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in where we STAND,
But, in what *direction*
we are MOVING.

2008-2009

WIESBADEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

WIESBADEN, GERMANY



Ms. Alexia Venglik, Principal

WELCOME TO THE WIESBADEN MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK 2008-2009

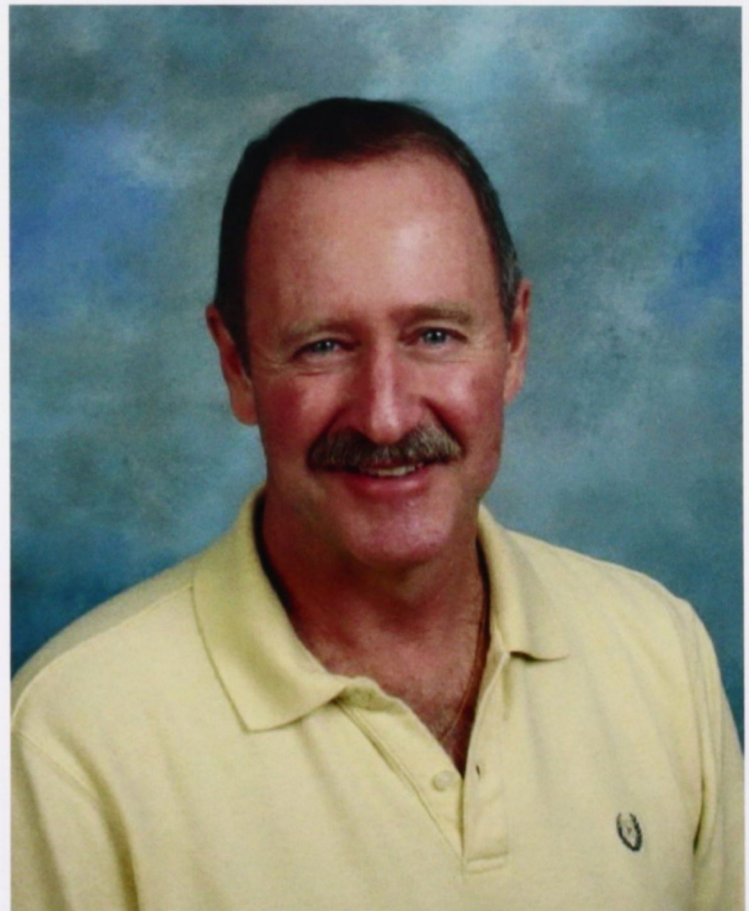
Wiesbaden Middle School Mission Statement:

The entire WMS community strives to provide a positive school climate through which all students can mature socially, academically, and physically while developing a lifelong love of learning.

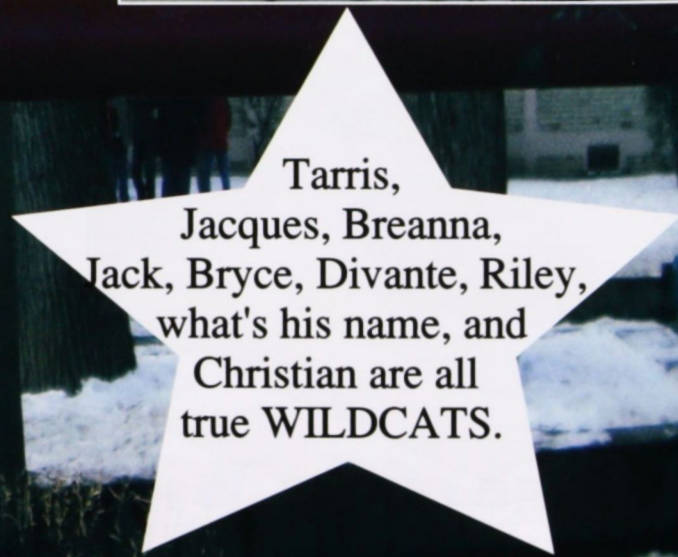
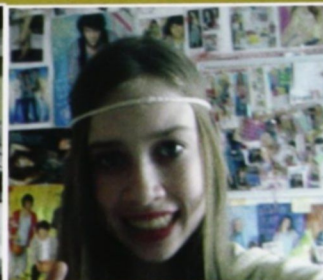
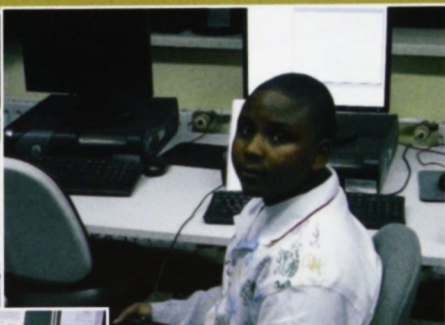
Mr. Ken Younkin, Asst. Principal




Home of the Wildcats



WELCOME TO WIESBADEN AMERICAN MIDDLE SCHOOL HOME OF THE WILD CATS



Tarris,
Jacques, Breanna,
Jack, Bryce, Divante, Riley,
what's his name, and
Christian are all
true WILDCATS.



Hi, I'm Choochie Calloway, 7th grade math teacher I just love this yearbook and its layout.

Pages 1 to 22---Introduction, clubs, activities

Pages 23 to 28---Faculty and Staff

Pages 29 to 42---6th Grade

Pages 43 to 60---7th Grade

Pages 61 to 76---8th Grade

The yearbook is closed out with 08-09 current events

.....I'm buying 2 so I can enjoy RETIREMENT.



SCHOOL LIFE IS IN!

Life is a
JOURNEY
not a
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2008-2009



NEVER CAMERA SHY
LOOK--SAME SHIRTS



CAFETERIA SCENE AND THE WALK BACK!



CATCHING UP ON THE
SUMMER GOSSIP!

NICE TO HAVE FRIENDS



LINING UP AND WAITING FOR THE A'S TO COME!



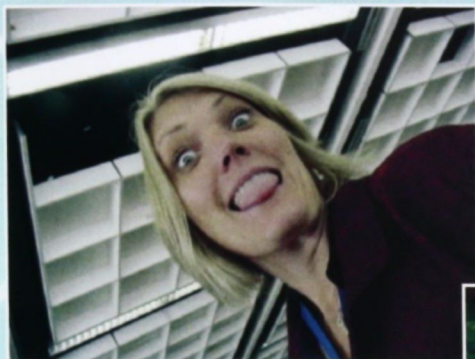
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Ms. Votipka has practiced
this smile for years!



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I WANT COURSES IN PING PONG AND EATING.

Elle leads the way....to where?



Ashley showing the way to class?



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FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

ART CLUB

Ms. Pat Schiener,
the sponsor, stands
over members:

Sophia Almendras
Elle Anderson
Jessica Hinton
Cassandra Hinton
Taniamareina Smith
Swanette Smith



These art club students have been using their talents by studying drawing, compositions, color blending, pastels, and water colors.

The cast and crew of the play Oggaline and the Time Machine practiced hard preparing for their big May performance. Congratulations to Dr. Hill, the cast and the crew members for a great job! Give us more.



Ms. Heather Pache
Denise Parker
Kim Hohmann
Gunnor Parks
Lexi Pache
Emma Gerry
Riley Pickering
Dr. Vivla Hill
Casey Mann
Milanie Solo
Juliann Hill-Dull
Haley Robinette
Benjamin Cimoli
Vanessa Beauloleil
Mikaela O'Barr
Jessiica Kleckley
Joselyn Espin
Sierra Grade
Jazmyn Mason
Kelcie Winninham



THE STUDENT COUNCIL of WIESBADEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wildcat government!!



These student council members work hard to serve the student body. The big dance of the year in February was very formal and students dressed in their best. These are the leaders who planned the dance and other school activities. Present: Tammia King, Andrew Cardenas, Secretary Melanie Solo, Treasurer Brandon Simonson, Christian Dupree, Kelly Guess, Sierra Morris, President Kirsten Dupree, and Vice-President Andriana Fleming



STUDENT COUNCIL CO-SPONSORS

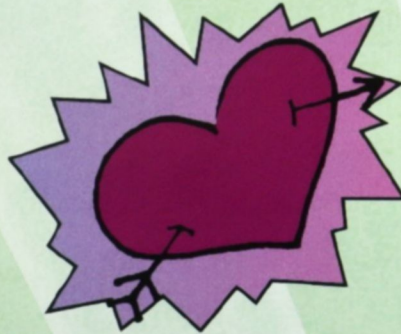
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Dr. Deena Brown



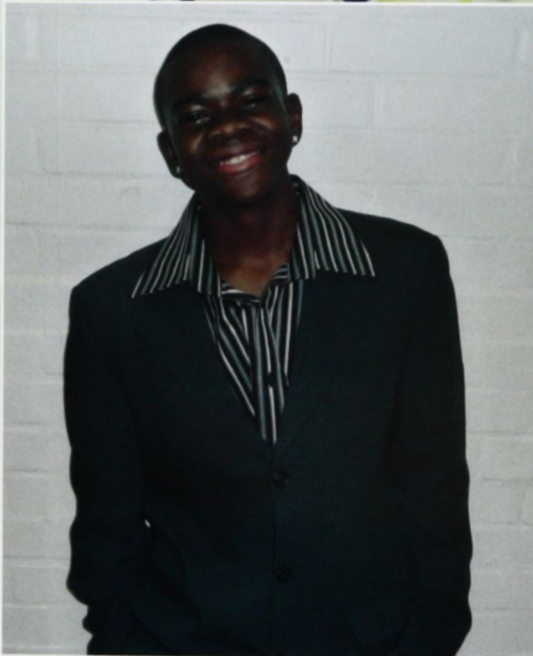
Valentines Dance

Careful, the yearbook is not responsible if you fall in love with any of the fantastic young girls and boys you will see on the following pages!



Feb. 13, 2009

Left: Kirsten has her staff decorating.
Below: Have you ever seen Antwan and Jaylin decked out like this? And gosh, look at Megan.



Stephanie,
Kareyann,
and Alyssa,
all dressed
for fun!





Colin takes time to help the PTSO president (his mom Holly Strout). This photographer had so much fun snapping the camera with so many dressed in their best!



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NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Dr. Deena Brown, Kirsten Dupree, Anna Dore, Roscoe Johnson, Sarah Gooderham, Alyssa Richmond, and Ashley Acevedo. Just one of their projects this year was the troop homcoming celebration shown in pictures on the next two pages. New member induction is April 2009.

Me, Ashley Acevedo, president of the WMS NJHS, in the same photo as my distinguished colleagues above, and with Dr. Brown, our sponsor, oh, how lucky H. and Corey.

I have terrible nightmares about geometry.



Jennifer and family!



Julio can finally relax!



Natoria is really happy.



Kayla and Lindsay with Dad.



N J H S H O M E C P R O M S E N G T C E L E B R A T I O N



Abriana welcomes her dad!
Our precious Kellys are below!



Nathan and dad are all smiles.



.....just happy, happy!





Left: Ms. Fry gets info on the NJHS program.



Right: Emily can't talk!

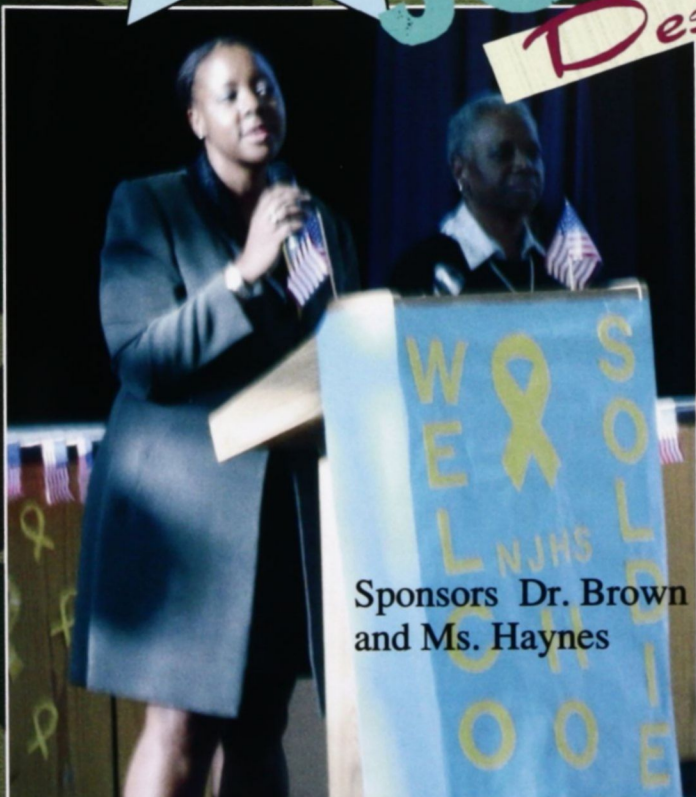


Briana: This is one of the happiest days!



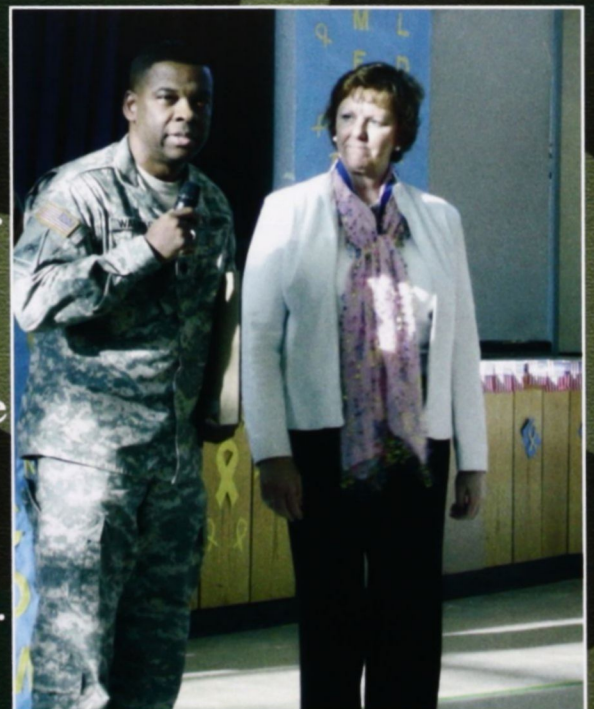
Above NJHS president Ashley Acevedo welcomes our special visitors

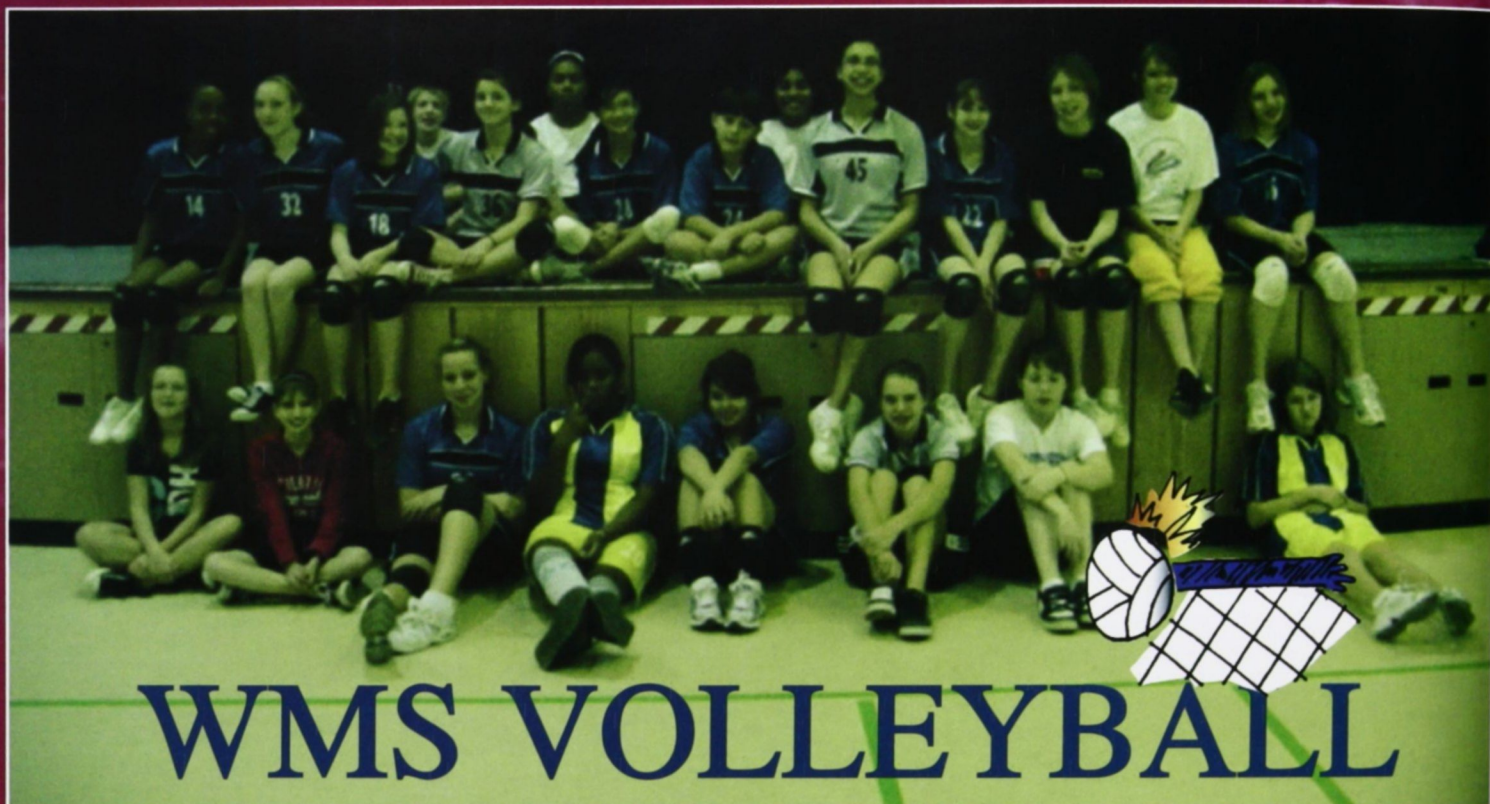
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Sponsors Dr. Brown and Ms. Haynes

Lt. Col. Walker thanks Ms. Venglik and the school for taking care of the "kids" while they were gone.





WMS VOLLEYBALL

Our middle school volleyball team coached by Ms. Linnea Velsvaag and assistant Ms. Holly Root, trainers Jae Coates, Tyler Haner, Chelsea Simonson and numerous other WMS alumni, compiled an amazing 32-12 record this season. This speaks of an amazing team and a great coaching staff! The team roster follows: Michelle Benjamin, soophia Berardi, Trevor Brown, Robyn Carrin, Rayne Davis, Johana DeArmas-Ventura, Abriana DelTufo, Christian Dupree, Kirsten Dupree, Jenna Eidem, Sarah Griffith, Sarah Howard, Fred Jerry, Ashlyn Kelly, Maria Medina, Alyssa Moncrief, Andrew Motuapuaka, Army Motuapuaka, Holland Murphree, Mikaela O'Barr, Maya Paoustovski, Denise Parker, Sidney Paulson, Zoe Reeves, alyssa Richmond, Haley Robinette, Branden Simonson, Melanie Solo, Gianne Soriano, Madison Talbert, Kaitlyn Velsvaag, and Kirsten Velsvaag.

WMS RECYCLING CLUB



Alex, Damon, Wallace, Bryce, Brandon,
Sierra, Michelle, Ashley, Corey

Ricky, BJ, Emily, Melanie, Denise, Kirsten, Casey

Let's get rid of the school recyclable paper and do a good deed for our environment. That is the code of the club and the proud members are pictured. They freely gave up some of their seminar time to accomplish this task! Sponsor: Mr. Thomas

A D V A N C E D B A N D



BAND MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily, Samantha, Katy, Kirsten, David, Leela, Kaitlyn, Alfred, Kirsten, Roscoe, Jacob, Jaylin, Cory, Caleb, Max.



BAND
DIRECTOR
JENA
HANCOCK



PERFECTION
NEVER ENDS!



Kaitlyn

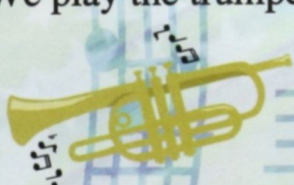


Kirsten



Jaylin

We play the trumpet:



Luis Camacho
Taylor Ferguson
Jonathan Flynn
Lewis Gompers
Martin Hurst
William Lee
Carlos Walker
Brett Wisti
Everrick Wright

Saxophone:



Julio Cales-Rodriguez
Sarah Griffin
Timmia King
Eric Moran
Darren Williams

Trombone:



Robert Kern

Flute:

Katelyn Clapp
Kai Hohman
Cristian Majewski
Cherokee Shafer

Clarinet:

Kristian Cardenas
Jordan Denzine
Kelly Guess
Darren Lyons
Michael O'Brien
Victoria Pettis
Kayla Stayler



Just me, Leke'dra Leath,
on the French horn!



Percussion:

Go ahead, you find the baritone horn of Evan Line!

Daeon Kwamane



INTERMEDIATE BAND

BEGINNING BAND



Saxophone

Jon Abbott
 Quentin Coleman
 Cassandra Hinton
 Jolee Jennings
 Devon Lyons
 Deion McCathern
 Fallasha Mercer
 Dakota Wheeler
 Percussion
 Christian Dupree
 Matthew Franklin
 Fred Jerry
 Army Motuapuaka



Trumpet

Richard Acevedo
 Daniel Boehme
 K.K. Boateng
 Paige Collier
 Gabrielle Dore
 Kai Fleming
 Juliann Hill-Dull
 Jessica Rojas
 Jacques Satterwhite
 Gawain Staggs
 Zachary Stephan
 Flute
 Victoria Brandt
 Jenna Eidem
 Cassidy Honish
 Megan Mattner
 Mikaela O'Barr

Clarinet

Vanessa Beausoleil
 Nathan Cox
 Alannis Duchanase
 Jason Fisico
 Andy Garcia
 Alexis Gaitan
 Jessica Hinton
 Elizabeth Holland
 Benjamin Reckmeyer
 Ambrosia Senegal
 Tania Smith
 Madison Talbert
 Thomas Valenzuela
 Kelcie Winningham

French Horn
 Mohave Nick

Bassoon

Sarah Kelley
 Emma Gerry
 Jonathan Headley

Oboe

Hunter Dopkin
 Nate Hohman

Trombone

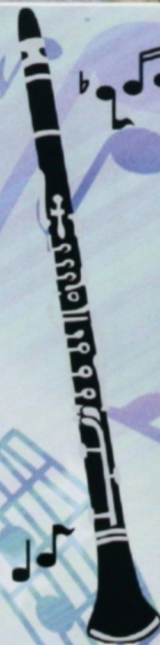
Megan Jarrell
 Jason Rodriguez

Tuba

Alexander Ferguson

Baritone Horn

Hunter St. Peter



DANCE BAND



Every Wednesday, after school, a person would think somebody had left a radio on, but no, it is the Wiesbaden Middle School dance band practicing, and they sound GOOD! Directed by Ms. Jena Hancock, the members are Alyssa Richmond, Kelly Guess, Katelyn Reynolds, Katelyn Clapp, Kirsten Velsvaag, Matt Redmon, Evan Line, Corey Maisch, Sarah Howard, Sarah Griffith, Kirsten Depree, Jacob Sanchez, Roscoe Jamson Taylor Ferguson, Alfred Johnson, and Kaitlyn Velsvaag. Good work!



On March 5th and 6th, 2009, the Wildcat Honors Band went on a trip to.....

It's off to Heidelberg we go, to Heidelberg, to Heidelberg for the honor to play with other honor bands and to show them how much better we are! Above: Katelyn Clapp, David Dean, Tristan Dmitrijev, Kirsten Dupree, Taylor Ferguson, Sarah Griffith, Kelly Guess, Kai Hohman, Nikishia Henry, Sarah Howard, Alfred Johnson, Roscoe Johnson, Evan Line, Corey Maisch, Caleb Parker, Victoria Pettis, Matthew Redmon, Katelyn Reynolds, Alyssa Richmond, Leela Robles, Samantha Ryan, Jacob Sanchez, Emily Sarsok, Max Sarsok, Kirsten Velsvaag, Tre Walker, Kelly Wilson, and Jaylin Wvatt

HONORS BAND



WITH

S O W U I T M D M I N O G O or R W A L C K L I U N G B

Here are sweet swimmer smiles: Jessica & Vanessa

Nathan wants to know if anyone has seen his goggles.

In my other life, I'm a mermaid, Macy, Jessica, & Vanessa



Now this is a group to marvel: Jeffrey, Nathan, Danny, Ashtin, Michelle, Jennifer, Rebecca, Lisa, Zoe, Macey, Jessica, and Vanessa. GEEEE, the water is great!!!

Group shot smiling at the Cemetery?? Volksmarch to the "Red Baron" gravesite. Then below bottom: Ms. Votipka with Elle and leaves in the air, Kayla is fearlessly leading the way while Megan, Kareyann, Maya enjoy their leaf collection.



CHRISTMAS MARKET WITH Ms. VOTIPKA

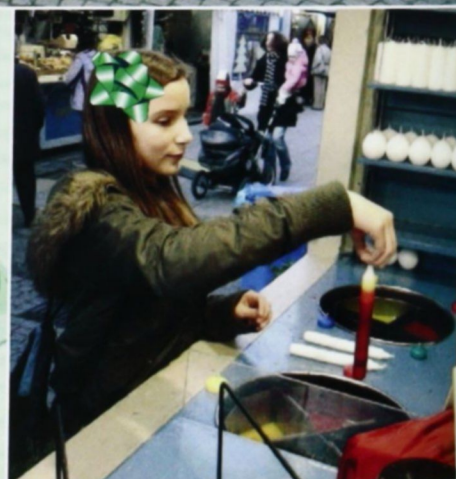
The Outdoor Ed. Christmas market trip with Ms. Votipka.



Julianne dipping her candle at the Christmas Market.



Macy riding the merry-go-round at the Christmas Market.



Some of the kids made a giant snowball on the way



Trevor, Melanie, and Sarah at the Christmas Market...



6th Graders getting Glasses engraved at the Christmas Market



The 6th graders posing for the camera at the Christmas Market.

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Fred, Vincent, and Sierra promise not to tip over Ms. Votipka's boat!



Jeff, Danny, Jennifer, and Kelcie prepare to brave the waters.

CANOEING THE RHEIN RIVER WITH THE WMS OUTDOOR CLUB

Chaperones: Dr. Jerez, Mrs. Widdicombe, Dr. Nielsen and, of course, the sponsor, Ms. Votipka. Canoers are Rachel, Vincent, Caleb, Jeffrey, Chris, Zoe, Vanessa, Jon, Caleb, Sierra, Haley, and Sarah. Front row: Fred, Hunter, Danny, Kelcie, Jennifer, and Michelle



".....Next year, we do the rapids, that'll be fun!" stated Ms. Votipka when asked



Alexis and Ambrosia are great friends-----forever!



Brandi and Briana showing off their fancy baked goods in FCS class.



Manny and his innocent look!



No Daniel, this is Heather's and Alyssa's picture.



Briana: Add one cup of salt.

I don't know any Heather!



Hi Sara, remember WMS?

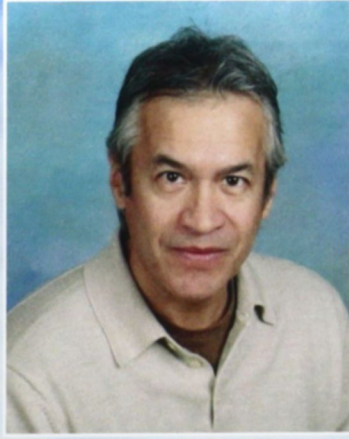
WHAT A YEAR!

FACULTY
AND
STAFF





Amy Ahrens



Ben Arcila



Mely Arnold



Peggy Baird



David Bruce



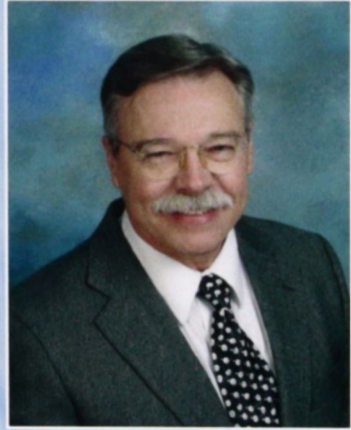
Clara Calloway



Trenecia Curry



Cynthia Fry



Tom Gothia



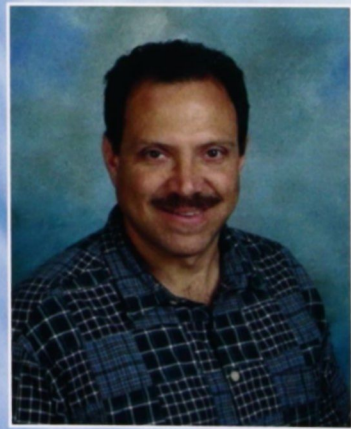
Aileen Griffin



Jena Hancock



Vivla Ray Hill



Jaime Jerez



Sally Jones



Ed Jude



Donna Kimelman



David Lawrence



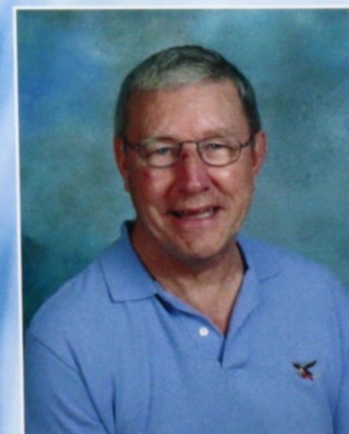
Maresa Laxa



Tracey Leath



Peggy Lee



David Leighninger



LaVera Long



Denise Majewski



Charmaine Massingill



Chuck McCarter



Christie Morrison



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Nadia Ponte



Pat Schiener



Christopher Thomas



Jane Tucker



Laura Votipka-Albrecht



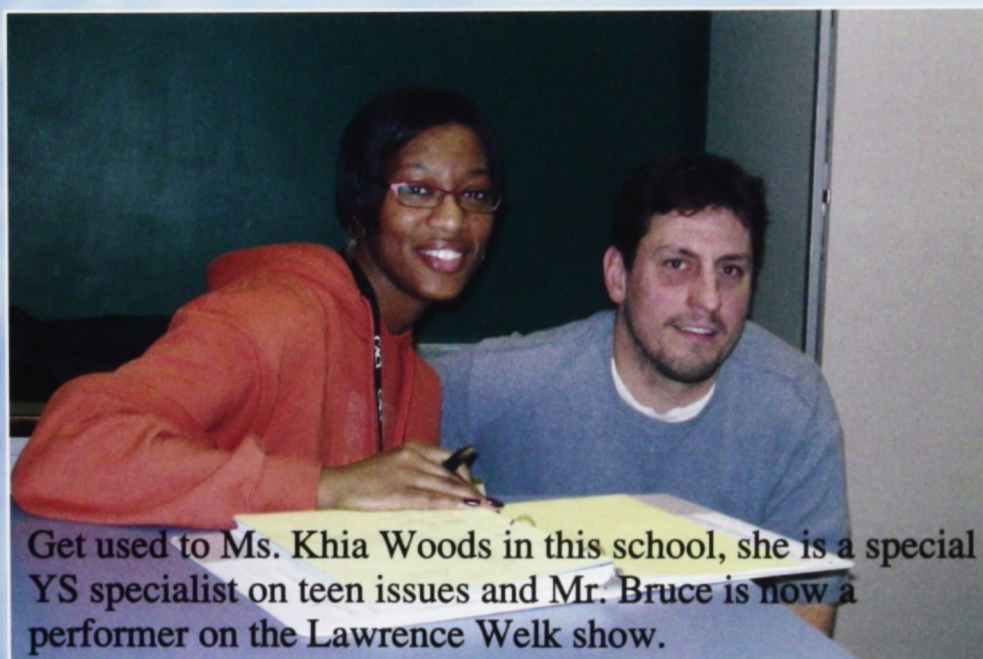
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Kari Willman



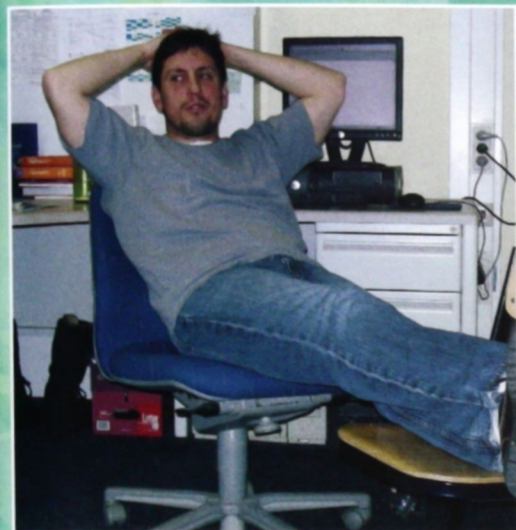
Mr. Walt Lee (above) apologizes that he was not present for picture day but BK was calling. He actually is a very busy supply specialist! Truly, you all know the magnificent Ms. Votipka and our great nurse, Ms. Laxa.



Get used to Ms. Khia Woods in this school, she is a special YS specialist on teen issues and Mr. Bruce is now a performer on the Lawrence Welk show.

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Needless to say, Mr. Bruce feels comfortable with Geometry, Mr. Mike Gerrittson is simply awesome and teaches AVID, journalism, and reading, and just transferred to a new job as the school educational technologist. Ms. Calloway AGAIN, well, she's well-dressed in the latest fashions and beyond a doubt a great math teacher. She's thinking about retirement this school year, but who knows, she might miss us and change her mind.



Mr. Gothia is thinking he can catch a few ZZZZ's between classes!



Ms. Baird (above) is presently the 7th grade science teacher and brings her glasses to school for washing. Ms. Tucker (below) is the 7th grade Language Arts teacher and a long-time, true Wildcat. Dr. Nielsen (left) is a fantastic school counselor.



O U R T E A C H E R S



Ms. Fran Correa, Speech Pathologist



I could go into Texas politics anytime I want states Mr. Dave Lawrence who teaches 8th grade English but fancies social studies and contemporary issues.

To the right is a young Mick Jagger. "I sing as well and play the guitar much better but I can't figure out why he gets paid so much!" Mr. Dave Bruce seemed to be saying.



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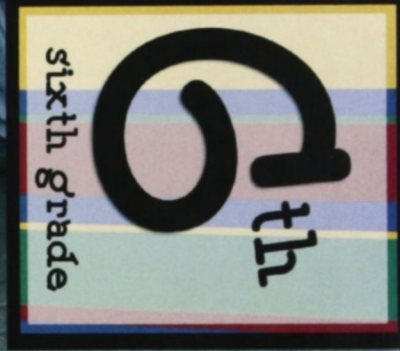
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Ms. Pat Schiener teaches a "mean" 6th grade social studies class.

PE, Health, Dance, or Martial Arts quizzes Dr. Jaime Jerez?







Johnathan Allen



Sophia Almendras



Elle Anderson



Justin Attaway



Jacklyn Ballard



Kareyann Balsamo



Lindsay Baumgartner



Joshua Beachnau



Vanessa Beausoleil



Francisca Benavides



Danny Berardi



Kwakyewa Boateng



Daniel Boehme



Victoria Brandt



Kristian Cardenas



Martin Caspary-Smith



Paige Collier



James Collins



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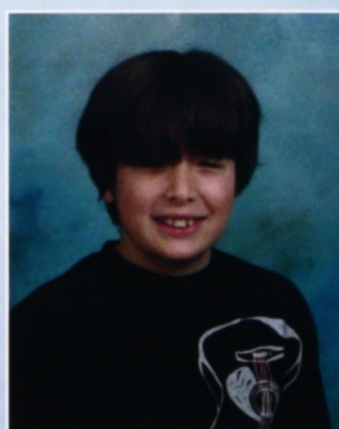
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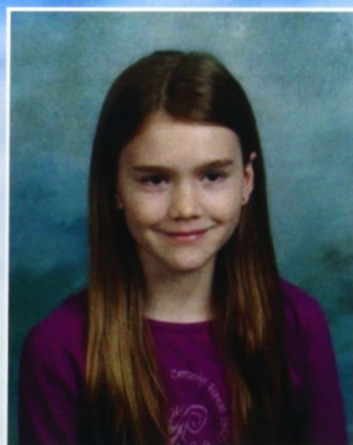
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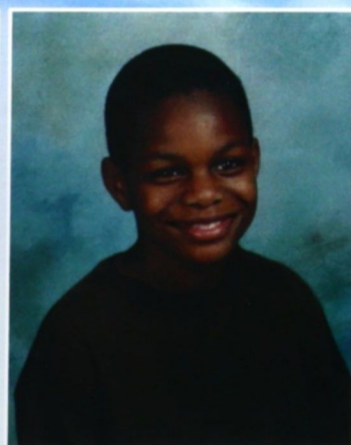
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Elizabeth Holland



Rachel Hollars



Cassidy Honish



Evan Hosman



Jennifer Hoy



Kalyn James



Megan Jarrell



Jolee Jennings



Fred Jerry



Brandon Kelly



Kaitlyn Kelly



Rebecca
Kempner-Strehlow



Jessica Kennedy



Jessica Kleckley



Joshua Kratt



Lauren Kuhlenschmidt



Anna Kutterer



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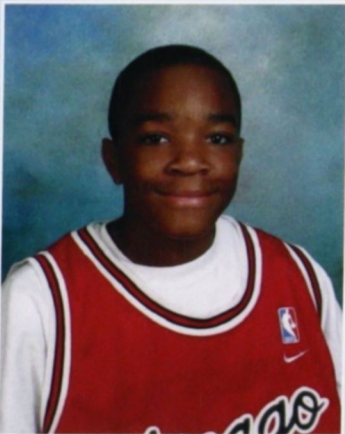
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Loimata Motuapuaka



Holland Murphree



Mojave Nick



Kourtney Nunnery



Mikaela O'Barr



Maya Paoustovski



Isavel Papa



Major Parsons



Kevin Patrick



Sara Pickard



Ricky Pickering



Nasir Player



Igor Popov



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Christine Reyessunga



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Selena Romero



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Samuel Salvo



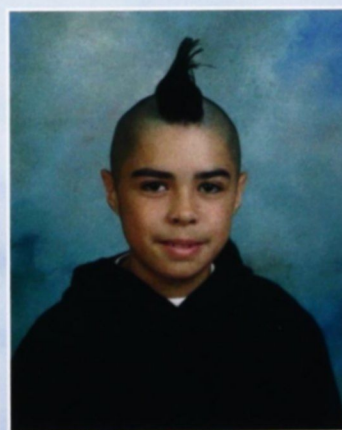
Kitanna Shafer



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Hunter St.Peter



Gawain Staggs



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Macy Stevens



Madison Talbert



Janice Teschner



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Nathan Welch



Christopher Whaley



Dakota Wheeler



Jennifer Widdicombe



Anthony Williams



Bailey Willis



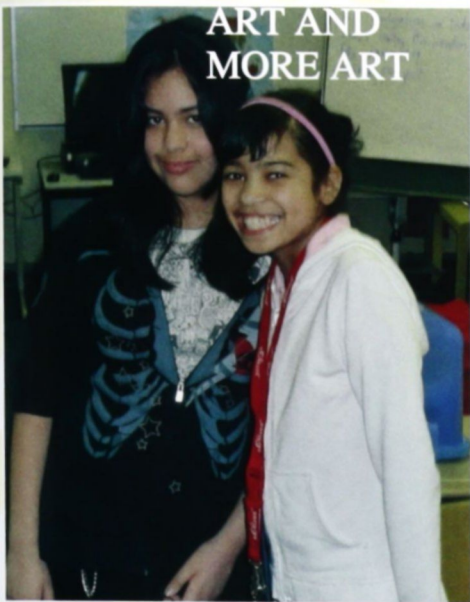
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Class of
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ART AND
MORE ART



Kyle Barry new student



Jacklyn loves keyboarding.

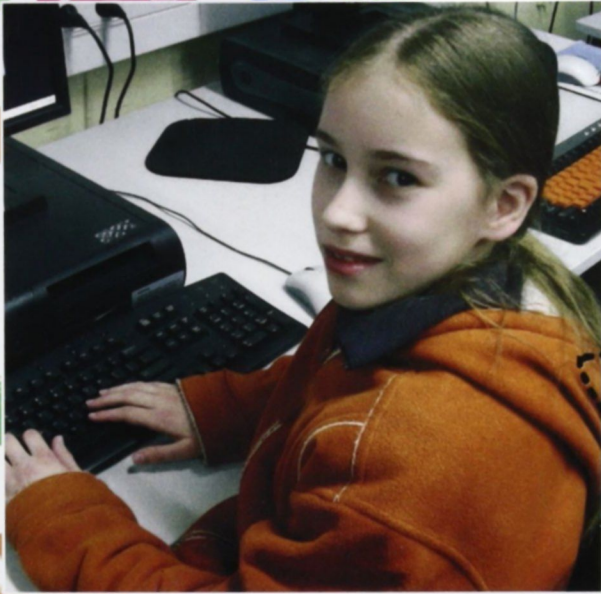


ANXIOUS KEYBOARDING STUDENTS

Above Holland and Kristian just crazy about typing while Brandon and Nate are a little more reserved. Richard Pickering is the best typist in his family!



We're too tired to pick up trash!



Do I really have to take this picture ?



If we smile, he will leave us alone.

2007 OF



Dude, you're looking the wrong way !



Um mm ? Can we finish our work ?



Um mm Is it picture time?



Anybody want to play basketball today?



Wanna see an awesome Science teacher?? Visit Ms. Morrison's 6th grade science class!

.....she seems to be telling the kids science is NOT like using the telephone, I'TS A PUZZLE, a person has to think and think a lot.

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WE ALWAYS HAVE FUN IN SOCIAL STUDIES

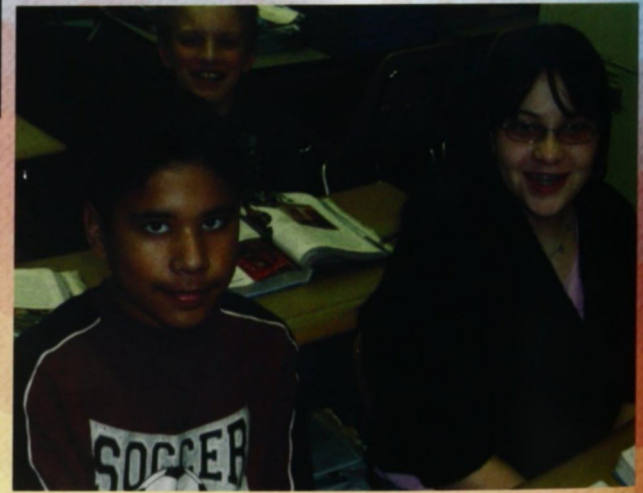


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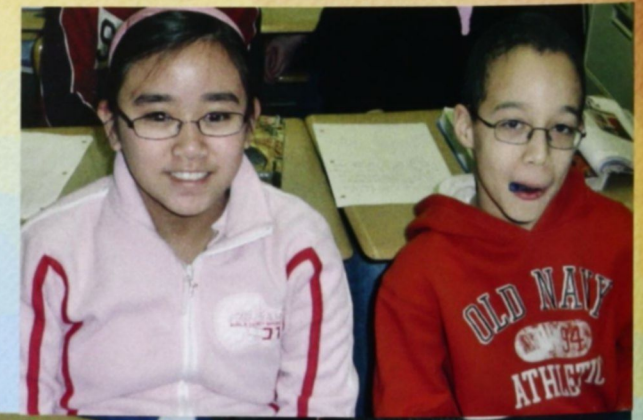
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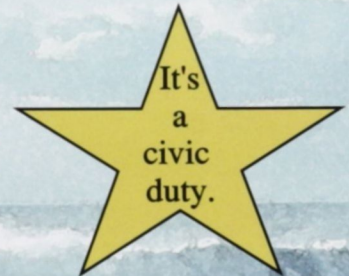
Brandon





HA HA, HEH, HEH, THAT IS SOOOO FUNNY!

Nathan Cox
Kourtney Nunnery
Tania Smith
Mojave Nick
Jon Abbott
Elle Anderson
Megan Jarrell
Holland Murphree
Jessica Kleckley
Megan Mattner
Juliann Hill-Dull



Feb. 28, 2009

"What, you want us to do what??" the above group yelled simultaneously.
"That's right," replied Ms. Votipka, I want you to all to go outside and pick up trash around the school. It's a public duty."

The Outdoor Club is sponsored by Ms. Votipka who just sparkles in her time spent with our WMS younsters. Congratulate her when you pass by and tell her that you appreciate her extra efforts to make WMS a learning place but also a fun place. From the many activities to the outdoor trash collecting, there is no grass growing under her shoes.



Well, we have the trash, now what? Above: Elle Anderson, Juliann Hill-Dull, Holland, Murphee, Megan Jarrell, Tania Smith, and Megan Mattner.

The Outdoor Club strikes again!

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FACES
with
PERSONALITY



March 3, 2009

SUPER
WILDCAT
DRAWING



seventh grade
7th



Jon Abbott



Richard Acevedo



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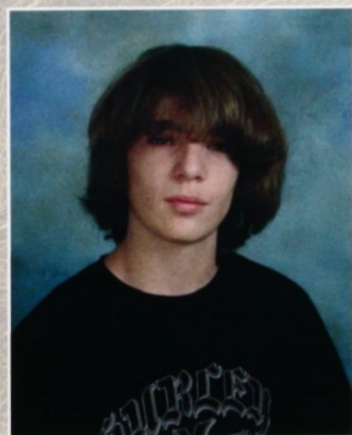
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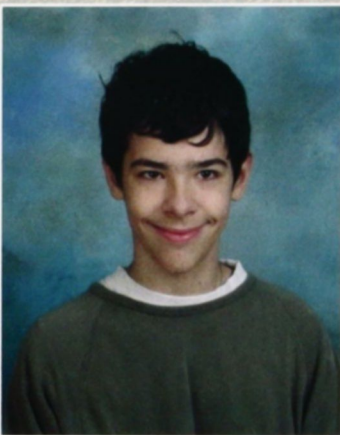
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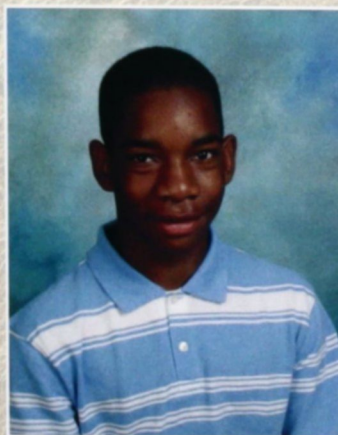
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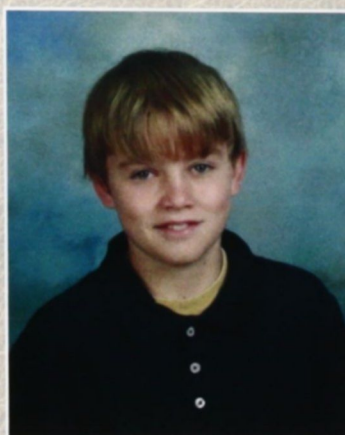
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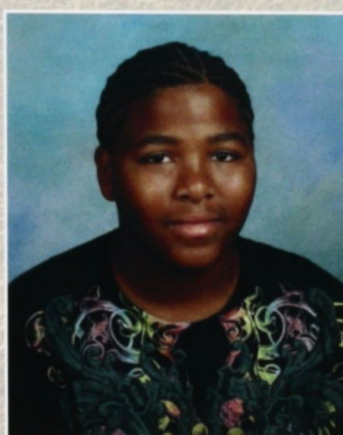
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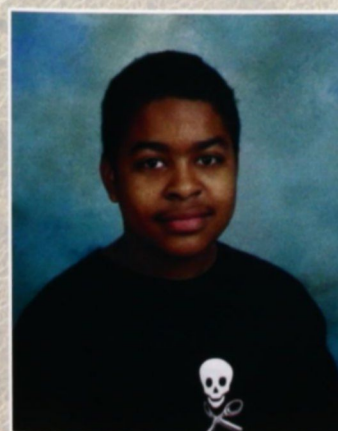
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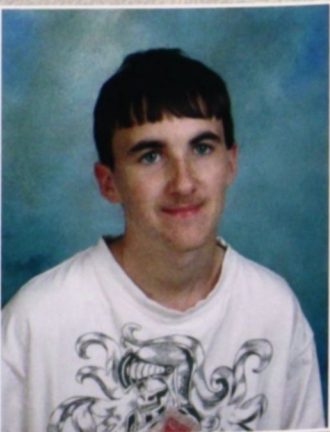
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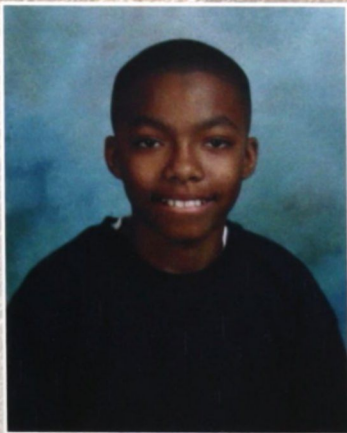
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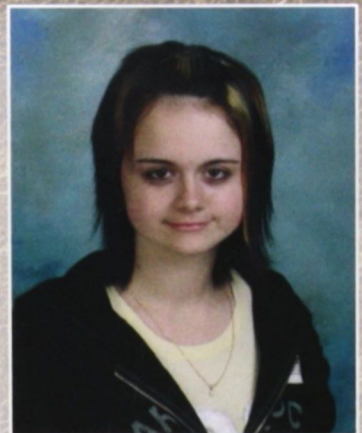
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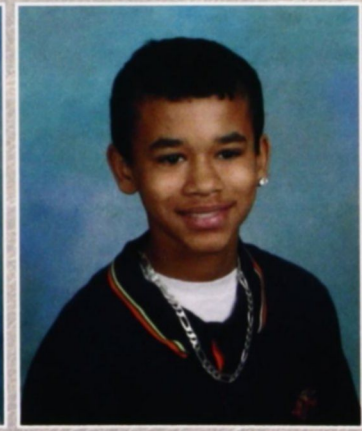
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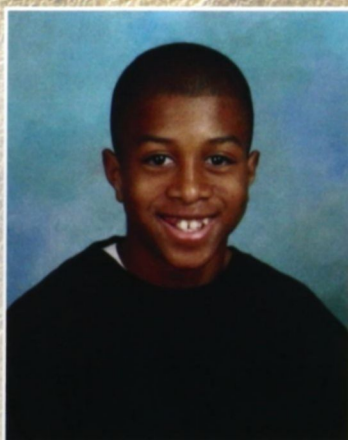
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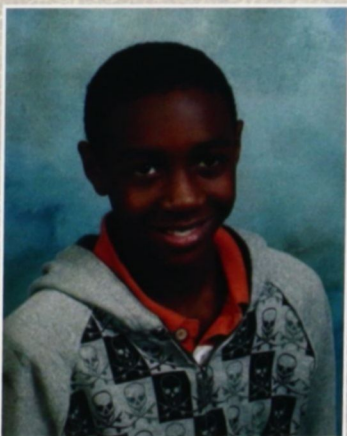
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Jonah Mitchell



Tarris Mitchell



Wesley Moncrief



Markus Moore



Eric Moran



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Frances Pache



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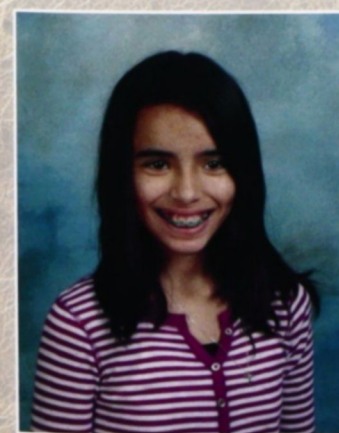
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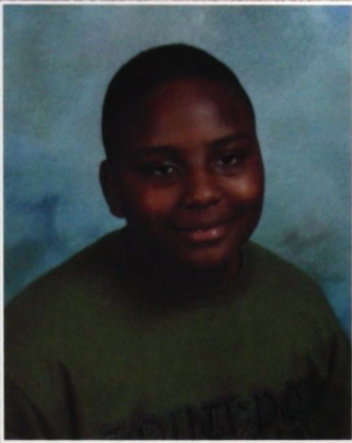
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Jacques Satterwhite



Chad Seitz



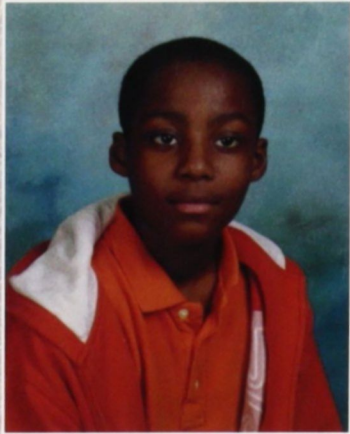
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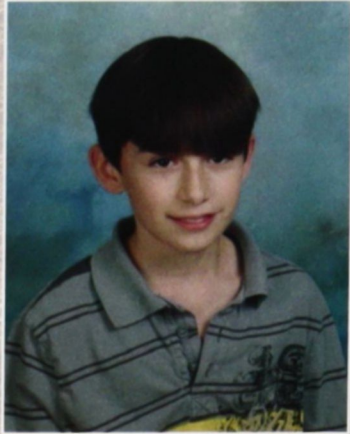
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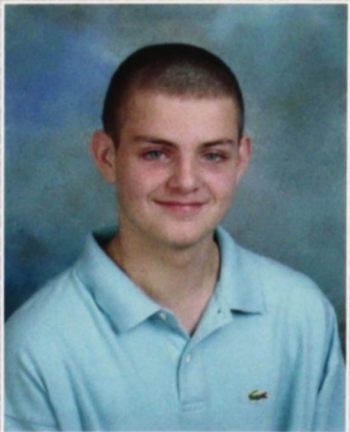
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Skyler St.Peter



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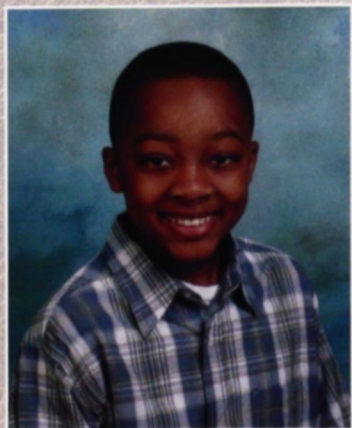
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Janine Welch



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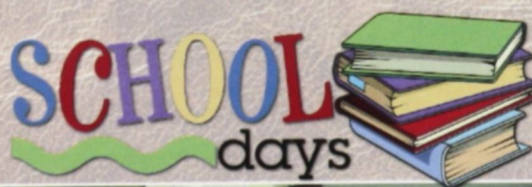
Kameron Willis



Brett Wisti



Everrick Wright



Fallasha is a cool dude



SUPER★

J U S T C H I L D R E N O U T



Yes. Montel you can eat your cookies now.



Zack and Zanovia were afraid of the cameras!



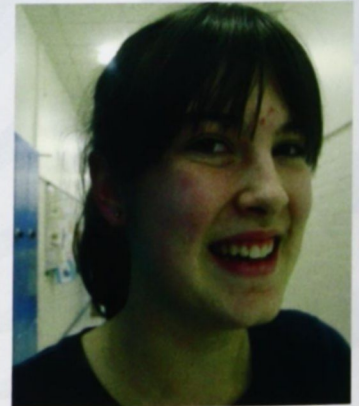
Taryn is on her way home with a smile!



Emily and Amanda blaming the other person.



Alexis and Ambrosia know how to smile for a camera.



Breanna hanging out in the hall.



Sidney and Kelly are taking a quick break from dancing.



The 7th grade Avid class listening in on one of their classmates.



Alex is taking a quick reading break to look at the camera.

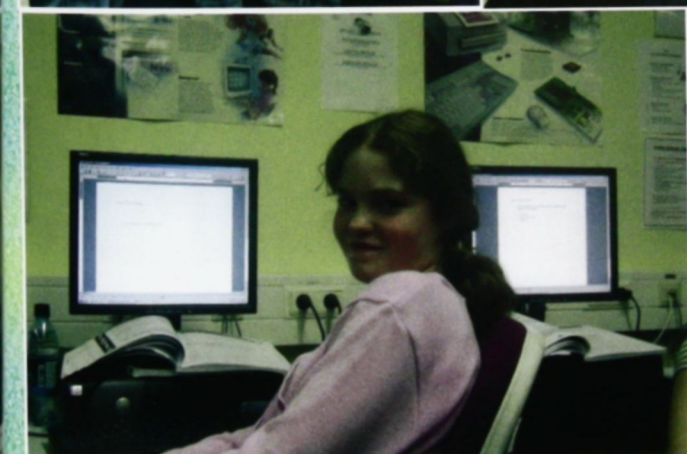


Marcus and Marquise finally doing their work.

Memories
ARE 4 *ever*



Frances and Swanette are kinda quite and shy and if they speak at all, it's just to say hi! Shane, Richard, Zachary, and Fallashia seem to say we're here, now what? Jessica is just absolutely awesome while Ms. Calloway got back on task!

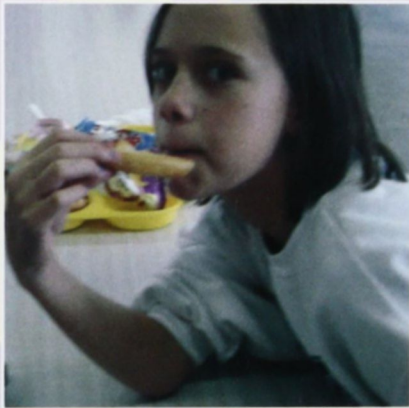


Shuana is better than her older sister, Darien, Manny, and Rodney are great business enterprise students, Mr. Gothia's head (use magnifying glass to see his name), and inseparable friends Robyn and Ambrosia are friends forever.





Zanovia and Alexis hanging out together!.



DELICIOUS!



Maybe being a little dressed isn't that bad!



It's always good to have a laugh in WMS !



Studying and eating ? That's a great idea!



High-Five Cody!



Aren't you supposed to be paying attention in class ?



Looks like some people were not ready for a picture !



Peek- a boo ! I can see you



Vicki wants Ashlyn to get off of her and Ashlyn wants Diamond to get off of her!

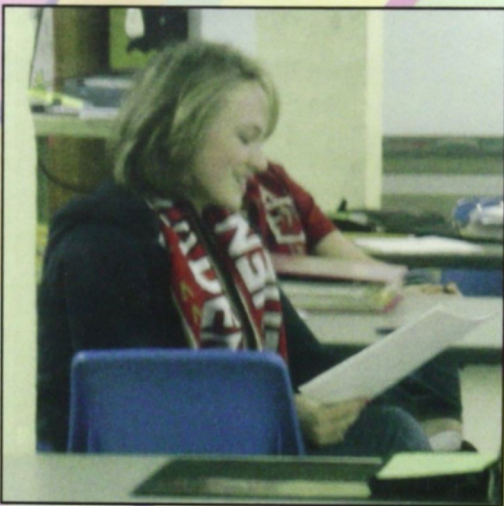
FACES
with
PERSONALITY



Kayla and Janine waiting to catch the bus after school.



Robyn stealing a look at the camera during class.



Amanda reading her paper to the class.



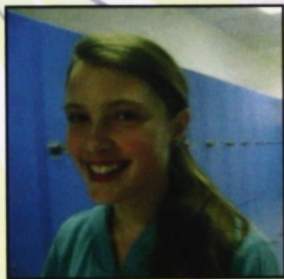
Robbie, Jonah, and Emily in newcomers group



Wesley and Chad catching up on their homework.



Cody listening to Mr. Gerritson in AVID class.



Katelyn going to her next class.



Jon and Devon working hard in Art class.



Smile Tiffany!



FLOWER POWER



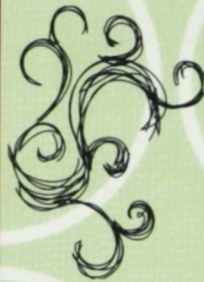
Mr. Jude growling for the camera.



Briana, Angelica, Jenna, and Cassidy are hangin' out at lunch



Stefan and Sierra are taking a quick break during class.



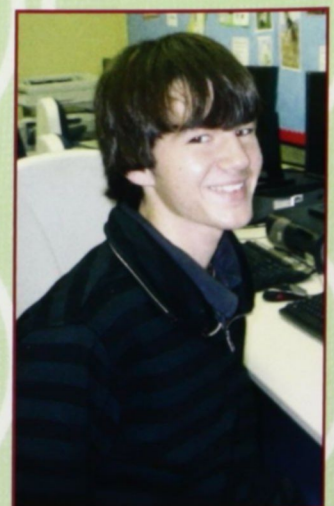
Kami didn't pay for the picture with Branden!



Christian, Sidney, and Sara hangin' out after school



Uh. . . .

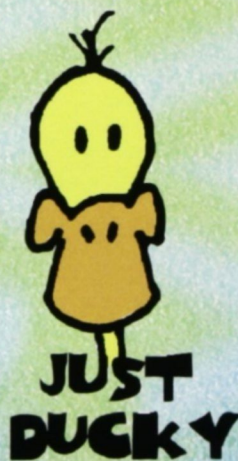


Anthony is taking a quick look at the camera.

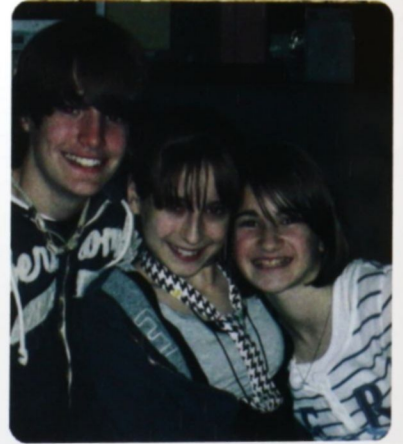
A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



Ashlyn and Diamond are best friends, Darren and Jeremy are great business enterprise students and we wonder how Marcel is doing in Montana. Raven and Martin are very solid 7th graders and Keonte gettng ready.



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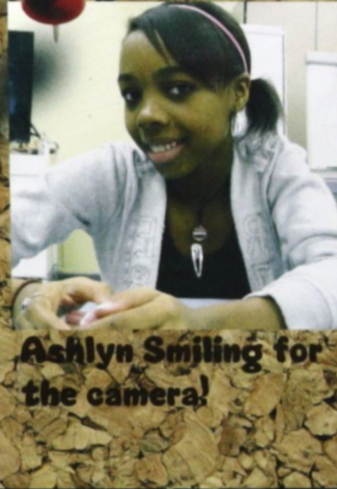
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TODAY



Class of
2014



**Only one more year at
here at WMS then off
to high school.**



**Ashlyn Smiling for
the camera!**



Hi to you too!



**A group of middle
schoolers hanging out!**



**Tiffany and Asya taking
a break from class!**



Which Song to choose

**Don't forget
the test
tomorrow.**



**Marquise and Marcus
helping each other out!**



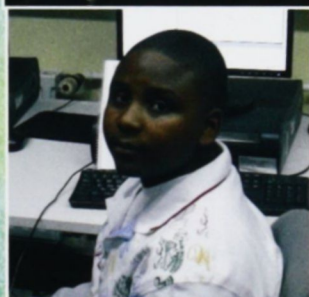
**Sara will always be there
even though far away!**



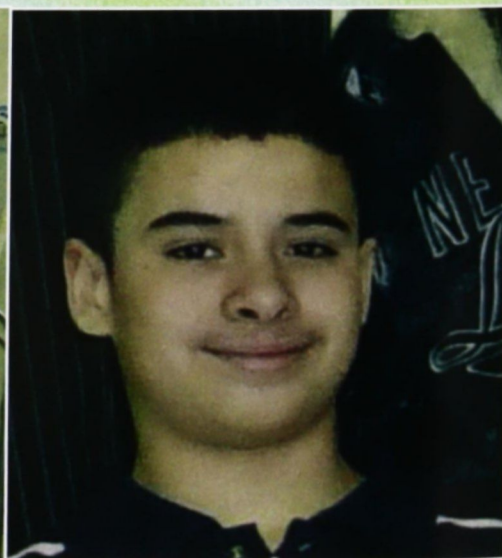
Wave Emily!



Good friends until the end.



Brandon and Brandon, "Wow, let's all join the Wahoo Swim Team and have lots of fun, win medals, and make friends." Kyle and Richard said, "No, we'll pass and just be actors," Victoria is not impressed.

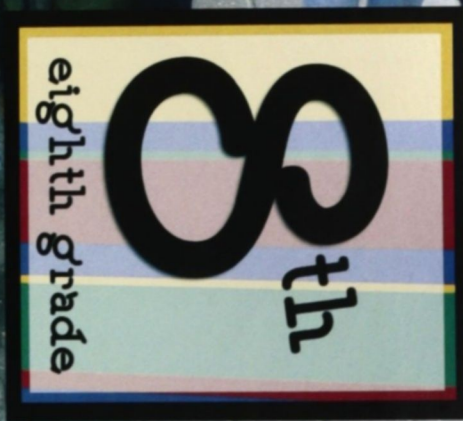


We're going to the dance!

Who is this Majewski kid and his Wahoo friends?



It's cold, rather
be in Texas





Ashley Acevedo



Jerome Aulgur



Stephanie Balsamo



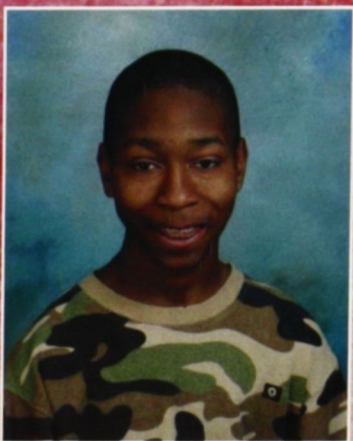
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Michelle Benjamin



Sophia Berardi



Freddie Blue



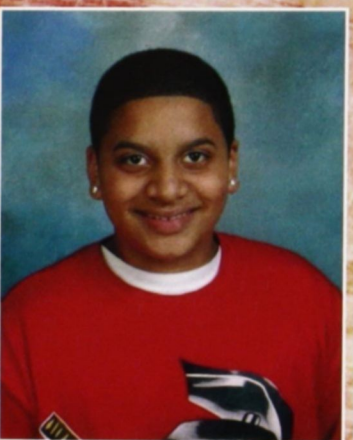
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Christopher Bradford



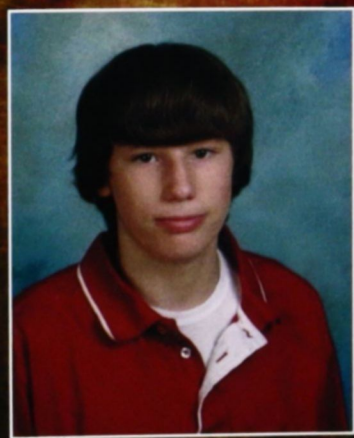
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Anthony Brown



Trevor Brown



Jessie Byrd



Andrew Cardenas



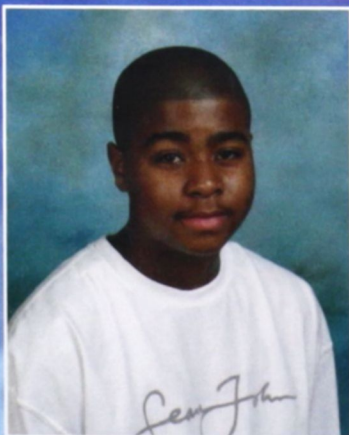
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Hallie Cornell



Constance Dandridge



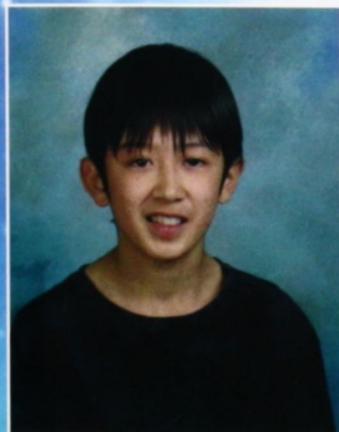
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Jessie Davis



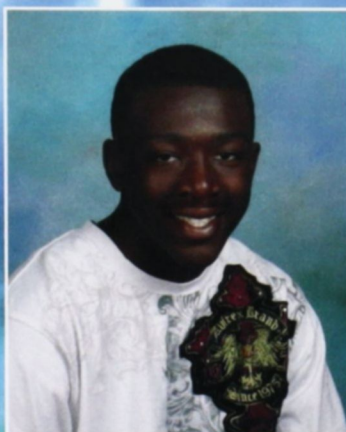
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David Dean



Johana
DeArmas-Ventura



Nigel Deas



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Tony Escobar



Joselyn Espin-Martinez



Taylor Ferguson



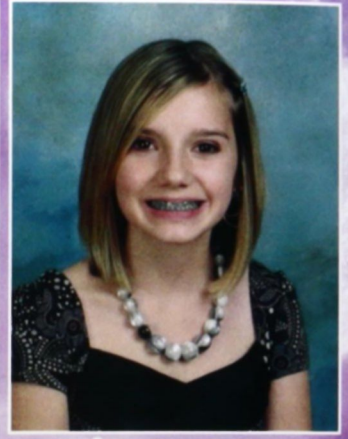
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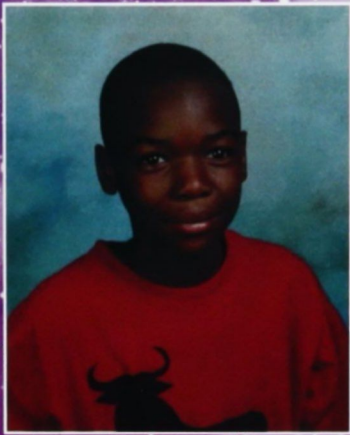
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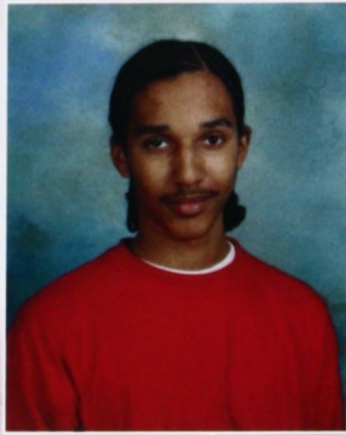
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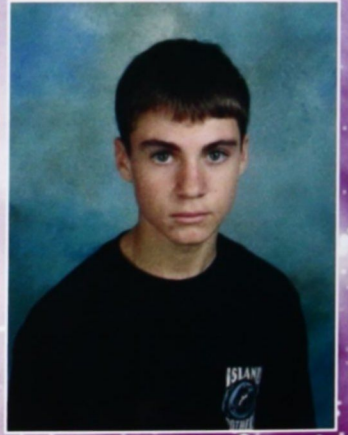
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Martin Hall



Joshua Halsted



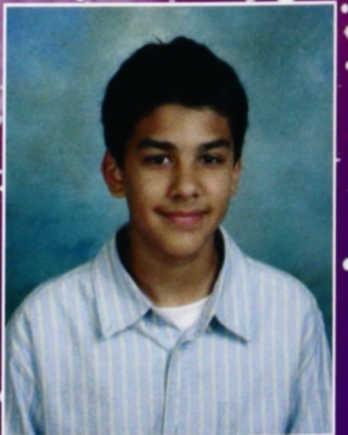
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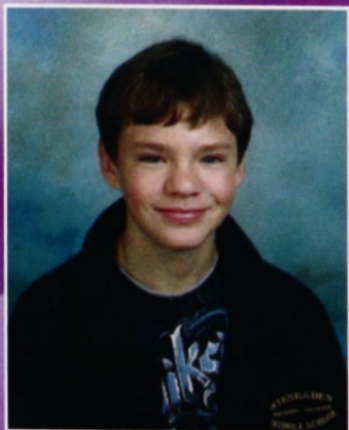
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Antonio Hodgson



Douglas Holland



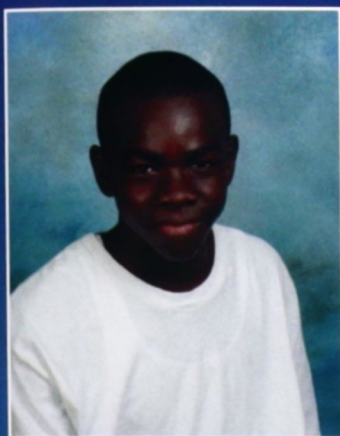
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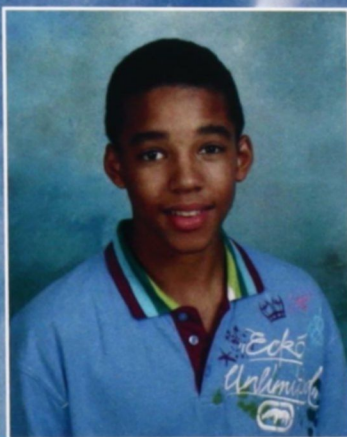
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Alfred Johnson



Byron Johnson



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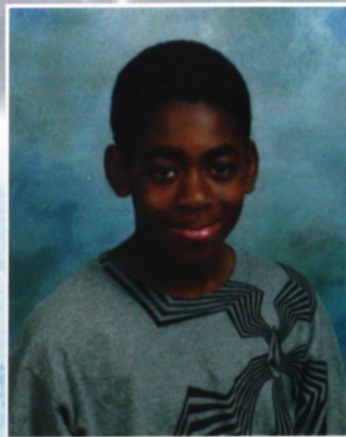
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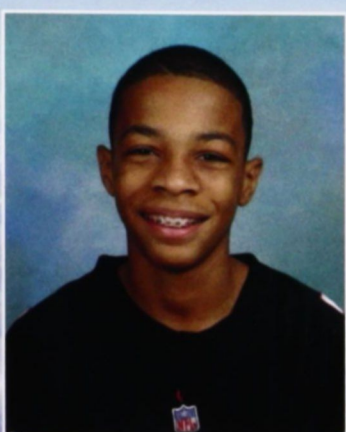
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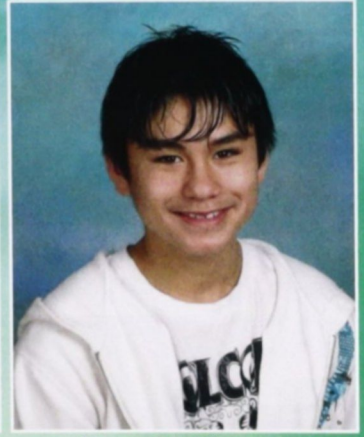
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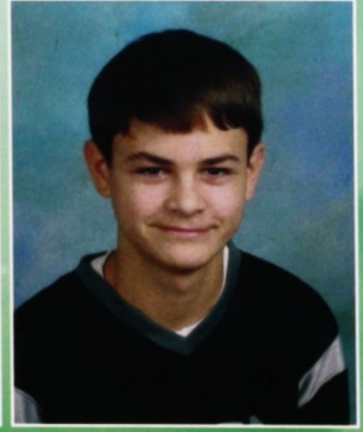
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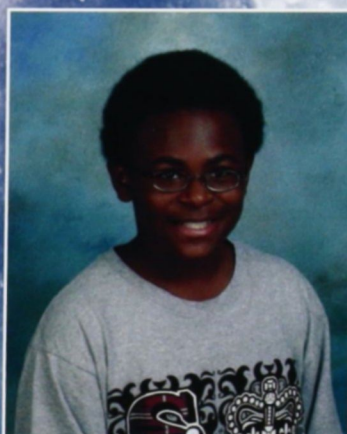
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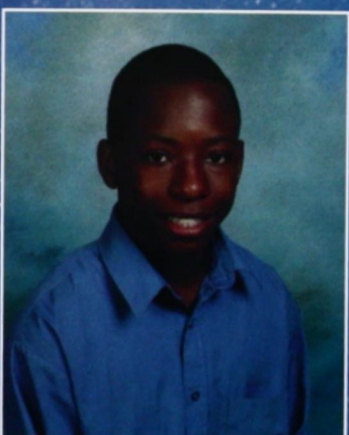
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Morganne Warf



Jamal Warfield



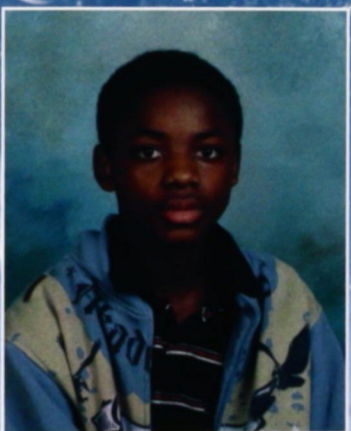
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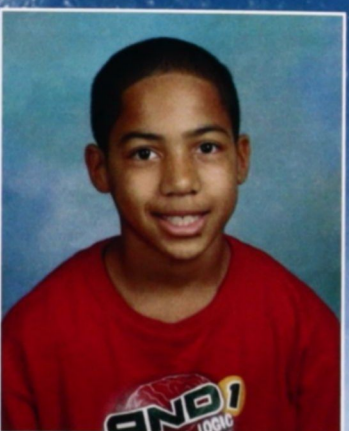
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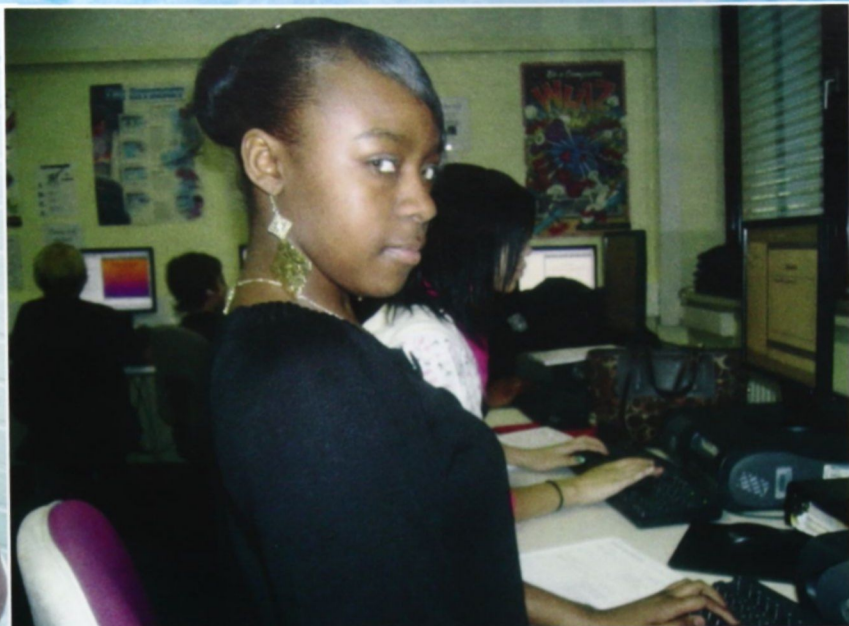


Dimitri Yep-Crawford



Miles Younkin





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Michelle and Samantha are cool 8th graders, Jada is Ms. Lovely, no words for Melonie, Emari clowning around, while Denise, Antwan, and Anthony are in AWE!



ALL GEARED UP!

GEOMETRY W/BRUCE

What possesses students to take a course like Geometry in middle school?? You have to ask these high achievers:

Hallie Cornell
Sarah Gooderham
Miles Younkin
Chris Bradford
Kirsten DuPree



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Oh, yes, we will miss these friendly smiles!

Gradespeed Michelle



Mr. Jude: I'm tired of these poses!
Kaylynn and Jerome are serious!





Let's keep Josh here, he's #1!

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Ashley, Jada, and Emari are three of the young ladies of the 8th grade and have wonderful personalities.

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No Dad, I just start feeling this way at the end of the day Daniel Mattner was thinking.

Ashley just stands in the hallway.



My Terra Nova scores have always been high quoted Jack. Allie and Omari arrived late in the school year but they are remembered.

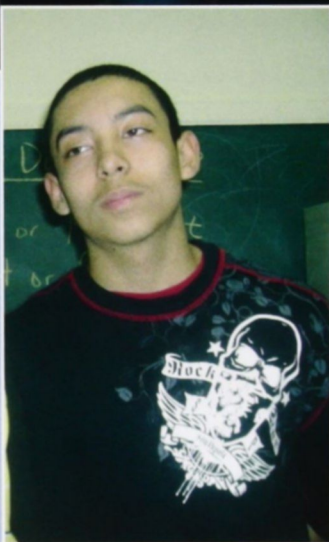




The group, above left, taught Mr. Jude well, should have been the other way around! Riley, Anthony, Emari, and Trae have great personalities.

Above, new student directly from Florida, Lauren Barry.

Finally, Jacob and Jada can be heard around the hallway and, of course, Damon, just absolutely awesome!



Andrew and Jazmyn sharing a joke.



Caleb and Max each spell success!



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The above group just happened to be one of the U.S. History classes this year. I bet the teacher who had them really was happy most of the time. Now they did not talk much during discussions but that does not mean they were not talkers. Great class! Below are just three of the wonderful students hanging out in the hallways this year, Anthony Brown, Michelle Benjamin, and Caroline Doby.





Casey, Sidney, Heather, and Brittany just hanging out on the side of the dance floor

We dressed in our best just to get in the yearbook. Now we have to pay \$30.



Gianne, Joselyn, and Denise are taking a quick break from Dancing the night away!



Kirsten and Melanie are announcing the royals for all grades.



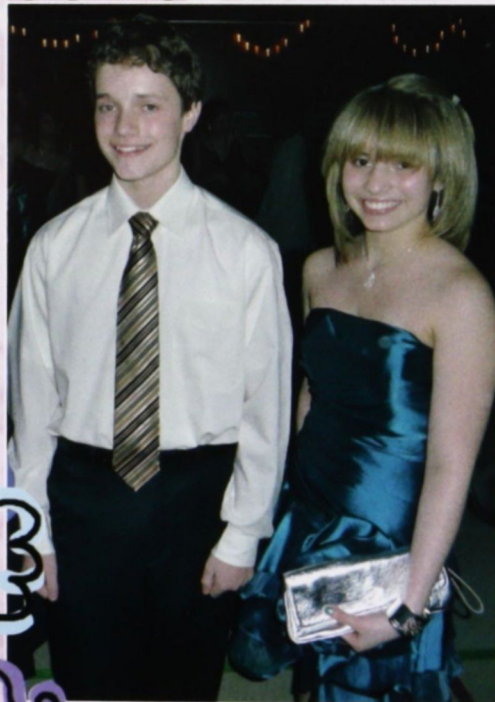
Mr. Bruce and Melanie singing a song!



Kirsten trying to hide behind Sarah!



Brittany, Aaron and Casey



Cory and Ashley are all dressed up for our Valentines Dance!



Jerome and Donald .

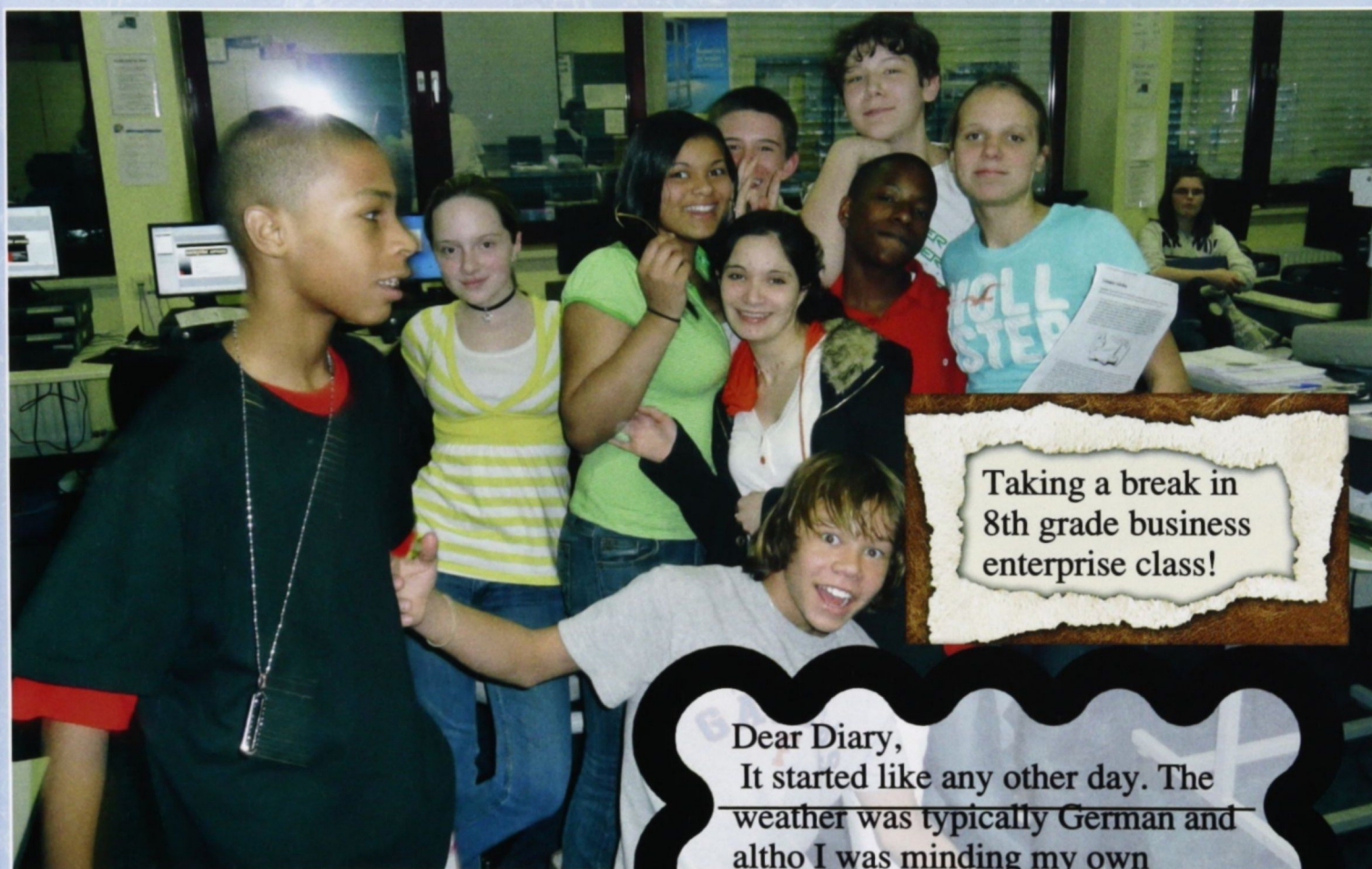
Valentines Dance!



Robert!



RECENT SURVEY: STUDYING IS CONTAGIOUS.



Dear Diary,
 It started like any other day. The weather was typically German and altho I was minding my own ~~business, like always, a teacher~~ came along with this camera and said, "I need a photo!" so I jumped up and ran to the center of the room. At least this is what Nate was thinking about as Divante, Morganne, Michelle, Conner, Katelynn, Ron, Daniel, and Lauren ran to his aid! Mar. 6, 2009



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YEARBOOK CLUB



Emily just learned she is going to be in honors band and Breanna just being cool. Haley spent a lot of time on layouts and proofreading. Her efforts were simply priceless and hopefully, you will congratulate her while looking your yearbook over. Alexis and Zanovia were helpful in every aspect while without the photography of Mr. Leighninger and Ms. Votipka, we would be misising a log of photos!

-----Ed Jude, Advisor



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Thanks for enjoying our Wildcat yearbook!





BREAKING RACIAL BARRIERS

In a historic election on November 4, 2008, Barack Obama was elected President of the United States—the first black person to hold the office. A Democrat from Illinois, the 47-year-old Senator Obama defeated Republican Senator John McCain with wins in key electoral states such as Ohio, Florida, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Obama and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Biden, were sworn in as the 44th President and the Vice President on January 20, 2009.



Hillary Rodham Clinton won nearly 18 million votes in her bid to be the Democratic Presidential nominee. She came closer than any other woman in history to winning that nomination, and has since become the U.S. Secretary of State.



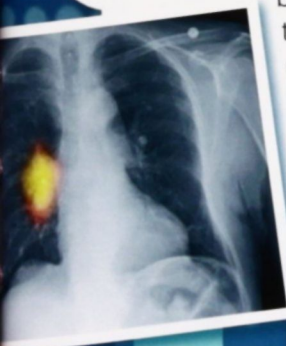
TROOPS COMING HOME

In November 2008, the U.S. and Iraqi governments established two agreements that will affect their ways of dealing with each other over the next several years. The Status of Forces Agreement

(SOFA) includes an arrangement to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraqi cities by the middle of 2009, and from the entire country by the end of 2011. The Strategic Framework Agreement focuses especially on cooperation between the U.S. and Iraq in areas such as business, culture and the environment.

NO SIDE EFFECTS?

A new treatment for cancer is getting closer to human testing, thanks to research breakthroughs in 2008. The treatment targets and kills cancer cells while leaving healthy cells unharmed. Kanzius RF therapy "cooks" cancer cells using low levels of radio waves, after gold or carbon nanoparticles have attached to the cells.



Sarah Palin, governor of Alaska, ran as a major party nominee for Vice President. She was the first Republican woman ever to do so.



U.S. FINANCIAL CRISIS

Throughout 2008, concerns about the steadily weakening U.S. economy dominated the news. Part of a global economic downturn, the crisis was fueled by mortgage loan defaults, unsecured credit, a spike in oil prices, and uncertainty among investors, including alleged fraud. The government extended support through lower interest rates and emergency funding. Despite this, large businesses failed, unemployment rose, and the stock market had dramatically decreased in value by the end of a volatile year.

In the U.S., the average full-time worker earns about 62% more over a lifetime with a four-year college degree than with only a high school diploma.

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HEATH LEDGER 1979-2008

Heath Ledger, an Australian actor working in the U.S., died January 22, 2008, at the age of 28. His brief career is distinguished by numerous awards, including a posthumous Oscar nomination as Best Supporting Actor for his creepy portrayal of the Joker in the box office hit *The Dark Knight*.



TOP WEBSITES

Google
Yahoo!
YouTube
Facebook
MySpace
MapQuest
Amazon
MSN/Windows Live
Microsoft
AOL Media Network
Fox Interactive Media
eBay
Wikipedia

TOP BOX OFFICE MOVIES

<i>The Dark Knight</i>	<i>Hancock</i>	<i>Wanted</i>
<i>Iron Man</i>	<i>Quantum of Solace</i>	<i>Four Christmases</i>
<i>Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull</i>	<i>Twilight</i>	<i>Tropic Thunder</i>
	<i>The Incredible Hulk</i>	

POPULAR MOVIES ON DVD

<i>Iron Man</i>	<i>Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull</i>	<i>The Incredible Hulk</i>
<i>I am Legend</i>	<i>American Gangster</i>	<i>Eagle Eye</i>
<i>National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets</i>	<i>Quantum of Solace</i>	<i>Step Brothers</i>
		<i>Hancock</i>

iPhone APPS

Pandora Internet Radio Around Me
Ocarina
Wikipanion
Adrenaline Pool Lite
iTalk
FakeCall

FUN FASHION TRENDS

Big bags, printed scarves, chunky necklaces and bangle bracelets—it's all about **accessories**.

Paired either with flats or boots, **skinny jeans and vintage tops** are a hit.

Low-heeled boots are as cozy as they are stylin'.

With a dressy shirt or simple tee, **vests** are a popular choice.

Fun and comfortable **flats** are perfect with today's style trends.



TOP TV PROGRAMS

American Idol
Dancing with the Stars
The Mentalist
NBC Sunday Night Football
60 Minutes
CSI
NCIS
Survivor
Lost
Heroes



JONAS BROTHERS

Kevin, Joe and Nick Jonas are the internationally popular band, Jonas Brothers.

They wrote many of the songs for the three albums they have released, the latest in 2008. Also in 2008, they made a movie (*Camp Rock*); were featured in a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame exhibit (Cleveland, OH); had their picture on the cover of *Rolling Stone* magazine (the youngest band ever featured there); and snagged a Grammy nomination. They even have White House connections—including a surprise Inauguration Day visit to Sasha and Malia Obama.



GADGETS and GLZMOS

Optoma Pico Pocket Projector

Plug this tiny gizmo in to your iPod or iPhone and it projects movies anywhere from 8 inches to 8 feet. The Pico weighs only 4 oz. and is smaller than most cell phones.

Livescribe Pulse Smartpen

A pen that has an infrared camera, microphone, OLED display, speaker and USB connector.

Amazon Kindle™ This is an e-book reader that weighs less than a paperback, holds up to 1,500 books, keeps a battery charge for up to a week, and can even read aloud.

Apple iPhone 3G This gadget launched a new era of mobile computing. On-board GPS, motion-sensing accelerometer and 15,000+ free and paid applications.





Adults watch more television, movies and DVDs than teenagers. Men and women aged 45-54 spend about 43 days a year watching different media. Teens aged 13-17 spend only about 33 days a year in these pastimes.

CELEBRITY PARENTS

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie dominated entertainment news in 2008 for their humanitarian acts. They have adopted 3 children: Pax from Vietnam, Zahara from Ethiopia, and Maddox from Cambodia. They also have 3 biological children: Shiloh and twins Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline. They have given money for education programs in Iraq. They have worked to foster respect of human rights in Asia and Africa. The foundation they established has helped to fund groups in developing countries that support orphans and other vulnerable children.

BIG YEAR FOR COMICS

Iron Man, released in May 2008, is based on the Marvel Comics character Iron Man. It stars Robert Downey Jr. as Tony Stark/Iron Man. It did extremely well at the box office.

The Incredible Hulk released June 2008 and is a redo of *Hulk* (2003). It out-grossed *Hulk* at the box office and received more positive reviews. It is based on the Marvel Comics character by the same name. It stars Edward Norton as Dr. Bruce Banner/the Hulk.

Released in July 2008, *The Dark Knight* is based on the DC Comics character Batman. It was a huge hit and starred Christian Bale as Batman and Heath Ledger as the Joker.



Americans eat over 15 billion quarts of popcorn a year! That adds up to about 50 quarts per person! Plain popcorn is very nutritious. It has no fat and contains vitamins and fiber.

2008 GRAMMYS

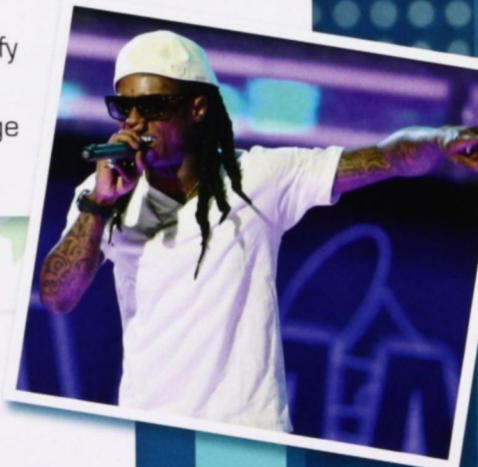
Top Rap Album: Lil Wayne *Tha Carter III* (Cash Money/Universal Motown).

Top Rock Album: Coldplay *Viva La Vida Or Death And All His Friends* (Capitol).

R&B Album: Jennifer Hudson *Jennifer Hudson* (Arista)

Pop Vocal Album: Duffy *Rockferry* (Mercury)

Country Album: George Strait *Troubadour* (MCA Nashville)



BOLLYWOOD

About 1,000 movies are produced each year in India (known as Bollywood). That's about twice as many as are released from Hollywood in a year.

2008 OSCARS

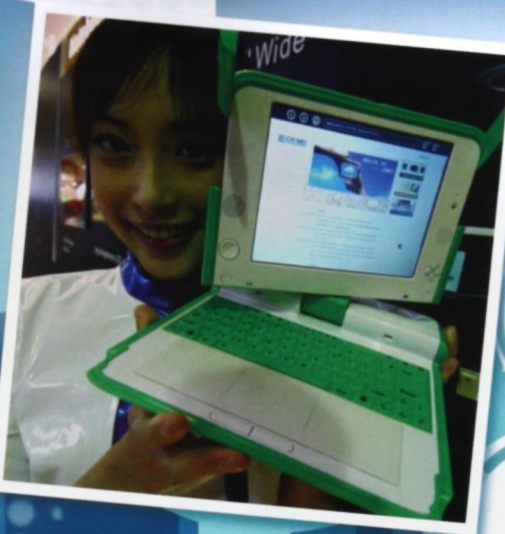
Best Motion Picture WINNER:
No Country for Old Men

Performance By An Actor In A Leading Role WINNER:
Daniel Day-Lewis *There Will Be Blood*

Performance By An Actress In A Leading Role WINNER:
Marion Cotillard in *La Vie en Rose*

Achievement In Directing WINNER: Joel Coen and Ethan Coen *No Country for Old Men*





The One Laptop Per Child Association, Inc. has been set up to provide laptops for children in developing countries around the world. The XO-1 laptops are durable, low-cost, and low-power but will provide a fun way for children to learn and connect with the world.

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LARGE HADRON COLLIDER,

In Geneva, Switzerland, over 9,000 scientists from all over the world were involved in building the Large Hadron Collider at the CERN laboratory. It had its first test run in September 2008. The gigantic machine was designed to shoot beams of protons around an underground track that is 17 miles long. The beams will travel in opposing directions at close to the speed of light and then crash into each other. The scientists will be looking for the answers to key questions in particle physics. However, the giant particle accelerator broke down after 9 days and is now under repair.



The Wildlife Conservation Society has released a new survey that estimates the population of the rare western lowland gorilla is 125,000—about twice the amount previously estimated.

GEORGIA vs. RUSSIA

In August of 2008, Georgia attempted to reclaim control of territories that it had lost to Russia during the 1990s. They attacked with artillery and rockets. Russia fought back and the fighting was short-lived, but around 1,000 were either dead, injured or missing in the battle. Shown here are the remains of a home in Gori, Georgia after it was bombed by Russian aircraft.



EARTHQUAKE TRAGEDY

In May of 2008, China's largest earthquake since 1976 killed around 70,000 people and left millions without homes. The biggest tragedy, however, was in schools. Thousands of children, many their parents' only child, were killed because numerous schools collapsed during the earthquake due to poor quality construction and sub-standard building materials. Officials who were bribed to ignore the shoddy workmanship were punished by being publicly berated by the surviving parents, though the government tried to silence them.



NOBEL PRIZES

The Nobel Prize in Medicine was awarded half to French virologists, Dr. Françoise Barré-Sinoussi and Dr. Luc Montagnier, and half to a German scientist, Dr. Harald zur Hausen.

The Nobel Prize for Literature went to Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clézio of France.

The Nobel Peace Prize went to Martti Ahtisaari from Finland.

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry was shared by Osamu Shimomura of Japan and Americans Martin Chalfie and Roger Tsien.

The Nobel Prize for Physics was awarded half to Yoichiro Nambu from the U.S. and half to Makoto Kobayashi and Toshihide Maskawa from Japan.

The Nobel Prize for Economics went to Paul Krugman from the United States.



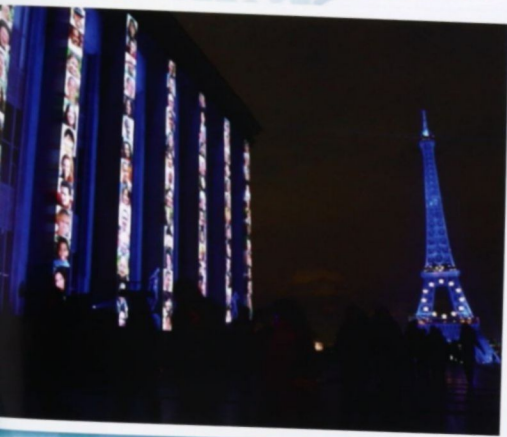
WORLD NEWS

The most populated cities in the world (UN estimates) are:

1. Tokyo, Japan - 35,676,000
2. New York, United States - 19,040,000
3. Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico - 19,028,000
4. Mumbai, India - 18,978,000
5. Sao Paulo, Brazil - 18,845,000

U.N. 60TH ANNIVERSARY

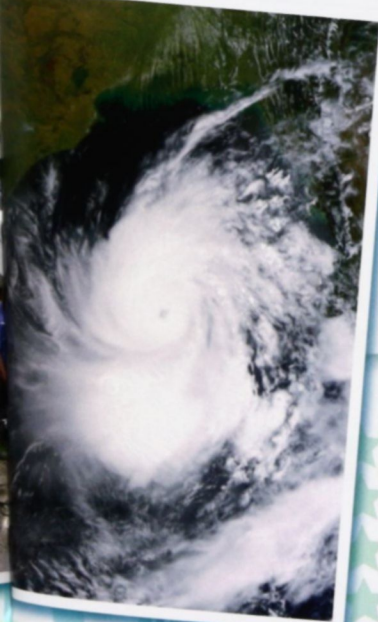
The United Nations celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in December 2008. Pictured is the Human Rights Square in Paris, France. The declaration was first adopted by 58 states in 1948 after World War II. It was based on the United States Declaration of Independence and France's Declaration of the Rights of Man. The United Nations also celebrated the 60th anniversary of their Peacekeeping operations. Since 1948, the United Nations has had 63 peacekeeping operations worldwide. They provide services such as human rights monitors and expert guidance. More than 100,000 military and civilian personnel currently serve.



CYCLONE NARGIS

Cyclone Nargis caused the worst natural disaster in recorded history that Burma (Myanmar) has ever known. It hit land in that country May 2008, and caused massive destruction and at least 146,000 fatalities,

while thousands of people are still missing. The military government would not immediately accept aid, though there was an estimated \$10 billion in damage from the most damaging and deadliest cyclone ever recorded in the North Indian Ocean Basin.



The world's population was estimated to be 6,706,993,152 people in July 2008 with a population growth rate of 1.188%.



The poison dart frog is the most poisonous animal in the world. It is found in South and Central America.

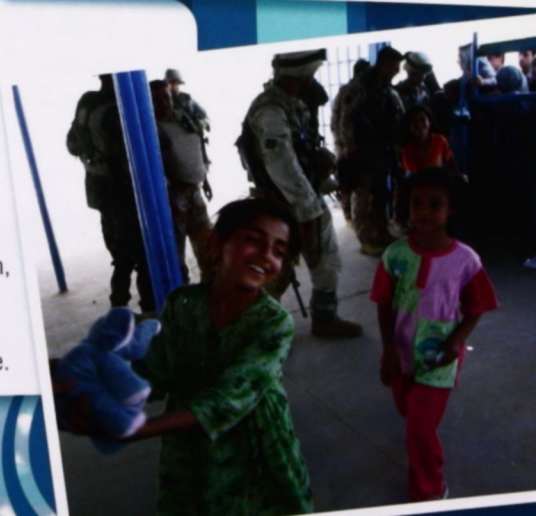
PIRATES?

More than 70 hijackings of commercial ships by pirates occurred in 2008 off the Horn of Africa. Pirates from Somalia netted more than \$30 million from their raids. In September, they seized a Ukrainian freighter that held tanks and other materials of war. Soldiers from Germany, members of the European anti-pirate operations, stopped an attack on an Egyptian carrier in December.



CALM IN IRAQ

Insurgent activity and violence sharply declined in Iraq in 2008, due in large part to the surge strategy implemented in 2007: sending in more than 20,000 additional troops, giving the Iraqi government and security forces more responsibility, and adding diplomatic and economic initiatives. U.S. Army General David Petraeus was in charge of the surge. By the end of 2008 most of those troops had returned to the U.S. However, because of the increasing violence in Afghanistan, many of them may be needed there. A big change occurred in the attitude of Iraqis toward the U.S. military, from being viewed as the cause of their problems to being given credit for the declining violence.



OLYMPIC HIGHLIGHTS

Here are just a few of the many Olympic highlights from the 2008 Summer Olympics held in Beijing, China.



The Closing Ceremony featured fireworks shooting over the National Stadium.



NASTIA LIUKIN

Anastasia "Nastia" Liukin, 18, won the gold medal for Women's Individual All-Around and also brought home three silver medals and one bronze. She has joined Mary Lou Retton and Shannon Miller as the only American gymnasts to win 5 medals at one Olympics.

MAY-TREANOR AND WALSH



Misty May-Treanor, 31, left, and Kerry Walsh, 30, are pictured celebrating their gold medal win in Women's Beach Volleyball competition on day 13 of the 2008 Olympics. They won match point against China's team of Wang Jie and Tian Jia.

DALHAUSSER AND ROGERS

Philip Dalhausser, left, and Todd Rogers are pictured celebrating a point against Switzerland's Beach Volleyball team on day 3 of the 2008 Olympics. They went on



to attain a victory over Brazil and win a gold medal in Men's Beach Volleyball.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony for the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics on August 8, 2008, featured more than 15,000 dancers, drummers and performance artists, as well as spectacular fireworks displays. Shown here is a view of the fireworks over the National Aquatics Center (left) and the National Stadium (right), also called the "Bird's Nest." It was truly spectacular and futuristic. The National Aquatics Center was called the "Water Cube" and was the venue for all the swimming and diving events. The Opening Ceremony lasted for almost four hours.



8 GOLD MEDALS

Michael Phelps won a record-breaking 8 gold medals at the 2008 Summer Olympics. Five of them were individual medals: 400m Individual Medley, 200m Freestyle, 200m Butterfly, 200m Individual Medley and the 100m Butterfly. Three of the medals were for relays: the 4x100m Freestyle Relay, the 4x200m Freestyle Relay and the 4x100m Medley Relay. Phelps has won 14 Olympic gold medals, the most of any Olympian. He also set 7 world records and one Olympic record in swimming.



TEAMWORK

Pictured left to right are Sanya Richards, Monique Henderson, Allyson Felix and Mary Wineberg. This powerful team of women brought home the gold for the United States in the Women's 4 x 400m Relay event.



REDEEM TEAM

The members of the U.S. men's basketball team celebrate after beating Spain 118-107 to win the gold medal.

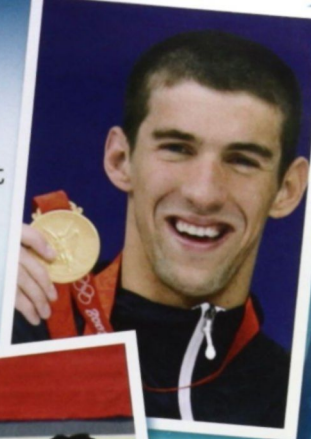


08 OLYMPIC HIGHLIGHTS

The 2008 Summer Olympics were held in August in Beijing, China. Athletes from the U.S.A. won the most total medals (110), and from China, the most gold medals (51).

MICHAEL PHELPS - Won an Olympic record 8 gold medals and set 7 world records in swimming. He has the most career gold medals of any Olympian (14).

TENNIS - The Williams sisters, Venus and Serena, teamed up to win the gold in Women's Doubles over Spain.



USA MEN'S BASKETBALL - Nicknamed "The Redeem Team,"

this all-star squad won the gold and was led by NBA players LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, Dwayne Wade and Carmelo Anthony.

USA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - The team took home the gold, the fourth consecutive for team captain Lisa Leslie.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL - U.S. "Dream Team" Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor, who have never lost a match in Olympic play, defeated the Chinese team to win the gold medal. Philip Dalhausser and Todd Rogers triumphed over a Brazilian team to take gold for the U.S. in the men's event.

GYMNASTICS - The U.S. women's team took the silver medal to China's gold; but team members Nastia Liukin (Individual All-Around) and Shawn Johnson (Beam) won gold medals in individual events.



NBA After signing big name players Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen, the Boston Celtics earned the best season record in the NBA. In June, they won the NBA Championship, their 17th, over the Los Angeles Lakers and star Kobe Bryant.

GOLF Padraig Harrington won both the British Open and the PGA Championship, and was named 2008 PGA Player of the Year. Tiger Woods won the U.S. Open in June while playing with an injured left knee, but was out the rest of the season for surgery and rehabilitation of that knee.

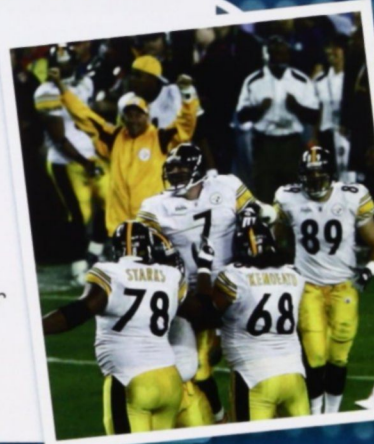


WNBA The Detroit Shock won the WNBA Championship in a 3-0 sweep of the San Antonio Silver Stars. This is the franchise's third title in six years.



SUPER BOWL XLIII

The Pittsburgh Steelers won a record 6th Super Bowl title on February 1, 2009, at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida. They beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23, scoring key touchdowns at the ends of both halves of play, to once again claim the Vince Lombardi Trophy. Wide receiver Santonio Holmes was named MVP, and "The Boss" Bruce Springsteen treated the crowd to an energetic halftime show.



2008 WORLD SERIES

The Philadelphia Phillies overcame the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 4 games to 1 to win the 2008 World Series, their second title. The final game was split because of severe weather. Pitcher Cole Hamels was named Series MVP.



HOCKEY The Detroit Red Wings won the 2008 Stanley Cup 4 games to 2 over the Pittsburgh Penguins. Henrik Zetterberg scored the winning goal in the final game and was named MVP of the final series.

TENNIS In September 2008, Serena Williams claimed her third U.S. Open title and regained #1 ranking in the world. In July, her sister Venus had bested Serena to claim her fifth Wimbledon crown. Together they captured the doubles cup at Wimbledon. Other 2008 Grand Slam winners: Australian Open - Novak Djokovic, Maria Sharapova; French Open - Rafael Nadal, Ana Ivanovic; Wimbledon - Rafael Nadal; U.S. Open - Roger Federer.

NASCAR Jimmie Johnson won his third consecutive Sprint Cup Series Championship in 2008, only the second driver to do so.





Scientists announced in June 2008 that water (ice) had been discovered on Mars. The Phoenix lander's robotic camera took pictures of ice that had been exposed in a trench the lander had dug, and which later evaporated.

STORMS HIT HARD

On February 5, 87 tornadoes were reported in the Midwestern and Southern states. The tornadoes took 57 lives. In June more than 42,000 people were evacuated in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, when the Cedar River rose almost 12 ft. above its previous record crest. Hurricane Ike caused \$26 billion in damages to Louisiana and Texas in September. Ike was the fourth costliest hurricane in U.S. history. Winter gripped the northern half of the nation in December. Cold temperatures, record-breaking snowfall, and ice storms caused power outages and stranded hundreds of holiday travelers.

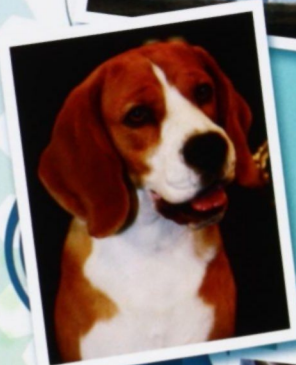


MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

The USS *Lake Erie* launched a missile at a broken spy satellite that was headed for a collision with Earth. The Navy successfully destroyed the potentially dangerous satellite. The satellite carried around 1,000 pounds of toxic fuel, which could have been a danger to people on earth if it had entered the atmosphere.

The iLimb is a real bionic hand developed by Touch Bionics in 2008. Each finger has its own motor, and the hand can grip and hold things for a long time.

In February 2008, a dog named Uno became the first beagle in 100 years to win Best In Show at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.



STONE AGE HISTORY

Researchers in central Germany excavated 4,600-year-old graves thought to be from the Stone Age. Found among the remains was a group of four: an adult male and female, and two boys, one 4 or 5 years old and the other one 8 or 9. Investigators have confirmed using DNA evidence that they were a family.



FILL IT UP WITH FUNGUS PLEASE?

Fill your car's gas tank with fungus fuel? It sounds like something out of a science fiction movie, but it could be an alternative to fossil fuel in the not-too-distant future. A professor at Montana State University has found a fungus that produces a new kind of diesel fuel. The fungus is from the Patagonia rainforest.

OR CLEAN IT?

In the search for "greener" fuel options, scientists are studying types of fungus that can be used to clean fuel and cut carbon dioxide emissions.

There are 1.6 million inventions under active patent in the United States.



