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Students Not Outraged by Adjustments to School Store

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PFFS - Students at Paulo Freire experienced a change earlier this week in the products sold in the school store.

The seventh graders in charge of the store decided (with some influence from Carman) to sell healthier meals and snacks at lunch time. Since last year, the food has improved health-wise, but the prices have increased. To make up for the money spent on healthier and vegetarian meals, the prices on the meals have doubled.

“I like it because we have more strategies for profit,” said Raine Ugstad, one of the 7th graders in charge of the store. Ariane Mohr-Felsen, a science teacher at Paulo, stated, “I feel excited about it, and I’m happy it was a student-led decision.”

Forrest Zepezauer said, “I think it’s good that they have healthier options, but I feel like the school store is for people who forgot their lunch and don’t have a lot of money, so they should make things cheaper.”

People’s opinions may vary, but the reactions are mostly positive.

Race For The White House

By, Lucia Meinig-Reeves

As the race for the White House continues the things that the candidates are saying and doing could make or break their campaign. Donald Trump has said many things that have made people turn away from electing him and some that have made people interested in what he could bring to the Oval Office.

Then there are the theories about the Clintons (mostly Bill Clinton) such as

allegedly assassinating people who don’t agree with him, and some of the things Hillary Clinton believes and says such as a stronger hold on guns turns people away. Bernie Sanders supporters are split with people switching over to support Hillary, and people wanting Bernie Sanders as the candidate so much they don’t vote at all, there for lessening the number of democrats voting in the upcoming election.

Some of the things Trump has said about muslims, hispanic people, and his support of groups and people such as some leaders of the KKK (Ku Klux Klan) has led many people to not vote for him. If you have heard anything about Donald J. Trump you have probably heard about his stance on immigration. He has called

Mexicans drug dealers, criminals, and rapists and wants to ban all undocumented people from coming into the US. Trump's stance on immigration is not ideal for most people. because even though there are people that are drug dealers, terrorists, rapists, and criminals we have many people from the US fitting into that clique as well.

Deforestation

By: Ruby Lenertz

Forests cover 31% of our planet's surface, but what if that number kept decreasing and one day it gets down to zero. At the rate we are destroying forests right now, that day might be closer than we think.

Every year, 46-58 thousand square miles are lost, that's equivalent to the size of 48 football fields being destroyed every minute. All that land is usually destroyed because of humans. Whether it's forgetting to put out a

campfire before you go to bed or chopping down trees and cutting grass to make room for a McDonald's. We are slowly destroying one of the main providers of our oxygen. For anybody who doesn't know, without oxygen we wouldn't be able to breathe. And if we weren't able to breathe then we wouldn't be able to live. Long story short we need trees.

Forests offer a lot more than oxygen. 1.6 billion people use materials that come from forests such as, food, water, medicine, clothing, and shelter. Not only are we destroying forests but we're destroying people's way of life. But people aren't the only ones using the forests. Plenty of animals use that space, whether it be living on the ground, underground or above ground, animals need that space too. 70% of the world's animals live in the forests. When we destroy forests, we are losing the animals we know and maybe even some that haven't been discovered and maybe never will be.

In the end, forests are one of the most valuable things on this planet. They are able to produce many of the things humans need to survive. If we destroy these areas to the point where they aren't able to function properly, we're in deep trouble.

Art In Tucson

By: Erika Vargas

Art in Tucson, Arizona isn't uncommon. You see it everywhere you look, whether it be graffiti on the walls or painted murals on Fourth Avenue, all art is precious. There are some local artists that have just beautiful art at the Desert Artisans Gallery.

Local Tucson artists post and sell their art at this gallery. There are so many types and styles of art, and our imaginations are free to run wild when we try to figure out the hidden meaning of it all. Most times, though, the meaning is clear as day, we just have to know where to look.

Make sure to check out the website! I'm sure they would appreciate it so much.

Echo Book Review

By: Ursula Denholm

Echo, a gorgeous story of joy, hardships, childhood, and music. I finished this book a few weeks ago and I have nothing but admiration and praise to share. This breathtaking story is split up into three sections, each one telling a different tale about a child in the mid 1900s with a burning passion and desire for music.

You open the book to meet Otto. A child lost in the forest. He comes upon 3 princess sisters who must break a spell cast to tear them away from their family. They bewitch his harmonica and tell him to pass it on, once it saves a life the spell binding them will be broken.

The scene changes to Friedrich, a young boy living in Nazi Germany with birthmark, a "Jew loving" family, and a harmonica.

The tears shed on this particular anecdote resonated in me far past the pages, paragraphs, and words. In part two we meet Mike and Frankie. Two inseparable brothers who are put in an orphanage together. Time passes, people want them-but not both of them. That is until a woman is looking to adopt a child with musical talent. She was looking for a girl but gets stuck with two boys. What will she do? What will they do?

The story shifts once more to a young girl named Ivy who has just found a real home. A home with friends, a great school, and she is about to play the harmonica for the radio. Then, out of the blue, her family packs up and leaves abruptly. Leaving behind the only place she learned to call home she drives away to a farm. There she learns more about the war and society than she ever imagined.
