Spring at Loiederman

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Spring is in the air and you know what that means... the END of the school year! Many of us are already thinking about what we are going to do this summer, but before your minds "peace out," remember that we have a few more action packed weeks left!

This Spring LMS has an exciting schedule of events to celebrate the arts and our 10 year anniversary. Many of you have already rocked the house with your end of the year performances. Dance students lit up the stage with three nights of innovative choreography and our STEM night opened our minds to the wonders of science, technology, and mathematics. Many of you visited the art show at Lakeforest Mall, which showcased many of our talented fine artists and our soccer teams have been kickin’ it on the fields. Choir students sang their hearts out to a packed audience, and over seventy 8th graders traveled to NYC to see Aladdin on Broadway. DANG that’s a lot, but we still have many more exciting events to come!

We are the ONLY school in the county to have a musical, an art show, band and orchestra concerts, a student film festival, 6th grade field day, 7th grade ice skating, an 8th grade cruise and promotion, and a 3-day celebration of events to honor our 10 year anniversary. Oh yeah...we also have end of the year exams to study for in June.

Listed below are the dates for the upcoming events.

♦ Spring Musical, Once on this Island 5/14-16
♦ Fine Arts Show- 5/14-16
♦ Instrumental Music Concert 5/21
♦ Student Film Festival 5/27
♦ 10 Year Anniversary Gala 5/29 @ Wheaton HS
Earth Day

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As you probably (or should) know, Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 2015. The question asked by many every year is, “What is Earth Day?” Well, here you go.

The first Earth Day took place on April 22, 1970. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, created it after witnessing the devastation caused by the Santa Barbara oil spill of 1969. The senator’s goal was to raise awareness of the deterioration of our environment caused by air and water pollution.

The result; 20 million Americans from hippies to college students came together and the first Earth Day was celebrated with demonstrations to protect the environment.

Later that year, on December 2, President Richard Nixon formed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA passed such laws as the Clean Air Act which limited emissions and the Clean Water Act which regulates discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States. Good job, Nixon.

Earth Day is celebrated across the world. India, Cameroon, Madagascar, Armenia, Dubai, Vietnam, Italy, Romania, Chile, and Mexico all celebrate Earth Day.

It’s important to treat every day like Earth Day. Like it or not, the environment is and has always been an extremely important part of our daily lives. We don’t get a second chance if we don’t treat it right the first time. Remember that.

Listed below are the teachers and staff who are celebrating their 10 year Anniversary here at Loiederman.

- Ms. Almeida- Paraeducator
- Mrs. Alston- Staff Development teacher
- Mr. Boyd- Building Services
- Mr. Castro- World Studies teacher
- Ms. Fly- Art teacher
- Mr. Garland- Science teacher
- Ms. Guerrero- English teacher
- Mr. Lucretta- World Studies teacher
- Mrs. Prillman- Health teacher
- Ms. Ryan- Griffith- Special Education teacher
- Ms. Thomas-Royster- Math teacher
The 2015 NBA Playoffs

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One of the most anticipated sporting events is well underway; the NBA Playoffs! Now some of you might be asking, “What is the NBA playoffs?” and I’ll be happy to tell you all about it.

The NBA playoffs are comprised of 16 NBA teams which are divided evenly between the East and West conferences. A best of seven series is used to advance winners until the champions of the East and the West are crowned. Once there are only two squads left, the NBA finals begin.

The Golden State Warriors, who finished with the best record in the league, seem to be the favorite team to come out of the West. The Atlanta Hawks and the Cleveland Cavaliers are a step above the rest, and are the crowd favorites in the East.

Round 1 went something like this!

In the West, the No. 1 ranked Golden State Warriors swept the New Orleans Pelicans 4-0 and the Memphis Grizzlies beat out the Portland Trailblazers in a 4-1 series. The Los Angeles Clippers won against the San Antonio Spurs 4-3 and the Houston Rockets beat out the Dallas Mavericks 4-1.

In the East, the Atlanta Hawks won their matchup against the Brooklyn Nets 4-2 and the Washington Wizards swept the Toronto Raptors 4-0. The Chicago Bulls triumphed over the Milwaukee Bucks ending the series 4-2 and the Cleveland Cavaliers swept the Boston Celtics 4-0.

The playoffs are currently in the conference semifinals. In the East you have the Hawks vs Wizards and Bulls vs Cavaliers and playing in the West, Warriors vs Grizzlies and Clippers vs Rockets. All teams in the series are currently tied 1-1. These are some very interesting matchups and with each team tied with one win, it will be very hard to predict which team will come out on top.
Interview with Mrs. Guerrero

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Ms. Guerrero is a Reading and English teacher here at Loiederman.

Kyra: In how many schools have you worked?
Ms. Guerrero: I have worked in a total of three schools. two in Montgomery County and one in PG County.

K: What changes have you seen at Loiederman over the past 10 years?
Ms. G: I have seen the rejuvenation of the grounds.

K: Are you still happy that you took this job?
Ms. G: I am THRILLED because I love students and the English language. Also, I love the people that I work with.

K: Tell us something about yourself that you are proud of and that most people do not know about you?
Ms. G: I am an artist and I love to draw.

K: What’s the funniest thing that has happened to you while teaching?
Ms. G: I feel down in the hallway.

K: What is your most memorable experience while teaching here at LMS?
Ms. G: There was a child named Isaiah and he would always call out in class. Then one day, I asked him “why do you always call out”. He said, “Mrs. Guerrero, I need to have a voice” and at that moment I realized the importance of him needing to share his thoughts. I replied “Isaiah, if you raise your hand from now on, you will always be the last voice I hear in class.”

Console Wars

CHART BY KELYSE WYATT

I polled 158 Loiederman Middle School students to find out which company makes the best game console, Microsoft (Xbox generation), Sony (PlayStation generation) or Nintendo (Wii, DS generation)?

I was not surprised that Microsoft won, however, I was surprised that they won with a whopping 48% of votes. I actually thought that it would be a close tie between Microsoft and Sony. However, Sony came in with 27% and Nintendo not too far behind with 25% of the votes. Seems like here at LMS, Microsoft consoles are the game systems of choice.

Poll: Which company makes the best game systems?

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**Throwback Console Review: SNES**

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For this paper's video game review, I'm not going to cover a new game, but rather a console (an "ancient" one compared to today's lifelike and 3d graphics) that won't lose relevance among the gaming community any time soon.

The Super Nintendo Entertainment System was released in North America in 1991 as a successor to their exceedingly popular Nintendo Entertainment System. A super advanced 16 bit console, the Super Nintendo was released at the perfect time. Video game companies were still figuring out what made a video game good but already knew what made one bad. This means that they were trying new and inventive things that made their games especially interesting but knew what a game was (there were not nearly as many E.Ts or Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hydes, both of which are infamously bad).

The colorful, pretty, 16-bit graphics were revolutionary, surely a step up from the 8-bit NES. Some games such as Donkey Kong Country or Star Fox played with the idea of 3d games on a 2d console. They may not seem like anything special today, but at the time they were the absolute best. Some of the most popular and best loved games were released for SNES. Some of these titles include...

**Super Mario World**- The fourth game in the lovable platformer franchise (fifth counting Donkey Kong), Super Mario Bros. is one of the most popular Mario games of all time and for good reason. It has gorgeous art and music and the level and item design are innovative and cool, definitely a worthy title.

**Chrono Trigger**- This Squaresoft RPG changed the face of RPGs forever. It was not just another Final Fantasy, featuring an epic story based around time travel, colorful characters, and real time turn based combat (seriously) it is truly a sight to behold. That's also why it is my favorite video game ever.

**Mortal Kombat**- This gaming legend got its start in 1992 for the SNES and with the newly released Mortal Kombat. X'how could I not mention this? I'm going to put this as school appropriate as possible for those of you who aren't familiar with the franchise, have you ever wanted a game in which you can play as a host of characters with defined and colorful personalities? How about one where you can literally beat others to a pulp with copious amounts of gore? That's pretty much it, also it is the reason the ESRB even exists.

**Mega Man X**- This is Capcom's ultimate action platformer. MMX is an action platformer that is, on the surface, just another Mega Man. What Mega Man X offers, among other things, is a clear goal of what to become. The NPC Zero saves you at the beginning of the game when you are relatively weak and are about to be defeated. He has all of the upgrades you will have by the end of the game and becomes a role model of sorts. At the end of the game, you have basically become Zero and are able to take on Vile (the one who nearly killed you) on your own. A very rewarding experience.

The Super Nintendo also had what was and is easily the best video game peripheral ever (though it doesn't have much competition), the Super Game Boy. This was used like a SNES cartridge with a twist. The Super Game Boy had another cartridge port in it. It allowed you to play Game Boy and Game Boy Color games on your SNES. This was pretty crazy and really awesome if you didn't have a Game Boy. It did null the GBs main selling point, though, which was its portability. It's much more useful today with the 3ds and PS Vita and much more readily available, one can afford to sit down and enjoy a classic like Pokemon: Blue or The Legend of Zelda: Link's Awakening, but that's just me.

I will quickly address the elephant in the room before I run out of space. Yes, the Sega Genesis was released two years before the SNES and yes, it was 16-bit before it was cool, but was it better? It didn't have platformers and RPGs like the SNES did (it was more a console for beat-'em-ups) and focused more on third party games than Nintendo did. This doesn't make it better or worse (although the SNES's Mortal Kombat did actually have blood). That's all I wanted to say about that.

To conclude, the Super Nintendo was and still is one of the best consoles available. Its inventory contains some of the best games you'll ever play and even ones that'll knock out Destiny or CoD: AW as your favorite game, I don't know. I would recommend it to anyone. Be warned, however, they are pretty difficult to come by.