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AVID'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

S. Garcia

Every year, our Greeley Central High School AVID classes take a field trip to the Pepsi Center for the AVID Leadership Conference which was held on Friday, February 23, 2018. Other high schools such as Greeley West High School, Windsor Charter Academy, Thomas Jefferson High School, Coronado High school, Rampart High School, and sixteen others also attended this event, however; Central is one of the biggest groups to attend. At this conference, students attended the college fair so that freshman, sophomores, and juniors had the opportunity to speak to multiple colleges about what they are interested in, allowing colleges to explain what they can provide for students when the time comes. Esperanza Garcia, an AVID senior at Greeley Central High School, explains, "The point for the AVID conference is to get to know the different options of colleges you can choose from," except for seniors. Seniors didn't talk to multiple colleges, instead, they talked to colleges they are planning to attend in the Fall. At this time, they've narrowed their options down to at least three schools and this allows them to speak one last time to each college and make a final decision. Garcia says, "I feel sad but glad at the same time, knowing I don't have to go around to each table for colleges."

After the college fair, students gather in the arena for the AVID alumni panel. The alumni pannel is when teachers who use to be in AVID, and previous senior AVID students who are now freshman in college, give advice and talk about their experience of being in AVID. Ulises Villarreal, a graduated Wildcat explained at the alumni panel that AVID taught him about organization, which is helpful for him in college. Hernan Dominguez, another graduated Wildcat, explained how AVID helped him get out of trouble and straighten up to be a successful student. It's a great experience to be able to connect with other people who have similar situations, and listen to their stories. AVID students are then separated into rooms for the College Financial Literacy seminar. This class educates students about how to manage their money and make the right financial decisions in college.

Once the conference is over, everybody goes out to eat for a big AVID family dinner. This allows everyone to share laughter, bond, and appreciate each other's presence. After dinner, the entire group of more than 100 Central AVID students and teachers heads back to the Pepsi Center to sit back, relax, and enjoy the Denver Nuggets basketball game. Overall this is a fun experience for the AVID students and may the AVID seniors enjoy it one last time.



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SCHOOL SAFETY

L. Contreras

School safety at Greeley Central High School is taken seriously and the staff members take our safety into consideration at all times. Senior, Anastasia Hernandez, said "I get along with most of my teachers and I do trust them with my safety. With the recent school shooting, I feel really sad that these type of things have happened and I hope Central does not have to go through a situation like that." There are certain codes and regulations for dangerous situations that could happen. A green code means we are safe and staff members are watching carefully for anything suspicious. A yellow code has the staff be more aware of the surroundings. A red code means no one can come in or out of the school. Each color has its own purpose and when the school is in a rough situation, they use these codes and email the teachers, so they know what to do and how they can handle the situation. Lock down drills have been practiced since students were in elementary school. No one can guarantee how they will react in an actual emergency, which is another reason why we need to take these drills seriously. Students should trust the adults around them to maintain a secure learning environment. Due to the overwhelming fear about terrifying events that could occur, it's reassuring to know that Central's staff members are prepared and willing to speak openly to students about the concerns and questions that they have.



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PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

L. Duran

Pennies for Patients is a nationwide fundraiser where millions of dollars have been raised by more than ten million elementary, middle and high school students. The funds that are raised during the time period benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society that research treatments for these diseases. Leukemia is a cancer that attacks and weakens your bone marrow and blood; lymphoma is another type of cancer that tends to be in lymph nodes and other tissue (Leukemia and Lymphoma Society). These two diseases have negatively impacted people's lives and Greeley Central is once again taking part in this fundraiser which will have lasted from February 15 to March 2. The overall goal is to raise seven hundred dollars or even more, in the two week period using only coins such as pennies, nickels and quarters, you might have thought to yourself, "Well, if the goal is to get the most money I will just put in a five dollar bill and call it good." If you thought of throwing some cash in your class, it actually counts against your class, instead, if your own goal was to beat one class then you could have possibly sabotaged their chances to win. The fundraising event took place in second block classes and the winning class will receive breakfast burritos. Thank you to all the classes students that participated in the event to help raise money and thank you Key Club for hosting such an amazing fundraiser!



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Greeley Central High School invites you to...

...See our Show **Bye Bye Birdie**

A loving send-up of the 1950s, small-town America, teenagers, and rock & roll. Featuring a tuneful high-energy score including "Put on a Happy Face," "One Last Kiss," "One Boy," "A Lot of Livin' to Do," "Kids!", and "Rosie".

7pm Wednesday, March 28

7pm Thursday, March 29

7pm Friday, March 30

1pm Saturday, March 31

3:30-5pm SOCK HOP Saturday, March 31

7pm Saturday, March 31

\$6 Students / \$8 Adults

Tickets available at the door or in advance online

Greeley Central High School Auditorium
1515 14th Ave at the West Entrance



...Twist at the **SOCK HOP**

Live Music
Dancing
Refreshments

1950's Costumes encouraged
\$1-A-Dance with the guys from the cast

3:30 - 5:00pm

Saturday, March 31

\$5 All Ages

Tickets available at the door
or in advance online

Greeley Central High School Aux Gym
1515 14th Ave at the West Entrance

This year, Troupe 657 is putting on the classic musical, "Bye Bye Birdie", starting March 28 through March 31, so mark your calendars and make plans to attend one of their showings. Chappelow Arts Magnet school is also producing a version of the same musical for their annual middle school production. Because both schools are working on the same musical, Central's troupe went to Chappelow's opening night on March 3 and met their "mini's". The audience was enthusiastic and attentive, making a great impression on the students and families at Chappelow.

The Central cast members have worked extremely hard this year to take on the personas of their characters while also being accurate and respectful toward the groups they are representing. While preparing for the show, the cast ran into a minor hiccup and are hoping for your help- they need phones! They would greatly appreciate getting help with donations (or loans that will be returned) of rotary phones you may have laying around the house.

Photos and Information
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SPRING FASHION 2018

A. Autobee

It is always nice to give your closet a fresh start and you can never go wrong with new clothes; some fashions are here to stay from late 2017 and some are ready to go, but only time can tell, so we're here to give you the secrets on which trends to buy and what to ditch for spring of 2018. The same trend that has been in since the 80s "bigger is better" is something to look for, when you go out searching for something new that stays within these trends, it goes as far as earrings to pants. Larger than life earrings are a trend that is here to stay with celebrities like Selena Gomez, Beyonce, and Rihanna sporting this classic look. High waisted pants is a yes for all types of girls, whether you prefer long, cropped, wide leg or straight, anything high-waisted is the way to go. Another trend that has made its statement this spring is stripes, black and white stripes are bold, new, and people are definitely taking a liking to them since they've been seen in many of the NY fashion shows by designers like Alexander Wang and Tom Ford. According to Refinery29, sleeveless tops have definitely made their way back on the scene and back in their 90's glory, you can wear them with pants, shorts and skirts. With all these hot trends making their appearance this early spring, who's to say what other bold trend will shine through? Keep your eye out for new fashion pieces that could emerge within the next few months!

LOOKING BOTH WAYS

J. Gallegos

On Tuesday February 13th, Greeley Central High School had another incident involving students crossing the road. Early Tuesday morning around 7:51 a.m. three girls, two aged 15 and one age 16, were struck by a car while they were walking to school. The collision took place in the crosswalk on 15th Street and 14th Avenue, just northeast of Greeley Central High School. According to the Greeley Police, the driver hit the girls at a low speed and immediately stopped. They were not badly injured, thankfully, but they were taken to the North Colorado Medical Center to be examined. This is not the first time a student has been hit crossing the road here at Greeley Central. In August of 2017, a girl, who was not named, was hit on her way back from lunch.

We need to be more careful crossing the street, both of these drivers didn't mean to cause this accident and both should have been paying attention, but it's also our responsibility to watch for cars as we cross the road.

WELCOMING THE KITTENS

E. Hernandez

Every new school year, Greeley Central welcomes the new freshman class as they get there high school journey underway. It all starts when you're given a selection sheet to fill out in early March by a high school counselor. A counselor will visit middle schools and talk to the incoming freshman and give them a feel on what to expect on registration night. The counselor will also guide you through the selection sheet to make sure it's understandable and completed by registration night.

Registration was held at the Castle on March 8th at 6pm in the main gym. Students had to bring their completed selection sheet with a guardian to fill out paperwork that's needed. Before the first day of school, Central has an amazing program called Link Crew that welcomes the new Cats with open arms as they show them around the school and play life related activities. Having a day with the upperclassmen could boost students self esteem for their first day of school because seeing the seniors have confidence in themselves and knowing what their doing makes them feel like they'll get the hang of it eventually.

CAR ACCIDENTS

S. Garcia

Recently, a heartbreaking head on collision injured five people here in Greeley, Colorado on Saturday, February 10, 2018 around 7 P.M on 16th Street and U.S 85 Bypass. According to Fox 31 Denver, Officials reported one dead at the scene and four others that have sustained serious injuries. Two of the passengers in the 2003 Honda Pilot were immediately rushed to the hospital for surgery under serious conditions, and a baby who was taken to Children's Hospital for head injuries. Unfortunately, the baby may have been ejected and as investigators look further into the accident they suspect alcohol was involved.

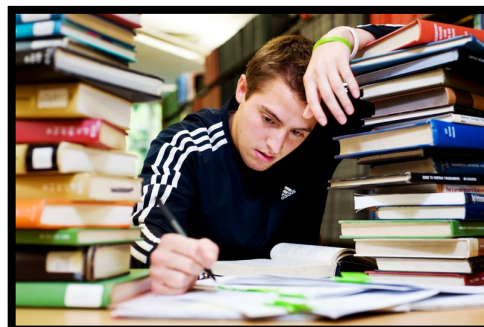
Car accidents happen within a blink of an eye and can put somebody in severe conditions. The law tells you to "put a seatbelt on," "don't text and drive," and "don't drink and drive" for the reason being they want you to be safe. It's important for you to obey the law because within seconds that may be your last ride and that can be somebody else's last goodbye. You're not only putting your life in danger you're also putting other people in the car with you in danger, as well as other people in the other car. Road Crash Statistics report that every year there are nearly 1.3 million deaths and 3,287 of those deaths are due to daily car accidents. Most people end up surviving, and wake up one morning a regular human being then wake up the next day with whiplash which causes memory loss, others suffer from concussions, paralyzation, post-traumatic stress disorder, brain injuries, or a coma. Mikayla Augustino a college student at UNC, was rear ended in a car accident in 2017 and explains, "in the moment I was shocked and couldn't believe I got in a car accident. After, I was scared but glad that I wasn't in serious condition." According to Back To Health Bellevue, ten percent of people suffer from permanent disabilities after a car accident. If you couldn't wait to text "I'm on my way," or put your seatbelt on even though it is "only two blocks away," just know these could be your life long lasting consequences. Brittany Monroy, a sophomore here at Greeley Central High School says, "I wear my seatbelt at all times, even if it's just to go down two houses." Please wear your seatbelts at all times, don't drink and drive, don't text and drive, be aware of your surroundings, pay attention to the road and think about the life you have, and how quickly that can be taken away.

HALFWAY THROUGH

E. Hernandez

The second semester here at the Castle has gone by so fast, and there are only 13 weeks of school left. While approaching the halfway mark of the semester, the workload seems to pile up with all the midterms taking place, homework, essays and tests. With an increase in the workload, students seem to stress and stay up late finishing essays, studying, or working on school assignments. There just isn't enough time during the day to complete all the tasks each student is responsible for. During this time of year, it could either make or break students' grade as they either choose to give up or continue to work hard and earn the best score as possible. Alejandra Hernandez, a senior here at the Castle, explains how she prepares, "I usually review my notes to make note cards and go over them." Everyone may have a different way to approach midterms, but if what you're doing works, keep on doing it. It won't be easy, but no one will do the work for you and it will all be worth it when you have all your credits to graduate.

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Athlete of the Week

Gisselle Lopez Hernandez, a senior, is an amazing track and cross country athlete; she runs the 400m, 200m and the 4x4 for track. She enjoys track because "The adrenaline I feel when I'm at the starting line as well as the pain I feel after running a great race. I also like seeing all the hard work I'm putting in pay off." Lopez is also involved in KeyClub, Best Buddies, and Link Crew. Outside of Central, she volunteers in different activities in the Greeley community. She is planning on attending college and leaning toward attending University of Washington.



Artist of the Week

Jeremy Hundley is in the Arts Magnet Program with his emphasis in Orchestra. He plays the baritone saxophone, stand-up bass, electric bass and he sings in the Chamber Choir. Hundley is the Drum Major of the pep band, principle bass player in the symphony orchestra, bass section leader in the Chamber Choir and the principle bassist in the Jazz band and pit orchestra. He is also the president of the Technology Student Association and he volunteers at his churches worship band. Hundley has been accepted into CSU (Colorado State University) school of business and hopes to obtain a job where he can balance home life and work.



Club of the Week

Film Studies is a film appreciation club where you can watch films then critique and analyze them. They examine the choices directors and writers make and discuss the meaning behind the film. The President and founder of this club is Michael Brennen, the Vice President is Aidan Schuttler and the Officer is Adam Rotter. They are planning on having a Marvel month leading up to the release of *Infinity War*. Brennen states that people should join because "it's really a nice club to relax in something to get away from school". You do have to obtain a permission slip before officially join the club. You can get these from one of the presidents or sponsors, Rachel Dohrn or Sarah French-Hahn.



Student of the Week

Aspen Flores, a senior, is involved in the jazz band, symphony orchestra, pit orchestra for the musical, marching band, SAFE (Sexual Advocacy for Everyone), Green Cats, and Poetry Club. Outside of Central she works on her art, volunteers with the school clubs and she currently is helping paint a mural. When she is stressed Flores listens to music and paints. After high school she is planning to go to CSU (Colorado State University) and study journalism. Her dream job is to work as a writer/photographer for National Geographic. She does plan to stay in Greeley but she hopes to travel around the world to as many places as possible.

WILDCAT WRESTLING AT STATE

J. Rascon

The Wildcat wrestling season officially came to a close and we couldn't be more proud of our wrestlers. The state wrestling tournament took place February 15-17, and after a successful regional tournament, 8 of our Wildcats were off to state, which included Andrew Alirez, Zeke Alirez, Tony Ulaszek, Trey Martinez, Alex Yeden, Ricky Zavala, Josh Nira, and Cody Solis. A dominant performance at regionals where several of our wrestlers won first place like Zeke Alirez, Andrew Alirez, Tony Ulaszek, Ricky Zavala, and Josh Nira, our wrestlers were officially on their way to state looking to dominate once again with high expectations of themselves.

Four of our outstanding wrestlers placed at state: Zeke Alirez placed 3rd, Josh Nira placed 5th, Tony Ulaszek placed 4th, and Andrew Alirez placed 1st! One of the best wrestlers in the state, senior, Zeke Alirez said, "The most difficult part of state isn't the other wrestlers, it's yourself because sometimes you psych yourself out and put too much pressure on yourself, and it is a different vibe everyone brings their best and emotions are high for it will be some of the wrestlers last time on the mat." Also, three-state champ Andrew Alirez said, "There isn't much pressure to win three years in a row because the result is going to be what it is; all you can do is just go out and fight every match," he also said, "It always feels good to win it's all part of the process". Like Zeke Alirez, Andrew Alirez has verbally committed to wrestle at UNC following his graduation. Our wildcats did great at state and we couldn't be more proud of them.



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PLAYOFFS FOR THE CATS

B. Yackey

The 2018 basketball season has treated the Greeley Central boys' and girls' basketball teams well. Coming off a regular season record of 10-13 for the boys and a 19-4 season for the girls, both teams made the playoffs. The boys were given a number 40 seed meaning they must play the first round while the girls were given a number 16 seed meaning they got a first round by. February 21, the boys traveled to Battle Mountain smashing them 74-48 in the first round of the 4A state playoffs which moved them to the second round! February 24, the boys traveled to Evergreen in which they lost 61-58 knocking the Wildcats out of the playoffs. Spencer Conway, junior, said, "This season was a roller coaster ride, we had our ups and downs throughout the season for sure but I would say it was a good season and at the end of the day I would say we revived the tradition."



February 23, the girls had a home game against Berthoud defeating them 65-53 in the second round of the 4A state playoffs advancing to the third round, the "Sweet 16". February 27, the girls traveled to Pueblo West; losing a tough one 55-31 which knocked the girls out of the playoffs. Hattie Sheets, junior, said "I think we had a great season as a whole, 20-5 is a crazy good record. This year we were a lot better than last year and I think that really showed as we became 2nd in our conference and were the only team in our conference to make it to the sweet 16."

These two losses ultimately ended the seasons for both the boys and the girls. However, the Wildcat nation is proud of the effort and dedication both teams displayed.

MENTAL ILLNESS

S. Fuentes

Looking at the recent mass school shooting in Florida, Nikolas Cruz, 19, killed 17 people and injured others. At his first hearing, lawyers mentioned that he suffers from depression, ADHD, and autism; this sparked the debate on other mass shootings that were related to mental illness. An article by Grant Duwe and Michael Rocque from *Los Angeles Times* states, "According to our research, at least 59% of the 185 public mass shootings that took place in the United States from 1900 through 2017 were carried out by people who had either been diagnosed with a mental disorder or demonstrated signs of serious mental illness prior to the attack." Also, a story that was released by the *New York Times*, explains how mass murderers aren't insane, "cited research showing that, in fact, mass murderers are nearly 20 times more likely to have a "severe" mental illness than the general population." The relation between mass shootings and mental illness recently started being connected not too long ago.

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting wasn't the first case that has popped up related to mental illness, going back to a shooting here in Aurora, Colorado at a Century 16 movie theater July 20th of 2012. James Holmes, the shooter, killed 12 people and wounded 70. Another article that was published by *CNN* and written by Ann O'Neill, Ana Cabrera and Sara Weisfeldt stated, "court-appointed psychiatrist William Reid concluded that Holmes was mentally ill but legally sane." Mental illness isn't something to be played with and those people should help the help they need. Although they are ill many believe they should still take the consequences for hurting innocent people and not just use it as an excuse for their actions.

HIP HOP MADNESS

M. Hinojosa

Have you ever heard of Hip Hop Madness? What is that? Hip Hop Madness is an event that UNC (University of Northern Colorado) puts together with the help of local people and local businesses in March; this year, it happens to be on March 24. Most importantly, Hip Hop Madness is a fun family event trying to inspire Greeley, Colorado's youth to pursue a passion of their liking. The Greeley community comes together to support local dance crews, artists, and any other performers. This event is where anyone can go in front of a huge crowd and show off their talents.

The local Boys and Girls Club always performs at this event with a phenomenal and a clean dance routine that gets the crowd hyped with the sickest dance moves and the newest song mashup. A member on the Boys and Girls Club dance crew, Lesly Meraz, a freshman at Greeley Central High School states, "When I get to perform in front of a crowd it's so amazing. At first I get nervous but it's that feeling of excitement. I put all my energy into any piece of hip hop. Especially when your with your team or having a solo it's the best." You also have Armando Silva, known as "ARTmondo", a local businessman who hosts and performs during the event; he is also known for dancing downtown in his own studio and making artwork. This is what Hip Hop Madness is all about; coming together, being able to show your talent, and share your passion. Make sure, on March 24, that you come out and support these talented people.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:

Head to The Highlight's social media pages and take the poll- results will be shared and analyzed in our next issue!

Find us on Facebook and Instagram: @gchshighlight

We Want to Know:

Are you planning on taking AP classes as a senior?

Option 1: Yes! I want to continue to push myself and prepare to be successful in college.

Option 2: No! Senior year is meant to be a time to relax and take "easy" classes.

LGBTQ+ CURRICULUM INTEGRATION

J. Doss

Education is an important step in decreasing discrimination in America. Starting in the 2018-2019 school year, I believe public schools need to implement a LGBTQ+ curriculum which addresses the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning community. Hate crimes and derogatory comments are committed by those who don't understand the LGBTQ community. If schools can educate students on this topic and reach even a small number of students, then the idea has done its job. Having a LGBTQ+ curriculum can help so many students struggling with their sexual orientation or gender identity, and can make them feel more comfortable and accepting of themselves. Plus, it gives them a safe place to express ideas and to feel included rather than alone.

Until a curriculum gets passed, I strongly encourage my fellow straight allies and students to support one another, and get as many to join GCHS Safe Club. It does not mean you identify as LGBTQ+ if you're in the club; it just means you and your friends wish to become educated and understand how to support your fellow students. But until a LGBT history class or curriculum is created, it's the student's jobs to support and fund the schools Safe clubs the best as they can. Having this curriculum is not something that forces views on others and things like religious views are important things to take into consideration. We need to treat everyone with the same respect and equality regardless of their opinions.

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APPLE MUSIC VS. SPOTIFY

T. Menard

If you enjoy music but the songs you like never play on the radio, download music streaming apps like Spotify. If you are an iPhone user, you have the luxury of already having a music streaming app right at your fingertips. The Apple Music app allows you to search thousands of songs from the current generation all the way to music from the past. By searching just one song, you can find albums, which lead you to more songs, which broaden your musical taste. Apple Music costs \$9.99 per month for a single user and \$15.99 if you use the iCloud Family Sharing service. However, college students, you all are in luck because if you use Apple Music it only costs \$4.99 per month if you use your college email to sign up.

Now, if you decide to use Spotify and purchase the Spotify premium service, which costs \$9.99, then you can find just as many songs to listen to. For these music streaming services, you will also be able to skip out on having to listen to ads if you purchase either one of them. Using something like YouTube, Pandora, or the regular free version of Spotify to listen to music means, you would have to listen to the occasional ad, which can really upset your mood sometimes. Using either Spotify premium or Apple Music will allow you to skip ads entirely and you will be able to reach a wider variety of music. The debate for whichever is more superior could last a while, but while that is going on, why not just download either one and listen to your favorite tunes.

CELEBRITY BIG BROTHER

J. Doss

Big Brother is a popular competitive show that involves tons of drama, strategy, and twists almost every week. This edition of the show adds eleven celebrities as the house guests and it only lasts for four weeks compared to the originals three month long run. A shorter season means a faster paced game with more twists and evictions (eliminations). Many of the head of household and veto competitions are themed with different twists which can either save or hurt the house guests. *Big Brother's* saying is "expect the unexpected" and so far this has been very true for the celebrities. For example, in the most recent V.I.P Veto competition, the winner was allowed to save themselves and someone else from elimination. Audiences have been surprised by how great celebrities strategic games are and loving and rooting for them all to win. Justin Carreiro stated that, "The first week of *Celebrity Big Brother* brought lots of action and fire. The shortened timeline gave us quick alliances, flipped votes and drama to get us hooked on these house guests." Most fans like Carreiro can agree that + has brought life back to the show. *Big Brother's* producers have done very well with casting and has become hard to tell who will be the winner of this season. *Big Brother* fans are loving this new edition and this spin-off has gotten them excited for the *Big Brother 20* in the summer. To those new to this show, once you start watching you will be addicted. *Celebrity Big Brother* has done very well for itself and continues to keep the audience's at the edge of their seat. So catch up and tune in for the finale to find out who will be the first celebrity to win *Big Brother*.

FERGIE'S ARTISTIC NATIONAL ANTHEM

A. Rotter

Many celebrities have been called upon to sing the National Anthem at the start of professional sporting events. This has led to many different variations of our country's anthem, many good but some have come out horribly. When thinking of the worst celebrity renditions of our National Anthem a few come to mind like Roseanne Barr or Christina Aguilera; many others have also had questionable renditions at other major sporting events too.

The newest addition to this embarrassing list is Fergie. On February 18, she sang the National Anthem for the NBA All-Star game. Instead of playing it safe and just singing the National Anthem, she took some "creative risks". When asked by *People Magazine* about the controversy, Fergie responded, "I've always been honored and proud to perform the National Anthem, and last night, I wanted to try something special for the NBA," and "I'm a risk taker artistically, but clearly this rendition didn't strike the intended tone. I love this country and honestly tried my best." This rendition spawned many celebrity reactions that started as soon as she began to "artistically" change the Anthem.

The players and many celebrities could be seen laughing and smiling around the arena as she was singing. One such celebrity was Jimmy Kimmel. On his talk show, he said "Here's the thing about taking risks when it comes to the national anthem: Don't. Just don't," Kimmel continued, "Don't take risks when you're doing brain surgery, don't take risks driving a school bus – or singing the national anthem. Just regular is fine." Kimmel's critique also acknowledged, "It's not like she was intentionally trying to ruin the song, and in Fergie's defense, we don't know what Francis Scott Key was thinking when he wrote the 'Star-Spangled Banner.' Maybe he wanted it to be sexy." His reaction perfectly captures the emotions felt by all after Fergie's performance. All celebrities should keep this performance in mind when performing the National Anthem.

BLACK PANTHER REVIEW

T. Menard

The brand new installment in the Marvel Cinematic Universe is the new *Black Panther* film that hit theaters Thursday, February 15. The movie marks the 18th installment in the MCU saga. It follows the new hero "Black Panther", who first made his appearance in 2016's *Captain America: Civil War*, as he settles into being the newest king of the fictional African country, Wakanda.

According to CNBC, Ryan Coogler, the director of the film, was given \$200 million as a budget for the film after he set his reputation on fire creating a lot of box office gross earnings for previous low-budgeted films he worked on (*Fruitvale Station* and *Creed*). His talent as a director is being proven as the movie is very well liked among many fans, already earning \$462 million in the worldwide box office. The cast of the film stars Chadwick Boseman (who played Jackie Robinson in the 2013 film *42*) as Black Panther, and Michael B. Jordan (best known for his role as Adonis Creed in 2016's *Creed*) as Erik Killmonger, the main "hero" and villain of the film. The film takes place on the MCU time-line, almost a week after the events of the *Captain America: Civil War*, but not before there is a small flashback to the 90's. From start to finish, the movie is jam packed with incredible visuals and a rich cast that works very well together as every scene flows together brilliantly. There was also an entire album produced by Grammy Award-winning artist Kendrick Lamar that features 14 songs by various artists. If you get a chance to see the film, see it now before it leaves theaters!

JOURNALIST OF THE WEEK : Martinique Hinojosa

M. Dreiling

Martinique Hinojosa is a talented writer, dancer and Wildcat. She has been writing countless articles for The Highlight since the beginning of the year, producing pieces like “Spirit Week: Rawrrrr” in issue three, “Avid Family Night: Woot Woot Yeah!” in issue four and “4.0 Assembly” in issue eight. In her articles the editors have noticed the quality of her writing is impressive and the quotes she finds to incorporate into her articles are incredible. She had originally joined the newspaper to be able to have a voice in the type of articles written and placed in The Highlight. Outside of The Highlight, Hinojosa is a cast member in the production of Bye Bye Birdie, Centrals spring musical coming out March 31. She is also in the Arts Magnet Program, the Thespian Troupe 657, she is a member of the prom committee, a member of AVID and she plays softball. She is currently a senior and is planning to go to UNC (University of Northern Colorado) to major in business and minor in performing arts. Thank you for choosing to be a writer for the newspaper!



Photo By: Hinojosa

STAFF OF THE WEEK : Liz Mock-Murphy

M. Dreiling



Liz Mock-Murphy has been teaching here at Central for eleven years, starting in 2007; she teaches AP Environmental Science, Geology and Earth Science, she is also the advisor for Green Cats, the environmental club. Mock-Murphy is extremely involved in the Central community as she has even been a zombie and a priestess in the senior stage production in the last two years. She enjoys hiking, cross country skiing, and camping, all done in the mountains. She also loves to play music, having the talent of playing numerous instruments consisting of the piano, guitar, ukulele, violin, french horn, penny whistle and she is also a percussionist. Mock-Murphy hopes Green Cats can continue to lead a path towards a more sustainable future for Central and the community. Her main goal is to lead the group in a way to have students learn to build their leadership skills and have them become leaders in the community. The special part of Green Cats, is the students and the participants of the group, Mock-Murphy voices “Every year, it is such a diverse mixture of people that get involved. It is always different, it is not always the same type of people every year that get involved, and it is

always a group of people who are passionate about the environment and how to make the world better through sustainable practices.” Her final message to the student body is to grind through and even when it gets tough, you are in an extremely unique school that has a culture of kindness and respect that will be there for you.