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## INTROVERT VS. EXTROVERT: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE

by Lauren Oswald, grade 7

You've probably heard the terms "introvert" and "extrovert" at least once in your life. People might have told you that an introvert is someone who is shy and an extrovert is someone who is overly energetic. However, these "definitions" are often stereotypes and can be misleading. It is helpful to learn more about these terms before you identify yourself or others as either an introvert or an extrovert.

First of all, the two words mainly have to do with energy and where you focus it. The root word "intro" means "inwardly" or "within," and the root word "extra" means "outside." Introverts tend to focus their energy inwardly and extroverts tend to focus their energy on the outside world. For example, introverts usually need alone time after socializing, they take time to think, and

value relationships with fewer friends. On the other hand, extroverts feel most energized when they are around people, can be more impulsive, and enjoy activities that involve social interaction. Even though it seems pretty straightforward, you should never make assumptions that a person is an introvert or extrovert. Not all introverts are shy, some even come off as extroverts.

The concepts were first introduced in 1910 by the Swiss psychologist Carl Gustav Jung. He believed that no one was one hundred percent introverted or extroverted - everyone has a mix of both traits. He also came up with the term "ambivert" for people who are directly in the middle of the two terms.

In my opinion, I feel like these studies over the years on personality

close have helped our society have a further understanding of the behaviors of ourselves and others. I especially liked learning about this topic because I was able to understand why my personality is the way it is, and I am not alone. Before I realized I was an introvert, I would often be confused as to why I would always need so much alone time before socializing, which was unlike some need so much alone time before socializing, which was unlike some of my other friends. I thought there was something wrong with me! It turns out that once I realized that it was a trait that plenty of other people dealt with as well, I didn't feel so alone. I was then able to embrace my identity as an introvert instead of trying to hide it inside me. I not only became more self-aware, but also happier.



## THIRD YEAR IS THE CHARM!

Welcome to the third volume of the Inver Grove Heights Middle School student newspaper: the Spartan Newsflash! This newspaper was created as a place for students to share the stories that are important to them. The goal of the Spartan Newsflash is to connect to our community, allow for the diverse voices of our students to be heard freely, and showcase the (mostly) unedited talents of the Spartan Newsflash reporters.

A reminder: all content of this paper is created by students, and for that reason, this paper will never be perfect. The Spartan Newsflash philosophy is that learning is a lifelong process, and we all can improve through mistakes and reflection. Our hope is that as future editions are released, you see the growth of our reporters.

Thank you for taking the time to hear the voices of our reporters. The Spartan Newsflash hopes you laugh, learn, and hear differently as a result of the words and pictures you read.

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# FIRST SNOWFALL

by Jae Johnson, grade 7



## WHY I LOVE BEING A PART OF THE NEWSPAPER

by Divya Ohneswere, grade 7

I have been a part of the newspaper since 6th grade, and I'm now in 7th grade. I wanted to share the things I think about it. First of all: I love the newspaper! It's such an amazing thing to do. It's really great for people who like expressing themselves, and who like writing. You don't just have to write, there are a bunch of ways to contribute.

Obviously the newspaper might not be something everyone likes, but I think that it is really great. I love newspaper because I LOVE to write. Even though I might not be great at writing, I can still try and feel like no one will judge me. Expressing myself and writing are why I love the Spartan Newsflash so much!

## AN INTERVIEW WITH MS. ANDERSON

by Tai Martinez, grade 7

Q: What are your pronouns?

A: she/her/hers

Q: What is your favorite class?

A: All of my art classes.

Q: Do you like all styles of art?

A: My favorite style of art is from the baroque period. I like the dark and light contrast. Otherwise, I love pop art. I think it is such a fun style that pushed the envelope.

Q: Do you miss your old school?

A: Some days I do, but I love getting to know all of my students here. My previous school, I didn't see my students everyday and it was hard to get to know them. At this school, I already know the students and love teaching them.

Q: Do you like this school?

A: I do!

Q: Who's your favorite artist?

A: Artemisia Gentileschi. She is an artist from the baroque period. She fought gender roles and made

beautiful art that topped famous male artist of the period.

Q: Do you like dinosaurs?

A: I do! My favorite is a diplodocus.

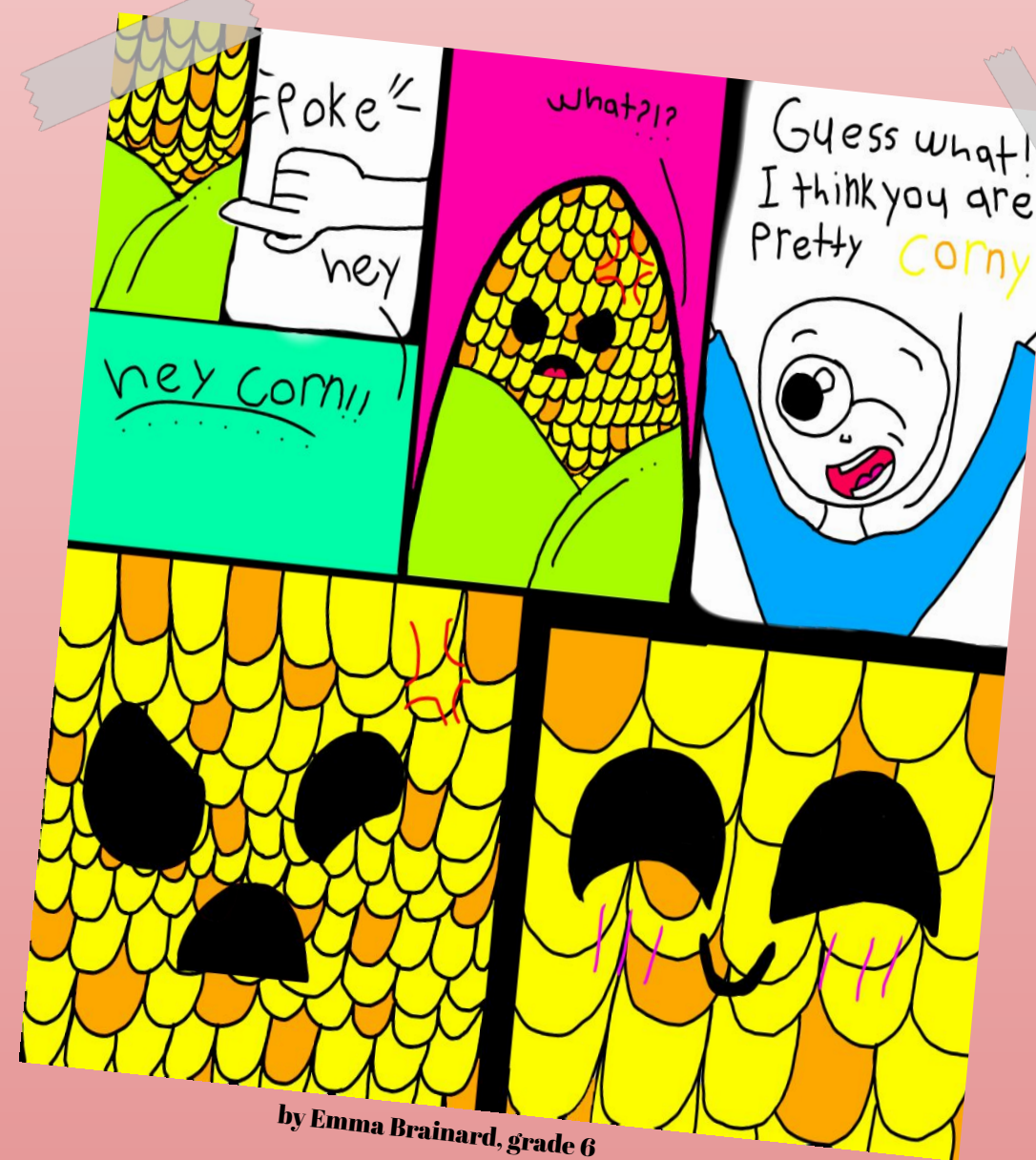
Q: Do you think art is hard?

A: I think it can be hard! It depends on if you are learning a new skill or technique. I remember I used to find art very hard but after I took my time to learn, I found it enjoyable. There are some types of art I still don't like but I try them every once in a while to challenge myself.

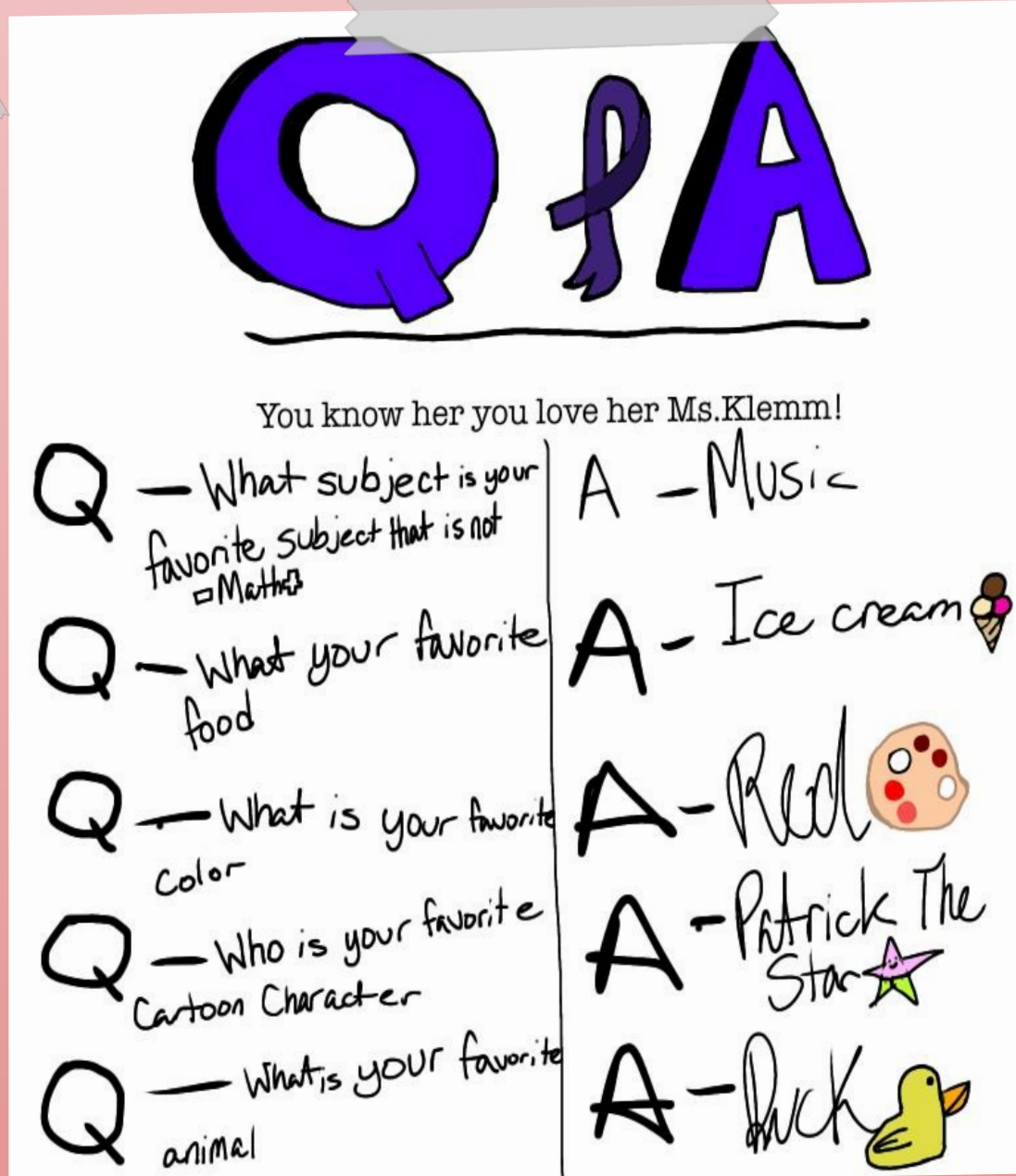




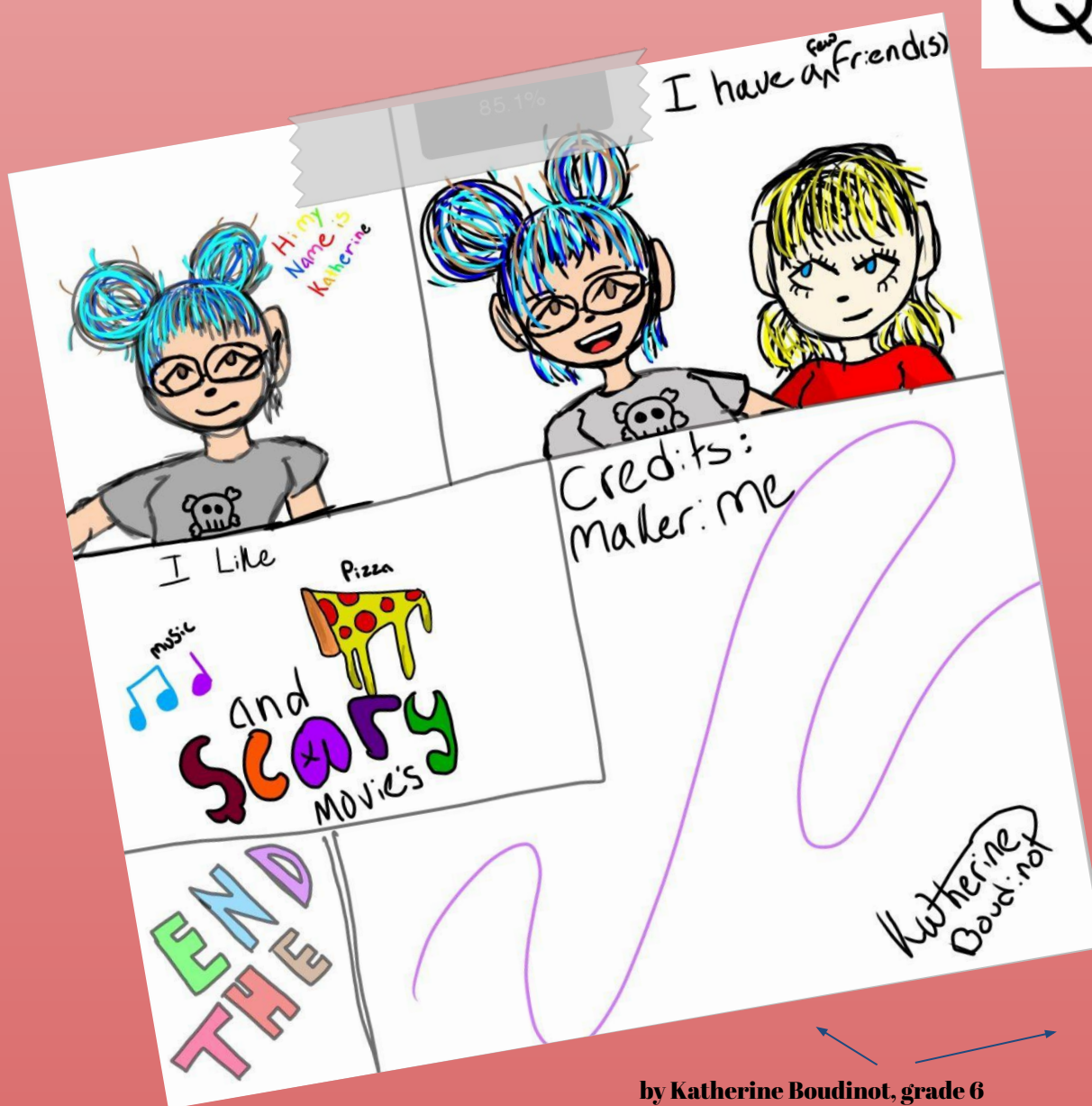
# Q&A's and Comic Bits!



by Emma Brainard, grade 6



by Tori Evangelista, grade 7



by Katherine Boudinot, grade 6





# PASSING TIME

by Amanda Trujillo, grade 7



# WEB

by Kendra Williamson, grade 8

You're probably wondering what WEB does and what it is, well I'm here to tell you. WEB stands for Where Everybody Belongs. There are about 59 8th grade WEB leaders. During advisory we meet with the 6th graders every Wednesday. Mondays and Tuesdays we prepare things to do with the 6th graders like one on one check-ins, going to the gym and playing fun games with them, and sometimes we do fun classroom games. Every 6th grader has 2 or 3 WEB leaders.

Thursdays and Fridays are our days to do homework, study, make up things we may have missed or retake things we may have gotten a bad score on.

Outside of school we help with school events like the 6th grade family picnic, 6th grade tour at the beginning of school and other activities that they need WEB leaders help for.

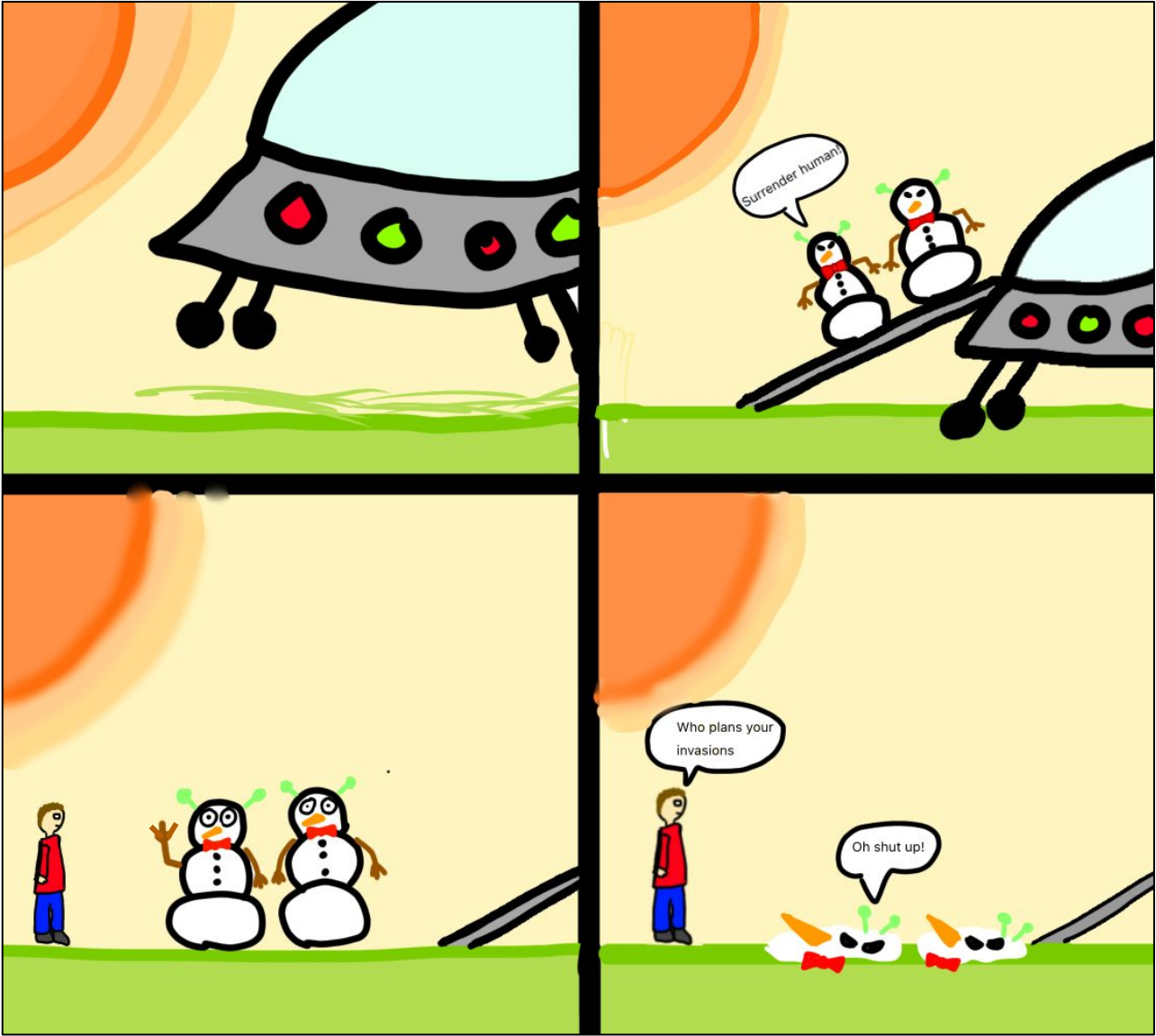
My favorite part of WEB is when we get to meet new people by helping the 6th graders. The 6th graders are talkative at times but they are also kind at times. I enjoy WEB Wednesdays because I get to know the 6th graders better. We do little notes to the 6th graders for holidays (ex: Thanksgiving, Halloween, etc.).

Once every month we do a get together in the library with both WEB advisories (Hamilton and Dillon). We have cookies and play little games.

If you're in 7th or 6th grade I recommend becoming a WEB leader in 8th grade.

# COMIC BITS

by Jaxon Wanek, grade 7





# IT'S FRIDAY

by Jessie Briones Herrera, grade 7



# AN INTERVIEW WITH MS. WENDEL

by Will Sutton, grade 6

Please follow the link to view Will's interview of Ms. Wendel, Inver Grove Heights Middle School Principal:  
<https://youtu.be/s5G82N7kQg>.

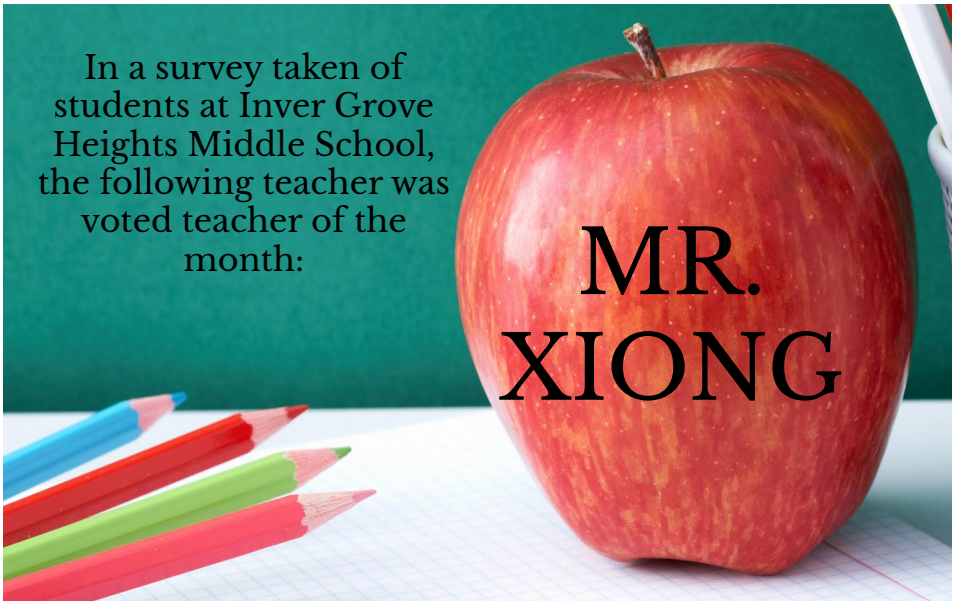


# VOTE FOR CAT OF THE MONTH & TEACHER OF THE MONTH

by Luna Flores, Jae Johnson, Anna Larsen, grade 7



SCAN ME



CAT & TEACHER OF THE  
MONTH  
by Luna Flores, Jae Johnson, Anna Larsen, grade 7



# THE BOY NEXT DOOR

by Isla Feldman, grade 7

It all started with a story. A stupid story that took way too many lives. No one actually knows who or what started it, but it did start around August. By October everyone knew the story about the boy next door. Especially this guy named Stefan.

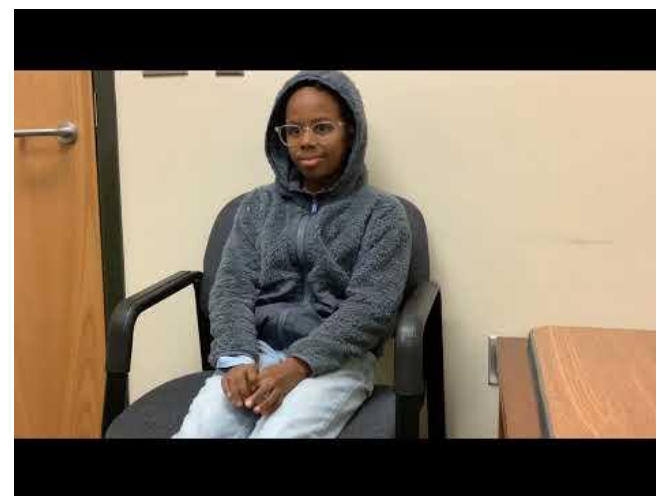
Stefan was an interesting child: he never found happiness in pretty much anything except for his mother. One day his mother got in a car accident that ended up killing her. For some reason he wasn't sad, he was angry. All he wanted

to do was hurt the person who killed his mother. Once he went to school everyone was talking about his mother. This guy named Ben came up to him and asked if he was ok and before Ben could get a answer Stefan punched him and knocked him out. Stefan could've gone to jail but he didn't care. Ben decided not to press charges so Stefan didn't go to jail, he was put on probation.

When Stefan was on probation he sat on his couch. He stared out of his windows and watched all of the

people walk by. He knew it was weird, and he knew it was creepy, but he didn't care: he wanted to be scary.

While Stefan was still on probation, a couple of years later, he heard the story about the boy next door. Stefan went crazy over it. He was only 18, but every day he went to the store and watched people. Then one day he had a crazy, awful, insane idea. He decided to recreate the story of the boy next door. (To be continued...)



## AN INTERVIEW WITH SKY

by Aniyah Spears, grade 7

Please follow the link to view Aniyah's interview of seventh grader, Sky: <https://youtu.be/KRyXA4nIpmU>.

## COMIC BITS

by Annabelle Her, grade 6

