

**Tedd Garcia, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Student**

**Forever in our hearts**

## **Our Royal Angel**

**By E. R. Williams**

**“It’s so hard to say goodbye.” What a cliché, right? But how true are those words when it comes to situations like this. You can never prepare for something like this because you don’t think it could happen so unexpectedly or so quick or to that person or during your lifetime. I remember the first time I met Tedd. It was his 6<sup>th</sup> grade year, and he was assigned to my homeroom class. The first thing I noticed about him was that bright smile. I can’t recall a day where I didn’t see Tedd smiling or laughing. Even as I sit here now writing this, I still see that smiling face. To his family, friends, and all those that knew him, he may not be here, but his presence will forever linger in the shadows of our minds. Rest you Royal Angel.**

You were such an amazing person. I miss you so much I can’t even explain it. Your smile and laugh made me so cheerful. Your whole personality was just so perfect, I wish we could have made a lot more memories. Joking around with each other was one of my favorite things. I’ll cherish all the memories I got to make with you this past school year. I’m so glad I got to meet you. Love you- R.N. (7<sup>th</sup> gr. student)

I’m at loss of words, I can’t even comprehend the fact that he’s gone. Tedd has been one of my best friend ever since Pre-K, just knowing he’s gone hurts me. I’m not the type of guy to get sentimental but this broke me. Sending prayers to the family, losing a child is the greatest pain any parents can ever feel. Tedd will forever be in our hearts and we will miss him. Long Live Tedd- R. V. (8<sup>th</sup> gr. Student)

Tedd was one of my friends, and robotic tournament partner, ted was a good guy a lover and he would me with anything he made me happy he was a good person. RIP Tedd- A.A. (7<sup>th</sup> gr. Student)

Dear Tedd, I want to start off with saying that you were an amazing person and an even better friend. You always knew how to make people smile and how to lift someone’s spirit when they were in low times.- J. S. (8<sup>th</sup> gr. student)

By: Sophia Lopez and Raelyn Uss

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The school day can seem to be everlasting but with a good snack your troubles can float away. Recently, we inquired about whether or not snacks should be sold at school during the change of classes. We asked a series of questions to a total of five students and teachers in different grades and our principal, Mr. Louis. The answer to whether snacks could be sold during the transition of classes was answered by Mr. Louis who said, “It is more of a **“I need a plan”** because the students have enough distractions already and the priority is getting to class before the tardy bell rings. It also depends on the congestion of each snack stand which will tell me if it needs to be shut down or if there needs to be more stands in other places. It is also up to the teacher sponsor who will run that stand during the change of classes.” Teachers and students were interviewed, and both agreed that snacks should be sold during the rotation of classes. They also agreed that it needed to be done in an orderly fashion. A suggestion of restocking the vending machines, already located in the building, was bought up.

Students interviewed suggested that the vending machines be stocked to save on time instead of creating snack stands throughout the school. In response to the vending machines being restocked one of the students had this to say: “The vending machines aren’t restocked because the students simply aren’t responsible enough for it. The number of students getting to class late would double if not triple if the vending machines were restocked.”



#### Reasons why snacks should be sold during transitions:

- People who don't eat breakfast or lunch or both could have some sort of source of energy.
- Sales could raise money for different school clubs and events

#### Reasons why snacks shouldn't be sold during transitions:

- Some teachers don't allow eating or food inside their classrooms
- The snacks could be a distraction for students
- Snack stands could be congested causing more students to be late for classes

# Extra Extra Read All About It!



## Autism Awareness Month

By: William Romero



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Autism Awareness Month takes place annually in the month of April. The purpose is to spread awareness, celebrate, and promote acceptance for Autism which is a condition that is found in one out of every 54 children. Autism is a complex developmental condition affecting a person's ability to interact, communicate, and progress. Autism has a host of subtypes, making everyone's personal journey with it different. One common characteristic that children on the Autism spectrum face is difficulty with speech. Children with Autism are likely to develop speech more slowly than other children. In some children they may never start talking and with others they could develop speech and then lose it suddenly or over time.

Most of us empathize the person with the condition, but do not really seem to think about how it impacts their families and friends. There is a lot that parents and friends of someone with Autism do to accommodate their loved one. Here at Redland Middle School, we have a few staff members who are parents to children with Autism. Ms. Gonzalez, our amazing attendance clerk, is one of those awesome parents. She was kind enough to share her family's journey with Autism. She explained that in her journey with her child she had to change a lot of her life to be able to accommodate him. "I had to ungroom my initial way of parenting, to groom myself to the way of parenting a child with Autism," said Ms. Gonzalez. "In the beginning, I will admit it was tough adjustment. But I wouldn't trade a single day. Over time it got easier. And now it's just how it should be." Most people see Autism as a disability, when in reality, it is not.

Autism Awareness month has had a huge impact on the world. Today, it is easier than ever to find information about Autism, effective treatments have been discovered, and families and friends are more aware of how they can help their loved ones. Currently, a blue ribbon featuring a puzzle-piece motif is the widely accepted symbol of Autism Awareness, and there is an Autism Awareness Day each April 2 to help draw even more attention to the challenges of living with Autism. April has been designated as Autism Awareness Month. Since the launching of the modern Autism Awareness campaign more than a decade ago, awareness has increased remarkably. Today, most parents are now aware of Autism and children are able to get the testing and treatment they need. The result is that children who do have Autism will be in treatment sooner and because of these interventions will have a better chance of developing successful strategies to learn how to best manage their unique needs.



# Bites with Sophia

By: Sophia Lopez

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Testing season is coming up and so is the end of the school year. To celebrate you can follow this super easy recipe for an amazing, not to mention gluten free, snack to carry with you anywhere and anytime! They're called **Honey Almond Bites** and are no bake (meaning no oven required).

Using honey and almond butter as the glue, a combination of slivered almonds, unsweetened coconut flakes, sunflower seeds, and sesame seeds are mixed together leaving only the scooping and sprinkling of toppings. If you're a chocolate lover, you can throw some chocolate chips in your mix. Enjoy!!!!

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## Beat the Heat with Homemade Popsicles

By: Ms. LT Smith

**My favorite time of the year is fast approaching, SUMMER!! (But it's always summer weather in Florida, right.) Here's a "cool" treat to beat this Florida heat.**

Blend your favorite fruit in a blender. Add in 1 to 2 Tablespoons of sugar, to make your popsicle a little sweeter.

Combine yogurt and 3 teaspoons of honey in a small bowl. Mix together well.

Layer a popsicle mold by alternating pouring in the fruit blend and yogurt mixture until it reaches the top (I like to add the fruit first).

Insert popsicle stick into the top and then place into the freezer. Freeze for 4 hours, or until hard.

Run mold under warm water for a few seconds and then remove popsicles. Enjoy!!!!

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# Disney's "Turning Red" movie

By: Harmony Eleby

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**Disney's Turning Red.** One of the most thrilling, and exhilarating movies I have ever seen! It takes place in 2002 and follows the main character, 13-year-old Meilin Lee, as she experiences the hardships of her family's lifelong tradition, her mother's expectations, and being a teenager. The movie is 1 hour and 40 minutes long and is exclusively streaming on Disney +. It stars Sandra Oh, Jordan Fisher, Rosalie Chiang, and many more. The first 30 minutes of the movie introduces Mei's best friends, her religion, her mother's judgements, and the red panda that represents her family. Mei becomes the red panda if she feels any type of excitement, anger, sadness, or any type of big emotion. As seen in the beginning of her transformation, she must always be calm and not feel any rational feelings whatsoever in order to keep her panda under control. Her ancestor, Sun Yee, had what they called a "mystical connection" to red pandas. Sun Yee harnessed the ability to become a red panda in a positive way but as time passed through the generations, it wasn't useful anymore and was seen as negative. "And what was a blessing became...an inconvenience." Although there was much controversy as people began watching it, it still got high ratings. 5/5 were most of the ratings. Many people believe that Disney and Pixar shouldn't have included the puberty part and many other parts, since it was considered a kid's movie. But, just like me, a lot of people enjoyed watching the movie and found it refreshingly realistic (other than the turning into a red panda part). I highly suggest giving the movie a try! And remember to embrace your inner panda.



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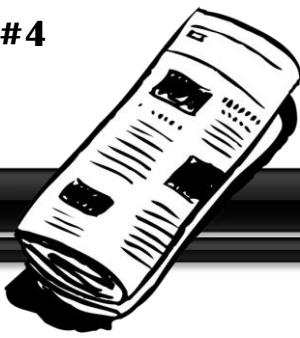
## Atlantis. Is it real and is it lost?

By: Isabela Felipe

Many of you have probably heard of The Lost City of Atlantis, an island larger than Ancient Libya and Asia Minor combined with high technology that sunk by an earthquake around 360 B.C. The legend said that the earthquake served as a punishment from the gods since it seemed to them that the people inhabiting the city had lost their way and "turned to immoral pursuits". "One terrible night of fire and earthquakes" caused the utopian City of Atlantis to sink at sea. Poseidon, the god of oceans named Atlas (his son) king of Atlantis. There is where the city's beautiful name came from. You may be wondering; how do we know about this city if we haven't even found the city yet? Although scientists think it's somewhere in the southern waters of Spain, they don't know for certain if the actual city sunk there. All we could do is believe stories people have told over the years. "The ancient Greeks were divided as to whether Plato's story was to be taken as history or mere metaphor." Some people think it's just a myth some believe it actually existed; what do you think? Do you believe an advanced civilization inhabited a sunken city by the cause of the tsunami sent from the gods as punishment really existed?

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## Uniforms

**By: J. Williams- 7<sup>th</sup> grade student**



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Uniforms!! A word that students and school administrators have varying opinions about. Should uniforms still be mandatory in public schools?

According to school districts, school uniforms are supposed to ensure the safety of students, teachers, and staff members. But is this statement true? Many can argue that uniforms do not change anything about a students' safety or even their behavior; since behavior is the number two reason most people feel uniforms should be mandatory in schools. As a student myself, uniforms do not affect how I learn or behave throughout the school day. Student behavior is a conscious decision all students make on a daily basis. Most of them do not always make the right decision but can we truly assume that what they were wearing had or could have had an effect on those decisions?

In discussing this topic with parents, fellow students, and school administrators here at Redland Middle and Mays Conservatory, the views were very different and surprising.

### Parent/ Student/ School Staff opinions

**Mr. Granberry- BMT at Redland Middle** Now on the safety front, uniforms let everyone know where you belong. When someone is not in uniform they don't belong in this building. It gives us a sense of belonging and a part of a unit. We all want to belong, so by providing this will provide our students with the structure and sense of belonging they all want and need.

**M. A. Williams (parent)** "I am not in favor of mandatory school uniforms because I feel it's another way for schools to make money off parents. I am a believer in choose. Public schools shouldn't have the private school look and not be providing the public school results."

**Ms. Smith-RJP/SCSI Coordinator at Redland Middle** "The first step to success begins with how you present yourself. Dress for success is not just a saying, it is the first action to take in changing or progressing into a different, better, successful person."

**Anonymous 8<sup>th</sup> grader-** "I am glad we have uniforms. I hate having to think what to wear to school. Uniforms make it easy. I just pull out my white top and pants and I'm ready."



# The Oscars 2022

By Leah Lopez

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The Academy Awards, more widely known as the Oscars, are awards for artistic and technical merit in the film industry. Many believe these rewards are the most prestigious and significant awards in the entertainment industry worldwide. "Winners are chosen from the following 24 categories: best picture, actor, actress, supporting actor, supporting actress, directing, original screenplay, adapted screenplay, cinematography, production design, editing, original score, original song, costume design, makeup and hairstyling, sound mixing, sound editing, visual effects, foreign-language film, animated feature film, animated short, live-action short, documentary feature, and documentary short. The academy also presents scientific and technical awards, special achievement awards, honorary awards, the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award (for excellence in producing), and the Gordon E. Sawyer Award (for technological contributions), although these are not necessarily awarded annually. In August 2018, the academy announced that it was adding an annual category for "outstanding achievement in popular film," to debut at the 2019 ceremony." - <https://www.britannica.com/art/Academy-Award>

Winners are presented with a copy of a golden statuette as a trophy, officially called the "Academy Award of Merit", although more commonly referred to by its nickname, the "Oscar".



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## But why are the Oscars a thing?

The story goes that when an Academy Awards librarian named Margaret Herrick first saw the golden figures, she exclaimed that the blank face and stern eyebrow reminded her of her Uncle Oscar.

## What are the benefits of winning an Oscar?

There is no reward for winning the Oscar, but there are benefits in other ways though. Aside from **bestowing international recognition and prestige**, an Academy Award can play a crucial role in the success of the major winners.

## How much does an Oscar weigh?

An Oscar weighs 8.5 pounds.

## What was the first color film to win an Oscar?

Gone with the Wind.

## Who were the original, first winners of the Academy Awards?

For more information -

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**"Every day might not be good, but there's good in every day". –  
Alice Morse Earle**