

THE EDGEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL ~ RECAP!!!



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EMS'S YEARBOOK COVER REVEAL

By Paz Toma

Edgewood Middle School's 2022-2023 yearbook and theme is inspired by, *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. While brainstorming ideas for this year's yearbook theme, 8th grade Journalism Staff member, Xiomara Curiel (Yearbook Editor), was inspired by TikTok videos. After each group presented their ideas to the class, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* was selected by the class as inspiration for this year's theme. 8th grade Journalism Staff member, Tiffany Huang (Yearbook Editor), designed the cover for the yearbook. Tiffany was inspired by the cover of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*. She stated that she "primarily wanted the cover to resemble Rodrick Rules as much as possible because in [her] mind it matches [the] school the most." She modified the color of the cover to be more similar to Edgewood's school colors. For the cover photo, she digitally drew a Wildcat in the simplistic, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* style, and the cover artist created a ripped paper texture and used tape as a border. Tiffany also designed the back of the book and drew images for it.



When asked about these two particular students, Mr. Bermudez stated that he is "...very lucky to have students like Xiomara and Tiffany on the Yearbook Staff." When he met with the cover artist, he provided her with all of Tiffany's original designs, rough drafts, and drawings that are used on the actual cover itself. In the end, he wants to give more credit to the staff because of their great creativity.

Mr. Bermudez is very excited with the reception he has received from the yearbook cover so far. "The wildcat with its tongue sticking out was a big hit. Everyone who saw it beforehand loved it. It gives the yearbook a whimsical tone", he said. He is also excited to see how the rest of the school will receive the cover and the rest of the yearbook since students are working hard on original designs and drawings for their pages. EMS Journalism hopes people enjoy what they see for there will be much more to come!

FALL TRADITIONS

By Annalee M. Lopez

In this magical season of fall, the leaves start changing colors, from fluorescent and brightly colored greens to delicate browns and mellow oranges. The weather shifts and a cool breeze flows through the air. This new season causes changes not just in mother nature, but in our moods and habits.

8th grader, Nicole Amaya, interviewed 6th grader, Andrea Torres. Andrea was asked about what she enjoys during the fall season, and she expressed her love for the cool weather and the amazing desserts her father makes in fall. However, she explained that “fall is a good season, but [she prefers] summer because of the amazing temperature and [she is] able to relax.”

When asked if there was anything out of the ordinary that she enjoyed to do in the fall, Andrea stated that she likes shopping for new clothes for the season and laying in the leaves outside of her house.

Another interview was conducted by 7th grader, Emily Cordova. Emily interviewed 7th grader, Jayda Monge. Jayda was asked how the school year is going so far, and she replied that the school year is currently quite neutral. Jayda expressed that “[she finds] band to be one of [her] favorite classes because [she has] most of [her] friends there, and because [she gets] to learn to play nice instruments, like trombone.” Another question that Emily asked was what Jayda’s favorite season was. Jayda said that her favorite season was winter, and she loves the cool weather. Going to the mountains and seeing her close family members, due to the holidays, are more reasons for her love of winter.

These interviews were a great way to learn about how unique our fall traditions truly are. What are some fall activities and traditions that you enjoy? Comment your answer down below! Don’t forget to smash that like button and remember to subscribe! (Just kidding, but we would love to know your favorite fall traditions).



G.A.T.E. SEMESTER 1 PROJECT

By Andres Morales

During semester one, Mr. Bermudez offered a special project to students in G.A.T.E, but it is open to any middle school students who wished to participate.

The project offered is about researching positive figures in history and their actions. The students have chosen the positive historical figure they want to research, and, in his own words, Mr Bermudez stated that “This will be a passion project of sorts for the kids”. Students will put together a slideshow about the important figure they chose and present them to other students that are participating in the project. An example of this is Teotli Gonzalez, a 6th Grader, who is researching Nikola Tesla, who first developed an altering current for motors also known as the AC motor. 7th grader, Katherine Huynh, is researching the famed British writer, Oscar Wilde, who is famous for writing the renowned novel, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, and the plays, *Salome* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*. After they have finished their research, they will present to one another in small groups instead of in front of a class. Another important part of the project is dressing up as that historical figure. In addition to that, the students will have to act like their historical figure. The benefit of this type of project is that the students will get to research and learn about important people in history that made a positive impact on the world. Through their research and presentations, students will learn important, interesting, and helpful information about the things people did to improve life.

Before presenting the final projects, students will meet and discuss their ideas with Mr. Bermudez and their peers. Participants will present their passion project in room C-3 or the Media Center two weeks before Winter Break.



EDGEWOOD HALLOWEEN COSTUME DAY

By Nayeli Vivas and Juliana Becerra

On October 28, students and staff wore their Halloween costumes to school in celebration of the fall season.

There was a wide variety of costumes on display, such as cosplays from anime to scary ensembles. There was a scavenger hunt hosted by the PTSA, too. There were carnival games, and a department costume contest that stole the show. The teachers participating in the department group costume contest got up on stage and had a walkup song when presenting the students their costumes. There were Tetris shapes, Minions, the cast from Encanto, the Harry Potter characters, and Jabbawockeez themed costumes. The Science department dressed up as minions and threw candy into the crowd, thus swaying the minds of the people and winning first place. The Math department dressed up in Tetris themed costumes, and were the runners up; Mrs. Mena played the Tetris theme song using an accordion, too! The Foreign Language department dressed up as the characters from Encanto, and the Art department was dressed as the Jabbawockeez dance troop, and the History department dressed up as the characters from Harry Potter.

Students and staff had a wonderful time celebrating the fall season.



EDGEWOOD'S HALLOWEEN MAZE

By Kendall Hunter

On October 28, 2022, Edgewood hosted a Haunted Maze to celebrate the spooky season. ASB high School students helped organize this spooky event with the help of Mr. Barron.

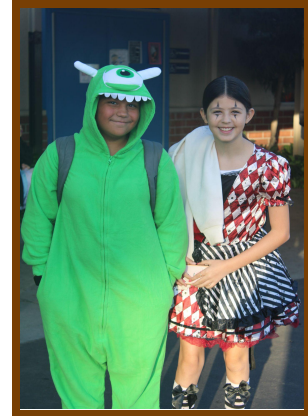
Many students arrived and lined up for this event ready to get spooked! Many students volunteered to scare people while in the maze, too. The costumes and makeup that were worn were equally frightening and brilliant. Inside the maze, students were frightened by the scarers in every corner when they first entered. Then, they went up the stairs and onto the stage, where other monsters came out and scared students.

All in all, many students were spooked and had a fun time! 6th grader, named Marisol Gonzalez, said "I thought it was fun and thought it was scary". 7th grader Jazmin Arce said "I had a lot of fun listening to my friends scream". Jazmin and many other students said that they would love it if the event returned next year.



TOP 6 PICTURES OF OCTOBER

By Madison Rodriguez and Gianna Rosa



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By Emily Cordova

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EXTRACURRICULARS & SERVICES

By Journalism Staff

Extra-Curricular Activities	Dates & Times	Where?
Speech & Debate	-Fridays from 3:45 to 5:45 -First Tournament Saturday, 10/29	-Room C6 Advisor: Ms. Crawford
G.A.T.E.	-G.A.T.E. Testing Oct 12, 2022 -Semester 1 G.A.T.E. After School Project -Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:25	-G.A.T.E. Testing in the Media at 9:00am -G.A.T.E. After after school project in Room C3 Coordinator: Mr. Bermudez
Science Olympiad	-Mondays & Wednesdays from 3:45	-Room D5 Co-Advisor: Ms. Vu Co-Advisor: Mrs. Sarraf
EP3C	-Rehearsals on Mondays and Fridays from 3:30 to 5:30 -First Shows on 1/24 to 1/28	-Room 09 Advisor: Mr. Michael
Tutoring	-Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30	-Room O6 Advisor: Ms. Burnett
Theater	-Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 3:45-6pm starting in January 2023	Location: Event Center Theater Director: Ms. Sowers
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MESSAGE FROM THE YEARBOOK ADVISER

I continue to be very proud of the work my students are producing. While they may not seem like much, these small newsletters take quite the bit of work to complete. Students undergo a process of brainstorming topics and events to cover, interviewing staff/students, editing, and photographing the events that happen in the given month. It also feels like things have still not quite gone back to normal like the days before the pandemic and everything we do takes a bit longer than it used to. Still, with every passing week things are beginning to feel a bit more like the time prior to the world of Covid-19. Now that the yearbook cover is out the pressure is on, but we will be working on delivering the best yearbook that we can. The holiday season is upon us, and as a result, we will return with another newsletter in January, meaning that the January newsletter will cover November and December. With that said, EMS Journalism will be back in the new year. Until then!



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