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Editor in Chief, Juliet Simon

Letter From the Editor by Juliet Simon

Hi, everyone! This is the McKinley Times' Editor-in-Chief, Juliet. I'm so excited to welcome you to the McKinley Times - McKinley's only student led newspaper. This year we will have three editions, this being the first. I'd like to acknowledge a few people who made this possible. First off, thank you to Ms. DW and Ms. Ross for being the newspaper's faculty members and taking time out of their day to help us create this. Secondly, I'd like to thank Dr. Benjamin and Ms. Cedillo for letting this newspaper become reality. And lastly, thank you to all the writers and draftsmen who worked on this edition. Everyone has worked incredibly hard for this, so we hope you enjoy it!

The deadline for turning in donations for the Jogathon to be eligible for raffles, prizes and a classroom popsicle party is Friday, March 20th.



McKinley, Take a Step Forward An Op-Ed by Juliet Simon

Climate change is a problem for the whole world, so it's a problem for McKinley. Heating temperatures are frightening; and the fact that the air could one day be too filled with pollution is scary. McKinley can do its part in stopping climate change. Every action counts.

McKinley has already put forth some great practices. Distributing reusable water-bottles ensures that no students have to throw away a water-bottle a day because they don't have a reusable one. Having a garden where we can grow food for the cafeteria makes sure that vegetables don't have to come in packages, and no pollution is made delivering them. Another step in the right direction is offering experiences instead of trinkets as prizes for various events.

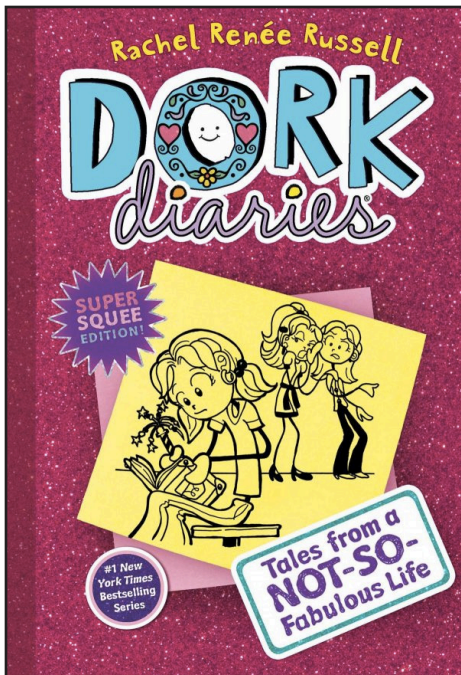
What we can do better, though, is cutting down on day-to-day trash. We have bins that are labeled in the cafeteria: Landfill, Recycling, Liquids, and Compost. The least we can do is throw our waste in the right bins. Maya, in Ms. Buckner's class, told me that she frequently sees the trays being thrown in the bins, even though we have a place to put them. One proposition Loretta and Jason both suggested is that a solution would be to have a monitor at the bins. I think that a Green Team member might be a good choice. Unlike the cafeteria, the bins on the yard are not labeled and are only single trash cans. Anything goes. I

think this is a waste, as some kids have fruit for snacks. Apple cores, orange peels, banana peels, peach/nectarine pit, and so on, can all go in the compost. The garden is not open during recess, so a good addition would be bins where all the pits, seeds and peels could go. Do you have a wrapper or plastic/paper bag around your snack? Recycling bins would be perfect. Or, to keep it small, we could have one bin with three different holes (plus labels) that each lead to separate bags.

In the big picture, though, I have an idea that would benefit our system. The cafeteria gives much individually packaged food. One thing we could do to improve this is to buy in bulk. For example, instead of giving out individually wrapped cheese sticks, buy a large wheel and give kids each three slices. Although the biggest purchase seems more expensive, it's not in the long run. I believe we should buy a dishwasher. A dishwasher would be able to wash the trays that I think we should have. For easier use, trays should have individualized sections. If we buy twice the amount of trays as the kids who get school lunch, then we could wash half while one grade was eating, and wash their half while the next grade was eating. Silverware would also be useful to help produce less trash. And as for glasses? Remember the nice water-bottles we got from Skywell? Kids can bring those to lunch.

So concludes this article. But remember: throw less away, another cleaner day.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



Dork Diaries book cover

Dork Diaries Book Review

by Darla Elizabeth Acosta

Are you a person who likes drama? Because if you do, then you should read *Dork Diaries* by Rachel Renee Russell. It's about a girl who writes about all her issues and drama at middle school in her small diary. I am going to tell you what other people think about the books. I honestly recommend this book because I feel like I have a connection with the character, Nikki Maxwell. Another reason I recommend this book is because the book is absolutely hilarious. McKinley 5th Graders Zoey, Chloe, and Mia told me that their favorite character is Daisy the dog. Also, they said how they like that the writing is like a form of a diary. In 4th grade, Naomi said that she loves Nikki. Her favorite book from the *Dork Diaries* series is *Tales-From-A-Not-So-Best-Friends*. She

loves these books because of all the drama that's shown. In conclusion, this book is perfect for those who seek dramatic, funny, crazy books.

Little Women Movie Review

by Daisy Moe

Little Women is an extraordinary movie, and got an Oscar for Best Costumes. The costume designer did an amazing job creating Civil War related clothes. I would personally give the movie a 4 out of 5, because they had too many emotional scenes in the movie.

Jo March is supposedly telling the story the whole movie. Asking a few people, they said "Jo is pretty mean, for caring about her book more than family." They also said, "I like how the whole time Jo was writing the book." When her second youngest sister is diagnosed with Scarlet fever, Jo regrets thinking about her book more than her family. There is a huge twist in the end, which no one would have guessed. Her purpose in life was to complete a book.

Amy March is an intelligent young woman. Taking after her older sisters, of course. More people were thinking, "I think Amy is mean for burning Jo's book draft," and Amy later states why she did it. She later gets sent to Paris because her sister, Beth, catches Scarlet Fever. Amy later meets the 'Love of her Life' in Paris. She is always talking about art and things related to it.

The oldest of the four, Meg March, is a responsible woman. She is an all grown up lady, and has two

kids. Meg once went to a ball, and got the nickname, Daisy. When she is older, she names her kid Daisy. Meg is married to the tutor across the street. She met him when Amy got 'hurt' at school for misbehaving. Then, the neighbors called her mom and siblings over. They left, and Meg had left her glove there. The tutor found it saying "The oldest one left her glove." Then the two re-met at her house and they got married.

Beth is an amazing piano player. She is invited to play at the house across the street, where she is diagnosed with Scarlet fever. Some people felt that Beth was not given a big enough part to let people get to know her. They said, "How can we be sad for someone we barely knew."



Saoirse Ronan and Timothée Chalamet in Greta Gerwig's 'Little Women'

Hey, grown ups! Don't forget to sign up for the McKinley PTA!



ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



'The Dragon Prince' on Netflix offers some LGBTQ representation

Why Aren't There More Gay Characters in Kids' TV?

by Delilah Prager

When you look on Netflix or Amazon there are probably thousands, if not millions, of kids' TV shows! However, many kids' shows have no gay characters. There are many reasons why that is important, and can impact people's lives.

Gay Characters in the Media

Even though there aren't many gay characters in kids' TV shows, there are still a few. A few examples of TV shows with gay characters are the Dragon Prince, Steven Universe, Adora and the Princesses of Power, Arthur and Andi Mack.

There are also more and more gay characters on grown-up TV, and in kids' books. This reflects that times are changing and people are more accepting. It used to be illegal to be gay, and gay people across the US were only allowed to marry since 2012. These days there are many more gay characters across the media.

But there are barely any in kids TV. I asked some people why this might be important.

Why is it important to have Gay Characters on TV?

A McKinley fourth grader said, "I do think it's important to have gay characters in TV. I think our school and community is very diverse and TV should also be like that." To go further into that concept, Lauren Movius, Professor of Media Studies at Santa Monica College said, "It's important to reflect the diversity that exists in the world. That can include gay characters, races, and other things. People learn from the media, so we should show different types of people. You can also imagine how it would feel if you never saw anyone like you on TV."

Another professor of Media Studies at Santa Monica College, Sara Brewer, talked about her childhood. "Deep inside I knew I was gay and gender nonconforming, but because I never saw such characters on TV, I thought something was wrong with me. There was no one in my family who was part of the gay community and it was never discussed in school or church."

Professor Sara Brewer also said that "having these characters in the media is so important so we can see ourselves represented if you are gay. Having more well developed characters in the media has helped break the stereotypes."

However, other people have different opinions. For example, a McKinley student thought that having gay characters in kids TV is inappropriate for kids. Some people may not want gay characters in TV

because of cultural beliefs.

In conclusion, there are very few gay characters on kid's TV, despite there being more in kid's books and grown-up TV. Having gay characters in the media can impact people's lives and reflect our community better.

Untitled Poem

by Juliet Simon

A whisper holds me to the ground.
I listen, careful not to make a sound.

"Who is that?" I cry, beating my fists.

A beat starts, slow at first, then picking up speed...
Then slows again.

"It must have the heart." They said.
While I lay deep within my bed.
"The heart which lies within the earth."

I pulled up my covers and cried in mirth.

Windy,
I pick up my hat, gloves, and mittens.

My hair lifts, like it's pulling me with it.

I run to the hills and cry out.

"Where are you?" I ask of the wind.
"Show yourself!" I exclaim, half believing that it will.

But no, the wind pulls itself further within its anonymity and retreats.
Suddenly, the leaves are still.

Interested in writing for The McKinley Times? Check in with Juliet Simon, Ms. DW or Ms. Ross to get more information!

NEWS



Coach AD and Coach Danny pump up the TK and Kindergarten students on Jogathon day!

McKinley Students Jog Their Way to Success

by Sage Moore

On March 6, 2020, McKinley students from PreSchool to 5th grade ran in the school wide Jogathon on the McKinley Elementary School Track to raise money through a fun activity.

To prepare for the Jogathon, the McKinley volunteers and staff had to do a lot of planning. Deb Burgin and Emily Hodgdon help us understand how big of an activity it was for the whole school. They said about 25 people helped plan it and 50 volunteers were there on the day of the Jogathon. "It felt like thousands of hours going into this activity," said Deb Burgin.

Coach Danny and Coach AD

helped prepare the children for the Jogathon by teaching them how to pace themselves while they ran as well as some good running techniques such as to run short and long amounts and have good lap goals. "The day before the Jogathon, children should eat good food such as pasta, fresh fruits and no greasy or processed foods. Also, get a good night's sleep," said Coach Danny.

I caught up with some of the preschoolers after their 15 minute run time to ask how many laps they ran. Bennett Farrington, 4 years old, ran 10 laps! Iris Pablo M, age 3, ran 3 laps, the same as her age. Jasper Williams, age 4, ran 9! Well done, Preschool!

When the 2nd graders came in to be marked for each lap, we quickly asked them about their lap goals. Serenity Gordin said that she had

a lap goal of 12 laps. And Lucia Sheperd had a goal of 10 laps. The boys had goals too. Alejandro Ramos wanted to do 24 laps. While Miles Franklin had 20 laps as his goal. These 2nd graders had some great goals.

The kids don't just wake up in the morning perfectly stretched and ready to run. So I questioned some parents about how they help their children prepare at home. Zach Franklin (father to Miles and Teddy Franklin, 2nd grade and kindergarten) said that he likes to keep them active outside. Although he and Dinora Duarte (mother to Emma in 2nd grade) both agreed that a good breakfast and a good night's sleep is always helpful when you have a Jogathon the very next day.

Good news and bad news. Bad news, you can't have a Jogathon without minor injuries. Good news, we have a first aid nurse to help. The nurse is here to help with minor injuries. I talked to her in the morning and she had already treated 7-8 scraped knees. 1 bloody nose, and even 1 bee sting. And she even got parent permission to give asthma medicine to the students with asthma. The heat was a problem too, she said, "We want to make sure that the students are drinking a lot of water."

Congratulations to all McKinley students, and thank you to all the volunteers. I hope you all enjoyed your popsicles.

NEWS



Voters waited in longer-than-usual lines on Super Tuesday.

Democratic Primary

by Juliet Simon

Did you see your parents go off to vote on Tuesday? It wasn't for the president. They were voting in what's called the democratic primary, to choose who will run against Trump in the fall. Your adults voted for either Bernie Sanders, Michael Bloomberg, Joseph Biden, or Elizabeth Warren. Although not all states vote on Super Tuesday, it's important because about 15 of the states vote, sometimes more. The

voting is often held in public places, such as schools or libraries.

You may have gone with your parents to vote. Maybe you've seen how they do it, punching in answers. This year, however, they have a different system: touch-screen machines.

Last year, there was fear of Russia interfering with our voting system. So, Los Angeles being the first, the country decided to change our system into something more secure. The new system is accessible to people with disabilities. It is also

more useful to a country whose population speaks more than a dozen languages. With a touch screen, you can choose your language.

The Iowa Caucus starts the states off. A Caucus with four or more candidates like this year is where you need 15% of the people to vote for you. Then you move up to the "second round." If someone voted for one of the candidates who got less than 15%, They have to choose someone who got more than that. Primaries are where everyone votes without transferring to a different candidate.

Candidates drop out if they sense that their poll scores are too low. Recently Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar, and Michael Bloomberg dropped out of the race. Bloomberg dropped out just after Super Tuesday.

Now the race is mostly between Sanders and Biden. Whoever wins will compete against Trump in the fall and get a chance at being the President of the United States of America.

St. Patrick's Pinch Warning!

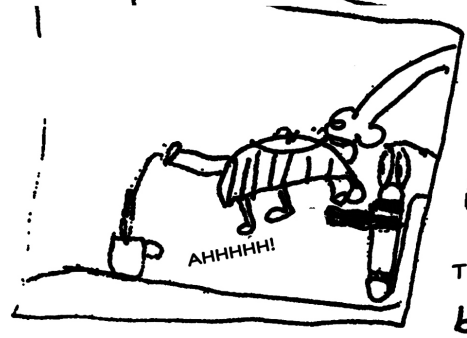
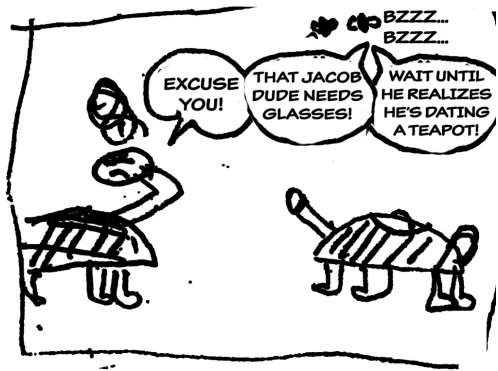
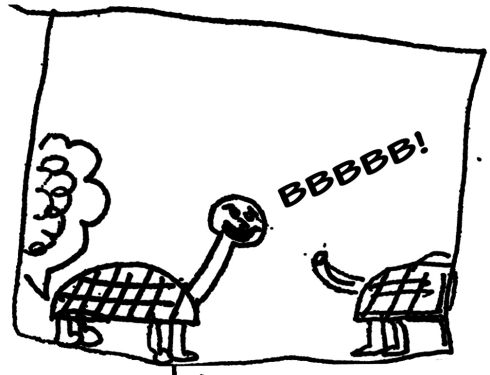
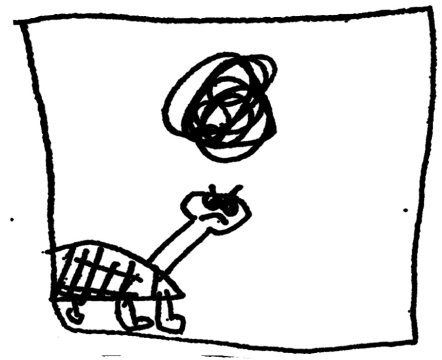
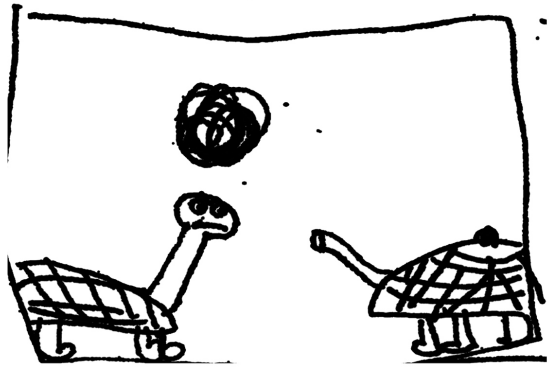
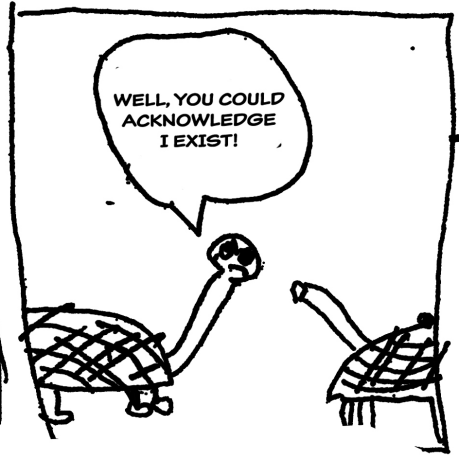
by Angelica de Togni

On Tuesday, March 17, it will be Saint Patrick's Day at McKinley! It will contain lots of fun but be warned, if you're not wearing green, you might get pinched! When asked if afraid of getting pinched there were many different answers. For example, some people said they weren't afraid because they believe in it. Darla said she was worried

because she didn't have any green clothes anymore. She said, "I'm going to be pinched a lot, and it's going to hurt." Ashlyn said she was not worried about herself, but that she was more concerned about other people. I personally am not worried because I have green accessories. I also asked people what to do to prevent people from getting pinched if they don't have any green. Popular suggestions were to ask to borrow someone's green

items for the day. One person said to tell the person who is about to pinch you to stop, because they said that pinching is touching someone and you're supposed to keep your hands to yourself. They also said you can tell the person that you don't want to be pinched and that it's against the rules. In conclusion, everyone has their own opinions about pinching, but, whatever happens, make sure you have fun on Saint Patrick's day and that you don't get pinched!


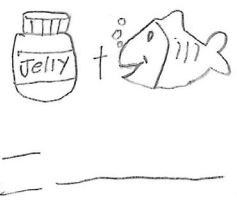
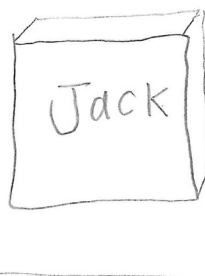
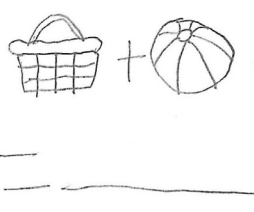
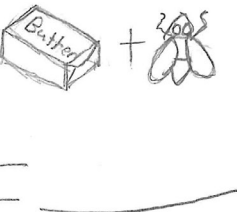
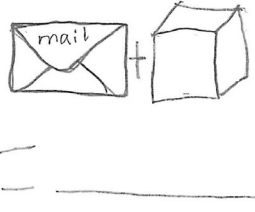
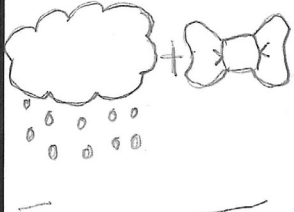
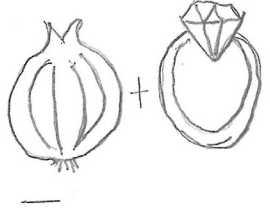
COMICS AND BRAIN GAMES



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TURTLE DAYS
by *charlie's in*

COMICS AND BRAIN GAMES

<p>can you solve The McKinley Brain Teasers</p> <p>By Matthew Stevelman</p>		
		
		

To ask if there is some **mistake**.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy **flake**.

The woods are lovely, dark, and **deep**,
But I have promises to **keep**,
And miles to go before I **sleep**,
And miles to go before I **sleep**.

Now you try!

My favorite time of year is spring.
With each warm day, I want to _____.
I fly my kite up on a _____.
Then go to the park to ride the _____.

Look at this! I'll give you a _____.
If you'll be the queen, I'll be the _____.
But I forgot to tell you one more _____.
With the spring comes the bees,
and they _____.
What else is bad? I can't think of a _____.
In spring I like almost _____.

Poetry Mad Libs

by Juliet Simon

March is poetry month, so we've put together some poetry mad libs for you to try.

Rhymed Poetry

Rhymed poetry rhymes in a pattern and has a strong sense of a beat.

Here is an example called Stopping in the Woods On A Snowy Evening by famous poet Robert Frost. The

rhyming words are in **bold**.

Whose woods these are I think I **know**.

His house is in the village **though**;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with **snow**.

My little horse must think it **queer**
To stop without a farmhouse **near**
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the **year**.

He gives his harness bells a **shake**

A Note From Ms. DW & Ms. Ross

It has been such an honor to advise The McKinley Times staff. We feel so lucky to have the opportunity to work with such thoughtful and dedicated 4th and 5th graders at McKinley. The McKinley Times started with an idea brought to the administration by one student who felt strongly that we needed a school newspaper. All 4th and 5th graders were invited to contribute.

~Ms. DW and Ms. Ross