

ROARING WITH PRIDE, VAN BUREN ELEMENTARY, GO PANTHERS!

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A NOTE FROM OUR FEARLESS LEADERS!



A Friendly Note from Our Admin Squad!

Dear Van Buren Families

April is upon us, and with it comes a renewed energy and purpose! As the vibrant spring blossoms remind us of growth and potential, we, too, are focused on cultivating a strong finish to our school year. We've seen incredible progress throughout the year, and now it's time to solidify those gains and celebrate our collective achievements.. This month, we're gearing up for state testing, a crucial opportunity for our students to showcase their hard work and demonstrate their learning. We have full confidence in their abilities and are committed to providing them with the support and encouragement they need to succeed.

Happy April Panthers!

Counselors Corner

Wow, we cannot believe it is already April. With testing starting, we want to share a couple of simple ways you can help your student rock the test!

- Go to bed early, by 9 pm, to ensure your student gets 10 hours of sleep
- Eat a healthy breakfast - the school serves breakfast at 7:40 every morning.
- Come to school on time - students who come late will not get to test with their normal teacher, so make sure you're there by 8:10 am

We look forward to seeing your students rock the test. And remember, they need to do their best and forget the rest!

With gratitude,

Van Buren Counseling Team

PANTHER JOURNALISM CLASS

24-25



Serenity Beach SB



Rogelio Del Rio



Maria Reyes
Gadi M.

Nevaeh Matthews



Ethan Jay Nelson

Nijjah S.

Mrs. Prigock



PANTHER PRIDE

VAN BUREN ELEMENTARY



Ms. Nia

A Member of Our Awesome IYT Staff (Improve Your Tomorrow)

By: Nevaeh Matthews & Nijjah Gorman-Bridges



Ms. Nia became a teacher to help kids of color. Ms. Nia said the most interesting thing a student told her was that they watch baddies. Ms. Nia would use these three words to describe her classroom: happy, emotional, and community. Ms. Nia said something her students would be surprised to find out is that she has a lot of siblings. Ms. Nia interests outside of school is reading. Something her class is working on is getting more school sites for young men of color.

Ms. Valerie

Van Burens School Support Technician

By: Nevaeh Matthews & Serenity Beach



Ms. Valerie has been working at Van Buren for 30 years. She wanted to work with students because she thinks they are amazing and loves watching kids grow. Her favorite part about working at Van Buren is being able to help anyone with anything they need. The most interesting thing a student had told her was that they were feeling down and talking badly about themselves. The 3 words she used to describe her office were busy, fun, and conversational. She thinks students would be surprised to find out that she is a believer in Christ. A hobby Ms. Valerie has outside of school is camping, she deeply enjoys the campfires. Something special she has been working on is the certificates for our award. Ms. Valerie will be retiring this year.

Mr. Montero, the 5th Grade Maestro of Multitasking, Cal Tech Beavers

Written by: Yadi



Mr. Montero wanted to become a teacher and work with his students because he was the kid with issues in school, and wanted to have a job that mattered and came from his heart. His favorite part of working with the Van Buren Panthers is when something finally clicks in our head, as he uses his favorite hobby about learning different cultures to teach them about different continents and countries, using the food/ food trucks they are known for. Mr. Montero believes that the most interesting thing a student has done was wake up in the middle of his class and call him

mom! He believes that his classroom is like his old college, Cal State Stanislaus, encouraging, fun, and safe. He would like to know how students connect to schools or to classrooms themselves. So, if you see him, let him know in a non-verbal or verbal way. Mr. Montero would like to see a change at our school with everyone on the same page no matter what your age is, saying things we could improve on is lunch, by giving the lunch ladies more freedom to cook in kitchen our food would taste and look better to students and staff, his thoughts on the new recess rule is that it feels no different than what we had before. A word of advice Mr. Montero wanted to give us is "We should try to be the best version of ourselves... Not everyone will be a Doctor, Teacher, or Lawyer, etc. But if you're the best version of yourself it's OK."



STUDENT INTERVIEWS



BY NEVAEH MATTHEWS, SERENITY BEACH, ROGELIO DEL RIO, ETHAN NELSON

Question: What is your favorite summer

activities?

4th grade :

Adelina D : Swimming

Sofia R : swimming

Hanna V : water fights

Ariana A : water fights

Mia J: Volley ball

Jessica M : water Fights

Melanie M.: going to the beach-

Ashley H: swimming

5th grade :

Lamar S: video games

6th grade

Jaquelin A : eating popccles

Vicente H : Playing his game

Andrew S: Volley ball

Ruvino D :: Football

Marissa k: football

Andrew S : volleyball

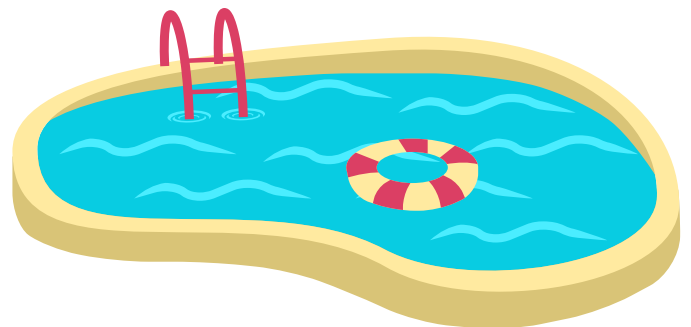
Kimberly G: going to the park

Elizabeth D: swimming

Marceli A: going to the mall

Taice R: playing video games

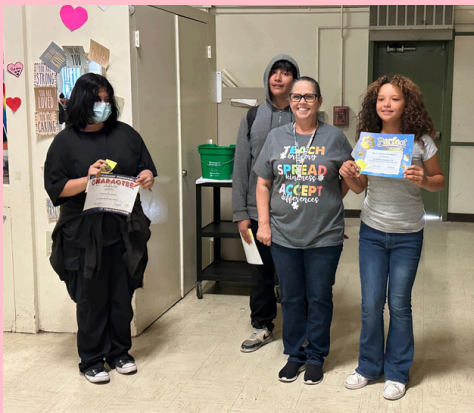
Alex G: going out to the pool

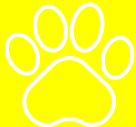
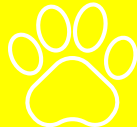


Illustrious Students of the Month

April's Character Trait celebrated the trait of **TRUSTWORTHINESS**

TK/Kinder		
Pachardo	Valeria Garcia Rodriguez	Ismael Rivera Andrade
Allen	Nevaeyah Lee	Azucena Ochoa Sierra
Miguelino	Efua Agyam	London Brown
First		
Barosso	Victoria ramirez	Andrew Butler
Yang	Jayla-Eve Dean	Bryson Parrott
Second		
Dominguez	Arlin Aguilera	Frances Abequibel
Chase	Keyniah Gorman	Dylan Lopez
Kaler	Sir Cameron Chambers	Je'Niyah White
Third		
Singh	Alina Diaz	Aman Oriakhill
Golis	Adorii Turner	Akhilles Martin
Saepharn	Joshua Marten	Christopher Macias
Fourth		
Lara	Rogelio Lopez Ortiz	Mia Juarez
Duarte	Xianna Evans	Justin Floyd
Fifth		
Montero	Alexander Mora	Cenaiya Hall
Ballesteros	Lluvia Sanchez	Richard Alejandro Ramos Romero
Sixth		
Lupian	Brayan Lopez	Larriah Thornton
Fernandez	Guadalupe Gonzalez	Alizaya Orosco
Seventh		
Bryant	Kelvin Routt III	Araceli Cruz
Prisock	Zayden Juarez	Alyssia Klein
Eighth		
Dates	Sarahi Ochoa	Elijah Xiong
Teevan	Alyssa Kennedy	Shania Murry





Monthly Vocabulary Words

By: Nevaeh Matthews

K-2 Word: **Healthy**

Definition: in good health

Sentence: “ He looks healthy enough. “

3-5 Word: **Anxious**

Definition: experiencing worry, unease, or nervousness, typically about an imminent event or something with an uncertain outcome.

Sentence: " It was an anxious time for all of us . “

6-8 Word: **Abhor**

Definition: regard with disgust and hatred .

Sentence: “ I abhor washing the dishes .”

Monthly Reflection

By: Rogeilo Del Rio

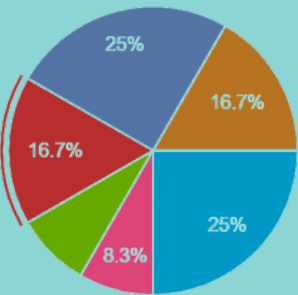
Every summer has a story. What will your be?



This Months Teacher was

Ms. Simon

16.7% of the guesses were correct

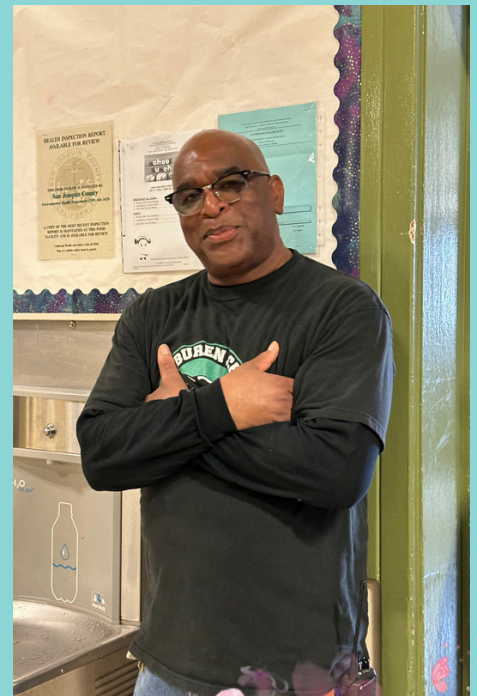
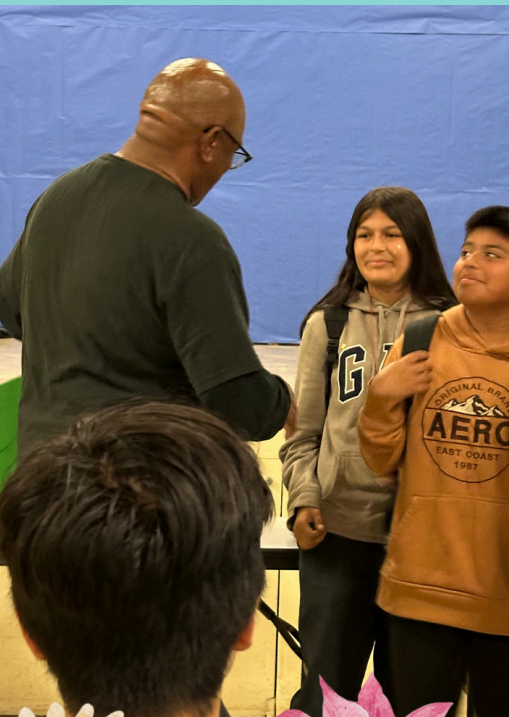
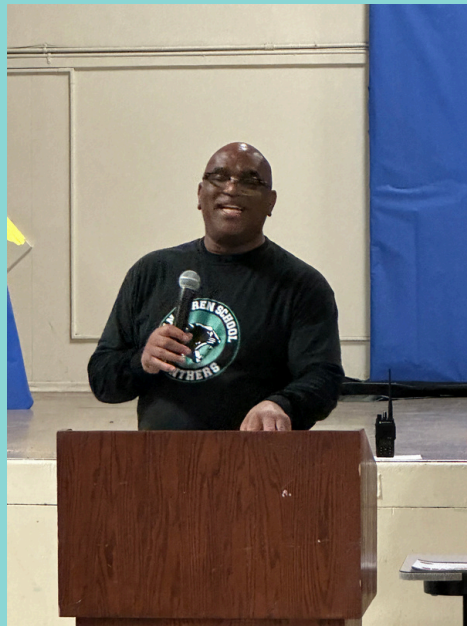
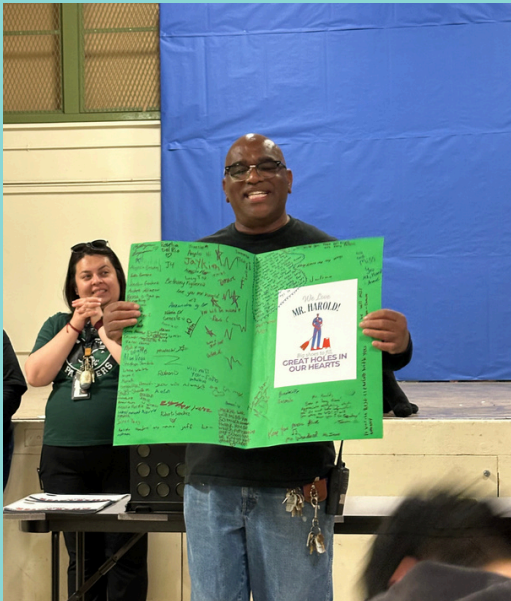


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| ● Kindergarten - Ms Miguelino | ● 3rd Grade - Ms. Singh (Simon) |
| ● Kindergarten - Ms. Allen | ● 3rd Grade - Ms, Saepharn |
| ● 1st Grade - Mr. Barosso | ● 4th Grade - Mr. Duarte |
| ● Option 1st Grade - Ms. Yang | ● 4th Grade - Ms. Lara |
| ● 1st Grade - Ms. Dominguez | ● 5th Grade - Mr. Montero |
| ● 2nd Grade - Ms. Chase | ● 5th Grade - Ms. Ballesteros |
| ● 2nd Grade - Ms. Kaler | ● 6th Grade - Mr. Lupian |
| ● 3rd Grade - Ms. Golis | ● 6th Grade Mr. Fernandez |
| ● PE - Mr. Neisser | ● 7th Grade - Mr. Bryant |
| ● Art - Mrs. Yanez | ● 7th Grade - Ms. Prisock |
| ● Music - Mr. Woodard | ● 8th Grade - Ms. Dates |
| | ● 8th Grade - Mr. Teevan |



MR. HAROLD

By: Serenity Beach



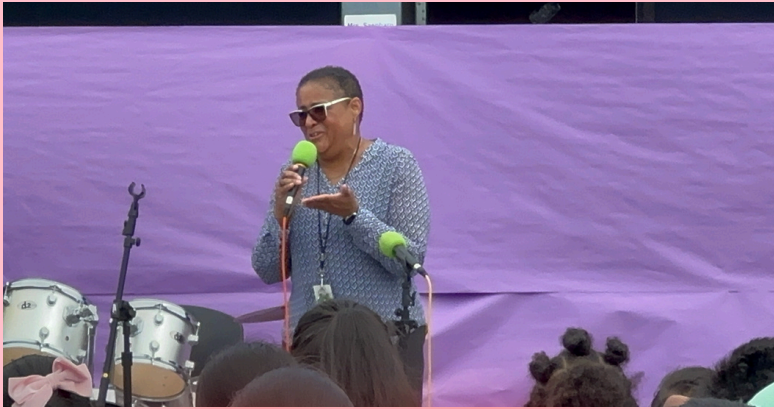


Love to Ms. Chase



BY: Serenity Beach

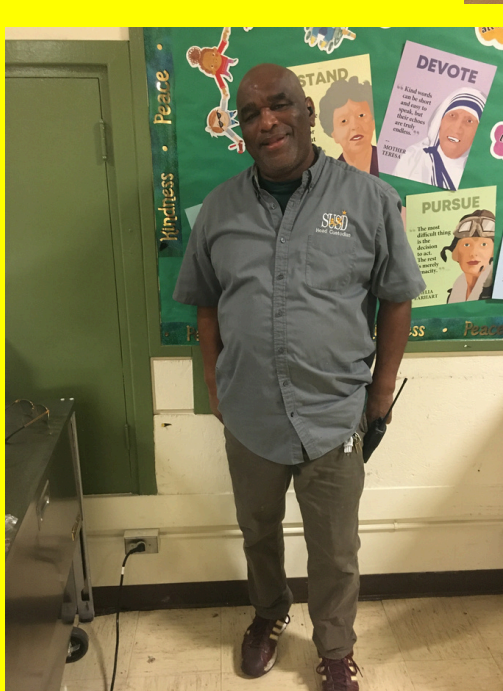
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Team members who are off to new adventures next year

WE WILL MISS YOU

By: Serenity Beach



Students in Action





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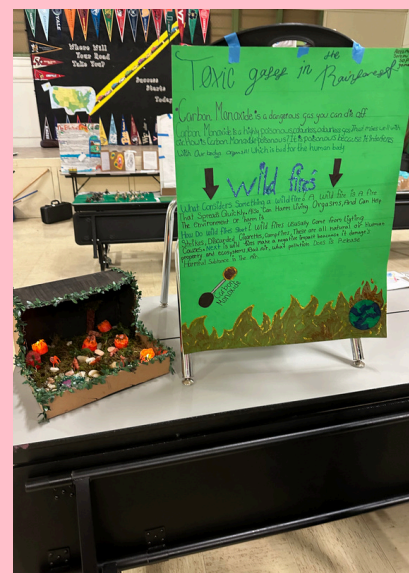
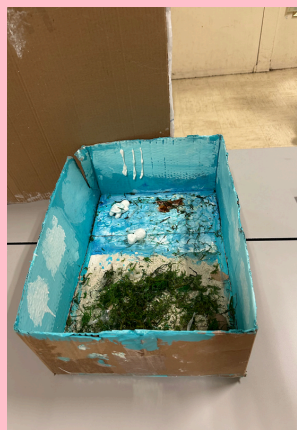
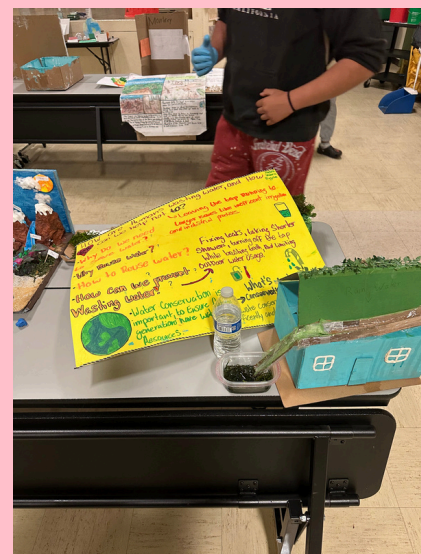
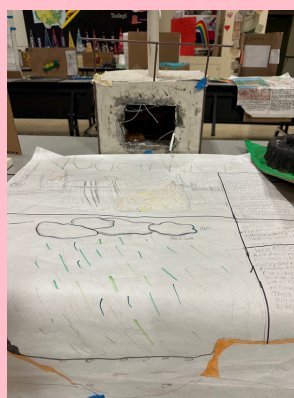
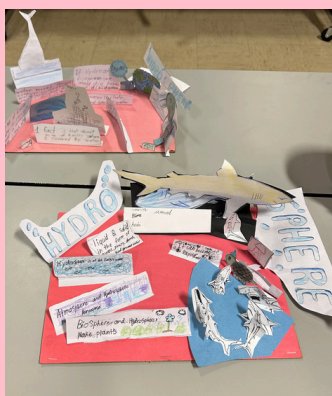
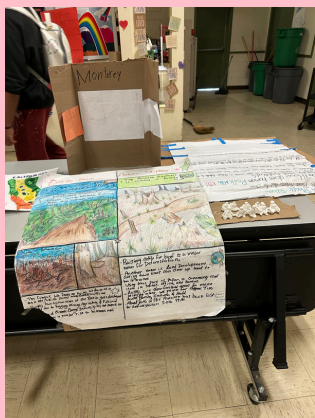
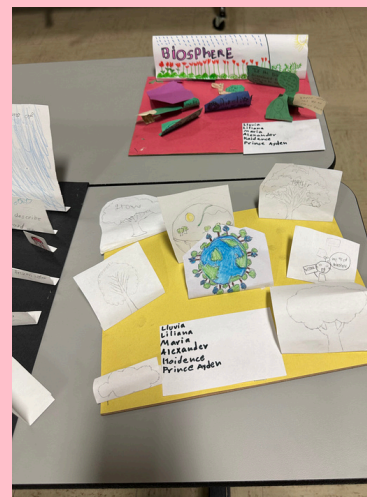
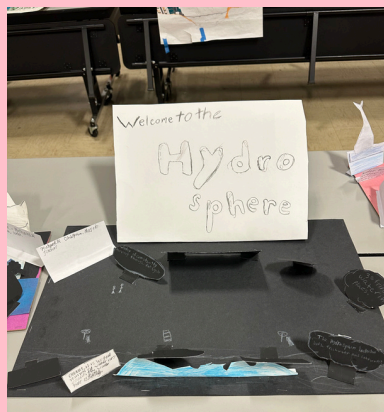
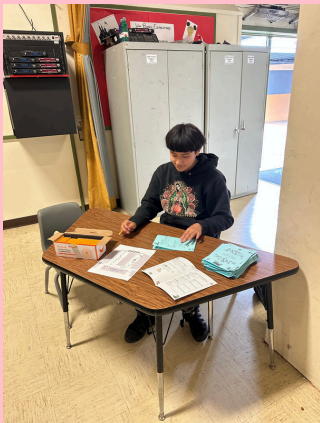
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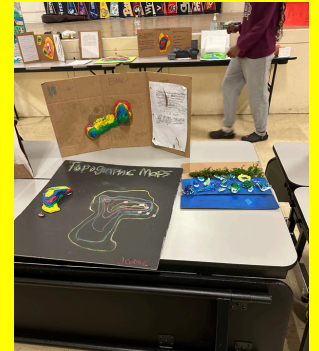
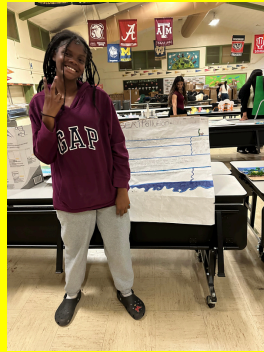
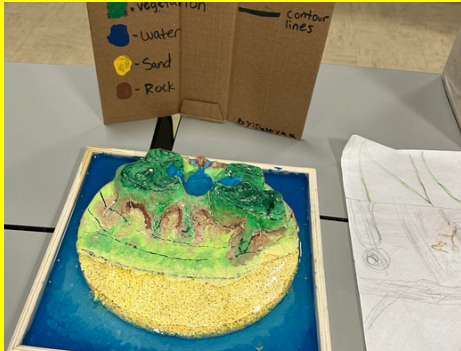
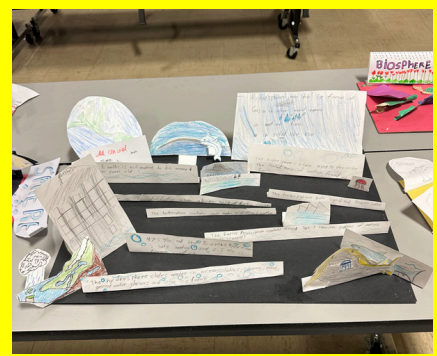
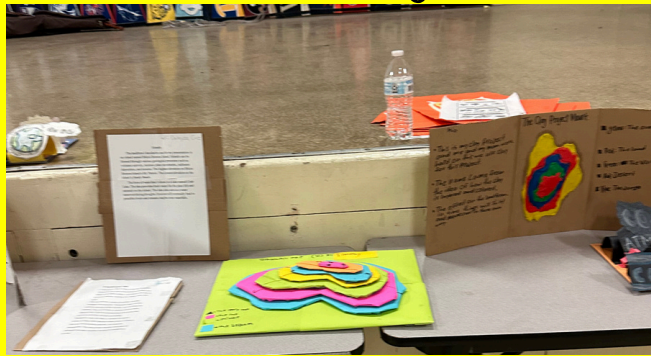
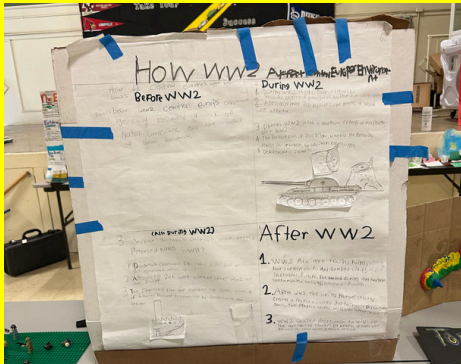
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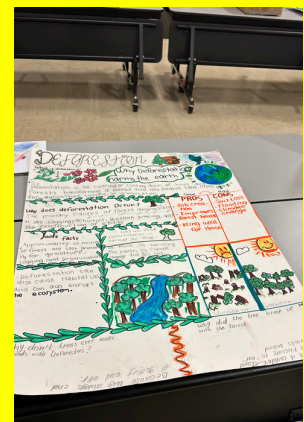
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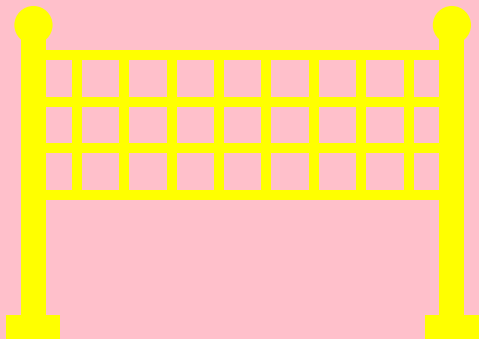


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Panthers with Game!!!

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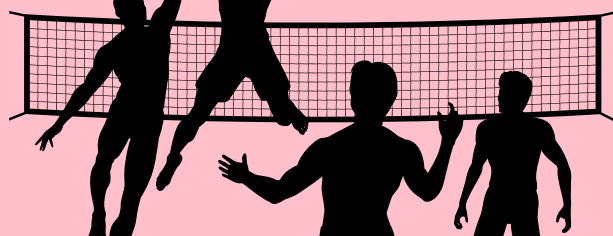
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VOLLEYBALL



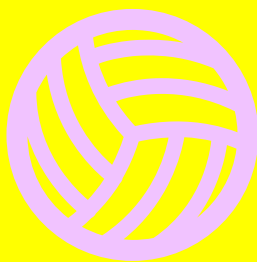
Panthers with Game!!!



Our Van Buren Panthers
had their second game
against the Hoovers and
both our black and red
team won!!



So if you see them
congratulate them on that
win and their current win of
the week ~Shania Murry



Panthers with Game!!!



VOLLEYBALL



Panthers with Game!!!

By:Serenity Beach



Panthers with Game!!!



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7th and 8th Grade Field Trip to Yosemite



The 7th and 8th graders at Van Buren had a winter wonderland time playing in the snow at Yosemite National Park



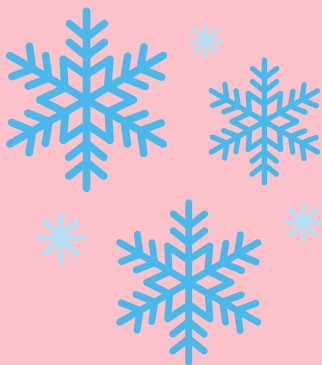


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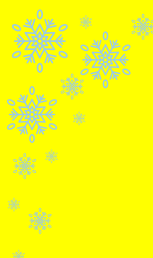


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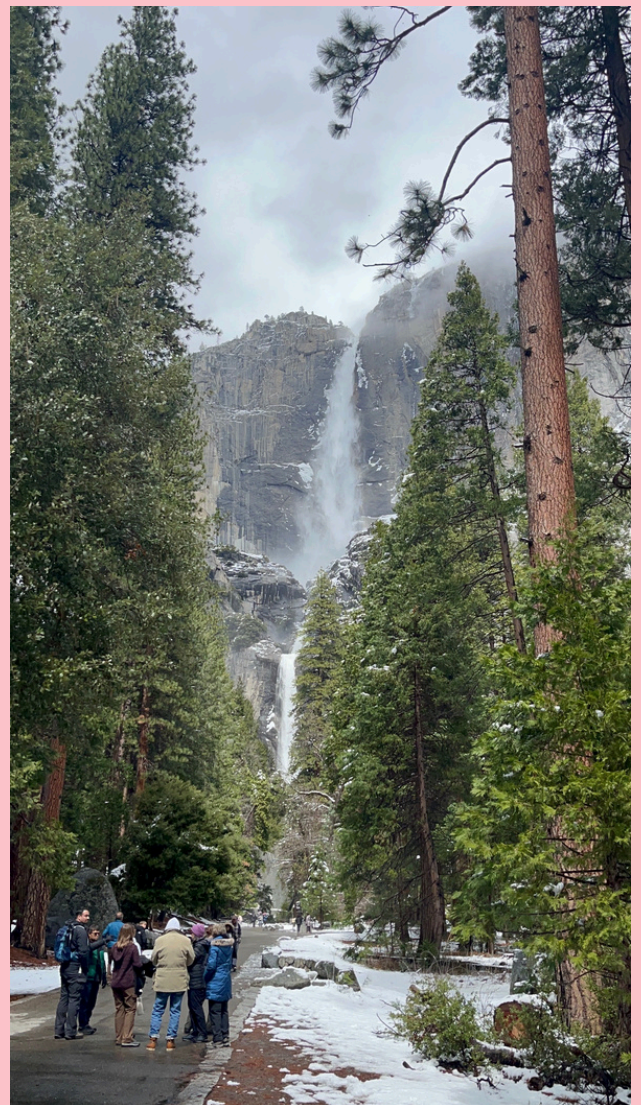


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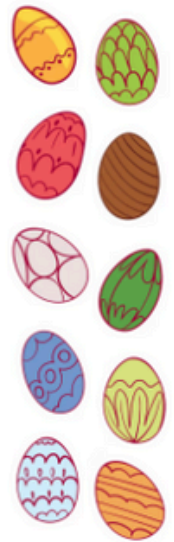


Howard University is a historically black college located in Washington, D.C. Howard was founded in 1867 as a school for undergraduates, graduates, and professional degree programs in over 130 areas of study across its 14 schools and colleges. Howard's best majors are Science and Engineering, but they also have wonderful major programs in Business, Communication, Social Science, and Health Professions. The requirements for Howard University are pretty equal to other Universities: being at the top of your classes and getting wonderful SAT scores. Howard University is a special college; it is the number one college, modestly selective, and lastly, it is a college dedicated to African Americans so they can achieve a higher education and not being discriminated against.





HELP
KIDS
FIND ALL
EASTER
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Get ready to bust a
gut with jokes !

By: Rogelio Del Rio

Why shouldn't you trust
trees?

they seem shady



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PRIDE!

*We want to say bye, this is
our last paper. Thank you for
being so wonderful,*

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**THE
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