



**Pi Day activities with Redland's Math teachers and City Year**

**Photo courtesy of Mr. B. Villeta, Math Coach**



## Pi Day: March 14

**By: E. R. Williams**



An international holiday, representing the mathematical constant **pi** ( $\pi=3.14$ ), Pi Day is celebrated all over the world on March 14<sup>th</sup> because the digits in the date, March 14 or 3/14, are the first three digits of  $\pi$  (3.14). Here at Redland our Math teachers and students showed their support of the holiday and celebrated as only "Royals" should by "pieing" fellow classmates and teachers in the face with the help of City Year. "The event was a huge success and students really enjoyed themselves." said Redland's own Math coach Mr. Villeta. "The students were very appreciative for the opportunity to participate. They were a little apprehensive at first about getting pied in the face, but after the first student did it, everyone was on board. They really enjoyed pieing teachers, though." Students who participated in this event were among the top performing math students in all the math classes including Algebra 1 and Geometry.



# The ROBO ROYALS

By: Harmony Eleby

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Don't know who the "Robo Royals" are? Where have you been? The Robo Royals are Redland Middle's astonishing Robotics Team. The team is led by the amazing Ms. Krigger, she teaches the Robotics magnet electives and coaches the Robotics team. There are a total of 4 teams, Team A, B, C, and D. "So far this year, each team has won at least 1 competition. In fact, at the Virtual Skills Vex Robotics Competition that was held earlier this month, the Robo Royals Team B scored 230 points which placed them 3rd in the world and 2nd in Florida." said Mrs. Krigger. The Robo Royals Team A are 9th in the world and 3rd in Florida (via. Instagram). How the teams compete for placing is through coding. "What the students do is code robots, that they build themselves, online and they get a "virtual standing", which is the same as a rating for their code. They enter all the codes for their robots and the objective of their robot is to score as many points as possible." When asked what she thought was the biggest contribution to the teams' success, Ms. Krigger stated, "I believe it's the students' own confidence. If they believe in their work and skills they can get the job done."



The ROBO ROYALS discussing strategies before their next match at Rockway Middle School in February 2022.



The ROBO ROYALS practicing on the field before each match.

"Technology is a big option in becoming successful even if you don't want to go to college. As long as you are knowledgeable of all things technology-based, companies are willing and eager to hire you. There is such a high need and demand for people who are able to code." stated Mrs. Krigger. Robotics can bring many opportunities to people who enjoy it. Having confidence, being able to code, and bringing new and innovative ideas to the table, you will be able to succeed in this wonderful world called Robotics.

Our robotics teams are skilled and talented in many ways. They enjoy learning how to code and create their robots are competition. One of the major things they are learning is teamwork (that you can gain by joining the team) and helping others.

# Reader Submissions

Submitted by several Redland Middle students anonymously

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## My Black is Beautiful – 7<sup>th</sup> grade student

From my pigment of my skin to the smoothness of my hair, to the tears that are shed. But I manage to put a smile on.

To times when I felt like all was lost. When they would shame me because of my skin. I wear my skin with pride and love who I am.

Many may see me as a threat because I am a Black woman in America. But I am just like you because I am human too.

My skin may differ from yours, but we are equals and nothing more.

My black is beautiful, and I say that pride. They may push me down but I always get back up again and again.

Feed your mind with Hope, Faith, Love, Kindness, and truth. Don't feed it with negatives of life, feed it with positives.

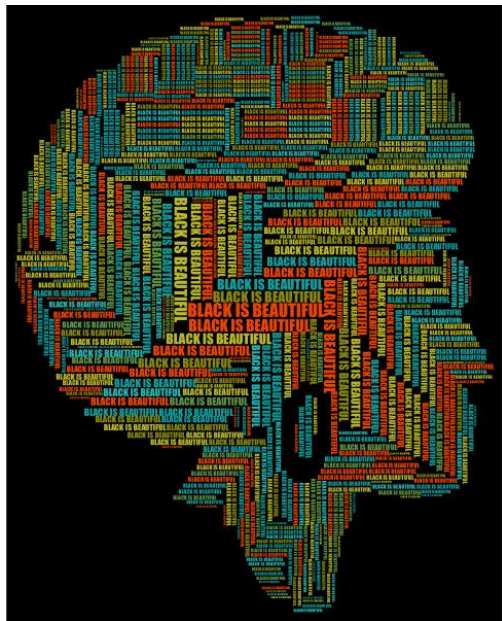
And as long as I'm black I will stay black and proud of it too. And for the kids who come after me.

Be proud of the power you of being black.

Black is so powerful that most of us don't even, relies how powerful it is.

But one fact that will always be true is, The Blacker Berry is the sweeter juice.

**My BLACK is always BEAUTIFUL.**



## Poem: “For Mom”- 7<sup>th</sup> grade student

I walk down the street and see what seems to be a blue and red light flashing.

They say they're here to protect and sever but all I see is abusing power that is given to them.

We put our lives in their hands but they play us like game. I walk down that Street to see my people be taken from their Families for no reason.

They tell us to stop to Go back to where we came from.

We are shown as hostel People on Tv when in reality most of Us are nice people like you.

We are human to judging based On color is a problem.

A problem that be fixed with the right people Representing us.

My people being arrested everyday Because of the color of our skin.

We have no hate towards you.

You hate us everyday you hate us for No reason.

# First Black Female Supreme Court Justice

By: Isabela Felipe

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At the end of the 2021-22 term, Justice Stephen Breyer announced his retirement. President Joe Biden nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to become the first black female Supreme Court Justice on February 25, 2022. Born in Washington, D.C. on September 14, 1970, Ms. Brown-Jackson was raised by Johnny and Ellery Brown in Miami, FL. She attended Harvard University for college and law school. Ms. Brown-Jackson has two children and is married to Mr. Patrick Jackson. After law school, she served as a law clerk for three years, four years in private practice, and was also a public defender for 2 years. She has won uncommon victories against the government that shortened or erased lengthy prison terms, as reported in The Washington Post. But some people don't want Mrs. Brown Jackson in office. "Tucker Carlson demanded that Judge Brown Jackson, a Black woman who is President Biden's nominee for the Supreme Court, prove that she is qualified. He demanded that she "show her papers." There is always going to be disagreement among politics but hopefully Joe Biden has chosen the best candidate for the job.



Supreme Court Justice Ms. Ketanji Brown Jackson  
Photo courtesy of HoustonChronicle.com

## Bites with Ms. Schaefer: Easy Strawberry Ice Cream

**Spring is here and Summer is right around the corner. Everybody's favorite Springtime/ Summer treat is ice cream for those long hot days. Here's an easy Strawberry ice cream recipe for you all to try.**

### Ingredients

- 1 x 400g punnet strawberries
- 1 x 250g tub mascarpone
- ½ x 397g can condensed milk
- cones and sprinkles , to serve

### Method

- STEP 1** Pull the green hulls out of the strawberries. If they are still quite hard, cut them in half or quarters with a table knife. Tip them into a flat-bottomed dish.
- STEP 2** Use a potato masher to squash the strawberries as much as you can. Tip into a bowl. **Ask your grown-up** helper to give you a hand if you need to.
- STEP 3** Add the mascarpone and mash this in – don't worry if it is a bit lumpy. Add the condensed milk and mix everything together. Don't worry if the mix is streaky.
- STEP 4** Spoon the mixture into a metal or plastic box and put it in the freezer. Wait until the next day or at least 6 hours before scooping into bowls or cones. Decorate how you like.



<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/easy-strawberry-ice-cream>

# Extra Extra Read All About It!



## Gasoline Prices on the Rise

by: Raelyn Uss



Photo courtesy of <http://www.fivethirtyeight.com>

Many people have been saying, "It's getting to the point where you're better off filling your gas tank in the morning because the price would probably be higher by the time you're driving home from work." The price of gasoline was already starting to rise before Russia invaded Ukraine.

As the most important measure of inflation that Americans regularly see, this daily increase is a big problem itself. Before the Russian invasion, the average price of regular unleaded gas in the United States had increased 17%. It was up 23% from the beginning of the year.

Last month alone, the average price of a gallon of regular gas rose 8 cents, from \$4.17 to \$4.25 according to the AAA motor club. It is much higher in states like California, where a gallon of regular gas costs \$5.57, on average.

Gasoline prices are based on the cost of crude oil, which jumped in response to the invasion and Western sanctions. With the announcement last month that the United States and Britain would ban imports of Russian energy, the climb in world oil prices appeared to be far from over.

Where oil prices go, wholesale and retail prices for gasoline eventually follow, as Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist for Capital Economics, explained in an interview last Monday. Even if the price of oil went no higher, the average price of retail gas in the United States would reach \$4.50 a gallon by April, he said.

"That's just the way the markets work," he said. Further increases seem likely. But it's more than that: It's a tax on working people, a drag on economic growth and a conspicuous emblem of the acute

problems afflicting a range of financial assets, from stocks and bonds to commodities like gold, nickel, and wheat. "A lot of people have little choice," Mr. Ashworth of Capital Economics said. "They have to drive."

In addition, food prices have been increasing. Russia and Ukraine accounted for 28 percent of the global wheat trade and 18 percent of corn exports last year. The futures price of wheat has risen 36 percent this year and 27 percent since the war started on Feb. 24.

The story is similar for corn, barley and sunflower oil, commodities for which Russia and Ukraine are major players. Shipments through Black Sea ports have been obstructed, financial sanctions are limiting trade — and futures prices are spiking.

Where do we go from here? Is there anything every citizen can do to help the global economy from oil dependency? As Middle Schoolers of today, we are responsible for innovating future economic strategies that allow a better world.



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## All of Us Are Dead

By: Raelyn Uss

Hello Redland Royals! I am sure you are all familiar with the Netflix Series, "All of Us Are Dead." Well, if you aren't, it is a Korean action/horror series about a high school invaded by zombies. The series features heightened violence and gore, including fight scenes and some uncomfortable scenes (such as zombies biting flesh off victims' necks, etc.)

Much of the series is the result of an unsuccessful experiment created by the school's science teacher which leads to the spread of a deadly virus that turns the entire city into zombies. The high school students that are trapped in school without food, water, and access to communication. Facilities try hard to not get infected by the virus with the scarce resources they have. Season 1 has 12 episodes, and each episode is up to about an hour long.

The director of the series Lee Jae Gyu already said that season 2 will depend on the popularity of season 1. And considering the amount of love and complimentary reviews the series received, season 2 is likely to come somewhere in 2023.

Most of the cast includes Park Ji-hu, Yoon Chan-young, Cho Yi-hyun, Park Solomon, Yoo In-soo, Lee Yoo-mi, Kim Byung-chul, Lee Kyu-hyung, and Jeon Bae-soo. If you are queasy or squeamish at the sight of blood this series is definitely not for you. But if your tolerance is high then I highly recommend it.

## Kanye West's DONDA 2

By: Harmony Eleby

Have you listened to Kanye West's new album? If you haven't, here is all you need to know about it as well as some opinions and reviews. The album is named Donda 2 and is Kanye (Ye) West's eleventh studio album. It was released on February 23rd, 2022. There are a total of 22 tracks on the album (via. Rolling Stone). Unfortunately, the album will not be on any streaming services such as Spotify, Soundcloud, Apple Music, etc. All 22 tracks will be available on Kanye's Stem Player device which costs \$200. Kanye West had stated the reason for the album to only be available on Stem Player was because artists nowadays barely get the money from the industry (via. Instagram).


As of this moment, only 16 tracks are available out of the 22 songs. The album features XXXTENTACION, Don Toliver, Future, Travis Scott, Migos, Baby Keem, Jack Harlow, Sean Leon, and Vory (for the 16 songs that are released). Kanye added two new artists to the album, Moneybagg Yo and Cailin Russo, but their songs have yet to be released (via. Genius). Donda 2 was revealed as a sequel to the original Donda that came out on August 29th, 2021. Donda and Donda 2 were both named after Kanye's mother, Donda West, who had passed away on November 10th, 2007. As for reviews, the album has gotten good reviews and ratings as well as mixed feelings for it too.



# Testing at Redland Middle

## May 2022



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 7 <sup>th</sup> gr. Math- day 1	3 7 <sup>th</sup> gr. Math- day 2	4 6 <sup>th</sup> gr. Reading/PBT- day 1 8 <sup>th</sup> gr. Reading/CBT- day 1	5 6 <sup>th</sup> gr. Reading/PBT- day 2 8 <sup>th</sup> gr. Reading/CBT- day 2	6 Make-up testing
9 7 <sup>th</sup> gr. Reading- day 1	10 7 <sup>th</sup> gr. Reading- day 2	11 6 <sup>th</sup> gr. Math – day 1 8 <sup>th</sup> gr. Math- day 1	12 6 <sup>th</sup> gr. Math – day 2 8 <sup>th</sup> gr. Math- day 2	13 Make-up testing
16 8 <sup>th</sup> gr. Science and Biology Make-up testing: 6-8 <sup>th</sup> Reading	17 Algebra 1 EOC and Geometry- day 1 Make-up testing: 6-8 <sup>th</sup> Reading	18 Algebra 1 EOC and Geometry- day 2 Make-up testing for Reading and Math- all grades	19 Civics EOC Make-up testing: Science	20 Make-up testing: Science
23 Make-up testing for Reading and Math- all grades and all paper-based testing	24 Make-up testing for Reading and Math- all grades and all paper-based testing	25 Make-up testing for Science, Biology, Civics, Algebra 1, Geometry, and all paper-based testing	26 Make-up testing for Science, Biology, Civics, Algebra 1, Geometry, and all paper-based testing	27 Make-up testing for Science, Biology, Civics, Algebra 1, Geometry
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**It's that time again... TESTING!** Kicking off the testing season, as usual, will be the FSA ELA Writing exam on April 7 for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade and April 8 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Students and parents should keep in mind the following:**

- **Students will need to be present for all their assigned assessments.**
- **Leaving Campus:** If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), he or she will not be allowed to return to that test session.
- If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Reading and Math scores will be used for placement during the 2022-2023 School year.**
- **Wired earphones are required for the FSA Reading exam.**
- **FSA practice exams can be found at <http://www.fsassessments.org>**
- **Electronic Devices** are not permitted during testing, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, and Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds. If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.



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**“Every day might not be good, but there’s good in every day”. –  
Alice Morse Earle**