosting Recipe:

- 1) Cream unsalted butter in a stand mixer until smooth and fluffy. Slowly add in powdered sugar and gradually beat it in.
 - 2) Add in watermelon kool aid powder mix and red gel food coloring.
 - 3) Sprinkle mini chocolate chips on top for extra garnish.
- *measure to taste and proportion*

Ingredients:

Green food dye, mini chocolate chips, unsalted butter, granulated sugar, egg whites, sour cream, milk, salt, vanilla extract, all purpose flour, baking powder, powdered sugar, red gel food coloring, watermelon kool aid powder mix



**SUMMER IS
APPROACHING!
TELL US WHAT
YOU ARE DOING
CLICK THE LINK
BELOW!!!**

Click

A tribute to the man who helped start the Press : Dr. Callaghan!

First of all, we want to thank all of you who have read the articles. Seeing as this is a new club, we hope it will continue to grow. We want to thank one of our main contributors who allowed the Patriot Press. So thank you Dr. Callaghan, you are the one who turned a little idea of mine and my friends into something great. Hopefully the press happens next year because this has been a fun club.

Dr. Callaghan, with the help of Mr. Rumbaugh and Mrs. Simpson, made the decision to make this a club. But I think all of the press members would agree that this has been a really fun club. Hopefully the press happens next year! So from the bottom to the top of our hearts, THANK YOU!

Don't stop now! Finish strong!

As we near the end of the school year, students start to get something called the Summer Heebie Jeebies. This condition happens usually in schools where students start to slack off with their school work. However we can't have that happening this close to the end. I know it is hard to not slack because it is easier, but don't! Do your best to be your best. Bring your all and make your teachers proud.

We have one more MAP test left. Let's work hard to make our school look good so we can have more fun stuff to do here.

But that doesn't mean we shouldn't have a little fun. Just make sure to be safe and respectful. We don't want you to get a minor or majors close to summer break!

Top song artists that are viewed most(No Taylor)

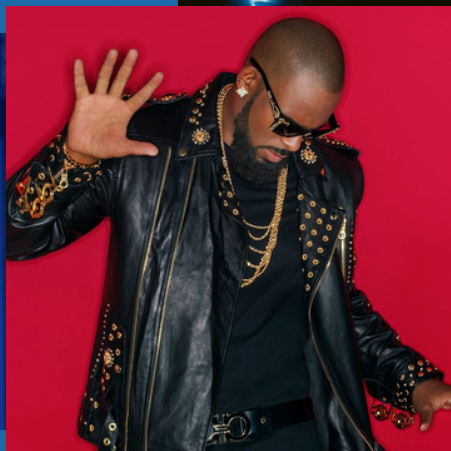
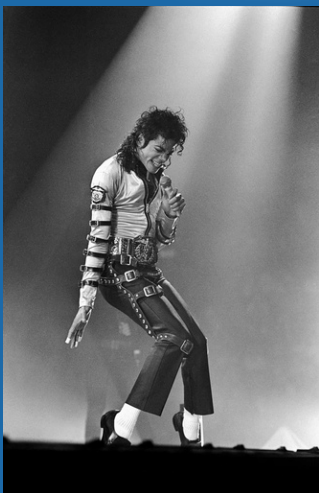


THE WEEKND

**ABEL MAKKONEN
TESFAYE , BORN
FEBRUARY 16, 1990),
KNOWN PROFESSIONALLY
AS THE WEEKND, IS A
CANADIAN SINGER-
SONGWRITER.**



**MICHAEL JACKSON,
PRINCE, AND R. KELLY
WERE HIS MAIN MUSICAL
INSPIRATIONS.**





Onika Tanya Maraj-Petty (born December 8, 1982), known professionally as Nicki Minaj, is a Trinidadian-born rapper and singer based in the United States. Often referred to as the "Queen of Rap", she is known for her musical versatility, animated rap flow, and alter egos. She first gained recognition after releasing three mixtapes between 2007 and 2009.



Student Spotlight: Melanie Redmond!

Do you have any summer plans?

Yes, going to Summer Camp.

Are you excited to graduate? If so what are you most excited about for high school.

Yes, meeting new friends!

Do you play sports?

I do basketball.

What is your favorite summer activity?

Swimming, playing outside, and having my birthday.

What is your favorite hairstyle?

Having straight hair.

When your friends from 6th and 7th grade graduate are you excited to see them?

Yes!

**We're going to miss you Melanie,
good luck in High School!**

written by Jimmy H.

SPECIAL GUEST: Mrs. Egner!

1. Do you have any plans over the summer? **I do. My son and I are going on a cruise to the Bahamas in June. We also take little weekend trips as well.**
2. Do you think Grissom will change at all when you come back from summer? If so please share what you think will be changed. **I don't think it will change too much.**
3. Why did you choose Grissom as your place of work? **I chose Grissom because I absolutely love the people here. They have become my second family. It's such a great environment to work in.**
4. If you could go back to when you were in middle school what do you think you would tell your past self? **I would tell myself not to be afraid to get out there and try new things. I learned that later in life and I wish I would have done it more in middle school**
5. What is your favorite block 2 and 3, 4 and 7, or 8 and 9? **I don't have a favorite block. Honestly, all three blocks are great in their own, different ways.**
6. If you could have any other job in the world what would it be? **That's a really hard one because I absolutely love teaching. But I guess if I had to choose I would say a personal shopper. I love shopping.**

Riddles

What gets wet when drying

A towel

A electric train was going north
and the wind was blowing east
what direction was the steam
going.

There is no steam it is a electric train

Davids parents have 3 sons, snap,
crackle, what is the third sons
name

David

7 Fun Facts

You need to eat 10,000,000 bananas at once to die of radiation.



Giraffes are 30 times more likely to get stuck by lightning than humans.



A shrimp's heart is its head.



Australia is wider than the moon.

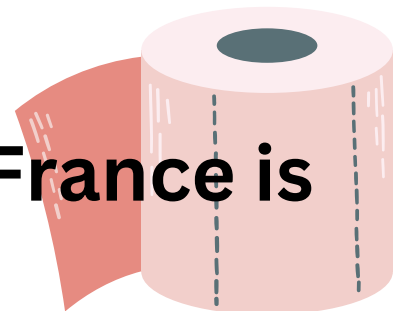


Humans can't walk in a straight line without looking at something.

Competitive art used to be an Olympic sport.



The most toilet paper sold in France is pink.



MAY & JUNE SCHOOL CALENDER

CLUBS

- eSports Club: May 1st
- Student Council (All Members): May 7th
- eSports Club: May 8th
- Student Council (Executive Members): May 14th
- eSports Club: May 15th
- Student Council: May 21st

SPORTS

- Girls Soccer vs Century: May 2nd
- Boys Soccer vs Century: May 2nd
- Girls Soccer vs Prarie View: May 6th
- Boys Soccer vs Prarie View: May 6th
- Girls Soccer vs Jerling: May 7th
- Boys Soccer vs Jerling: May 7th

8th GRADE EVENTS

- May 3rd: 8th Grade Extravaganza
- May 21st: 8th Grade Awards
- May 23rd: 8th Grade Field Trip To Great America
- May 29th: 8th Grade Graduation

HOT LUNCH

- May 7th: Pop's
- May 10th: Jet's
- May 14th: Winston's & Sam's
- May 21st: Pop's & Sam's
- May 24th: Nick's BBQ & Sam's
- May 28th: Skillet House & Sam's

CHORUS & BAND

- Concert and Symphonic Band Concert: May 1st
- Concerr and
- Cadet & Jazz Band & Ensemble Concert: May 8th
- Grissom Band 8th Grade Graduation Performance: May 29th

INTRAMURALS

- May 7th: Kickball
- May 7th: Kickball
- May 9th: Kickball

REMEMBERS

- May 3rd: Half Day
- May 27th: No School
- June 3rd: Last Day Of School
- June 3rd: Last Day of 4th Quarter



word search

Summer Word Search

T	B	W	A	R	M	S	P	U	A	L	B	F
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Wordbank

Barbecue Sund
 Swim Summer
 Baseball Travel
 Beach Warm
 Camp
 Cookout
 Heatwave
 Hiking
 Hot
 Humid
 Kite
 Lemonade
 Ocean
 Picnic
 Pool