



GATOR GAZETTE



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HOME EC CONTESTS

This year at Glades Middle School, Mrs. Griffin the Fundamentals of Culinary careers teacher has hosted the annual cookie contest where the Gourmet Gators get the chance to surely impress us all with their magnificent cookies. Like always the students this year have done an outstanding job with their cookie decorating skills. The cookies were different sizes, colors, shapes and designs. The students were able to design their cookies to express themselves. I think it's fair to say that the Gourmet Gators have outdone themselves this year!

Every student got a fair opportunity to be part of the contest and possibly even win. For the virtual students that could not physically bring their cookies to be a part of the contest, a PowerPoint was made specifically for their at home cookie creations. At Glades Middle school no Gator is ever left behind; here everyone is included!

BY: PAOLA MARCOS



HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK FUN

Covid-19 has put many ends into holiday traditions, but this doesn't mean the amazing students here at Glades couldn't find safe alternatives to celebrate. During the week of December 14th through the 18th, the students of glades demonstrated their school spirit by participating in the holiday spirit week. The students here at Glades Middle School came out to show all their holiday cheer. In the course of this week our gators took part in the activities on each of the days. We held a holiday pajama day, holiday hat day, ugly holiday sweater day, holiday sock day, and holiday shirt day. Each day was finer than the last, while maintaining the safety of all our students and staff members in the building. Overall, it was an amazing experience that these students won't forget because here at Glades we make the best out of bad situations.

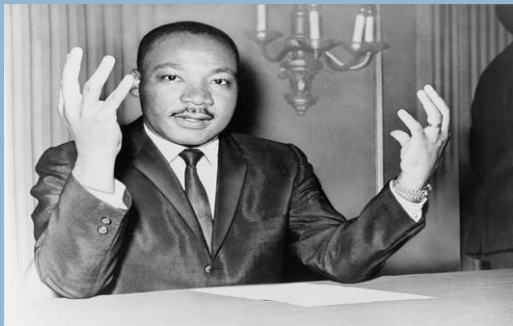
BY: EMILY COLMENERO



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a day to honor such a wonderful human being and an amazing leader in the American Civil Rights Movement. He believed that everyone should be treated equally and that everyone deserved the same rights, regardless of their color. He is most famously known for his "I have a dream" speech during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28th, 1963. In this speech, he called for civil and economic rights and an end to racism in the United States. He was tragically shot and killed on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. We celebrate and honor his birthday every third Monday of January, every year. This is a day to celebrate all the peaceful achievements he made and how much of an impact they have made on our life.

BY: BRECELIS VALDEZ



SUPER BOWL 2021

Super bowl 55 took place on February 7, 2021! The teams that competed in the NFL (National Football League) Conference Championships were the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Kansas City Chiefs. The Buccaneers faced off against the Packers Sunday January 24 at 3:05 P.M. The Bills faced off against the Chiefs Sunday January 24 at 6:40 P.M. The Superbowl was played in the Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida. The maximum capacity was 22,000 people. The Buccaneers won it all! The Buccaneers defeated the Chiefs 31-9. What a blowout! Congratulations to Tom Brady for his 7th Superbowl win. Congratulations to Rob Gronkowski for his first Superbowl win since he came out of retirement. Good job Tampa Bay Buccaneers on their 2nd Superbowl victory ever!

BY: MANUEL POLMARES



VALENTINE'S DAY



All over the United States and in many other parts of the world, February 14th is a day to show your affection to the people you love. However, Valentine's day wasn't always about giving out velvety chocolates, beautiful flowers, and cheap (but heartwarming) cards. There are many legends on how it first started, but the most common one takes place in Rome. Emperor Claudius II was a powerful man who needed a powerful army to maintain his empire. However, not many men came to join his military. The emperor believed that this was occurring due to men wanting to be with their wives and children. Therefore, he banned all marriages in Rome. However, there was a holy priest by the name of Valentine who saw this as unjust. So, he secretly performed



marrriages for admirers until Claudius II found out

about his actions and sent him to be executed. Before his death, the priest stayed in jail and made bonds with the jailer's daughter. He left her a note reading "From your Valentine" and was then confronted by his terrible fate. It wasn't until 496 A.D. that February 14th became St. Valentine's Day. Nowadays, St. Valentine is honored by lovers across the globe. Whether you're giving or getting gifts from secret admirers, make sure to keep the love at a distance. Happy Valentines!

Every year The Glades NJHS hands out cards at The Palace nursing home, but due to COVID-19 it was not possible. However, our Gators aren't ones to give up. Hailey Miret had the great idea to have all the students write Valentine's Day cards, and she personally delivered them to The Palace. Hailey brought supplies to make the cards and many others students participated.

BY: ISABEL SANCHEZ

COVID-19 VACINE UPDATE

During this time of the year where the Coronavirus had impact citizens lives, Scientists had finally discovered a vaccine that would change our lives. There are many new updates on the vaccine that will inform citizens where they can acquire it, or what age they might have to be. In fact, people that are 65 or older can start taking the vaccine, which you may have to set up appointments. There are also some side effects. When you are getting the vaccine, you might feel some effects from the COVID-19 virus. For instance, fever will be one of them or being nauseous. These side effects won't cause any trouble, they are just the part of the Vaccine. If you are interested in getting tested, visit Hardrock Stadium or Marlines park to be tested for Covid-19. Some people don't like to get the nose test as it can be uncomfortable. However, there are places where they do some mouth swab's instead. For more information on the testing sites around Florida, you can search up testing sites on Google.



LOOKING BACK AT 2020

2020 was a memorable year for a plethora of reasons. It went by so fast that we tend to forget some important things that



happened throughout the year. First things first, COVID-19, the virus that changed our way of life, occurred. Not being able to see people, not being able to go to school or work, and staying home all day impacted our lives. No matter how good or bad your 2020 was, the pandemic

affected you. Many people we looked up to unfortunately died in the year of 2020. One of the greatest basketball legends of all time, Kobe Bryant, and his daughter, lost their lives in a tragic accident, as well as Chadwick Bozeman to cancer, and of course many other celebrities such as Jeopardy host Alex Trebek. Moving onto



something a little more positive, 2019 film by Boong Joon ho



“Parasite” taking home the most Oscars. These include best international feature film, best director, best picture, and best original screenplay. To add to that, for the first time, SpaceX launched two astronauts into space. In fact, Donald trump, our 45th U.S. President, was



impeached twice but was found innocent of the charges found against him. Along with the

presidency, on Saturday, November 7, 2020, President Joe Biden was projected to be the 46th president of the United states for 2021 where he was entered in office on January 20, 2021. As of January 2020, Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan quit as working royals and will no longer use the titles “Royal Highness” or receive public funds for their work under a deal announced by Buckingham Palace. Also, in the last year, there were devastating bushfires in Australia, which killed at least 33 people and three billion animals, from koalas to frogs. Many people look at 2020 as a horrible year. Many terrible things took place last year, but we also have to reflect on all the positives that came with 2020 too.



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FSA TESTING DATES:

FSA Writing: April 6-9th

FSA Reading / Math, FCAT Science and EOC- Civics, Algebra I., Geometry and Biology May 3rd through May 27.

March 15-19th testing advisement schedule practice.

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