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CURRAN MIDDLE SCHOOL'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

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Curran welcomes McGrath

By Kailani Dukes

One plus one equals two. After losing longtime Dean of Students Sara Williams to Emerson Junior High, Curran recently welcomed Kevin McGrath to campus.

Mr. McGrath was born in Chicago and has two older sisters. He loves sports and the outdoors. In Chicago, he attended Northern Illinois University, (NIU).

He then moved to Bakersfield and has lived here for twenty years. During those twenty years, he attended California State University, (CSUB), and earned his Master's Degree. He became a teacher and taught at College Heights Elementary School in East Bakersfield. He taught third grade for five years, and fourth grade for five years. He

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Quick facts about Mr. McGrath

- Mr. McGrath is from Chicago, IL
- He earned his degree from Northern Illinois University
- Mr. McGrath has taught
- He taught in several different grade levels in the Bakersfield City School District.

PLTW takes math to the next level



By Diego Ramirez

See kites or hover crafts roaming campus? Don't be alarmed.

Project Lead The Way classes integrate math with engaging science projects. The math that students are doing changes everyday, most of the time. In PLTW students learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

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Kaepernick should stand during anthem

By Kailani Dukes

Colin Kaepernick keeps sitting down as everyone respectfully stands for the national anthem during his football games.

He stays seated because he feels like this country doesn't treat black lives right.

In my opinion, I don't agree with Kaepernick. He is protesting, saying Black

Lives Matter, however, All Lives Matter

Yes, I understand his opinion, but nobody is acknowledging the fact that many people of different races are disrespecting each other. Nobody should just blame the police.

I don't like some of the things that police are doing, but I don't like what black

people are doing to each other either.

Ultimately, I don't agree with Kaepernick.

I may be a fellow black person, but I still don't agree.

He has his own opinion, but I have my own and that is ALL LIVES MATTER.

GET OFF THE COUCH AND RUN

By Daylon Leach

Let's face it, many students simply do not like running the mile.

While it's four long strenuous laps, it's good for kids, because some kids don't like to get out and exercise. Some kids just sit at home and don't go outside.

Middle school students enjoy playing video games so that means sitting on the couch eating and staring at a TV screen. It's

important that schools continue to require students to run the mile, because kids don't like to exercise.

They need to stay in shape for when they get older. Many things could occur sooner or later such as heart disease, diabetes, and obesity.

What I want you to do is get off the couch, or desk, and put some more enthusiasm in running the mile.

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Curran has events that won't disappoint

By Jolorie Lopez

Although Winter Break is right around the corner Curran Middle School held several events and contests this week.

Choir Concert

The Curran Middle School Band and Choir hosted several band and choir concerts recently in the cafeteria.

Curran's Clothing Drive

The students who need the clothes will be going through on Dec.23 and picking what they want.

The Curran's Clothing Drive started on Dec.1 and ended on Dec.20.

Students, parents, and staff could bring warm

clothes and sweaters for other students in need.

Curran's Sock Drive

The Curran Sock Drive was held through Dec.21. The staff was accepting socks, mittens, and gloves.

Students in the ASP got their names put into a raffle if they bring socks for the needy.

PLTW: Students enjoy creating everything from kites to robots

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The PLTW teacher, Mrs. Belyeu .She said that she has been the PLTW teacher since last year so basically two years. She stated she enjoys teaching PLTW.

She said she would give it a rating of 10 out of 10 stars. She added that the part that she is looking most forward to in PLTW this year is launching rockets.

One student in PLTW, Esteban Negrete seventh grader, said, "I want to build something that flies in PLTW." He has

been in PLTW since sixth grade up until now and he says he wants to continue doing it.

Negrete added that he would give it a rating of 8 out of 10 stars.He does PLTW during second block.

Another student , Nico Calderon, also a 7th grader, said, "I want to build a model rocket this year."

He has also been in PLTW since 6th grade and he says he enjoys it.He says he would give it a rating of 8 ½ out of 10 stars.He also does PLTW during 2nd block.

McGrath: New VP comes to Curran from Stiern and Sequoia

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transferred to Stiern Middle School and taught everything, from science to english. He then went to Sequoia. He did enjoyed teaching.

Mr. McGrath said, "My favorite thing was to see a light bulb go on in every student's head [when a student learned something new]." Ultimately, he is using his years of teaching in his new position as vice-principal.



Girls Basketball Improving, Coach says

By Ariyana Craig

Curran Middle School's girls basketball team won its first game against Downtown on Tuesday 20 -9.

"I'm very happy with the outcome and attitude in games and in practices," said David Feliscian, girls basketball coach

They are improving in every practice.

According to Mr. Feliscian, they need to learn how to pass, defend more, score more shots, and improve

teamwork. They also need to focus on layups. "

These are the players who improved the most, according to Mr. Feliscian- Ariyana Craig (good on defense), Jackie Perez(good rebounder), Sadie Padilla(good defense), Aryana Nicholson(good attitude), and Diamond Johnson(good defense and dribbling).

Overall, the coach said the team needs to focus on conditioning.



Soccer Team 0-3 After Loss To Downtown

By Rafael Jimenez

The Curran Middle school soccer team lost to Downtown Middle school soccer and now has an 0-3 record.

This the third loss for the soccer team.

The first game Curran lost badly 6-0 in the first game, but the second game was much closer. Curran played better in this game with 1-0 loss.

Curran is looking forward to their next games.



Nobody likes trash. Keep the campus clean!

Please pick-up after yourself.

NO MAN'S SKY: REACHING FOR THE STARS

By Cindy Lopez

No Man's Sky is science fiction video gaming at its finest. This game has so much action that came out in 2016! It's about the character's ship crashing on a random planet. The character has to find parts for the ship to go to other planets.

The game has billions of planets, so it's rare to go on the same planet as other people. There are many creatures on different planets- some are nice if you give them food.

When you give them food they can look for items, sometimes even rare items! However, some creatures will not be nice to your character if you disturb them.

On most planets there will be houses. Throughout the game there are beings that can help you.

There are weapons that you can upgrade. Most of the planets are really cool.

If you think this game sounds fun, you should buy this game.

Magical Drinks

TASTE THE DIFFERENCE OF STARBUCKS

By Ximena Lopez

Each time I walk into Starbucks seeing the food and smelling the coffee makes me feel happy. I usually get Vanilla Bean Frappuccino or Caramel Frappuccino. The Vanilla Frappuccino is a great drink because it has a great taste, and has whipped cream.

The Caramel Frappuccino tastes amazing and flavorful because it has caramel on the whipped cream. There are also many drinks at Starbucks such as Double Chocolate Chip, Iced Coffee, Green Tea Creme Frappuccino, Cotton Candy Creme Frappuccino, Passion Fruit Lemonade, and many others. If you haven't tried Starbucks, go try it now!



Hungry? McDonald's could be the answer

By Yearo Khali

I really enjoy McDonald's. It may be because the part of the country we live in. The customer service is really great.

Pretty much all food sold there is cheaper than normal foods you would buy at the grocery store.

Now, let's talk about the menu. Most of the burgers are pretty stale, HOWEVER the desserts are a pure masterpiece.

For example the taste of the milkshake should leave you inside the restaurant seat for hours. The taste of

everything will eventually lead you to buy more, well, that is, until, you are sick to your stomach and cannot go to physical education class the next day. Whatever you do, though, don't get addicted to McDonald's.

Take it from an expert.

Gamer Girl: Battling Together

By Cindy Lopez

From Swords Clashing to Amazing magic spells, Gamer Girl is an fascinating book.

It has so much action and the enemies are pretty tough. It's exciting to see how two characters become friends, and ends up into a love story. Their names are Maddy, and Chaud.

It's funny how she thinks that her friend Matt is in love with her but he's in love with someone else. Maddy makes a manga club and brings Chaud closer to her.

Their names in Field

of Fantasy are Sir Leo, and Allora.

The first day Maddy joined the game She was attacked by wolves, Sir Leo was there with her and helped her through the way. They go on many quests together and battle many bosses.

I like how he's so nice he would let her keep the reward when they finished defeating a boss.

Ultimately, My favorite part is when Chaud decided to stands up for Maddy when Billy was bullying her.

I recommend reading this book.

