

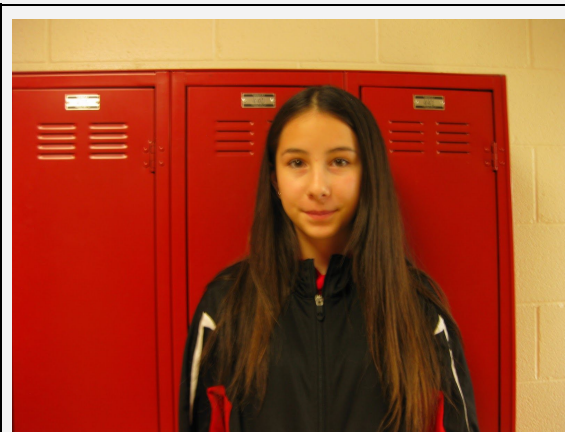
# Pirate Press Chest



## February 2019 Important Dates

- Feb. 7 Ellis Island (8th grade only)
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Dance
- Feb. 21-23 TSA qualifiers to Denver

On Most Wed. @7am Coffee & Curriculum



## February Student of the Month

By Cinthia Arreola

February's student of the month is 6th grader, Hannah Sais. Hannah has lived in Pueblo her whole life, but if Hannah could visit her favorite place in the whole world it would be Florida because of its nice beaches and because she loves the sun and enjoys having fun. She included that she has a dog named Shyla and 2 cats. Hannah's favorite movie is Wreck It Ralph. She loves to play basketball, volleyball, and enjoys dancing. Hannah mentioned that after she graduates from high school she'd love to become a lawyer. Hannah's hero is her mom because she has been there for her especially at times when she needed her the most.



## Ryan Boutilier

By Mianna Krieger

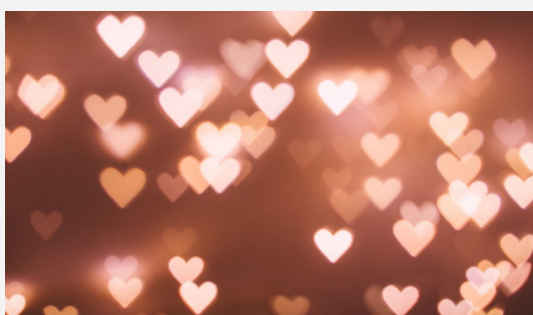
We've all heard of Nascar and drag races. But have you ever heard of the Monster Energy Supercross Futures? If so, then you probably heard about this year's 3rd place winner, Ryan Boutilier. The race was held in Glendale, Arizona, the same track the pros raced on the night before. This was a national event and Ryan placed in 3rd place which will qualify him for racing in the finals later this year. The finals will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada. Be sure to root for him if you go.

Ryan has loved dirt bike racing since he was four years old. He has worked very hard to hone his skill as a racer both locally and nationally.



## Valentine's Day Dance

By Jaclynn Cordova



The Valentine's Day dance will take place February 14th from 2:00 until 3:30. The gym will be decorated with the theme of "Night in Paris."

All Access hour classes nominated a boy and girl to be voted on for Prince and Princess of the dance. Once the voting takes place, the election will stay secret until dance day where the Prince and Princess will be announced.

Tickets will be \$2 and you can use your gold and silver card.





## February Music Review

By Hailey Bowman

This song has blown up everywhere and has really been a big sensation. "7 Rings" by Ariana Grande is about 6 friendship rings she has bought. Her song is really also just about being rich as she says over and over, "I want it, I got it".

Ariana calls the song "a friendship album" and really saying how she doesn't need a man in her life to be successful. This song isn't appropriate for every age, since it does have a few cusses in it. I would recommend this song to many people since it is fun and upbeat.

Ariana is a successful singer who has produced several other hits. Some examples are: Thank You Next and Side to Side.



## Kitty Powers Matchmaker

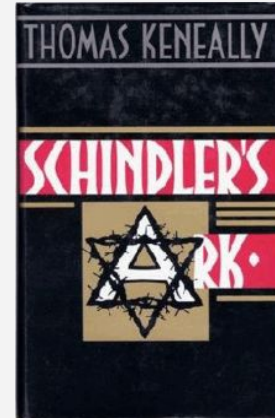
By Taheri Gochnour



In the spirit of February I decided to do a matchmaking game. Kitty Powers Matchmaker is a romance simulator where you basically play as a love doctor, working for Kitty, where you compare people's traits, likes, dislikes, and bad habits. The farther you get, the more you unlock like restaurants, hair color, eye color, and, more importantly, people start coming for your help. You then take them on their date and play fun mini games like the lie roulette, memory, spot the difference, and much more. If you fail 3 times you get dumped. Then you can try again 2 more times. If they don't want to go out with you, you can see them again. Overall, the game is fun - a little repetitive but fun.

## February Book Review

**Book Review:**  
**Schindler's Ark**  
By: Uriel E. Villalobos

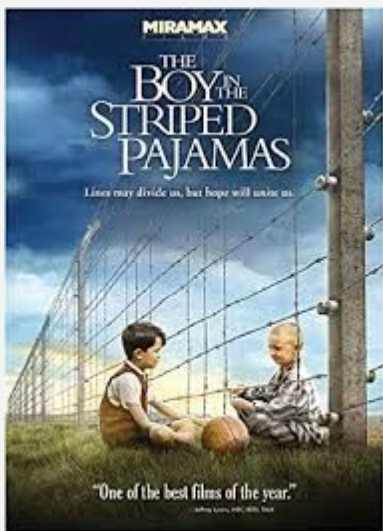


This 1982 book written by Thomas Keneally tells the story of Oskar Schindler, a Nazi Party member who becomes

an unlikely hero by saving 1,200 Jews from concentration camps around Nazi territory. This book was made into an award-winning film by Steven Spielberg, "Schindler's List" and was even awarded the Los Angeles Times Book Prize in 1983. It also won the the Booker Prize. This work gives off the message that even in the center of darkness, there can be a light that saves many.

## February Movie Review

By Tanner Karschnik



There are many great movies out there. Some are really sad and others really happy. Some show great meanings/ morals and there are others that are full of horror. But this movie review is a sad movie with a great meaning behind it.

The movie is called "Boy in Striped Pajamas." The star review on the movie is 3.5-4 star rating. The movie is about a German boy who's father is a Nazi, and another little boy who is a Jew. The boy who is a Jew is locked up in a concentration camp. One day the German boy went exploring and came across the fence of the camp. At the fence he met the other boy. The German boy and the Jewish boy soon became good friends and would see each other every day. The German boy's father soon found out about the visit. The movie ends with the German boy digging a hole underneath the fence and put on a Jewish uniform. The two boys go into the camp and look for the Jew's father. However, they can't find his father. Tragedy strikes for the two boys. Over all, the movie was great and had a powerful meaning. It doesn't matter what race or religion you are, we're all people.



## Gifts for That Special Someone

By: Marietta Linschied

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and everyone is looking for a gift for that special someone, but most fail and just tell them "Happy Valentines Day". Well here are some gift ideas if you can't decide what to get them.

A small teddy bear is a cute gift for that special girl in your life. The average price for a bear is around \$1.50 to \$13.00. Girls also love chocolate, get them their favorite kind from M&Ms to an assortment of chocolates. From the price of \$0.99 to \$30.00.

A gift idea for a guy in your life girls get him a gift card for Gamestop or Game Force up to \$50.00 unless your allowance, or parents, allow you to go higher.

A DIY gift you can make someone is a small candy airplane you put together.

**Step one-** Lay out a piece of gum (extra is the toughest so I suggest that), a small rubber band, smarties (or a pack of life savers), and two life savers

**Step two-** Put the rubber band through the two life savers and leave a small space between them.

**Step three-** put a smarties or pack of life savers between the two life savers, putting the rubber band close to the edge of the smarties or life savers.

**Step four-** put a piece of gum through the rubber band, being on top of the candy pack, to look like a painting OK and you can decorate the piece of gum if you want to look Valentine's.

**Step five-** print out a small cheesy saying about Valentine's and planes, then tie a string to the dating and the back of the plane.



## Vineland Middle School Spelling

By: Paris Brown



This year Vineland Middle School

participated in Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Vineland has been doing the spelling bee for years on end. We've done it for so long that even our school principal can't even remember how long we have participated.

Last year a student of Vineland went on to the district spelling bee and won first place. That student's name is Emily Olonia.

This year Vineland's spelling bee was held on January 31st and had 21 participants.

In fourth place was Aiden Bennett, and for fifth place was Cooper Simon. For the third place we had Troy Spedilari. Emily Olonia and Kenny Shorten battled it out, but in the end Emily Olonia won again. Those that placed 1st-4th place will now go onto the district spelling bee. If, for some reason, one of the four is unable to attend the district-level spelling bee, Cooper Simon, as the alternate, will be able to attend. The district spelling bee will be held on February 11 at Skyview Middle School.

## National Girls and Women in Sports

By Rae Lee Gonzales

On the first Wednesday of February National Girls and Women in Sports day is recognized by many schools around the country. Athletics are very important to multiple girl's lives. In this special role it gives us girls confidence, communication skills, and a healthy lifestyle. Studies have shown women who participate in sports are more likely to go to and graduate from college. Among those woman, it shows that they are more likely to land a leadership position. It really doesn't matter what sport you play, it gives girls lifelong skills. It is not all just serious business either, go and have fun, express yourself.



## TSA

By Moriah Barton

TSA is a competition that VMS participates in each year. The participants that were in it this year are: Emily Olonia, Uriah Martinez, Kyle Guagliardo, Trevor Pharr, Izaiah Padilla, Justin Sciumbato, Tyler Prater, Aidan Bennett, Abbie Davison, Lily Stewart, Rylan Ciruli, Mario Perez, Jeremy Pacheco, Kenny Shorten, and Seth Fitzsimmons. All of these people worked extremely hard to prepare for this event. Here are what our Pirates got in the competition. We're so proud of how they did. And we hope next year will be even better.

### Children's Story:

- Emily Olonia & Uriah Martinez- 2nd place

### Fight:

- Kyle Guagliardo- 2nd place

### Solar Cars:

- Trevor Pharr & Izaiah Padilla- 1st place

### Mouse Trap Tractor Pull:

- Aidan Bennett & Abbie Davison- 1st place

### Off the Grid

- Lily Stewart & Emily Olonia- 1st place
- Aidan Bennett & Abbie Davison- 3rd place

### Robotic Design:

- Rylan Ciruli, Mario Perez, & Jeremy Pacheco- 3rd place

### Tech Bowl:

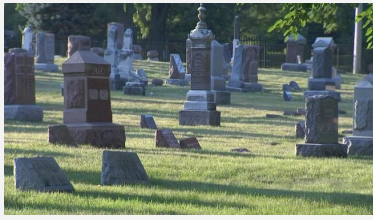
- Kenny Shorton, Lily Stewart, & Seth Fitzsimmons- 1st place

### Dragster Races:

- Tyler Prater & Aidan Bennett- 1st place
- Kenny Shorten, Lily Stewart, & Kyle Guagliardo- 3rd place

## Valentine Love Story

By: Daniel Jaramillo



“Jimmy!” I heard someone yell at me.

I responded in shock “What?!” I looked up and Mikey was there in front of me.

As he was sorting papers in his book, he said “You gonna take Sally to the dance this year man?”

Truth is I hadn’t thought about it this year Billy and Alexis were going to the dance, Alexis was my ex, she was a good lookin’ chick, I’ll say that, and to be completely frank, I didn’t want to remember everything that we had, everything that we did together. I told him “I don’t know man, I don’t know if im ready, look at you, you’re still single man.”

He responded, “I know man, but that’s cause of what happened with Amy.” he lost his smile that he was wearing.

I remember, two years ago, Amy, she died in a crash, Mikey was the one driving, Amy Johnson 1941-1957 she was only 16, she deserved a life. Mikey said, “You are gonna take Sally to the dance. You are gonna ask her to date you, man. You two have been friends for a long time. You need to take a step up, be the guy she wants you to be. Don’t do what I did. Don’t lose her man. Take her hands, hold her, treat her like a queen, love her, stay by her side.”

I took my sunglasses out of my jacket to hide my tears, tears are weak. I’m not weak. I felt bad for Mikey, it’s been two years, but still, doesn’t give a guy time to cope with the sadness. We walked out to the hall together and I bumped into Sally. Mikey kept walking ahead and gave me the signal telling me to do it, so as we were picking up our things, I said “You know what Sally? We have been friends for a while now, and I wanna be something more with you, and I was wondering if you would like to go to the Valentines dance on Friday?”

She responded, “Oh my gosh yes Jimmy! I would love to!” and we walked to class together..

### Thursday, Time of the Valentines dance:

Sally and I were dancing together, we were a couple now, her in her blue skirt and white shirt, me in my jeans and leather jacket, a greaseball and a classy chick, I looked over and there was Mikey, in the corner, looking at me. He shook his head and left out the gym door. I ran after him, opened the door, and his car is gone. He's gone. No trace. I swear it was him, looked like him..

### Weeks later:

I was listening to the radio and it was talking about how true love leads to the point of death. I knew what he meant, as in I knew that was true. Earlier I read the newspaper and I looked through the obituary, Michael Simon 1941-1959, Died by car accident. I know it was on purpose. He wanted to be with Amy, guess he really did love her that much. Sally and I had really hit it off. She was great, but it was because of Mikey that I asked her out. He loved Amy till the point of death. I bet he still does in the afterlife. It’s just hard to think that my best friend was gone, dead, because he blamed himself for the death of someone he loved very much. He didn’t even give me the chance to talk him out of it, he just left, like a ghost. I was gonna miss him though, he was my pal since grade school. I wondered what his folks were doing? How they felt? It must have been hard for them. He was their only child.

## Battle of Manila 1945

by zarrin harvey

In World War 2 General Douglas MacArthur oversaw the campaign of the Philippines. The purpose of the campaign was to use the islands as skipping stones for the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima. The success of this campaign changed the face of warfare and the world forever. The Battle of Manila was a battle in this campaign. The battle lasted from February 3 ,1945 to March 3, 1945 (or 1 month).The outcome of this battle was 1,010 American casualties, 16,000 Japanese casualties, and around 240,000 civilian casualties in this battle alone. It was an American victory but at a very heavy cost.



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**Valentine's Day Sugar Cookie**  
By Danna Alarcon

The ingredients for the cookies are:

- 2 ¼ of all purpose flour
- ½ a teaspoon of baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup unsalted butter (room temp)
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg (room temp)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract (pure)
- Optional for added flavor: ¼ teaspoon almond extract

What to do: Whisk the flour, baking powder, and salt together in a medium bowl. Set aside. In a large bowl using a hand mixer or a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the butter on medium-high speed until smooth, about 1 minute. Add the granulated sugar and beat on medium-high speed until creamed, about 2 minutes. Add the egg, vanilla, and almond extract (if using) and beat on high speed until combined, about 1 minute. Scrape down the sides and up the bottom of the bowl and beat again as needed to combine. Then mix the wet and the dry ingredients together. After that roll the dough onto parchment paper. It can be any shape but has to be ¼ inches thick. Stack the pieces, with parchment paper between the two, onto a baking sheet and refrigerate for at least 1-2 hours and up to 2 days. If chilling for more than a couple hours, cover the top dough piece with a single piece of parchment paper. Cut the shapes and preheat oven to 350 bake for 10-11 minutes.

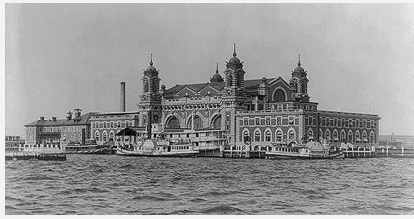
Also to make the cookies a little more colorful and cute you can make Royal Icing.

The ingredients are:

- 4 cups confectioners' sugar, (sifted)
- 3 tablespoons meringue powder
- 6-7 tablespoon water (room temp)
- Food coloring for color

**Are you prepared for Ellis Island?**

By: Nataly Balbuena



If you're wondering what Ellis island is, well, Ellis Island is the gateway where most of the 20 million immigrants that traveled by boat would see once they got to Ellis Island . Ellis island was first opened on January 1,1892. It expanded during 1982-1934.

If you are an 8th grade social studies student at Vineland Middle School it's that time of year where you need to get prepared for the Ellis Island simulation event. To prepare for this special event you are going to have to take it very serious like if you were really an immigrant, but not too serious that you start to cry. There is a lot of planning and a lot of background knowledge you have to know.

You have to know where your family is from and why are you come in the US. In order to get into Ellis Island you have to have all your documents and your birth certificate. Some documents you might want to get is if you were married get your marriage certificate or you can have your parents death certificate if they have died. If you have a disability or sicknesses, like no arm, leg, can't see and do not have your shots up to date they won't let you in or even sometimes they might just not feel like letting you in. Also, if you do not know how to read don't let them know just act and let them think you do.

There are many stations you and your "family" have to go through. It's a good experience to be in other people's shoes for a day and go through the things they had to go through. All I have to say is good luck to all the 8th graders.

Look for photos of students participating in the Ellis Island event in our March edition!

**MARCH BOOK FAIR**

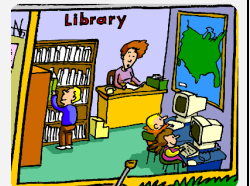
**Scholastic Book Fair**



Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair will begin Monday, March 4th and stay open until 6th hour Wednesday, March 13th.

Students, their families, and community members are welcome to shop at the Book Fair during school hours.

Featuring popular book titles, favorite authors, gift items and posters there is sure to be something for everyone.



Every VMS student will be awarded a \$5 Gift Certificate to spend at the Book Fair, thanks to the generosity of our Corporate and Community donors. We hope to see everyone at the Book Fair!



Q: What do farmers give their wives on Valentine's Day?

A: Hogs and kisses.

Q: What did the pickle say to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day?

A: "You mean a great dill to me, sweetheart."



What did the elephant say to his girlfriend?... I love you a ton!

What did the light bulb say to his Valentine?... I love you watts and watts!





