

STUDENT REPORTERS

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THE INSIDE SCOOP WITH MS MALONEY

by Nolan Henry, grade 7

I interviewed the staff leader of the Spartan Newsflash (and the school counselor for students with last names L-Z), Ms. Maloney. Our conversation follows with minor editing to ensure clarity.

Q: What is your favorite part of Spartan Newsflash?

A: I love that Spartan Newsflash is like a little family. I never expected it to be that. It's become this really lovely community full of such a diverse group of students. It makes me happy to see everybody coming together.

Q: Did you start Spartan Newsflash?

A: Another teacher and I started Spartan Newsflash during the pandemic. The newspaper idea actually came from a survey that showed us that students didn't feel like their voice was being heard enough. I think the newspaper started with 15-ish students back during COVID and it is 60 kids now. It's turned into a really big thing which is awesome.

Q: What inspired you to become a counselor?

A: I had two teachers in high school who really inspired me, the Lufkins. Stacy and

Steve were longtime teachers at Two Rivers (formerly Henry Sibley) High School who loved their students. The Lufkins were very supportive of me during high school, and showed me that while academics are a really important part of school, the relationships you make are what shape you into the person you will become. Stacy is still a teacher, but Steve sadly lost his battle with ALS in 2020. I went to college and got my bachelor's degree to work with students in a church setting, and figured out that that didn't feel like the right fit for me. I went back to school and got my master's degree in school counseling and felt like I had finally found a career path that matched my personality and skill set.

Q: What do you do as a counselor?

A: In simple terms, I talk to students about their lives. A more complex description: I talk to students about their emotions, their relationships, their academics, and their future.

Q: Is there anything you would like the school to know about you?

A: What I hope I show our students and our staff is what it's like to just be authentically you. I kind of just am who I

am, and I want students to be able to be that: comfortable being who they are. I hope I create that safe space not only for students but also for our staff to see that being the authentic version of themselves is the most important thing.



If you have questions for Ms. Maloney, her office is by the Library, and her email is maloneyj@isd199.org

ANIMAL OF THE MONTH

by Juliet Fillmore, grade 7

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by Ivan Meza Rojas, grade 6

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

by Mira Oswald, grade 7

You may think that Boston Terriers and French Bulldogs are almost identical, with their tall, rounded ears, squished face, and little nose. Many people do. But, there are actually many differences that people don't know about.

First of all, Boston Terriers have longer legs, so they are taller. French Bulldogs have short, little legs so they are shorter and closer to the ground. Boston Terriers have a more round head, while French Bulldogs (also known as Frenchies) have a square looking head. Another difference in their looks is their



fur color. Both of them can have black and white fur, but Boston Terriers could also have a brindle or seal color. Frenchies come in many more colors like fawn, cream, white, and brindle. A Boston Terrier's average life span is 11-13 years, while a Frenchie's lifespan can be from 10-12 years.

Their history is very different too. They both came from the Bulldog, but Frenchies



were developed in France in the 19th century by English immigrants. They wanted a smaller lap dog, unlike the English Bulldog where they came from. The Boston Terrier is from Boston, and the first one was immigrated to the U.S. in the 1800s.

It was a cross between an English Bulldog and a White English Terrier, which is now extinct.

Lastly, their personality is very different too. Boston Terriers are very smart, active, energetic, and affectionate. They were bred to be companions and are very friendly. A lot of Boston Terriers are very good at agility and compete in contests. They can also be very lazy though and like snuggling with their owners. Frenchies are sassy, lazy, silly, and mischievous. They love to snuggle with their owners as well and also like to make people laugh. But, they can be independent too and want to be alone.

Boston terriers and French Bulldogs both have many similarities and differences. They are very popular in the U.S. and are great dogs for families.

STARSTRUCK AROUND NILLOW HILLS

by Isla Gruebele grade 7

... continued from previous edition.

Light seeped through the sunset red curtains from the window as the sun rose above the trees outside of Ron and Cie's room.

"Wake up sleeping beauty or should I say sleeping Ron? Now come on, we're going to miss breakfast," Cie said, already awake and dressed.

"Uhhh, 5 more minutes," Ron replied with tiredness in his voice.

"We don't have five minutes so let's go. We always arrive there 1 minute before it ends because I give you five minutes to sleep in. Now let's go sleepyhead."

"But why," Ron says, grabbing the pillow and throwing it at Cie.

"Because I'm hungry," Cie said, catching the pillow, "but good throw."

"Well then go by yourself," Ron said, groaning.

"Fine I'll go by myself," Cie says. Cie grabs the pillow and throws it at Ron before grabbing the rust textured door handle.

Cie steps out of his dorm and immediately bumps into Ody. Cie looks down and Ody is on his knees frantically grabbing all of his textbooks and assignments.

"Oh! Hi there. I'm sorry. I didn't see you coming out," Ody says in a very polite voice like he is used to apologizing for things like this by now because he bumps into things so often.

"Whatever," Cie scoffs. "Oh and Ody, you're late for class."

"I am!" Ody says panicked. He grabs all of his stuff and dashes further into the hallway towards the science class.

Cie laughs "Ha. Class doesn't start for 30 minutes. Oh what a rule follower, bro can't even stand having a tardy on his record."

Cie looks down at his watch "Well no use in going to the cafeteria now. When I get there breakfast will be ending." Cie reaches for the door handle to his dorm and hears a faint sound coming from inside. He opens the door and sees Ron standing on his bed wearing bright neon clothes with music playing while he sings along and dances.

Ron opens his eyes and sees Cie standing in the doorway stunned. "Uhh..." Ron says unaware that he had come in. He grabs his phone off the table so Cie doesn't see what he was listening to, but Cie catches a glimpse of the name on his screen. "I...I thought you were at breakfast," Ron says stuttering.

"No way. Were you just dancing and singing along to Miku on almost full volume while wearing all neon," Cie says trying, but failing to hold back tears and laughter.

"Uh...no," Ron says, trying to cover up the truth.

"Yeah you were, I saw it on your phone screen," Cie says laughing

"And so what if I was!"

"Then you would be one of those anime nerds."

"I..I'm not an anime nerd."

"Yeah you are. I've seen you watch *Naruto* on your phone while you thought I was reading my science textbook, and *MHA*."

"So. They're good shows. You just don't know because you haven't watched them," Ron says, crossing his arms angrily.

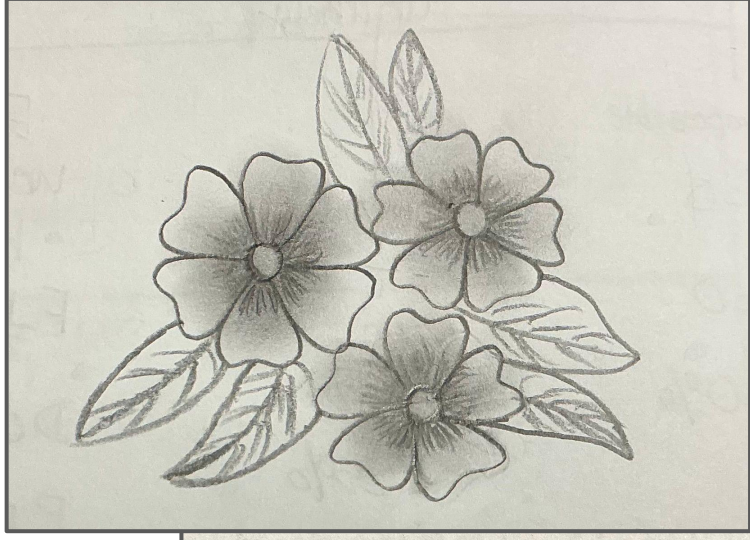
"Whatever nerd. Now I'm going to watch some real shows like *Wednesday* and *Stranger Things*. There is a new season coming out tomorrow and I am not missing it. In fact I have to get caught up."

Cie practically dashes in running towards his bed and grabs the remote, turns on Netflix and starts watching *Stranger Things*.

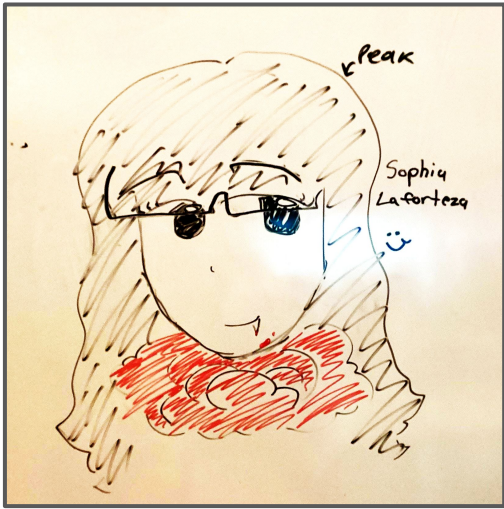
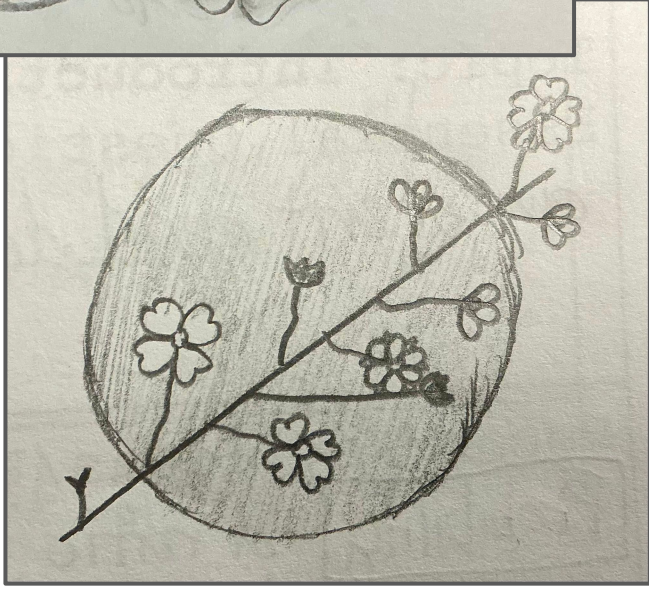
Time went by, and Cie hardly noticed that it was one in the morning. "Oh no. I better get to bed! How could I stay up this late! I could get in so much trouble! At least I will be able to finish watching because it's Saturday tomorrow, but still!"

Cie drifts to sleep as if he hadn't been watching TV for almost 14 hours straight.

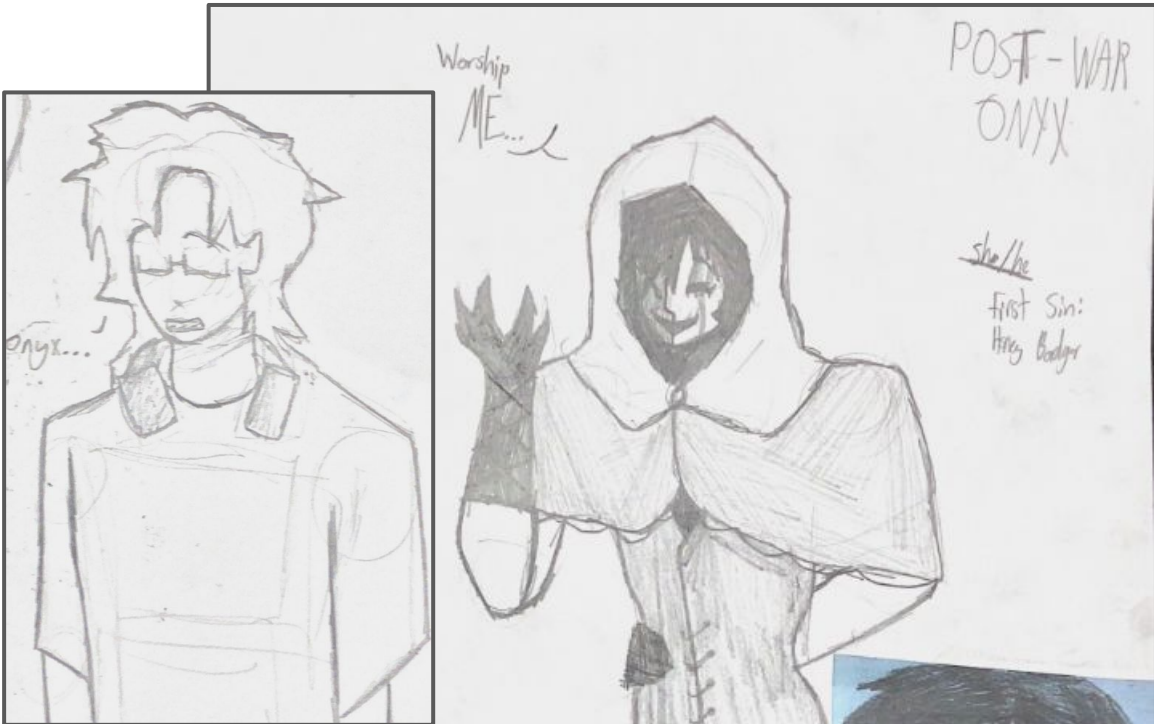
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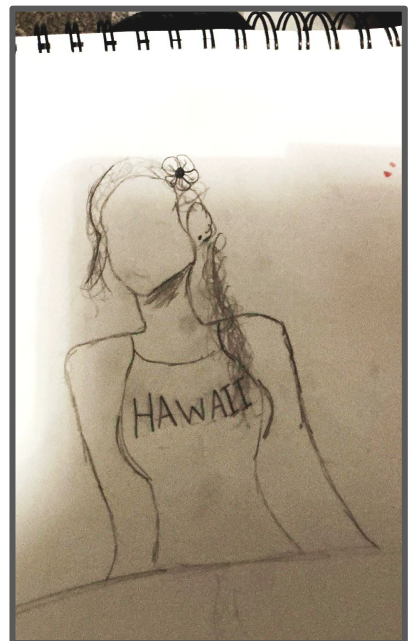
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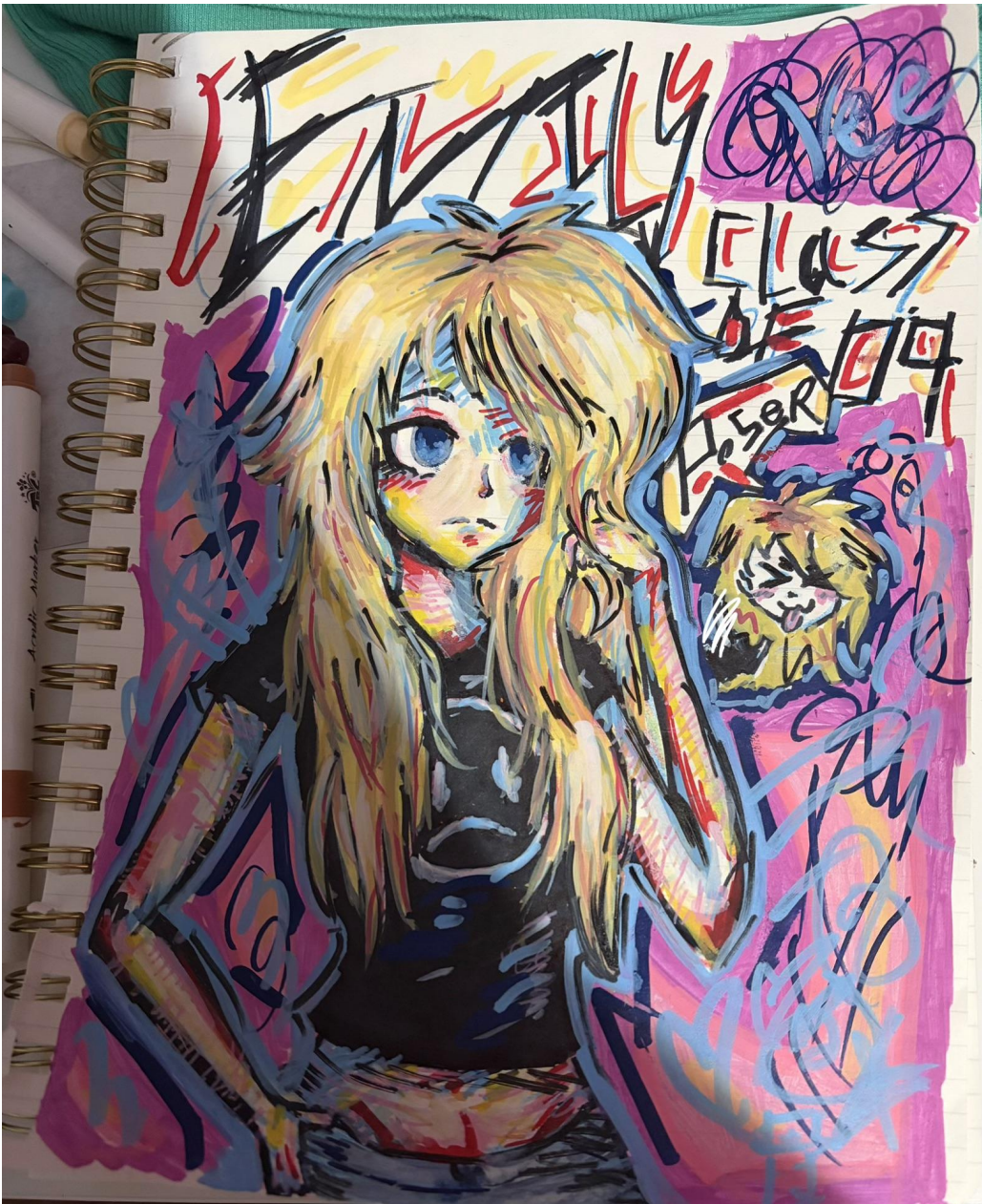


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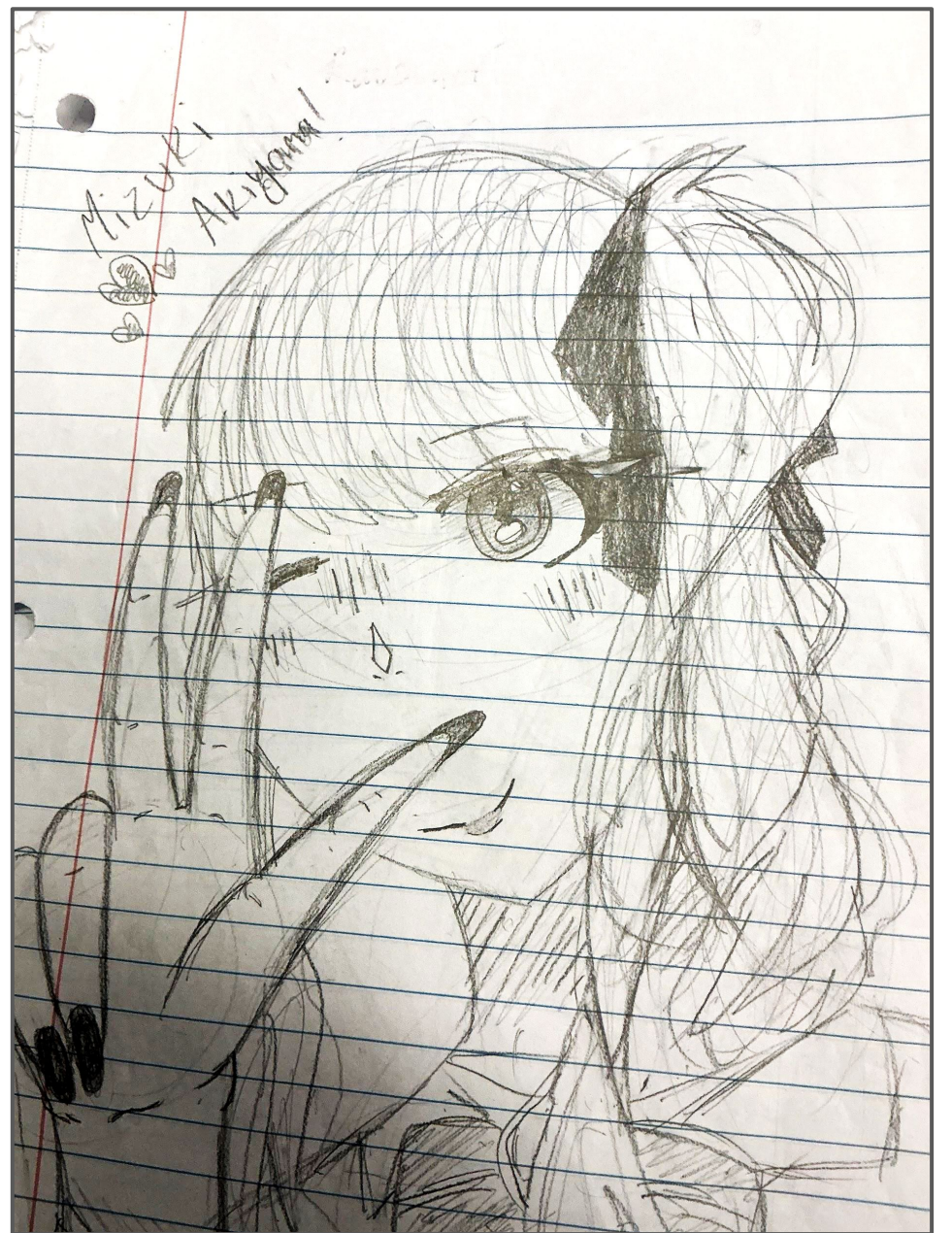
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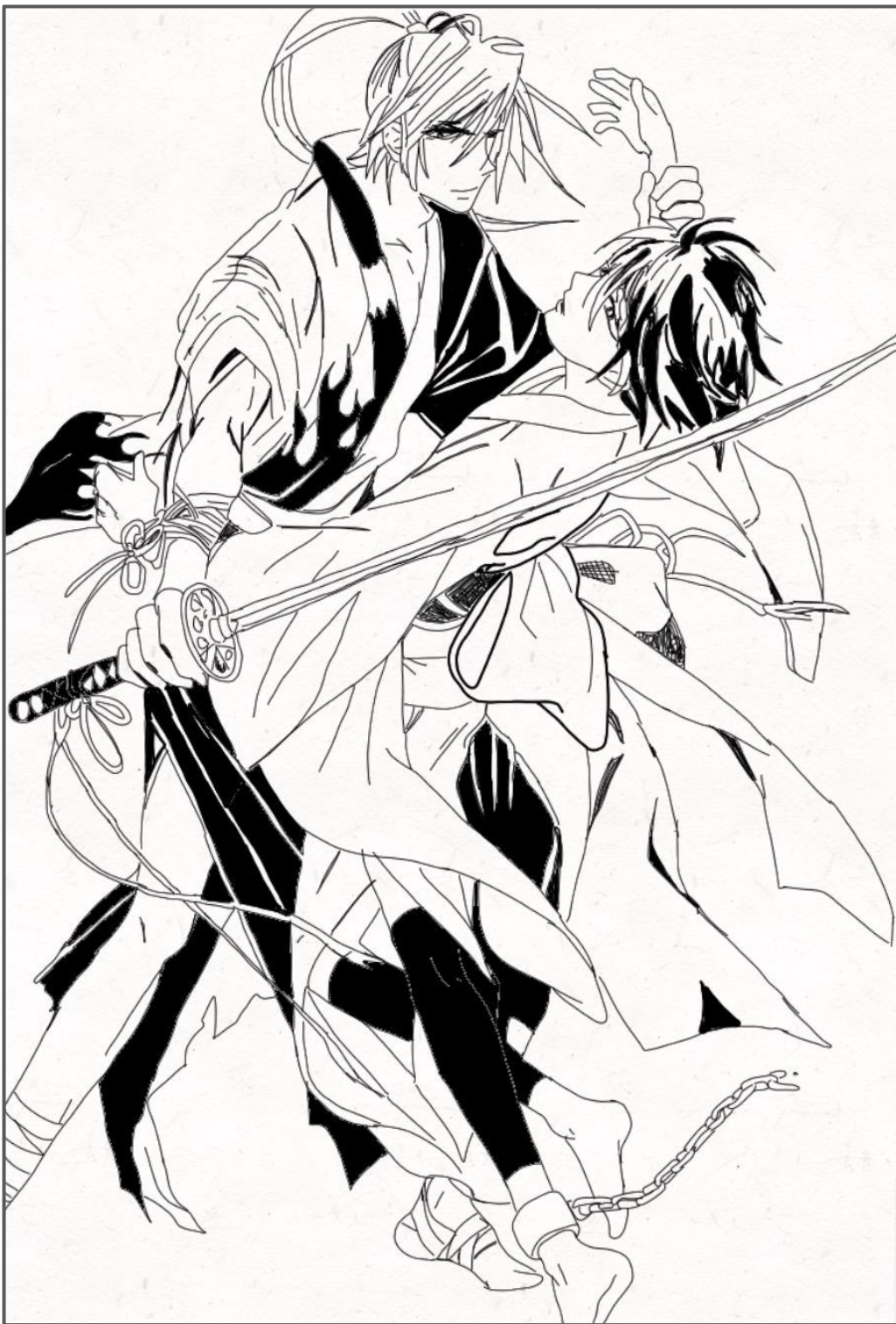
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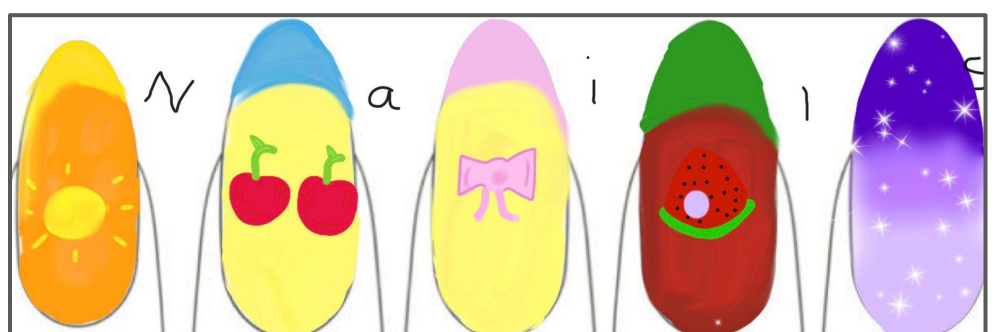


Two warriors bound by fate meet as enemies on a battlefield. One fights to protect his clan, the other to break free from the chains of his past. In a single moment blade to throat they hesitate—realizing they were never meant to destroy each other, but to change each others destiny.

by Emily Gonzalez, grade 6



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MEMIE MANIA



by Noor Aldali, grade 7



LIFE OF A LADYBUG
Ladybug crawling...

by Elizabeth Hansen, grade 6

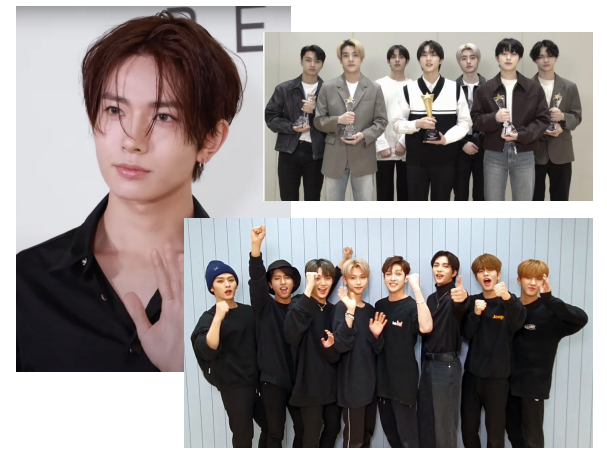


KPOP BEATS

by Gabrianna Bwoma, grade 6

A lot of things are happening in the K-pop industry! People are protesting for Heeseung from ENHYPEN to come back after he was dismissed. People are complaining, but also some of them are saying they're glad he left. On March 21st fans are going to submit a petition that has more than one million signatures. Maybe ENHYPEN will agree that he can come back, if not Heeseung will continue to be a Kpop idol as a soloist instead.

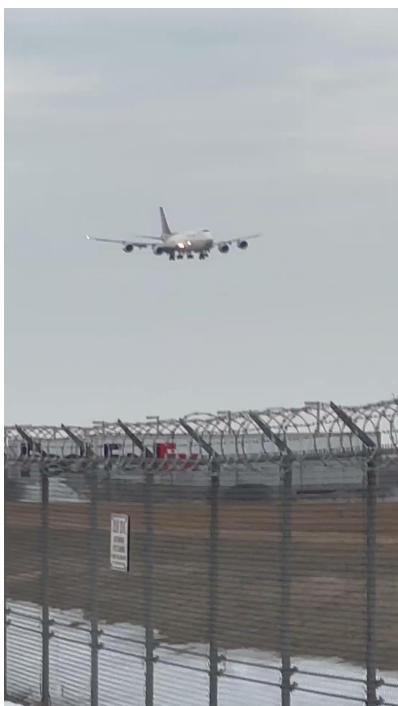
On the good side of Kpop, most groups are becoming active again. They are releasing songs, releasing albums, and going on tour. Stray Kids are on vacation, but they are releasing their new song on March 25th, which is also their anniversary.



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by Rosenda Carillo, grade 6

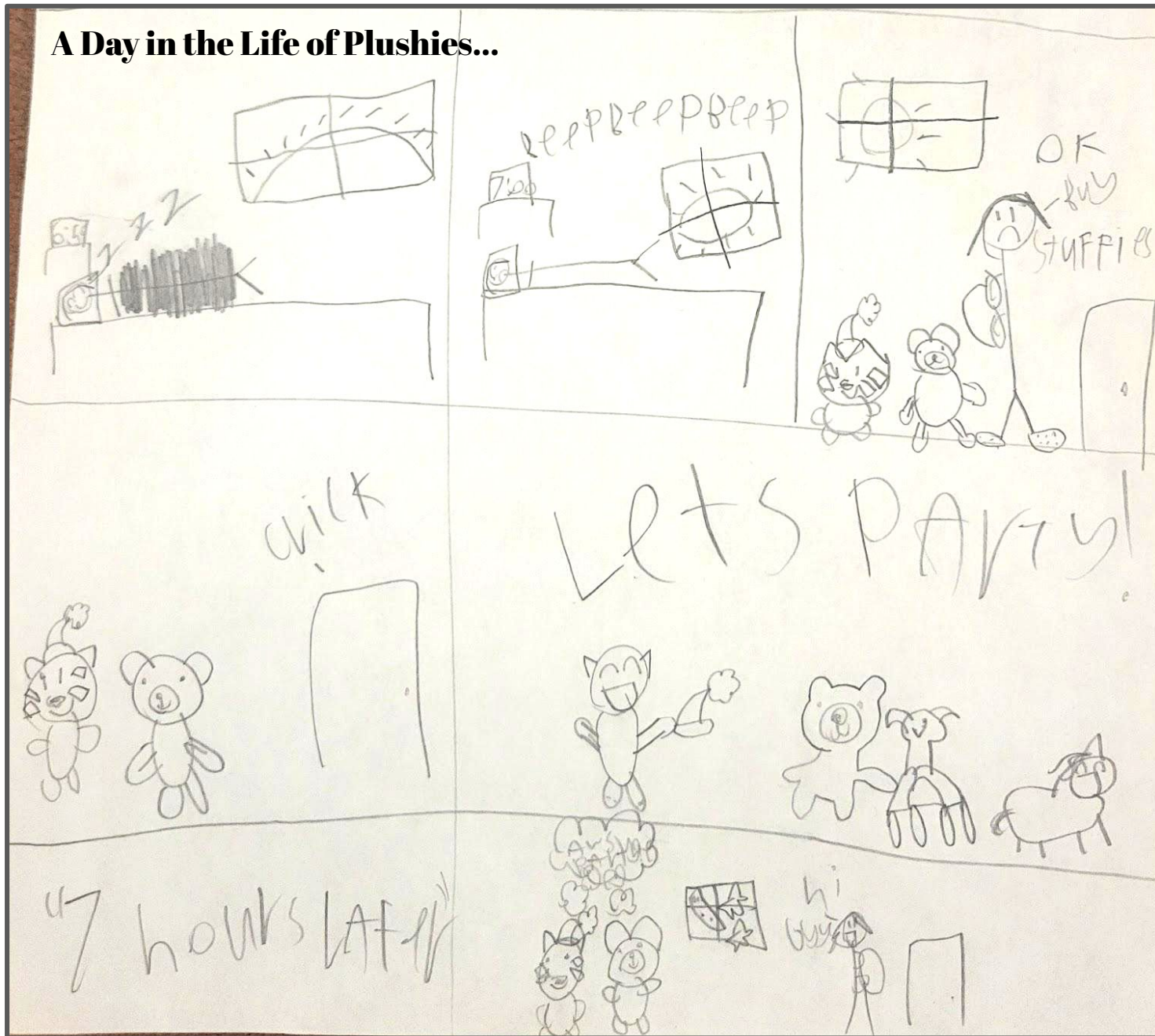


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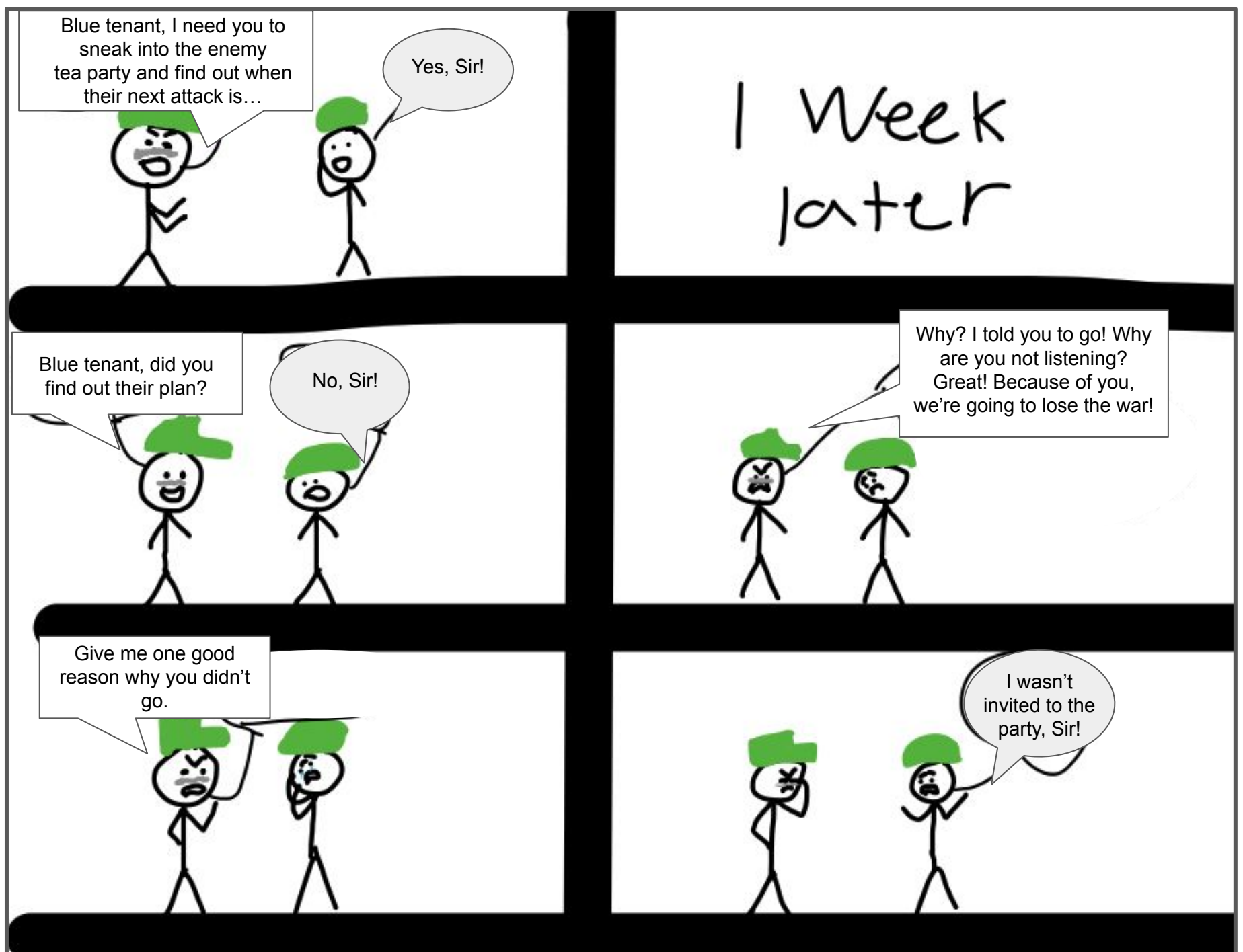
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