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NEW TECHNOLOGY COMING TO THE CASTLE

J. Rascon

Good news Greeley Central students! Thanks to the recent, voter approved Mill Levy, District 6 is able to make improvements to how our district functions. At Central, we are going to receive new technology like laptops, computers, and other items to replace every existing and outdated machine in the building. Most math and English classes are also hoping to receive a laptop cart as part of the blended learning curriculum (where students work online as well as with their teachers and peers during class).

We've seen the Google Classroom trend grow this year and it is likely that teachers, with even more technology available, will continue to use Google Classroom to assign work which has several advantages. Using Google Classroom helps students by giving them access to missing assignments, having an organized place to keep their work, and keep track of their assignments without having to keep hard copies. Along with several benefits for the students, teachers will be able to grade work without having to have stacks of papers on their desks. Plus, nobody even knows how to say "schoolology". By the way, it's pronounced "school-uh-gy", not "school-all-o-gy."



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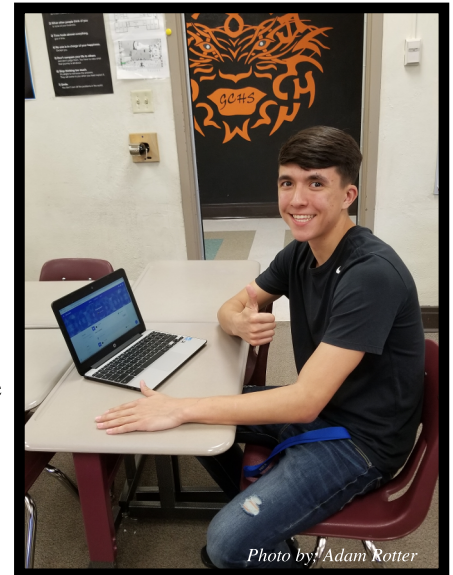


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Tony Ulaszek, a GCHS junior, is excited for the new technology saying, "I am glad, considering I am going to be a senior next year, I will be able to experience the new technology and how it can be implemented." On the other hand, current seniors like Shukuru Rushanika are a little bitter to miss out on the upgrade, he said, "right when we leave, they decide to add the new technology!" Central teachers and students should feel optimistic about what the new technology means and be excited that the Castle technology is being brought up-to-date thanks to the Mill Levy- it's about time!

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WILDCAT NATIONAL HISTORY DAY STATE QUALIFIERS

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A. Rotter

Everywhere across America, National History Day competitions are held where middle and high schools students create projects on how an event in history relates to a given prompt; this year's prompt required projects to be about conflict and compromise. This year, Central was represented in the Greeley regional competition by 141 students and had 23 students make it into the top three in their categories, qualifying for state.

The Greeley regional competition took place on March 24 on the UNC campus at Ross Hall. Students created a paper, website, documentary, performance, or an exhibit that they then presented to judges. After they presented their project, students were asked questions by the judges about their project and their process for creating the project. After qualifying for state, sophomore Maddie Brabo said, "my partners and I created an exhibit on Japanese internment camps. I had a lot of background knowledge on the topic and felt it fit the topic well. The most difficult part was communicating with my group members. I'm most nervous about the tougher judges judging me." Also, qualifying for state, sophomore Ethan Rumann explained, "my project for [National History Day] was a website made on Weebly.com. I had just learned about the 369th Infantry and am very interested in them so that's who I based my project on. Research was very difficult, many sources had the same info, background was hard to find. I'm looking forward to hanging out and taking with my friends afterwards and [Mr.] Burch. I'm good at presenting, but am nervous." The state competition will take place on May 5 at CU Denver. Please congratulate the following Wildcats who qualified for state: Jackie Feza, Andrea Garcia, Adam Rotter, Guillermo Ramirez Garcia, Brandon Morales, Maddie Brabo, Agustin Rosario, Cassidy Moskalski, Selena Garcia, Brianna Huerta, Brianna Vigil, Greta Krombholz, Olivia Staubitz, Riley Wooten, Summer Chaw, Josie Cormier, Brian Davis, Nimo Elmi, Ethan Rumann, Lucas Moir, Alayana Miller and Rayne Morrell.

CENTRAL TUTORING

B. Yackey

"Defeat failure with tutoring." That's right Wildcats, Greeley Central offers tutoring for Cats who need help in their classes. After school tutoring is hosted by Central faculty member Justin Davis, with help from UNC students Tuesday through Friday in room 215 (the computer lab across the hall from the library) from 3:35-4:45. During tutoring, they offer one-on-one help to make sure students are understanding the content they are learning in class. The average 50 minute class period isn't enough time for many students to master a subject, so tutoring helps to fill the gaps.

The most common subject studied in tutoring is math but there are teachers to help with any subject! "I love the fact that I can work one-on-one with kids which is really how kids can learn the best," said Mr. Davis, "You have one person sitting there, explaining things, answering questions, walking [students] through stuff, really making sure they understand the content." If you are one of those students that has a lot of questions during class, this is the perfect opportunity for you because there are teachers willing to answer all of your questions. If you are the student that works a little slower and class always passes by too fast, this is a great opportunity for you because it gives you an extra 70 minutes to work in class work with a teacher. "It fluctuates, I get 7-30 kids, it just depends on the time of year," said Mr. Davis. Come on Wildcats, let's get more kids in tutoring and bump those grades up.

Photo from Google



THE SENIOR'S STAGE PRODUCTION

M. Hinojosa

As the Greeley Central High School seniors graduate in less than a month, the Arts Magnet Program (AMP) offers the seniors that were involved in this program one last chance to make a statement of who they are, as well as being able to put on one last show for the school. Stage Production is a class that is mainly for seniors that are a part of the AMP for the last four years of their high school career, from dancers and singers, to artists, actors, and musicians; everyone comes together as one to put together an amazing show.



This show is primarily run by these students, from writing the script, blocking, acting, as well as the choreographed scenes. Senior Dustin Elkins, the stage manager for this production explains, "I feel really good about the stage production this year, I think it's a lot of fun to have so many of our own write, choreograph, and direct the show." Senior Jackson Campbell, one of the head writers for the production also explains, "I feel great about this year's seniors stage production. Our class is filled with intelligent, talented, and fun people to work with, and we are all going to put on a great show." As the senior stage production is getting close, everyone involved is excited for their final performance. Campbell says,

"I'm excited to see our final product. We have been working on our show since the beginning of the semester so when May hits, I will be eager to put on our show for family and friends." Make sure you listen for announcements to go see this amazing show, that the seniors dedicated themselves to.

THE BOETTCHER SCHOLARSHIP

T. Menard

The Boettcher Scholarship is a very prestigious scholarship that few students have the luxury of receiving. The goal of the Boettcher foundation, according to their website, is to "support Colorado's top students by providing them with Colorado scholarships to attain an excellent in-state education, a vast network of alumni and community leaders and access to additional opportunities that enrich their time in college." The Boettcher Scholarship is one of the hardest scholarships to get in Colorado, as all recipients receive a full-ride to any 4-year institution in Colorado. The Boettcher Foundation has been around for more than 60 years and prides itself on giving the scholars not only a full-ride but the ability to surround themselves with broad networks of alumni as well as additional jump starts to help begin their careers (According to boettcherfoundation.org). To be an applicant for the Boettcher Scholarship, you must meet two requirements; you have to be graduating from a Colorado high school and need had to have lived here in Colorado for both your junior and senior years. The other requirement is that you must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

We at Greeley Central, are fortunate enough to say that one of our very own students received the scholarship this year. Senior Hannah Kiburz, earned the scholarship back in March and spoke recently on how she felt about earning such a prestigious scholarship saying, "I didn't think I was going to get it. I wasn't really planning on staying in Colorado but when I realized I could get it, I started working towards it." The scholarship is an amazing thing to receive as all the struggles of college financially are taken away. In addition to covering the cost of tuition, the scholarship will also cover meals, transportation, and housing costs. Should Kiburz decide to attend a school like DU, where the study-abroad program is amazing, all associated fees would also be covered during her time out of the country! Kiburz also mentioned that if she did happen to stay in Colorado and enroll in DU, she would be able to get her Master's Degree for free.

Congrats Hannah Kiburz, receiving the Boettcher Scholarship is a great accomplishment!

GALA PREPARATION

M. Hinojosa

The Gala is a show that Greeley Central High School puts on every year at the Union Colony Civic Center (UCCC). This show is directed by Christy O'Connell-Black, the coordinator of the Arts Magnet Program (AMP), but it's mostly the students that make this show come alive. The AMP students play a huge role for this show, they are able to show off their talent, whether that's dancing, singing, acting, or playing an instrument. As the students have been preparing for this day O'Connell-Black explains, "Students are mainly preparing within their classes. We have four weeks left so our students are rehearsing and preparing for most of the numbers in their arts courses. Our artists are working on in-class project that will be displayed in the lobby as well. We will be auditioning for curtain-acts, which are used to help cover a transition that happens behind the curtain. We are looking for 5 student groups that have a high quality performance piece and we have 16 acts that are auditioning for a spot. I love that the Gala is turning into a collaboration between faculty and students." For some of the students they have been putting in a lot of work for the show, Kyria Smith, a junior at Greeley Central in the Gala states, "the time that we have put into the dance will definitely pay off we are dedicated to this and want to end this semester with a bang." As of right now O'Connell-Black and the students hope to have an amazing show, "after all of this I hope that we encounter more individuals to join dance and the arts because being apart of something this special in high school makes a huge difference in the day to day life," explains Smith. O'Connell-Black explains further, "I want our students (performers and visual artists) to be proud of themselves and feel as though they put everything in to their performance or artwork. I can only wish that each student has a positive take away from the experience- growing, learning, and connecting to others and their craft. On a personal level, I hope that the show runs without any technical issues and that the audience feels that it is a professional production." As the show is still coming together, make sure you plan to go support your Wildcats as they perform an amazing show at UCCC on May 1, tickets are \$1.50, you don't want to miss out.

PROMPOSALS

S. Garcia



Photo by Alyssa Dominguez

Prom season is finally here and it's about that time where high school students prepare a perfect promposal for that special someone to be their prom date. Promposals have been around since the 19th century according to TIME Magazine. Stated by The Washington Post, there is no information on when the first promposal happened, but the first promposal story ever reported in a major newspaper ran in the Dallas Morning News, in 2001. After this proposal by Scott Rodgers and Amanda Gibson, proposals became mainstream the following year reported The Washington Post. Except they were never actually a couple, but rather good friends.

Promposals don't have to be for your significant other, you can ask your bestfriend to prom as well. Esperanza Garcia, a senior here at Greeley Central High School asked her friend Paola Nunez to prom with a poster and she explains, "Asking a friend is just as special because you've been friends with that person for so long that they have become apart of your life and being able to be with them at prom adds to that special bond." Promposals can be as simple as making a poster and having flowers or being extra and performing a dance, but no matter how simple it is, it's always going to be special. Zeke Alirez who asked Ahraea Autobee to be his date recently had the idea of showing up to her house with a circular container so when she opened it there were flowers and the word "prom" inside. This is what is great about asking someone to prom, you can be your own unique creator. Alirez explains, "My idea of a perfect promposal is when it's something genuine that is not basic, but really reaches in from the heart." Anybody can make a perfect promposal as long as you know what they like, good timing, well thought out, and most importantly, a surprise.



Photo by Anthony Aleriz

DANIEL'S FUND SCHOLARSHIP

J. Gallegos

The Daniels Fund Scholarship is a challenging program that provides the opportunity to obtain a four-year college education at any university in the United States, complete with financial and personal support throughout the journey. Each year, students from a four state region are selected to receive the last dollar scholarship. To be selected, students have to meet the all eligibility requirements such as being a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, being a resident of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming, demonstrating financial need, earning an ACT score of at least 17 in each categories such as Math, English, Reading, Science or an SAT Math score of at least 470 and an Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score of at least 450.

Students also have to meet these expectations and requirements in order to be a finalist: maintain a minimum academic requirements like having a 2.0 GPA while in college and be on track to graduate with a bachelor's degree within four academic years, work in a paid position during the academic year, and honor and live by the Daniels Scholar Code of Conduct. Now these are only some of the requirements, yes it sounds super stressful but this scholarship is totally worth it. Unfortunately, Central did not have a single student selected as a recipient despite dedicating hours of effort to applications.

Michelle Lopez, a scholarship recipient and a senior at Greeley West stated, "It feels great to have won this scholarship because it feels like all of my hard work has paid off and I have the opportunity to go to any school I want and not have to worry about how expensive it will be. I'm not sure where I'll be going yet, but I'll be touring Syracuse and Oregon at the end of this month to see if I like either, but if I don't I'll probably go to CU Boulder and I'll either major in business or journalism." If you are a senior and plan on attending college, it is highly encouraged to apply for scholarships; the more scholarships you receive, the less you have to worry about the cost of college. If you are a junior, we encourage you to plan a head and apply for the Daniels Fund Scholarship next year!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

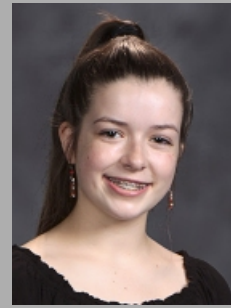
B. Yackey

Most colleges and scholarships require a certain amount of community service in order to be applicable for their programs and even if they don't require it, it most certainly helps. Weld County offers amazing opportunities to log needed community service hours. With organizations like the Weld Food Bank, United Way, Red-Cross, American Cancer Society, and the Humane Society, it's very simple to get involved with your community. To get started, visit one of the locations' websites in order to find more information on upcoming volunteer opportunities at their many events. You may also walk into many of these locations and fill out the proper paperwork in order to start right then. Everywhere you volunteer the available opportunities and requirements will be different, so just start by doing your research. "Just come and ask, come and talk to someone, there is always stuff to do. We have great opportunities here, you could come talk to our volunteer manager if you want to do something in the warehouse," says Kayla Intulaksana, the food resource and transportation manager at the Weld Food Bank, "You could literally call me and I could tell you I need help at a mobile food pantry... you meet me at this place at this time and I will show you what it is. I would love to have your help." The only main requirement at the majority of volunteer places is that if you are under the age of 18 that you have an adult with you. When it's all said and done, just inquire about the opportunities and get out there and do it!



Athlete of the the Week

Morgan Gonzalez has been playing soccer since she was five, she also plays volleyball. Her favorite thing about her team is how positive they are to her and it's a joy to be on the team. She plays soccer because it relieves stress and she enjoys the adrenaline rush she feels when playing. For anyone thinking of joining she says "It's a blast, the coaches and the team are great you'll never be excluded." Gonzalez plans on going to college to play soccer, hoping to go pro one day. She plans on getting a degree in the medical field.



Artist of the Week

Indigo Parlin has an emphasis in dance in the Arts Magnet Program. She has been dancing for fourteen years and is taking six dance classes outside of school at the NCADA and at the Greeley Conservatory. She enjoys all types of dance and is currently taking hip hop III and is working on a piece for the upcoming gala. Parlin enjoys attending the dance workshops like MusEffect and Hip Hop Madness. After high school she plans on going to college to study something in math or science.



Club of the Week

German club is a relatively new club as it was established this fall. Frau Harvey is the club sponsor as well as the German teacher at Greeley Central. They meet every Friday at lunch in room 114, the German room. Next year they plan for the group to celebrate German holidays and important moments in German history like the fall of the Berlin Wall and Kristallnacht. Kaleb, a prominent member in the group, said people should join because "It gets a taste of another culture that you usually wouldn't find in other places."



Student of the Week

Nemo Elmi is a sophomore at Greeley Central and was named to be featured in this issue by Mrs. Martinez. She recently went on the Diversity field trip, she was able to meet many people from different backgrounds and learn tips about applying to scholarships. When she is stressed she likes to organize what she needs to do and make a list of things that will be due or she will take a nap. In her free time she likes to spend time with her family and her friends. She plans on going into the medical field, she is unsure about the position she wants to achieve. She wants to be a good role model for her younger siblings and continue to be a great student because of them.

Tesla Model 'S' Recall

A. Rotter

All major car manufacturers eventually go through a major recall that will affect their company. This time, it was Tesla's turn to suffer a major recall. This wasn't as bad as some of the previous Ford or Volkswagen recalls, but it doesn't look great for the company, especially with the questions about Tesla's longevity and staying power with financial questions. According to *CNN Money*, on March 22, 123,000 Tesla Model S's made before April 2016 were recalled due to power steering bolts rapidly rusting and causing the loss of power steering. This especially affects cars in cold climates where we have to use salt for icy roads like in Colorado. This can make the cars very difficult to steer at low speeds. This is especially bad because most people haven't driven cars without power steering and don't expect their \$80,000 cars to behave this way. On the recall, Sophomore Maliyah Pham said, "I think Tesla's are only cool because David Dobrik has one. This will cause lots of backlash and ridicule on Tesla." Sophomore Ethan Rumann explained, "I like the way they look and how them being electric is better for the environment than gas. This isn't good but you can still drive without power steering. It will affect their reputation negatively. Is the Tesla model S the coolest thing ever? Yes, yes it is." Tesla will be notifying customers who are affected by email when the repair is available in their area. Only time will tell how this will affect Tesla overtime.

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Editorials

IT GETS BETTER WITH TIME

J. Doss

Mental health discussion, prevention, and treatment needs to be a top priority for educators and public school administration. It is stated that the 3rd cause of death from ages 10-24 is suicide, and the 90% of those who have committed suicide had an underlying mental illness. I believe that schools should not worry about discussing mental health, even at younger ages. I agree that we should not be talking about suicide with 5-10 year olds, but we need to be teaching them coping methods on how to deal with certain emotions such as anger, sadness, and any heightened feeling. Teaching younger students that having feelings is not a weakness, will help students confide with someone they trust in an event of need. Mental health discussion can help the youth learn skills that they can carry their whole lives. According to New York Times, "Suicide has typically been viewed as a problem of teenagers and the elderly, and the surge in suicide rates among middle-aged Americans is surprising. From 1999 to 2010, the suicide rate among Americans ages 35 to 64 rose by nearly 30 percent." Mental illness can start young and affect someone their whole lives without treatment. Mental Health Facts showed in an infographic that, "50% of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14 and 75% by age 24." This is why educating students at younger ages is beneficial because the onset of these disorders begin during youth. Kendra Villarreal, senior counselor at GCHS advised students that, "Don't be afraid to be honest we can not help you if we don't know what's going on, and that talking to us is not a magical wand that fixes things overnight but we are here to help with the process," and Mrs. Villarreal wanted this clearly stated in the article that, "We have counselors on call everyday for emergency situations and if you need to talk to someone right away then let Mrs. Endres know, and tell her it's an emergency." This is what makes Greeley Central so unique, we have lots of consolars who are here everyday and are prepared for every student. Mrs. Rachel Longnecker and Mrs. Molly Ward, Math and Spanish teachers, both agreed its best to talk about it and find those individuals you trust because no matter how long it takes it gets better through time and effort. High school students need to support and be kind to one another because the ones struggling with mental illness are ones least expected. There is always another way, and those struggling with mental illness please find the help you need because things really do get better.

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READY PLAYER ONE

Z. Chilcott

Ready Player One is a novel based on a dystopian U.S in 2045 where the world is overpopulated and the only way to escape is going to the OASIS. The OASIS is a video game world that was created by James Halliday. After Halliday died, a video was released saying that he left an easter egg somewhere in the game and that there are three keys to find it. When a player has found all three keys and the easter egg, they would be given control over the OASIS and will retrieve half a trillion dollars. After the video was released, the company IOI was opened and their main goal was to find the easter egg. Then there are people that just want to find the egg on their own no army of people to help them like Wade Watts. Watts is the main character in the movie and he has been looking for the egg ever since the video was released. After five years of Halliday's death, Watts finds the first key and he receives a clue about the second key. But IOI is not happy that he found the first key so they track him down and kill his aunt. After that, one of the other players kidnaps him and take him somewhere IOI does not know about. That player was Samantha Cook, she's the second person to find the first key. So she decides that she's going to help Watts find the second key. But IOI finds them and tries to kill them Watts gets away and Cook is sent to the loyalty center that IOI owns. This is a place that people go to because they have outstanding loans from them because they borrowed equipment that they couldn't afford. But Watts can't leave her there, so he gets his other friends from the OASIS to trick the owner of IOI to give them the location of Cook. *Ready Player One* is a nostalgic thrill ride from beginning to end and leaves you wanting more.

THEY'RE BACK...TWENTY YEARS LATER?

J. Doss

On March 27, 2018 the crazy relatable Conner family returned after a 20 year break. Molly Ward, Spanish teacher at GCHS said, "At the time, the show was relatively risqué for the way the family treated each other, and the show felt more real than the average sitcom family." Roseanne really built itself to be the show that broke barriers and became a platform for issues not discussed on television. 20 years later and the show is still discussing politics, masculinity vs femininity, bullying, ageism, and a woman's choice over her body. If these issues are being discussed in just the first three episodes alone, then you know that the Conners will not shy away from any other topic. This revivals job is not to be political, but to be like the original and discuss important issues in the world. With an aging cast and new dynamics between characters *Roseanne* still hold up in its humor and charm. The critically acclaimed show ended its ninth season in 1997 but had followed the new popular trend of show revivals. Mrs. Ward was shocked to hear the return of *Roseanne* and shared that, "Have networks really run out of ideas... things can have a lifespan and just be done, but I would be willing to see how the show turned out." So what do you think? Are you glad that *Roseanne* returned for a tenth season or should have the show ended in 1997?

STAFF MEMBER OF THE WEEK : Mrs. Villarreal

M. Dreiling

Kendra Villarreal has been working at Central for thirteen years; she was hired by principal Mary Lauer. She was previously an “english as a second language” teacher at her old school and the principal at that school recommended she received her masters in psychology.

Her favorite memories from Central has been Andy Hartshorn, the math teacher, winning the new teacher dance. But every graduation has been an important memory to her. “I can’t narrow it down, they honestly all have their special things. There are always great speeches, great people.” she also said “I just love graduation.”

She enjoys to travel especially to San Diego, “If I could go to San Diego everyday of my life I would” She also enjoys to read when she has time and she likes horses. She loves to camp and fish specifically at Grand Lake Granby by the still lake campground.

Central has been special to her because of the kids, “The kids here are just incredible, I mean it’s different from any other school I have been at and we have a very diverse population. Kids from all different place all different backgrounds, all different stories and the students here make it a real family environment and I look forward to it everyday.”

Her message to every student at Central is to find their passion, make it happen, and always do your best.



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