I, Ashlyn Evens, went undercover and infiltrated the defenses of the Kirby district 140 cadet band and gathered as much information for you guys as possible! JK, I’m not a secret agent or anything (obviously) but I did take advantage of the fact that I’m a percussionist in the band and I can get answers easily so, yeah, I hope you like the info I got! We are getting into the Christmas spirit a lot! Look out for us at the next Veterans Day assembly, for we might play there!

I went over to JoJo and asked her “what is the best thing about band?” She said, “Listening to the music for free!” I also asked her, “What instrument do you play, and do you think it’s the best?” She responded with, “The trombone! And of course it’s the best!”

#DadJokeTime!

What is a percussionist’s favorite food? A drum stick!

Symphonic and Concert Band at Prairie View
December 6th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Cadet and Jazz Band at Grissom
December 13th 7:30p.m.
Black and Gold Times Cookie Contest!

Do you like to bake? Do you like making cookies? Well then you should compete in the annual Black & Gold Times Cookie Contest! This year’s competition will take place on November 17. Listen for announcements for reminders. To enter, all you have to do is bring two dozen (24) of your favorite homemade cookies, along with your name and the recipe on the morning of November 17 at room B-12. The Black & Gold Times staff will meet that afternoon to impartially judge the cookies. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and will be announced once the results have been tallied. Your cookies will be judged on the following factors: appearance, taste, smell, texture, creativity. Make sure to bring either a disposable container, or if you need your container returned, make sure to label it with your name. Don’t forget to include the name and recipe of your cookies along with your name! Good Luck

Book Review:
“Book Scavenger” by: Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
By: Nina Konczyk
Looking for a great book to read? Read Book Scavenger!

Summary: Emily is a teen girl who loves to read. She also loves a scavenger hunt game called Book Scavenger. When Emily finds out she is moving to San Francisco, she is thrilled because that’s where her favorite author, Garrison Griswold lives! Emily is psyched that Mr. Griswold is about to launch his new game. Suddenly, Garrison Griswold gets in an accident. Meanwhile, Emily and her new neighbor James go looking for a copy of Edgar Allen Poe’s “The Gold Bug”. But apparently they aren’t the only ones looking for it. Garrison Griswold’s attackers are after them too! Will Emily and James crack the code and save Mr. Griswold’s new game? Read Book Scavenger to find out!

Review: I give this book a 10/10 rating. It was fantastic! I really enjoyed it because it leaves you in suspense, but also makes you feel like you are solving the mystery too! It is also a Rebecca Caudil, so you can read and take the quiz on it in the media center!
Hurricane Irma: A Catastrophic Catastrophe By: Zach Solomon

Hurricane Irma was formed in the Southern Atlantic Ocean August 30th 2017, right after Hurricane Harvey, and was dissipated September 16, 2017. It was a Cape Verdict type hurricane, the strongest observed in the Atlantic since Wilma in 2005, in terms of maximum sustained winds. It was first a catastrophic Category 5 hurricane on record to strike the Leeward Islands, followed by Hurricane Maria only 2 weeks later. It was also the most intense Atlantic hurricane to strike the United States since Katrina in 2005, and the first major hurricane to make landfall in Florida since Wilma in 2005. The ninth named storm, fourth hurricane, second major hurricane. The first Category 5 hurricane of the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season, Irma caused widespread and catastrophic damage throughout its long lifetime, particularly in parts of the northeastern Caribbean and the Florida Keys. Some interesting facts about Hurricane Irma are, it started as a Category 5, then Category 3, then Category 1, when it hit northern Florida. It did the most damage to Puerto Rico when it was a Category 5. The total cost of money to repair all of the damage Hurricane Irma did was $62.87 billion dollars! Sadly a total of 134 people died in the terrible disaster. Hopefully everyone who got injured is OK now.

Sport Heros

Larry Bird

Larry Bird was one of the 50 greatest NBA players in history. He was a gold medalist in 1992 and his nickname is Larry Legend. Larry Bird was a twelve time NBA Allstar and he played for the men's Olympic basketball team. Larry Bird is a well-known basketball player to all. He no longer plays basketball but he does coach the Indiana Pacers. Larry Bird was one of the many legends in basketball, he was an all star athlete, and a gold medalist. Just like Larry tried out for the basketball team, some students in Prairie View were just chosen to be on the basketball team! They may have not been a gold medalist but they will surely be stars on the court.

Maya Moore

Maya Moore was a star athlete on the court and she has won three WNBA championships. Maya was awarded for the most valuable player. She has won two Olympic gold medals in basket ball, and she won the rookie of the year award.
Disney has been kicking it lately with all there action movies with the plan of Thor ragnarock and Star Wars the last Jedi coming out. Christmas time is a pretty good plan. Also in May avengers infinity war is set to release and so is black panther the cat themed ninja out of Africa. Ever since Disney got the rights to Star Wars and marvel. With the upcoming relays of avengers infinity war Disney decided not to bored us and release black panther, Thor, and Star Wars. So warner and others decided why not to release are films around Disney time so viewers have to decide which to watch. So during d23 Disney's fan club reveled the avengers trailer, captain marvel art, Ant man 2 art, Star Wars photos, Star Wars 9 concept art and so much more. When this got leaked people freaked out. Now it's a battle action movies are going to take over winter 2017 and all of 2018.

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Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them

By Charlianne Johnson

The first Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them movie was amazing, but did you know that there is a second one coming out? The title is yet to be announced, and the new movie will be released in November of 2018. This new movie series created by J.K. Rowling follows the adventures of a man named Newt Scamander, who finds and Studies magical beasts. Eddie Redmayne (Newt Scamander) blew us away with his performance in the first movie, as well as Katherine Waterston, who plays Tina, Alison Sudol, who plays Queenie, and Dan Fogler who plays Jacob. We will see these characters again, but this time in the 1920s in Paris, France. Directors say that Gallert Grindelwald, played by Johnny Depp, has made his escape and is creating an army of wizards. There will be some new characters that will be introduced in the second movie. Jude Law will be playing young Albus Dumbledore, Zoe Kravitz will be playing Leta Lestrange, ad Claudia Kim will be playing a young woman attraction for a circus. I hope you are excited as I am for this new movie! Stick around until November 2018 to see the new Fantastic Beasts movie.
**Smarts Swapped** - By Sophia Tseng

Jake and I walk outside and once we're out of earshot we start talking.

“My brain is going crazy!” I exclaim. “I'm being taken over by math!”

“My mind is surprisingly blank!” Jake says. “I mean no offense but this is a very startling discovery. You know almost nothing and- you were going to go to Tyler’s today? You told me you had practice!”

“I know, I know, I'm sorry! I didn't know what else to say.”

“How 'bout the truth?!”

“Well I knew you'd be embarrassed by me if I went to the logic meeting that you invited me to!” I shoot back. “And apparently your nerd friends were so unnerved by me that you hoped I'd never show up again? They really spent the next 10 minutes asking why you'd invited me when I've never gotten as much as an A?!”

He slumps, “Let's just get back to normal.”

“Okay,” I agree. “What were you doing before you got switched?”

“Umm, I'd rather not say…” Jake sputters

“Come on! Do you really want to go home like this? I mean, my home?!” I ask, starting to get agitated.

“Ok, ok. I was wishing… that I was you.” Jake says, relenting.

“Really?!” I say, aghast. “I was wishing I was you! I mean it's obvious for me. You're smart, anyone would like to be you. Why would you wish you were me?”

“Well,” Jake starts, “It's hard when everyone's expecting so much of you. No one really accepts you as a normal person. You're considered as a nerd.” I considered this.

“Well if we were both wishing we could switch, maybe we should wish to switch back.” I say.


“Yeah!” I shout, and we high-five. Some crazy adventure that was.

TO BE CONTINUED...
Great Artists
By: Zach O'Reilly

Prairie View has a lot of good artists and one Of them is none other than Natalia Antolak. Luckily I got to interview her. Here it is

Zach- How often do you draw?
Natalia- Pretty much whenever I have free time.
Zach- What type of stuff do you draw?
Natalia- Right now I like drawing eyes because they're interesting.
Zach- What style do you draw in?
Natalia- For coloring I color in KEI’s style, and I draw anime.
Zach- What age did you notice you started to draw better than ever?
Natalia- Around last year and this year.
Zach- Is there anyone who inspired you?
Natalia- No one really inspired me I just started drawing.
Zach- Do you have favorite artist? If so who?
Natalia- KEI.
Zach- What's your favorite thing to draw?
Natalia- Vocaloid characters.

Zach- Do you ever plan to sell your art?
Natalia- I plan to when I'm older.
Veteran’s Day

By: Maxima Gomez-Palmer

While many people like Veteran's Day because it’s just a day off from school, we still need to remember those who have fought in war to make America the "Land of the Free" and the "Home of the Brave."

Veterans Day, also known as Armistice Day, is a very important celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to sacrifice themselves for our country. Why is it on November 11th? It is on this day because that was the day in 1918 that the signing of the armistice (agreement made by opposing sides in war) occurred, which ended the World War I. Veteran's day is only celebrated by the United States. However, only until Nov. 11, 1938 was the day considered holiday. What's the difference between Veteran's day and Memorial Day? Well, Memorial Day is for remembering those who died in battle and Veterans Day is set aside to thank and honor all those who served in the military.