Russia and Ukraine - World Events
by Ella Cahir

As of 8:39 a.m. on the 21st of February, Russia began an attack on Ukraine. There are a lot of questions on why this is happening and what is happening. This segment hopes to answer it all.

To understand this, let’s take a look at Ukraine and Russia’s history. Ukraine is separated into East and West territories. The Eastside is considered more a part of Russia because it’s closer on a map and ⅔ of the citizens who live there speak fluent Russian. However, on the Westside, most people speak Ukrainian instead of Russian. Putin is attacking East Russia because he claims that the land is a part of Russia and he is “protecting” the citizens so he is just “taking them back”. Putin is not just attacking the East, he is also attacking the West. He attests that to protect the Eastside he must attack the Westside.

As you can see, Putin is attacking Ukraine because he says he is protecting East Ukraine, but why does he want Ukraine in the first place? Some people think that he wants to re-establish the old soviet union. To as much as he can...

You see, there are two treaties, the Warsaw Pact and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) treaty. The Warsaw pact was established in 1955. In 1990, it included Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and the Soviet Union. The NATO treaty was formed in 1949 and in 1990 it included Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, and West Germany. However by 2018, Nato included Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech rep, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. This meant that 12 new countries had joined Nato (give or take because some countries had gained independence). An important thing to notice is some of the countries that were in the Warsaw pact joined Nato. To Putin, this could seem as if his empire is collapsing so he will do what he can to regain his power, including attacking Ukraine.

He most likely chose to attack Ukraine because it’s not in the nato treaty. Ukraine was sent an invitation to join but never did, many are glad because if they had and Russia attacked them it could have led to something that some consider world war 3. This is because, as mentioned before, America is a

League of Legends 12.05 Patch
by Paul Wang

Hi all! Riot just put out patch 12.05 for League of Legends.

The biggest thing was that the Lunar Revel event has ended and also ARURF is gone. Ahri’s E and W were nerfed, Owen Passive and E’s Range got nerfed, Yi’s Q got reworked and now scales with ability haste, Yi’s W also got nerfed, Xin Zhao’s R’s invulnerability got nerfed while on the bright side Kennen’s W was buffed and Samira R cooldown has shortened.

Seraphine’s W costs less and cooldown is shorter, while it’s shield is significantly lower. Miss Fortune’s W procs during spawn.

As for items, Hullbreaker got a significant nerf after being way too op on champions like Akshan and allowing them to 1v1 and survive ganks more often.

Elise got a VFX update while 4 new skins: B ZZZiggs, Heimerstinger, Nunu and Beemump, and Orbeenna got released. Chromas are also in the shop for these skins. Now onto TFT patch updates:

Every patch in TFT over half of the champions got rebalanced, so this article will only be about the main information. For the complete list, check out the following link: https://www.leagueoflegends.com/en-us/news/game-updates/teamfight-tactics-patch-12-5-notes/ This patch will also last for 4 weeks, instead of the normal 2.

Bodyguards and enchanters were buffed significantly, Woodland Trinket clones now have 300 hp, Four Score will now grant 4 4-star champions, Innovator Dragon no longer has 75% CS but will now have 25% CD. The lightning damage has also been buffed from 500 to 600.

Enforcer stun has been decreased to 3 seconds, Bramble Vest Critical Strike bonus Damage reduction: 100% ⇒ 75%.

A new augment has come out as well, High-Five, which is basically Four Score but with 5 Cost champions.

That’s all for this patch, see you all in 2 weeks!

Should Lunch Be Longer?
Student Opinion
By Tiffany Chou

Should school lunch be longer? This is a topic that is continuously debated and varies a lot between districts because the
part of the Nato treaty. In the nato treaty, if one nato country is attacked it is seen as all nato countries are being attacked, and if one nato country attacks another country it is seen as all the nato countries are attacking the one country. So if Ukraine was a part of nato and Russia attacked them, America would be essentially pledged to fight with Ukraine, leading into a bigger fight than maybe even Putin wants.

This is also a reason why no other country is directly helping Ukraine fight. However some offer a bit of help, for example, the US is selling Ukraine weapons which they are using to fight Russia. Poland is also taking in refugees running from Ukraine. However, as you know Poland is a part of the nato treaty, so if Poland, a nato country, is helping Ukraine by taking in refugees, it would seem as if all the nato countries are helping Ukraine, which includes America...

Luckily there is more that nations can do to help Ukraine but not get involved. Some nations, which are Australia, Canada, European Union, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, Taiwan, UK, and USA, are holding what’s called sanctions. Sanctions are when punishment for breaking a rule / law. One of the sanctions with the banks in Russia. This means that nations will no longer give their currency to Russia. This will be a major problem for Russia because they will no longer be able to purchase items from other countries. Because other countries will ask to be paid in their currency, which they won’t have, this will lead to Russia’s economy being ruined.

Hopefully these sanctions are enough for Russia to back down and we can all have a peaceful ending. There’s not a lot one person can do, let alone an entire school. All we can do is send our best wishes to those who are affected by this situation and hope for the best.

**Greene Middle School Science Olympiad Tournament Results**
By: Newspaper Club

After leaving the BirdSO Satellite tournament with 14th out of 196 teams from around the US or 10th school, Greene Middle School’s Blue Team for Science Olympiad had 16 medalists in 23 different topics. If you see anyone on the Science Olympiad team around, don’t forget to congratulate them!

Submit art for the Newspaper Club! You can email it to jy49999@pausd.us

Greene attended college at Washington University in St. Louis, and graduated with a BA in electrical engineering. After earning a MD in electrical engineering at Purdue University, Greene joined the US Air Force. After spending 8 years in the air force, Greene returned to education after Santa Clara University and received a doctorate in electrical engineering.

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As many of you probably already know, February is dedicated to Black History Month. In February, we recognize the accomplishments of African Americans and the impact they had on our history. Black history is everywhere - from inventions to music to sports - and even in our own school. Greene attended college at Washington University in St. Louis, and graduated with a BA in electrical engineering. After earning a MD in electrical engineering at Purdue University, Greene joined the US Air Force. After spending 8 years in the air force, Greene returned to education after Santa Clara University and received a doctorate in electrical engineering.

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Wish Upon a Book (Chapter 1)
By: Maya Angela Chung

Date: 11/28/2040, Wednesday- Frank S. Greene Middle School

“Class dismissed” Ms. Peridot said as the bell rang for lunch. “Remember to get your homework done by Friday! I know we just got back from break, but that doesn’t mean you should laze about.”

All the students rushed out, friends chatting with friends, strangers away from strangers.

And in the midst of it all, was Odette. Odette Kang was your average seventh grader. She had a good group of friends, had alright grades, and didn’t get in much trouble.

“The school day’s only halfway done and I already want to go on winter break,” one of Odette’s friends, Diana, complained, setting her lunch bag in front of her.

“Can’t say I don’t agree.” Odette chuckled, taking a peek at what her friends had for lunch. “Ms. Peridot is already giving us homework. You know how bad I am at proportions and ratios.”

“Oh, yeah.” Diana nodded. “I remember that unit. I think the angles and polygons unit was harder though.”

Odette sighed, getting up from her seat. “Be right back, I’m gonna go get lunch.”

“Alright,” Diana and the others replied.

Huming, Odette walked down the paved sides of the Hugh Center Court to the lunch line. The atmosphere around the court was the same as always, although there was now the new addition of students chittering about their vacations.

After thanking the counselor and taking her paper tray of lasagna, Odette turned around to head back to her table. And bumped smack into another body.

“Ohch!” the other yelped. “Watch where you’re going, will you?”
“Sorry!” Odette dipped her head down in shame, then looked up to check if the other was hurt. They weren’t. But the same couldn’t be said about their shirt.

Tomato sauce was splattered all over the white cloth of their top, and the remains of Odette’s lasagna lay flat by their feet.

“Are you girls okay?” the counselor asked from the school lunch table. The other students in line looked over at the group to see what all the commotion was about.

Well shoot, Odette thought.

At the sight, she bolted into the girls bathroom and came back out with a few strips of toilet paper.

“Here, let me help you clean it up. I’m so, so sorry,” she mumbled, not realizing that she was only spreading the red of the sauce.

The girl took hold of her wrist, stopping her frantic swiping.

“Can you not? You’re just making it worse. I can clean it up myself,” the girl huffed.

Realizing what she had done, Odette’s face flushed with embarrassment.

Squeaking out a last apology, she rushed back to her lunch table, where her friends were watching the incident in confusion.

The rest of her day wasn’t any better. She forgot to bring her textbook to science for third period, tripped on her way to the bike cage after school, and almost got hit by a car on her way home.

Well, that was one way to come back from Thanksgiving break. Wasn’t it?