

**Standley Middle School** 



Thanks to Educate and Standley PTSA for their sponsorship of the school newspaper.

Teacher of the Year Ms. Rannikko **Danica** Fletcher Staff

Ms. Rannikko felt honored to be teacher of the year. Even in previous years she was

glad to be nominated but felt extra happy that her peers felt she deserved Teacher of the Year. Not only is she a science teacher but she also is in charge of Green Team. Green Team is a club/advisory that gardens and keeps our Standley campus as clean as they



can. They collect the recyclables and dispose of them properly. They also have a garden right on campus.



How's Your 2023 Going So Far? Gaia Furisoi Staff

How's your 2023 going so far? "It's been a lot of mixed emotions" Did you have a New Year's Resolution? If so, how's it going?

"Not to make fun of

How's your 2023 going so far? "Pretty good." Did you have a New Year's Resolution? If so , how's it going? "No." If not, Would you like to improve anything? "I would like to improve my Fortnight skills." -Jack Doherty

How's your 2023 going

people, not going too good!"-Lili Munoz





On January 20th 2023, the Retro Dance began to party! The event included fun activities like dancing and buying snacks, located outside of the activity room. They sold varieties of snacks such as chips, pizza, candy, and even fun glow in the dark/ light up glasses, whistles, rings, and bracelets! During the dance there was a dancing contest hosted. The winner received a cool prize as the reward. Congratulations to our winner Olivia Campos! A limbo was hosted to see the balance and skill of our talented students! Not only that, but you could request songs. BUT for just ONE dollar, you could write a shout out that the DJ would say in front of everyone. Thank you Ben Clarke for being such an awesome DJ! more pictures of both Retro Dance and Spirit week on page 8











Did you have a New Year's resolution? If so, how's it going?



"Yes, I have been getting better at Clash Royal."

-Jovian Eckman How's your 2023 going so far? "O.K."

Did you have a New Year's resolution? If so how's it going?

"To get better grades." -Savannah Messerman





# The Spelling Bee!!! Injin Park Staff

Every year, students from all over the country participate in the Spelling Bee at their school. At our school, the participants for the school Bee come from the winners of the English classes. This year, a 7th grader Alexander Innamorato won. He prepared by looking over

the list of words given and reciting them for practice. I asked him how he felt during the event and he said that he was nervous throughout it. He says that he is nervous about the district Spelling Bee and he will start preparing as soon as he gets the list of words. We will be cheering him on! Runner up: Jayden Yao Third place: Yael Meltzer



**District Honor Orchestra** 

James Reeves, Baruch Bejar, Elena Johnson, Aaron Puthuvalil, Agnes Puthuvalil, Eli Shim, Adam Bergstrom, Grayson Chirco, Elbert Lee



#### **District Honor Band** Axel Magnuson, Jordan Yaeger, Ben Clarke, Lance Terrell, Lily Tichenor, Hana Fitzenz

**District Honor Orchestra Winds/Percussion** Jordan Yaeger, Lance Terrell, Ben Clarke

#### Bird Flu Outbreak Spreads to Minks! Allison Spencer Staff

#### started in

The bird flu started in Europe fall of 2020 and spread to Africa. Early last October the minks at a farm in Spain got sick. Some of the symptoms of the sick minks are not eating, salivating excessively, clumsy, tremor and bloody snouts.

Scientists first thought it was Covid-19 but soon realized it was H5N1, a type of influenza virus that causes a highly infectious, severe respiratory disease in birds. This bird flu has killed about 52.7

million birds. Some other types of mammals that might feed on infected birds have gotten H5N1 also, such as foxes, raccoons and bears. The minks

get fed raw chicken so there is a chance



that some of the chicken had H5N1. If one mink is infected it

could spread to other minks and keep on spreading. This means that it has now adapted to some mammals

# No Place For Hate Cammie Pearce

Staff

No Place For Hate is a club that supports all people and encourages kind actions. This club was started by Ms. Meredith and co founder Ms. Lattimore. I asked club members some questions about NPFH and this is what they said:

- Q: How is No Place For Hate different than other clubs?
- A: "We help make our school a better place while having fun." Maddie W.
  - Q: How has NPFH affected Standley in a positive way?
  - A: "It helps people be more accepting"  $\hat{E}$ llie B.
  - Q: What do you want people to know about NPFH?
  - A: "Awesome organization that supports equality and acceptance" Ms. Lattimore
    - Q: What is your favorite part of NPFH?
    - A: "I get to be around friends, there is no judgement and, it also helps people without a voice." Olivia J.
    - Q: What motivated you to join NPFH?
    - A: "I wanted to make our school a better place." Lana F.



Members of No Place For Hate include: Abigail O., Alice L., Amy L., Ana A., Anindita N., Aya B., Brian R., Drew B., Dulce G., Dylan G., Eliana B., Emma C., Gerard A., IIynn C., Isabella J., Kai P., Kario S., Kathrine H., Khadija Z. Khloe D., Kyndal N., Kyshia W., Laine B., Lana F. Levi E., Madison W., Nevaeh M., Olivia J., Patrick R., Sabrina G., Taylor C., Tyler S.



Chapter 4: What's Inside? Author: Stephanie Monroy Editor: Hana Fitzenz

They all quickly gathered and began calling 911. What once started off as a wonderful Christmas evening quickly turned into a night full of chaos. The horrible thoughts that had previously sparked began coming back and once again the Marking family had fear in their hearts." Have we lost Elle again? Will she ever be found? Who took her?!" They all seemed to





Mink

instead of just birds. Some of the animals at the mink farm were tested for H5N1 and if they were positive they were killed.

Already 51000 minks have been killed due to the bird flu to stop further spread. Scientists think that a more likely source of the virus was a wild bird. Plus they detected that some wild bird had H5N1 in the area. The minks' food is like a paste and when they feed the minks they smear some on the top of the cage. Other animals and birds could be attracted to the minks' food. If they were to carry the bird flu it could spread to the minks.

There have been less than 10 known cases in humans but no human-to-human transmission. The virus has not adapted well to humans yet. Eleven farm workers had contact with an infected mink but all tested negative. The mink farm also has some other animals such as cats and dogs that could act as hosts for the virus. Some of them have gotten H5N1. Sometimes minks get loose so if it had H5N1 it could give it to a wild animal or one of the other kinds of animal on the farm.

Mink farms normally use their minks for their fur, meaning they kill them to make decorate hoods, pom-poms, collars, scarves, purses, shoes, boots, and key chains. So technically they would die anyway but if they were babies then you wouldn't be able to use their fur. be sharing the same thought.

Finally after what felt like countless hours of waiting the Police came. Unfortunately however it was that Stella had left no trace and there was a thin line between little and no hope. Mrs. Marking began begging the Police for them to find anything! She could not lose her daughter again! "But why would somebody have so much hatred towards poor Elle, she had already been in a near death experience and once again she may be gone." Mrs. Marking said to herself. The police said there wasn't much they

could do until she had been missing for twenty-four hours. So they waited...

Twenty-four hours had passed since the disappearance and all of Stella's family marched into the Police station claiming they wanted to file for a missing person report. Hoping this time they would actually get through with it. The Police said they would get an officer or two to look for her and would give her more priority than other missing people just because she has prior incidents and it could be the same person trying to get rid of her existence.

Now the question in mind was who took her? There weren't many suspects except obviously the Spellman family, they have always been so suspicious when interacted with. Plus Stella and Emily have always been so close, yet knowing that Elle is hurt, Emily hasn't come around to visit her now that she's at home not even once? Is Emily hiding something? Had she been the one to push her and kidnapped her just yesterday?

The police thought all this was suspicious so they decided to go to her home using the excuse of a possible suspect needed for interrogation. Two officers stepped up to her door and where about to knock on door when they heard a loud and unusual noise. They quickly panicked and began thinking of possible reasons for this noise. They began calling out for somebody inside...yet no answer. So they kicked the door open and all they could see was dark. But then suddenly a spark of light was seen and a shadow was spotted. The shadow was huge and contained fangs and large claws. It then began to turn around facing the officers and then all of a sudden it began running in their direction. As it got closer and closer they could finally see its appearance and it was...



# Standley Girls' Volleyball Mid-Season Update Judson Grubbs

Staff The SDUSD girls' volleyball season has begun! Here are our players for this year's team: Sydney Berryhill, Kylee Blennerhassett, Julia Carlson, Ava Chiramonte, Riley Conklin, Sydney Gilmor, Mia Guest, Chloe, King, Valentina Murallo, Keyla O'Sullivan, Ashley Ordaz, Reagan Rowe, Julianna Shelton, Madison Ward, and Zoe Zucker. Currently our players have a record of 6 and 2 with wins against Marston Middle School, Grant Middle School, Millennial Tech Middle, and Deportola Middle. Unfortunately our girls team has lost this past week to Lewis Middle, and Pershing Middle. But this upcoming weekend our girls team will play Correia Middle School, and have a rematch against De Portola.







Question: How do you feel friendships off the court affect your play during games? "It benefits the game by helping teamwork during our practices which translates to the games."

Question: How do you feel the Standley Girls Volleyball team will compete in the playoffs "If we stay focused and get the ball over the net we will do good." -Kylee Blennerhassett

Question: How do you think the Standley Team bounced back after your losses? "We started to focus on the little things in the game like serving and like Kylee said, simply just getting the ball over the net." -Sydney Gilmor





"I joined the team because I love to play soccer and it was a good way to meet people with similar interests." "The best moment was when I scored a goal against Marston Middle." -Cammie Pearce

-Mia Guest

"I like playing on the soccer team because I really enjoy playing soccer and also a bunch of my friends are on the team so it is fun hanging out with them and playing with them." -Chelsea Kossmann

"I like being on the girls' soccer team because I get to try a new sport with my friends. Also, we're a bit competitive so we like winning." -Sydni Sandoval

# Standley Girls' Soccer Team Jack Shultz Staff

Here are our players for this year's SDUSD girls' soccer team: Alena Achacoso, Marcela Aguilar, Rafaela Baleto, Grace Brophy, Eliana Brust, Addison Clark, Autumn Denson, Melina Eichhorst, Gabriella Hancock, Jasmine Herrera, Chelsea Kossman, Sara Mlibari, Tiana Ocasio, Cameron Pearce, Olivia Peltier, Elisabetta Petrova, Sydni Sandoval, Antoinette Sandoval, Lily Tichenor, and Marielle Underwood.



# Snake Bowl Volleyball Tournament 2023

Mr. Hartin Volleyball Tournament Gavin Seiler

Staff

The Snake Bowl Volleyball Tournament has came to an end. **Team Mongooses** earned the victory. Here are those players: Kai Selleck, Thaigo Quillin, Injin Park, Chelsea Kossman, Camdyn McDonald, and Julia Gillespie-Carlson.

The **team Mambas** placed in second. Here are those players, Matthias Baluyot, Ava Chiaramonte, Mia Guest, Owen Huntsman, Parker Richardson, and Romina Rodriguez.

**Team Pythons** coming in third with Kylee Blennerhassaset, Riley Cocklin, AAron Garcia, Decklan Houston, Chloe King, and Inaki Lanatta. Finally the fourth place team, **Team Vipers** with Josh Poblete, Audrey Forde, Bruno Giaoni, Sydney Gilmor, Valentino Hernadez, and Julianna Shelton.

### Standley Middle School Volleyball Joshua Poblete Staff

Joshua Poblete: It's been fun playing volleyball. I always wanted to play it but I didn't know where to play so this was my chance to be able to play it and



play with people I like. Judson Grubbs: "CD ch saw."

Owen Huntsman: "It's been a lot of fun and a very good experience to bond with my teammates."

Kai: "It has been pretty fun so far and has been a good change from competi-

tive club."

Jason: "It's been a good experience and I've had fun."

Anthony: "It has been very fun learning the ins and outs of a new sport and improving everyday."

Malcom Solt: "I joined the school volleyball team as a joke but it turned out to be fun."

Tucker : "I'm gonna play in high school." Levi: "Haikyuu."



# Standley Spectrum

# Spring Issue 2023

# Read-Imagine-Create

Standley Middle School's 6th Graders entered an art contest for the Read-Imagine-Create program sponsored by San Diego's Write Out Loud. Students received a brand new, free-to-keep, copy of Andrew Krivak's novel <u>The Bear</u>, exploring the community we share with nature. With this book, students learned **theme** expressed with depth; for example, instead of claiming one theme Andrew Krivak conveys is survival, students learned to expand upon that theme by asking, "What about survival?" Andrew Krivak reveals that survival requires knowledge, skill, and patience. Students also enjoyed the visits of a professional writing artist who taught a workshop on magical realism, and a professional visual artist who taught a workshop on illustrating a natural bear!

Students completed an art project, choosing a medium such as: artificial intelligence guided digital photography, painting, sewing, sculpting, cooking, writing, music, dance, etc. **All** students' projects were entered into the contest offering cash prizes, prestigious recognition in an awards ceremony in April, and/ or performance of their creation by a professional actor. Visual arts projects will be displayed at local libraries in April and May. Standley has participated in Read Imagine Create for a number of years and our students have won many awards. For more information about this project, please visit <u>https://</u> writeoutloudsd.com/read-imagine-create/.









Fashion Editors: Heebin Chae, Liliana Munoz, Valentina Noncovich, Cecilie Riff, Brielle Balzon, Isaiah Boyd, Leslie Bazan, & Jenna Piech

We love to be colorful and vibrant. We're showcasing the spring spirit of new life and gorgeous fashion. The fashion pictures were going to show you will be the brightest Standley fashion statement out there. These days at Standley you can even see the teachers rockin 'the fashion statements. They dress very trendy and fashionably. Fashion doesn't stop with just clothing at Standley. Most of the students are even using more fashionable bags at school such as lululemon bags for lunch sacks in-stead of traditional lunch boxes. You often see Kanken high end backpacks of Jansport backpacks. This is our popular twist on spring here at Standley.





Color & Comfort



















# SHOUT OUTS!

To: Julie Barton From: Beth Kearns "If you were a flower, I would pick you!"

To: 6th Graders From: Serena Yu "You are doing well and keep up the good work."

# To: Anindita Nigam

From: Isabella Costuguta "Thank you for being an awesome friend"

To: Pedro Visconti From: Viktor Elias "I like your teeth"

To: Daniel Hernandez From: Pedro Visconti "You're cracked at Fortnite"

To: Daniel A. From: Viktor Elias "You make me laugh"

To: Rylan Lee From: Pedro V. "You're cracked at Fortnite"

To: Elsie Petrova From: Cait McKellar "You're the best friend ever"

To: Simone Woodward From: Cait McKellar "You're the most kind person"

To: Cait McKellar From: Isabella Costaguta "Thank you for being a great friend:)

To: Riley Gross From: Bethany Kearns "To my dear sister, you are the worst"

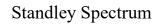
Send a SHOUT OUT in the next issue. Come by room 303 for a form or look for us at lunch in the lunch court.

#### Sci-Fi Movies Coming out in 2023 Evan Lopez Staff

Sci-Fi movies are some of the most famous movies out there, which is for many reasons. Maybe it is because people of all ages watch them, or their interesting plot structure. Some famous examples include 1975's Jaws, 1993's Jurassic Park, 1977's Star Wars, or the ongoing DC and Marvel (MCU) universes. Besides Jaws, All of these franchises have continued to make movies to today!











Nascar Austin Johnstone Staff

Nascar is a fun American racing sport with the adaptability to go anywhere and have it anywhere, it has extremely evolved over the



years with car brands you know doing this american racing. Most people are concerned about the safety of the racers and the fans but it is very safe. There is a mettel fencing around the drack to prevent any flying cars from going into the stand and the racer have fire proof suits with a very har helmet and a metal bar rolcage with tight nylon seat belts. With the safety out of the way the cars and brand have evolved from just chevy and ford old derby cars to toyota advanced modernday cars. Fun fact the car brands are trying to made the cars look just like civil to better improve marketing. Nascar has ben around exactly to this date 75 years with it starting in February 21, 1948 just 28 years after American football. Another fun fac there four versions of nascar being cup series, Xfinity series, truck series, and ARCA



# Debate is Debatable

Staff

The Debate Club put on an impressive show. The topic was Electric vs. Gas and both sides had passion, evidence, rebuttal, and aggressive argument. We interviewed some of the members and these are their responses.

Why did you join the Debate Team?

"I like to argue!"

- Any words of advice?
- "I would convince people not to hog the mic and be more organized." -Stav Genchel
- "The audience was good." -Leon Speter
- Why did you join the Debate Team?

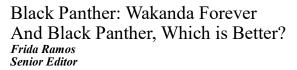
"It is fun and I like talking."

What did you think of the debate?

"It was interesting. Both sides went well." -Mia Banerjee

"Alice carried our team. During the 7th debate, there were only a few people speaking and she stepped up." -Karis Mandani.

Why did you join the Debate Team? "I like to argue." -Alice Powers



Black Panther is about the title held by T'Challa, a member of the royal family of the fictional African country of Wakanda. After the death of his father, T'Challa claimed the throne and the role of Black Panther. He was

exposed to a mystical herb that enhanced his strength and agility to nearsuperhuman levels. Black Panther gets tested when he's drawn into a conflict that puts the fate of Wakanda and the entire world at risk. Faced with treachery and danger, the young king must rally his allies and release the full power of Black Panther to defeat his foes and secure the safety of his people.



A continuation of the first movie Black Panther which

the first movie Black Panther which starred Chadwick Boseman as T'Challa. Chadwick Boseman, who sadly died in 2020, does not continue in Black Panther: Wakanda Forever. The actors who will participate are Lupita Nyong'o, Michael B. Jordan, Letitia Wright, Danai Gurira, Winston Duke, and Daniel Kuluuya. Director as Ryan Coogler. The film's sequel talks about the leaders (Queen Ramonda, Shuri, M'Baku, Okoye, and the Dora Milaje) of Wakanda fight to protect their nation in the wake of King T'Challa's death. As the Wakandans strive to embrace their next chapter, the heroes must band together with Nakia and Everett Ross to forge a new path for their beloved kingdom. **Where to watch?** : Disnev+ **Batings** 

dom. Where to watch? : Disney+ Ratings: 4.1 stars.









Some of these newer movies have become very successful however. One no-

table example was Avengers: Endgame, which grossed \$2.8 billion in 2019. There are multiple movies coming out in 2023 that are highly anticipated. Some examples include: Ant Man and The Wasp: Quantomania, The Marvels, Flash, The Meg 2, Transformers: Rise of the Beasts, and finally, Guardians of the Galaxy vol. 3. There are many more that will come out, but these are a few examples. Three sci-fi shows coming out this year are Ahsoka, What If? Season 2, and The Mandalorian Season 3. Some franchises have shown even farther, like Avatar, after the Way of Water, announcing Avatar 3, The Seed Bearer, coming in 2024, Avatar 4, The Tulkun Rider, coming in 2026, and finally, Avatar 5, the Quest For Eywa. Marvel also announced their whole Phase 5 lineup of shows and movies, which is shown below this. In conclusion, there are

many amazing and highly

Anticipated Sci-fi and Superhero movies coming in 2023 and beyond, and I hope everyone enjoys them as much as they should.



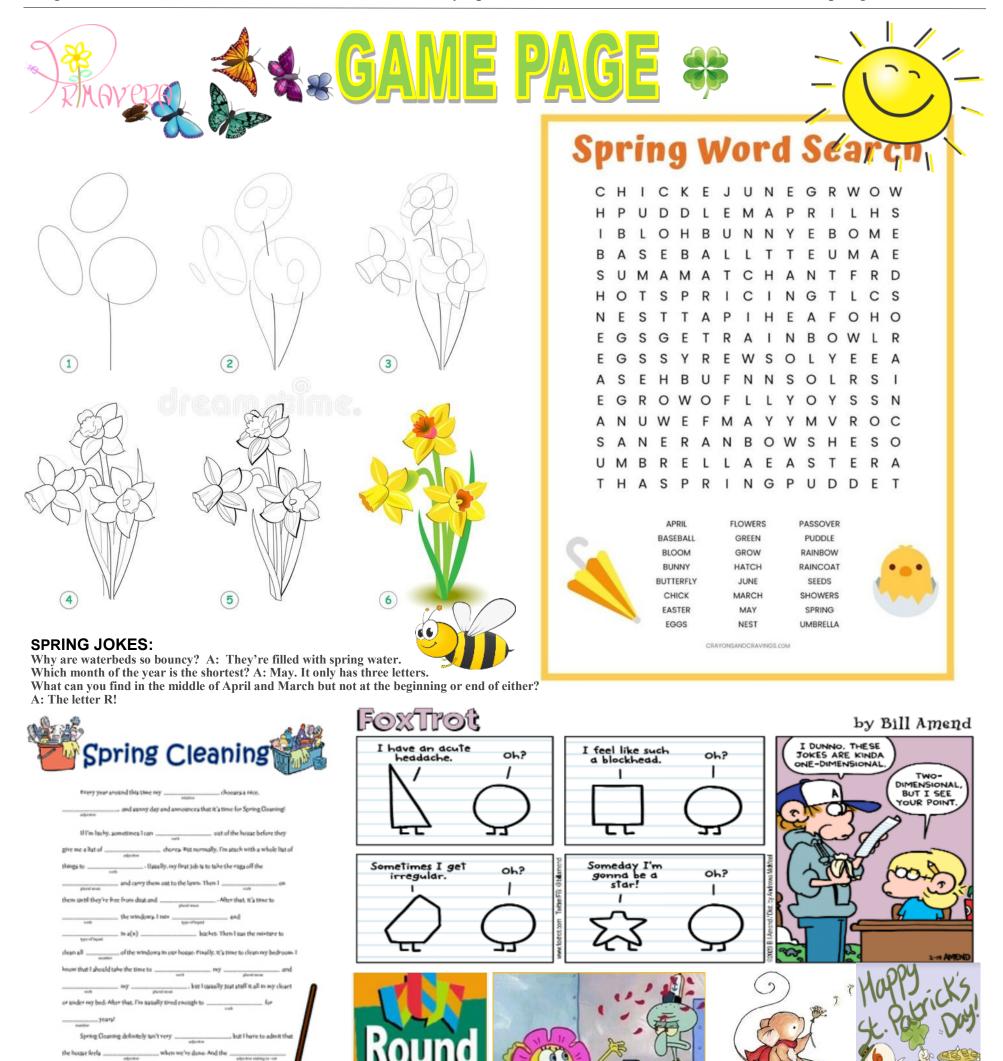








Standley Spectrum



### Thanks to Our Newspaper Supporters

part is- I don't have to do it again for a whole years



David J. Li, D.D.S., M.S., INC. Diplomate, American Board of Orthodontics U.C. / LA JOLLA • RANCHO BERNARDO

> 858-487-8900 www.smiles4sd.com



Jonathan D. Lane Assistant Branch Manager, University City Branch Mortgage Loan Originator #1223361

jlane@calcoastcu.org

3202 Governor Drive, Suite 102, San Diego, CA Mail P.O. Box 502080, San Diego, CA 92150-2080 877.495.1600 Ext. 4902 | Fax: 858.496.6349 | www.calcoastcu.org



MAIL EXCHANGE & MORE ucmailexchange@gmail.com P: 858.458.1388 F: 858.458.1193

> 4079 Governor Dr. San Diego, Ca 92122

3 mailexchangeandmore.com



Complete Automotive Repair Napa Auto Care Center Star Certified Smog Station Brake and Lamp Station ASE Certified Technicians



University City Service Center, Inc.



3901 Governor Drive San Diego, CA 92122 (858) 453-0676 (858) 453-0501 Fax

www.ucservicecenter.net

Scott Atkins



Standley Spectrum

Spring Issue 2023



# Wednesday: Twin Day

# Thursday: PJ/Stuffed Animal Day





1)





